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**Guides at ANZAC Day services** 



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## **STATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and school holidays. We are back Guiding for Term 2 and I am sure, like all that participated in the Anzac Day service found it as moving as I did at the Dawn Service.

As I write this we are coming up to this year's AGM and Awards ceremony. It will be lovely to welcome Helen Reid, our newly appointed Chief Commissioner to the AGM. I would like to thank the McIntyre Region for hosting this year's AGM in Launceston.

Lones is lonely! Do you have Guides that may not be able to fit into a regular unit meeting, or cannot do the unit meeting night/time? Lones Guides are available. Please contact Leonie Whitfort via email – lones@guidestas.org.au for more information.





## **AROUND THE STATE**

## Olave Baden-Powell Society (OB-PS) News

If you have ever wondered about, the work of the Olave Baden-Powell Society and how it directly impacts girls and young women members of WAGGGS there are many examples even here in Australia.



Membership of, or money donated, to OB-PS supports girls overcome barriers like gender-based violence and low body confidence by providing essential programmes, leadership development and advocacy training helping them speak out, make decisions and take on leadership roles. Examples include support for the Juliette Low Seminar, attendance at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York and the COP Conference, last year held in Poland. This year's youth event prior to the WAGGGS World Conference will be funded by money raised at the OB-PS event in Ohio last year.

A wonderful example of this in Australia is the recent appointment of Laura Ives Hicks who has been appointed Assistant Chief Commissioner (Young Women). Congratulations Laura!

Laura is a WAGGGS Global Advocacy Champion and recently attended the 67th UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). She and the other young women from countries as diverse as Rwanda, Poland and Norway to name a few, were provided with an opportunity to share the views of girls and young women across the globe on topics as broad as creation of a 'Digital World of Equality and Equity', assist in 'Prevention of Online Violence against Women and Girls' and prioritise 'Body Confidence in Young Women and Girls'. Check out <u>the link</u> to see more.

If you are interested in supporting the work of OB-PS by joining or merely donating towards this worthwhile work, please find further<u>details here</u>, or contact: National Coordinator Robinette Emonson on robinette2010@yahoo.com.au

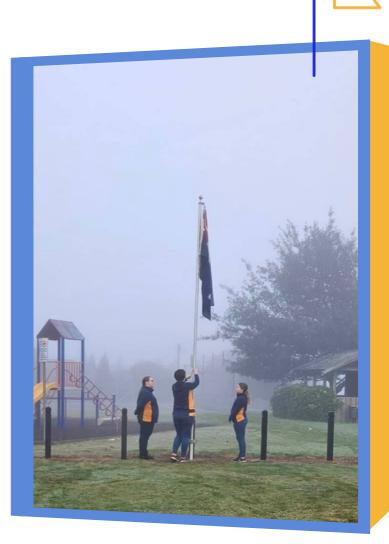
## AROUND THE STATE

### Carrick Bowerbank and Beehive Guides at ANZAC Day services

Bowerbank Guides (with one Beehive) attended the Carrick 7am service and formed a Colour Party, laid a wreath and served ANZAC biscuits to the attendees after the service. The foggy photo shows the Guides raising the flag.

Beehive Guides attended the Hagley 9.45am service and laid a wreath and served biscuits. The fog had lifted by then so their photo shows them laying the wreath in the sunshine.





## AROUND THE STATE Cont

#### Smithton Girl Guides Anzac Day



Smithton Adventuring Girl Guides participated in the March and Service held in Smithton on Anzac Day, as we do every year. We had 3 Guides participate, as well as a fourth who, although she marched with her school, assisted us with the Digger's Fund collection. These 4 amazing girls were supported by our 3 Leaders, Sandra, Leanne and Francesca.

As well as collecting donations for the Distressed Digger's Fund, the 3 girls laid a wreath at the cenotaph. It was a thought-provoking, moving ceremony, and we're very proud of our girls for representing Guides there.



## AROUND THE STATE Cont



Very proud of the Geeveston Girl Guides this morning. After dawn service, they helped serve breakfast to the community at the Geeveston RSL. They are such a great group of kids.

Lest we forget



## **INTERNATIONAL**



Image source: Girl Scouts of Hawai'l

## Be part for the Australian Contingent Pacific Exploration in STEM 2024 -Camp Paumalu, Oahu, Hawaii

WHAT	Experience the multiculturalism of Hawaii along with unique STEM activities at the newly opened STEM Center for Excellence at Camp Paumalu on Oahu's North Shore. Learn all about the ocean, outer space, and the earth at this Destination. Explore Polynesia and other cultures as we visit historical locations on the island of Oahu. Stay at our Girl Scouts of Hawai'i Camp Paumalu STEM Center for Excellence located on the North Shore of Oahu. The spirit of aloha—being in the presence of and sharing the essence of life—teaches us lessons of peace, kindness, compassion, and responsibility to future generations. These lessons are expressed through chants, music, hula, arts, and cultural practices, and through the warm, genuine greetings that are a hallmark of Hawaiian hospitality. These lessons are tied into some of the STEM activities that we will undertake to study earth, space, and ocean science. This program run by <u>Girl Scouts of Hawai'l.</u>		
WHEN	Depart Australia 20 June <b>Event 20 June – 26 June 2024</b> Arrive Australia 28 June (Note - flights are not available every day)		
WHERE	<b>Camp Paumalu, Oahu, Hawaii</b> . This event is fully catered with camping accommodation, all activities and excursions, and transport to and from Honolulu airport included.		

