



GIRL GUIDES SA FRIDAY FRENZY

Friday 31 July 2026

FROM THE
**STATE COMMISSIONER &
STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Term 3

As we begin Term 3, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the time, energy, and enthusiasm you bring to our young people. Your commitment creates opportunities for learning, friendship, growth, and fun that make a lasting difference in their lives.

The Olaves spent a busy weekend celebrating 30 years of Olaves at Douglas Scrub. And from what we have heard, everyone had a fantastic time. We certainly can't wait to see and hear about the Gathering.

We have heard rumours that the Trefoil Gathering in September is going to be spectacular and we can't wait to see what is happening.

Term 3 is often a busy and exciting time, filled with new challenges, adventures, and achievements. Whether you're leading activities, supporting events, mentoring young members, or working behind the scenes, your contribution matters. Every conversation, every encouraging word, and every hour you volunteer helps build a stronger, more confident generation.

We also know that leaders are facing new challenges in units with neurodivergence, and we would like to encourage you to have a look at the Introduction to Neurodiversity that is on GGL. This module was written by Girl Guide Leaders for Girl Guide Leaders, and they have some amazing insights into what works in the real world.

As we head into the term, let's continue to create welcoming and inclusive spaces where every young person feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach their potential. Remember to look after yourselves as well as each other, celebrate the small wins, and don't hesitate to ask for support when you need it.

Thank you for everything you do. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer community, and we're looking forward to another fantastic term together.

Kind regards

Bev & Mel

State Commissioner and State Executive Officer



Please click [HERE](#) for the instructions on completing the new Child Safe Child Friendly online module.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact :

office@girlguidessa.org.au



POSITIONS VACANT



Join the Adult Executive Team

Shape the future of Guiding

Girl Guides South Australia is seeking passionate, skilled volunteers to join our **Adult Executive Team**. These leadership roles are an opportunity to support adult volunteers, strengthen our organisation, and help deliver safe, high-quality Guiding experiences across the state.

The Adult Executive Team provides strategic leadership, operational oversight, and organisational continuity, ensuring volunteers are supported and programs are delivered safely and consistently.

Positions

We are currently inviting applications for the following roles (indicated by Role Open) :

Learning & Development Lead (Role open)

Caretaker of role: Charlotte Firth (Charlottes term has ended and we thank her for the commitment she has shown)

Lead the development of training and learning pathways that build confidence, capability, and consistency across adult volunteers and across different learning mediums. Help build your team of trainers across the State and across all age profiles and training mediums.

Wellbeing & Inclusion Lead (Role open)

Champion a culture where volunteers feel safe, supported, valued, and included, with a strong focus on wellbeing and sustainable volunteering.

Lead Outdoor Assessors (Role open)

Oversee outdoor assessors and support safe, high-quality outdoor activities, ensuring consistent standards and strong volunteer capability.

Lead Mentors (Role open)

Strengthening the mentoring framework to support leadership development, confidence, and connection across the organisation.

External Appointment – Wellbeing (Role open)

Provide specialist expertise to support volunteer wellbeing, psychological safety, and sustainable practices.

External Appointment – Adult Mentoring & Learning (Role open)

Bring professional insight to enhance mentoring and learning systems and support volunteer development.

Who We're Looking For

We welcome applicants who:

- Are committed to supporting and empowering volunteers
- Have leadership, communication, or specialist skills relevant to the role
- Value collaboration, inclusion, and continuous improvement
- Are aligned with the Guiding ethos of service, respect, and shared leadership

Why Apply?

By joining the Adult Executive Team, you will:

- Help shape the experience of volunteers across South Australia
- Contribute to a positive, supportive organisational culture
- Build leadership skills and expand your professional experience
- Be part of a collaborative, purpose-driven team

Commitment

- Exec meetings are held bi-monthly, with additional involvement as required for projects and planning and team meetings
- Some roles will require collaboration with teams and other portfolios

How to Apply

To express your interest, please submit and we will contact you to explore more detail on the roles and responsibilities

- A short statement (1–2 pages) outlining:
 - o Your interest in the role
 - o Relevant skills and experience
 - o What you would bring to the Adult Executive Team
- Your current Guiding role (if applicable)

✉ Applications should be sent to: Deb Jakes on asc1@girlguidesssa.org.au

📅 Applications close: As roles are filled

Further Information

For more information about these roles, please contact:

✉ Deb Jakes on asc1@girlguidesssa.org.au

Make a Difference

Your leadership can help create a stronger, more confident volunteer community and support young people to thrive through Guiding. Help shape the future of the organisation for generations to come.

