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Bridport Dolphin Girl Guides - Mother's Day

2023

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STATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Leonie and I have had the pleasure to attend Government House to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on May 8th.

We had the opportunity to listen to the speech provided by His Excellency the Honourable Alan Blow AO, and this followed with music from the Australian Army Band Tasmania.

Other members of the public that attended the evening included our Premier, Jeremy Rockcliffe along with Elise Archer, Madeline Ogilvy, Michael Fergusson, Guy Barnett, Jo Palmer, Anna Reynolds and many more.

It was nice to be included as a community organisation and to experience the Coronation of the King.



Yours In Guiding,
Linda Durran
State Commissioner

AROUND THE STATE

Bridport Dolphin Girl Guides (Lyn Commane)

♥ Mother's Day ♥



The Bridport Puggles enjoyed making a Mother's Day gift by upcycling some pots, covering them in some donated macrame rope and planting spider plant cuttings.

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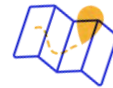
Smithton Girl Guides



Volunteer Week is coming to an end - it has been inspiring and uplifting to hear stories of all the wonderful people doing good in their communities and the world.

Girl Guides wouldn't be able to function without its volunteers - dedicated Leaders and support teams who work together to deliver a program that enables girls to grow into confident, community-minded citizens.

Bravo to all the volunteers out there, whoever and wherever you are. You are all amazing.



AROUND THE STATE

Mullala South 2023



The day dawned frosty and cold, with blue sky and sunshine at the Claremont Girl Guide Hall ready for us to welcome Girl Guides, Leaders, Managers, Trefoil Guild members, families and supporters to the southern Mullala.

Mullala means little sister and Girl Guides Tasmania has offered Region, Division or State events to bring our Guides 10 and under together for many decades. On Sunday 7 May there were 30 excited, chatty, timid, scared, and enthusiastic Guides under the age of 10 ready for activities related to the five World Centres belonging to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

With the registrations and administration completed our Deputy State Commissioner, Leonie Whitfort welcomed us to the special day by encouraging us to imagine riding on a magic carpet to Sangam In India, Our Chalet in Switzerland, Pax Lodge in England, Our Cabana in Mexico and Kusafiri somewhere in the African region.

How exciting it was for girls to experience water colour painting of the Swiss Alps (thanks to our Trefoil Guild members for drying our paintings with hair dryers so we could take them home!), how to make a tune with bells of all sorts of shapes and sizes, and to make an origami Swiss Alpine Hat. Imagine the fun of pinning the Alpine Hat on the cow!



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Mullala South 2023



In **Mexico** Guides took the opportunity to sit and make a God's eye from bright coloured wool and icy pole sticks or a pan flute from straws while wearing a beautiful pink sombrero thanks to our supporter from Oatlands. There was so much fun weaving with wool we didn't have time for the Mexican Hat dance. We look forward to doing this at another time.

The magic of **India** was in tying on a sari and making a paper lantern ready for a festival. How are your skills at playing snakes and ladders while wearing a sari and making the shape of an elephant out of a sheet of paper? We also had items ready for rangoli art but there just wasn't enough time as we jumped on our magic carpet to make our way to England.

The **English streets** were crowded as Guides made Crowns and added jewels ready to celebrate the coronation or just to wear to a party. Paddington watched over us perched on his special newspaper throne. There was also time to play some games outside or to listen to the Brownie story.



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Mullala South 2023

We beat our drums in [Africa](#) and made beautiful Maasai necklaces. Every now and again we would play the Kusafiri song, but we weren't up to attempting the dance without some help from our Guiding sisters who know the steps! Instead, we went outside and tried carrying buckets on our heads. What fun we had carrying teddies, toys and other things in our buckets and we are expecting just like children in Africa some of the Guides just walked around with the buckets over their heads.

For the Harry Potter fans some Guides had the opportunity to Quidditch. It was terribly hard to ride a broom and throw a ball while avoid being hit by balls being thrown from the sidelines! We all cheered when Guides made it through the course successfully.

All to soon Southern Mullala was coming to a close as we sang songs and thanked our activity leaders and planning team by singing Bravo as we landed back in Tassie from our last magic carpet ride. Thank you, Leonie and Carey-Lee, our new Program Manager, for sharing in our day.

