



GIRL GUIDES SA FRIDAY FRENZY

29 August 2025

UPDATE FROM STATE COMMISSIONER TEAM

Hi Everyone,

I am hoping everyone is staying warm and dry and enjoying being back at Guides.

We celebrated our BP awards and Queens Guide awards at Apex Park last Saturday and it always amazes me what our youth members do earn these Peak Award Achievements. No two are alike and the topics and interests very varied. I would also like to thank all our members who attended and supported these achievements, including the Olaves who supported Sarah and Niamh who were our guest speakers on Nepal. Also a very big thank you to Mel, Georgina and Rebekah who pulled it together, to Wendy for taking the photos, Emma for supporting the BP and staying behind to organise the Queens Guides and Alicia and Julia who support, motivate and direct the achievement of these awards.

There is a Swahili proverb that says : "A boat doesn't go forward if each one is rowing their own way" and this was never more true when we celebrate the achievement of both our youth and adult members. With one unifying mission of ***Empowering girls and young women to discover their potential as leaders of their world*** we see youth that have challenged themselves both in what they have achieved but also how they have taken on such a range of very different challenges and won. This would definitely not have been possible without the leaders behind them who truly believe in the Australian Guide Program and what we stand for.

With the Royal Adelaide Show starting this weekend we need to thank the people behind the scenes that make this possible. Cathie, Mel and Georgina managing not only the volunteers and making sure we put our best foot forward. To those members who are volunteering, again thank you for giving up your precious time to make a difference and promote our organisation.

And don't forget Carry on Guides this weekend at the Shedley theatre - it is never too late to book a ticket and support the team. Every year I am amazed at how it goes from an idea to a full production. We are so proud to be associated with this program. We are also very excited that Helen Reid, the Girl Guides Australia Chief Commissioner will be attending on Saturday evening.



And not to forget Adelaide Gang Show at the Scott Theatre, Adelaide Uni between September 10-13.

We have also been meeting with a few members and we thank them for reaching out - if you don't raise your concerns with me, Melissa or Kelly directly we don't know about it and can not do anything about it. So please feel free to contact me with via email on sc@girlguidessa.org.au or 0425 473 001. I am always happy to chat.

Stay safe and keep on empowering members to discover their potential in their world.

Kind Regards

Bev Severin

State Commissioner

Watch out for the joy-stealers:
gossip
criticism
complaining
fault-finding
and a negative, judgmental attitude.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE



JOTA/JOTI 2025 – A World Shaped by Youth

Dates: 17–19 October 2025

Jamboree-On-The-Air and Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTA-JOTI) is the world's largest annual digital and radio event, connecting Girl Guides and Scouts from around the world. Download Registration and Child Safety Guideline [HERE](#).

THE SANGAM TRAVELLING SUITCASE

The Sangam Travelling activity case has arrived back in Adelaide after a lengthy visit to the SE of SA! It is currently at Belair Guide Hall.

The Friends of Sangam Australia have created several activity cases, one of which has been travelling around South Australia since July 2023.

The suitcase includes the following :



- A folder with the case contents, checklist, suggested program across 5 age groups and Friends Of Sangam Australia (FOSA) information/contact.
 - A journal to document the case's journey.
 - Ellie the elephant stuffed toy (Sangalee couldn't make it, so she asked Ellie to come along)
 - Dressup Punjabi suits and saris, plus bangles, bindies, safety pins, elastic belts etc for dressing up
- Photos of Sangam
 - Fundraising suggestions
 - Games and activities in individual packets with complete instructions including materials required.

If your Unit is interested in having the Sangam Travelling Suitcase please contact Jan Childs - southmet@girlguidessa.org.au or belair_tawny@girlguidessa.org.au



We are ready to take on your scanning.
Do you have documents that need to be scanned? Please send them to Guide House.

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT NEWS



CALLING ALL NEW ADULT MEMBERS

The Online Welcome events are up and running again. If you are new to Guiding or have turned 18 you are invited to come along and meet the State Commissioner Bev Severin or one of her assistants, along with the International, Program and Learning Development Managers, Deb Jakes, Emma Vine and Charlotte Firth and find out what we do.

Sessions are being run on Saturday September 20 at 2.00pm and Wednesday October 22 at 7.30pm. This is a free one hour event held on Teams but you will still need to register [here](#)

For new Leaders & Managers you need to attend an online welcome as part of your Do you need help with completing tasks in your qualification passport (Leader or Manager) or any other form of support whether it be learning how to tie knots, do money matters, create a Guides Own or even a better understanding of how the AGP Process works? Keep an eye out for the next Volunteer Support Day or get in touch with the Learning & Development Manager Charlotte Firth (learning@girlguidessa.org.au)

Remember, the L&D team are here to support **YOU!** Why not ask your District or Region Manager to put in a request for the team to come to you and the other leaders in your area. We can then tailor the workshop to your needs or get 5 other leaders together and make a request. Don't forget to include any Junior Leaders you may have too.

Upcoming Leadership Qualification training dates and registration for new Leaders and Management Qualification training for new Managers can be found [here](#). Please make sure that you complete all the required eLearning modules prior to applying to do the training otherwise you may not be able to participate in the training.



PROGRAM UPDATE



EARTHKEEPERS 26-28 SEPTEMBER AT DOUGLAS SCRUB.

Earthkeepers is an exciting and fun environmental camp. There is drama and mystery! You are invited to become an Earthkeeper in the magical setting of a 'Lab' that belongs to a mysterious character known as EM.

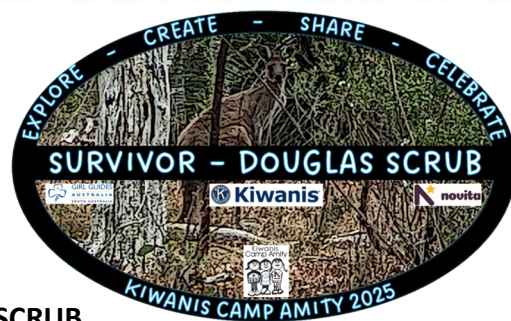
To register click [HERE](#).



Camp Amity
for girls with disabilities



CAMP AMITY 10-12 OCTOBER AT DOUGLAS SCRUB.
THIS YEAR'S THEME IS 'SURVIVOR'



Camp Amity is a fun weekend for children with disabilities which gives attendees the opportunity to gain new friends, confidence and the chance to experience Guiding.

Guides will provide a valuable service to others, learn about disability and enjoy time with other Guides from across the state.

Children attending will be clients of Novita Children's Services and training and support will be provided so you can learn new skills.

To register click [HERE](#).

**REGISTRATION IS
NOW AVAILABLE
ON THE
GSSA MEMBERS
WEBSITE**



**2025
CUBOREE**
JOURNEY TO ADVENTURE
24-26 OCT 2025
@ WOODHOUSE

CARRY ON GUIDES PRESENTS

NY: 52ND STREET



Performing at the Shedley Theatre, Elizabeth.
28th - 30th of August, 2025. Scan the QR code
or phone 0403 264 747 for bookings!