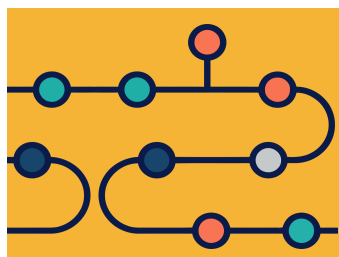


It is with sadness that I advise the death of Bill Berlemon.

Many of you will have fond memories of Bill, Margie's husband as he was always out and about helping at guide and scout events especially in the early days at Douglas Scrub.

In fact, Bill was the architect and manager of the Douglas Scrub Adventure Course build and a little-known fact is that Tobichi Waterhole and Tobichi Flat at Douglas Scrub are named after Tony Bill and Chris – the builders of a bridge in the vicinity of the mud hut and waterhole. The story of course is that it is named after Tobichi the bunyip as that sounds much more adventurous and Australian however Bill and the team are the real hero's.

Bill will be greatly missed and our thoughts go to Margie, Kate and family at this time.



CONNECTING THE AGP

Hello fine readers, who doesn't like a positive journey? Hoping these snippets of valuable information are making a difference to your role in Guiding...

Patrols, what are these? We have spoken a lot about how Guides can work in Patrols. (Please checkout the GGA Leaders handbook, that appears on the GGA website. This is a really great resource!)

The **Patrol System** is based on Guides working in small teams to complete tasks and challenges. All members of the Patrol are encouraged to support each other, and the Patrol works together to develop activities and program ideas.

- Each Patrol has a Leader and sometimes a Second, who have a special role to support and encourage the Patrol, only sometimes needing to be directive.
- Patrols generally have between four and eight Guides of varying ages, although not all Patrols need to have the same number of Guides.
- A Patrol may be of a permanent nature or be formed for a period of time to complete special tasks, such as planning, carrying out and evaluating activities; games and activities during a meeting; an outing or a camp. Permanence of the Patrol will depend on the age of the Guides and the activity

How could you create Patrols in your Unit?

Some Units already have established Patrols and some Units work as a Unit, so here are some ways to establish Patrols – your Unit may have a completely different way of doing this, but see what works... it's all about talking to your Guides and coming up with a plan.

- Consider the age and mix of abilities and ages in your Unit. As a group, think about how many Patrols you would like in your Unit. You might trial this number for a term and see how it progresses.
- Discuss with your Unit what the Patrol is and what a Patrol Leader and Second might do, and the overall aim of a Patrol.

- Leaders may ask Guides to nominate as a Patrol Leader and ask them to present to the Unit why they think they might be a great Patrol Leader
- Leaders may suggest various Guides be the Patrol Leaders to establish a Patrol
- Guides may nominate themselves and their names are drawn out of a hat
- Remember, this is a leadership opportunity for Guides to extend themselves and learn to work as a team.

Once you have established the number of Patrol Leaders, you will need to consider how each Patrol is set up.

- Do all of the Guides of the same age be placed into a Patrol together by Leaders?
- Do the Patrol Leaders discuss and look to choose who goes into which Patrol?
- Leaders will need to share this responsibility with the Patrol Leaders. You might like to have a Patrol Leader in Unit session- to discuss ideas, and allow the Patrol Leaders to have input.
- Do the Leaders carefully suggest the Patrols and trial it for a term?

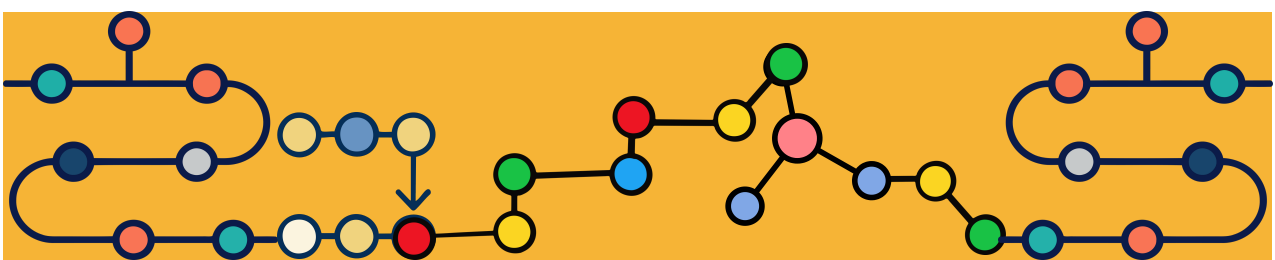
However the process, please be flexible, mindful and watch the group dynamics.