It was fantastic to bring together Boronia, Huonville, Lenah Valley, Glenorchy, Claremont, Sorell and Clarence Guides. To our Leaders, District Managers and Trefoil Guild members thank you for making this a wonderful shining fun-filled day.

Diana Roberts and Theresa Moore, Mullala South 2023 Team



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Mullala South 2023





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the campfire run by Amberlei Beresford

Reconnect – Leader Training weekend

We had a wonderful weekend with 29 participants, 27 Girl Guides Tasmania Leaders and Wendy Kirk – National Coordinator-Youth for Girl Guides Australia and Christa Ochocki who works for WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts).

I had this email from one of the young women who attended this morning which I hope sums up how most felt about the weekend:

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Just wanted to say a huge thank you for the mind-blowingly incredible experience at the Leaders Weekend. Words can't express how inspired I am, and the wonderful time I had. I really can't describe it, so I won't even try! It was one of the best experiences of my Guiding life, and I'm so grateful to you and the training team for making magic last weekend.



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Some of the young Leaders who attended

Reconnect – Leader Training weekend



It was a weekend of reconnection, learning from each other, many discussions and many questions – which we hope most were answered.

We had Leaders from all areas of Tasmania ranging from Geeveston to Smithton to Bridport and everywhere in between.

–Anne Crummy



INTERNATIONAL

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



Image source: Girl Scouts of Hawai'i

WHAT	<p>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.</p> <p>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 Girl Scouts of Hawai'i.</p>
WHEN	<p>Depart Australia 20 June Event 20 June – 26 June 2024 Arrive Australia 28 June (Note – flights are not available every day)</p>
WHERE	<p>Camp Paumalu, Oahu, Hawaii. This event is fully catered with camping accommodation, all activities and excursions, and transport to and from Honolulu airport included.</p>

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

WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guides 14-17 years old at the time of the event. • A minimum of 2 leaders. (Note: the number of leaders allowed is dependent on the number of youth members attending)
HOW MUCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth and Leaders: US\$2500 (AU\$3830) includes accommodation, food, and activities. • Administration and contingent support fees • There may be additional accommodation expenses due to flight availability. • Event fee deposit \$765 (US\$500) due 1st October 2023. • Airfares (Sydney – Honolulu return approx. \$1700 based on 2023 prices). • <i>Spending money, passports, travel insurance and flights to/from Sydney extra.</i> <p><i>Please note that event pricing is based on current exchange rates and may vary over time.</i></p>
	<p>Please be aware that extra costs may be incurred by extending your trip pre or post event.</p>
APPLY ONLINE at:	http://international.girlguides.org.au/
AUSTRALIAN CLOSING DATE: 15 July 2023	
FROM	<p>GGA International Coordinator – Joy Ord – international@girlguides.org.au</p>

PROGRAM

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

Ready to dive into adventure?