## INTERNATIONAL Cont

## **Be part for the Australian Contingent Pacific Exploration in STEM 2024 - Camp Paumalu, Oahu, Hawaii**

WHO	<ul> <li>Guides 14-17 years old at the time of the event.</li> <li>A minimum of 2 leaders. (Note: the number of leaders allowed is dependent on the number of youth members attending)</li> </ul>			
HOW MUCH	<ul> <li>Youth and Leaders: US\$2500 (AU\$3830) includes accommodation, food, and activities.</li> <li>Administration and contingent support fees</li> <li>There may be additional accommodation expenses due to flight availability.</li> <li>Event fee deposit \$765 (US\$500) due 1st October 2023.</li> <li>Airfares (Sydney – Honolulu return approx. \$1700 based on 2023 prices).</li> <li>Spending money, passports, travel insurance and flights to/from Sydney extra.</li> <li>Please note that event pricing is based on current exchange rates and may vary over time.</li> </ul>			
	Please be aware that extra costs may be incurred by extending your trip pre or post event.			
APPLY ONLINE at:	http://international.girlguides.org.au/			
AUSTRALIAN CLOSING DATE: 15 July 2023				
FROM	GGA International Coordinator - Joy Ord - international@girlguides.org.au			

## PROGRAM

The challenges with the Girl Guides Australia Walk the World Great Barrier Reef Activity

Ready to dive into adventure?

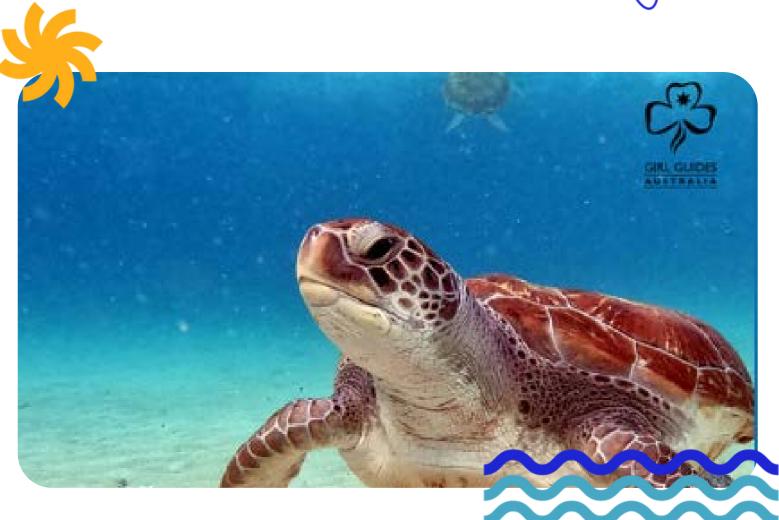


Discover the Great Barrier Reef and learn about the conservation of marine life.

Visit Treasure Chests to unlock tokens and complete the challenges with the Girl Guides Australia Walk the World Great Barrier Reef Activity: <u>www.girlguides.org.au/resources/program-resources/</u>

#GirlGuides #WalkTheWorld





## **NOTICES FROM GUIDE HOUSE**





Girl Guides Tasmania held its **first colour run event** in April with great success, hosting around 45 runners who were a mixture of members and non-members. The runners had enjoyment tackling various obstacles in the sunshine while getting powdered colour thrown at them. After the run the runners could rest up with an ice cream, sausage sizzle and purchase more paint for a colour war zone. The war zone was an exciting and vibrant area where no one including leaders came out of their normal colour. The colour run was full of laughter and excitement the whole day, and everyone left with a smile.

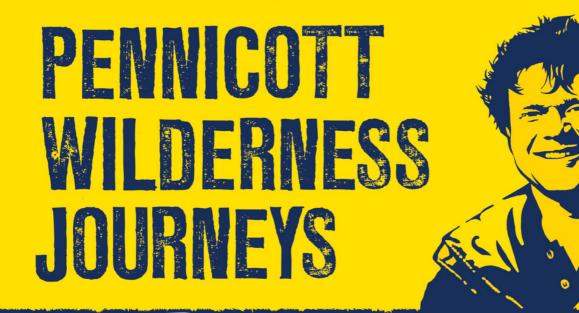
A big *Thank Yow* to Pennicott Cruises for supplying our first prize in the raffle, congratulations to Sue Martyn for taking home the top prize. Thank you to the Orana Committee for making the course look wonderful and a massive thank you to all the volunteers on the day. The Event would not have been a happy fun place without your amazing work.

The day aligned with GGT's new strategic plan of future focus: a collective voice to build momentum, strength, and growth for our movement in Tasmania trough broad publicity, inspiring initiatives, adventure, and effective advocacy.

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Kelly Mcintosh Project & Events Coordinator

## NOTICES FROM GUIDE HOUSE



#### Here is what some of the runners had to say about the day:

"It was good because I got to have fun with new friends and I really enjoyed the colour war" Ellie, age 10, Geeveston Platypus Guides.

"It was awesome and amazing, and I want to do it again" Alyssa, age 6, Huonville River Guides.

"It was really fun and recommend it for everyone" Ashlegh, Age 12, Huonville Explorer Guides.



## CALENDAR

#### May & June

MONTH	DATES		DATES	
May	1st-7th	Youth Week	13rd	Southern First Aid Training
	4th, 5th, 6th	AGFEST	14th	Mother's Day
			15th - 21st	National Volunteer Week
	6th	Coronation of King Charles III Youth Week Event Be Bold Be You.	26th	King Scout & Queen's Guide Award Ceremony
	7th	Youth Week Mullala South 2023	27th, 28th	Leader Training, Nindethana

MONTH	DATES	
June	3rd	MABO Day
	5th	World Environment Day
	12th	King's Birthday



Term 2 Dates: 26th April to 7th July

## CONTACTS