Choosing Patrol names

Yes, Guides can be as creative as they like! There are traditional names for Patrols and many have an Australian Patrol badge available at the Guide shop, but there is definitely room to create their own identity!

Let the Guides discuss this and come up with something that is meaningful to them. There are so many ideas out there, so let the Guides create! Check out the Guide shop for the Patrol badges.

Until next time, enjoy and continue to come up with creative and fun ways to enjoy Guides for everyone in the Unit.

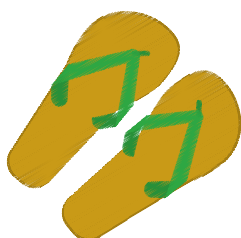


INTERNATIONAL UPDATE



VII CIGGA 2027 MULTI-DAY HIKE

STEPS THAT HAVE BROUGHT US HERE



Would you like to be part of the contingent representing Girl Guides Australia in Brazil?

When : 18-23 January 2027

Where : Bento Goncalves, Rio Grande do Sul – Brazilian Capital of Grapes and Wine
located 110km from Porto Alegre and 10km from Garibaldi.

Adult applications will close Friday 7 August 2026.

Please contact international@girlguides.org.au for the nomination form.

For more information click [HERE](#).

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT NEWS



In conjunction with Scouts SA, we are now able to offer Leaders, adults such as Unit Helpers & Olave Program Members, a Youth Mental Health First Aid course. This course is now a single day, with some online preparation to do beforehand.

It would be great if we could get 4 or more GGSA members attending as this will help prevent the course being cancelled due to low numbers. This course is being held on Sunday September 27 and registrations close August 27. As this course is being run by an external provider, late registrations are not possible.

For more information, please follow the link [here](#).

It's time for Leaders to get back on the water and learn, update or extend your own water-based skills. Join the fun in **Leaders Out & About on the Water** being held at GTS Dolphin on Saturday September 12. Registrations close August 15. Check out more information [here](#).



Don't forget our other upcoming trainings:



Wendy Kirk will also be presenting a second session of her very interesting **Books, Badges & the AGP** on Sunday August 23 at 7.30pm, on Teams. If you missed the first session, now is the time to register so you don't miss out on this one. Registrations close Sunday August 16. Online

trainings like this one are open to all Leaders and Unit Helpers, no matter where you live. It would be great to see some of our country Leaders.

Leadership Qualification (LQ) Training is a very important part of a new Leader's journey. This year we are once again able to present this training face-to-face. Our next LQ training is being held at Hackham Guide Hall on **Sunday August 16th**.

Attending face-to-face (in person) trainings gives new leaders the opportunity to network with other leaders on the same path, ask questions in a brave space, make connections, have fun and hopefully begin lifelong friendships – as the saying goes, there are no strangers in Guiding, only friends you haven't met yet!

Please register via the GGSA website for face-to-face LQ trainings. Registrations close **Sunday, August 2nd**. If you can't make it to this one, the next one is **Saturday November 7th**.

Other options include online LQ training, so you will need to see the dates listed in Girl Guides Learning to register. Please ensure that you have completed the following GGL activities before registering: CSCF Adults in Guiding, Guiding Orientation, Risk Awareness, Facilitating the Girl Experience, Leadership in the Unit & Girl Recognition System.

Do you have an idea that you think would be fantastic to share with others? Then email the Learning & Development Manager Charlotte Firth at learnign@girlguidessa.org.au

The L & D team would love to come and visit your region, whether you are in the country or in metro Adelaide. Why not suggest to your Region Manager that we come and visit your region in 2027 and brainstorm some ideas.



Here is how you can access the calendar:

- Visit the calendar via the [weblink](#) anytime
- Copy & paste this URL & save it on your computer
<https://teamup.com/ksmwdggaogxy86dnjr>

Stay connected, informed and involved throughout the year!



Save the date

12-16 April

2027



5-8/9 year olds will have the option of a Monday to Wednesday or Wednesday to Friday. Youth 9+ will have a 5 day camp

Fundraising

Now is a great time to start thinking about fundraising so that everyone can attend this amazing camp. They will be able to make new friends, learn new skills, and have the time of their lives. Get your Guides together and see what wonderful ways they can come up with for your fundraising campaign.



We need people to join our team



We are looking for people to lead and be part of the team in the following areas:

Chair of the Committee

LIC of State Camp

Admin Team

QM Team

Program Team

Wellbeing/Health Team

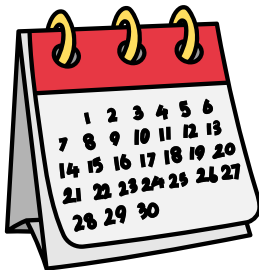
Finance Team

Subcamp LICs



Do you think you could be part of an amazing of team?
Do you want help create an exciting week of activities
for our Youth Members?

Then please email statecamp@girlguidessa.org.au with your details.



Our next online meeting will be Sunday 9th August 2:00pm,
a Teams invite will be sent once details are received.

Any questions please contact Alicia Buxton : statecamp@girlguidessa.org.au



EARTHKEEPERS CAMP



Earthkeepers Camp

AGES: 9 – 11 years

DATE: 25th – 27th September 2026

VENUE: Douglas Scrub Campsite

COST: Youth \$140 Adult \$65

CLOSING DATE: Friday 4th September 2026

Earthkeepers is an exciting, and fun environmental education 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, unseen character known as EM.

An Earthkeeper carries a key ring with 4 keys representing Knowledge, Experience, Yourself and Sharing. Girls and Leaders earn two keys in camp.

A Leader needs to accompany girls on camp and then help them to gain their last two keys after camp. As a Leader you get to join in the magic too!

As an Earthkeeper you will become more in tune with the earth.

The Earthkeepers Team provides the whole camp program, catering, organisation etc. Leaders need to arrange transport to and from camp and assist with duties. No camping qualifications are required by the Leaders attending.

Accommodation is indoors but all activities are outdoors.

Registration is open – click [HERE](#). Letters to parents and Leaders plus ADM27 forms will be sent out to those registered. Don't miss out as numbers are limited.

Contact Dr Michelle Stone for more information on 0403 435 155 or

earthkeepers@girlguidessa.org.au



Ahoy, me hearties!
Shiver me timbers!

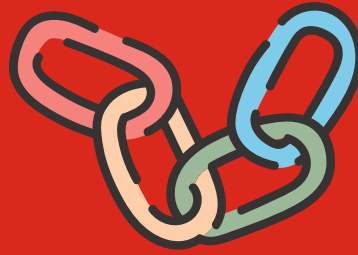
Get ready to come aboard!

There will be lots to do and plenty of bounty to come home with. Make a pirate flag, orienteering, Treasure Hunts, Sea Shanty Singalong and so much more.

It's all hands on deck, whether or not your Unit/Region is camping, this is a weekend for all members to have a fantastic time making new Guiding friends and having an exciting adventure!

**Pirate Pandemonum Camp
at Douglas Scrub Campsite
18-20 September 2026
REGISTER NOW! [HERE](#)**

QUICK LINKS



Here are some quick links to forms, instructions and other paperwork ...

MEMBERSHIP

[New Member Process](#)

[New Youth Expression of Interest Form](#)

[New Youth Online Form](#)

[Adult Membership Registration](#)

[Adult Volunteer Form](#)

[Trefoil Membership Registration](#)

[Sports Voucher Application Form](#)

[ADM.27 Form](#)

AWARDS

[Peak Achievement Awards Form](#)

[Years of Membership Form](#)

[Good Service Awards Nomination Form](#)

[Good Service Awards Non-Member
Nomination Form](#)

[Asia Pacific Nomination Form](#)

[Good Service Award – Bravery](#)

GUIDING

[Certificate of Currency](#)

[Incidents Form](#)

[Complaint Form](#)

[Out 1 Forms](#)

[Child Safe Child Friendly Online
Module Instructions](#)

[Unit Formation/Reopening](#)

FUNDS & RESOURCES

[Tuckerway Travel Fund](#)

[Guide Development Fund](#)

[Trefoil Outreach Fund](#)

[SharePoint Resources](#)

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[2026 Calendar](#)