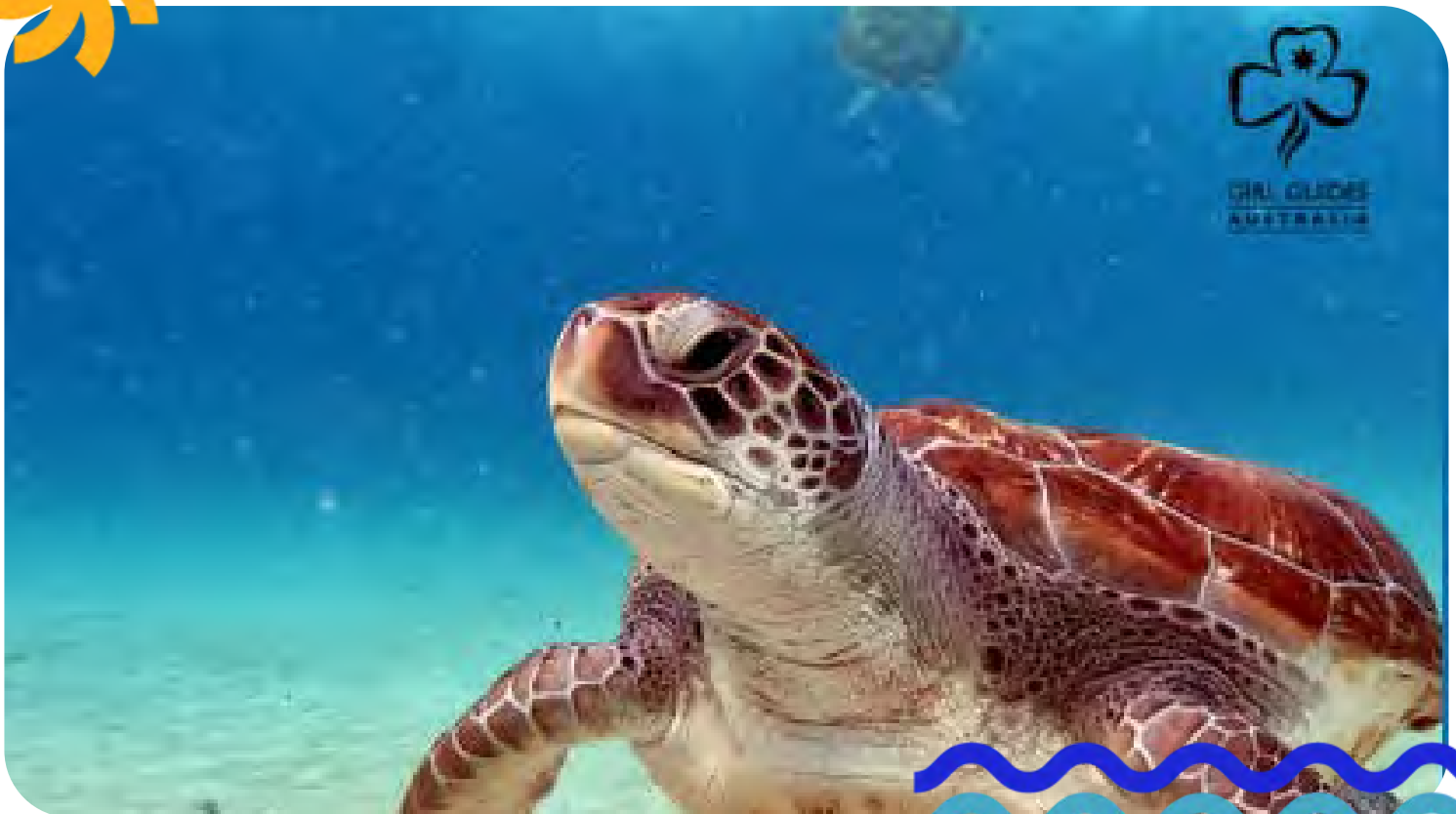
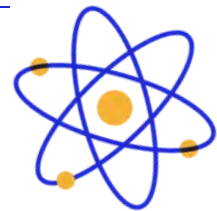


Discover the Great Barrier Reef and learn about the conservation of marine life.

Visit Treasure Chests to unlock tokens and complete the challenges with the Girl Guides Australia Walk the World Great Barrier Reef Activity:

www.girlguides.org.au/resources/program-resources/

#GirlGuides #WalkTheWorld



PROGRAM

Saluting Their Service ANZAC Challenge 2023

SALUTING **2023** THEIR SERVICE

Being fit for the task



The 'Saluting Their Service' Challenges syllabus can be completed by all Girl Guide members and supports the Australian Guide Program (AGP). If you are interested, please [click here](#) to get involved.

AWARDS

QUEEN'S GUIDE



Queens Guide Award completed for **Ruth Hillman** (Burnie Jeedara Guides). Completed in May 2023.

Congratulations!

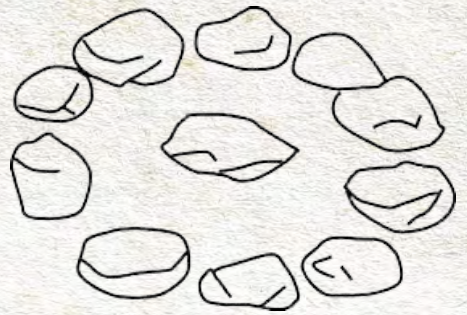


GONE HOME - OLGA MCELWEE

In memory of **Olga McElwee**

23/2/1926 - 22/5/2023

Aged 97 years



Guides played a big part in Olga's life, she was involved in the organisation for most of her life, she became a Pack Leader and later a Cadet Guide. It wasn't long until she became a Lieutenant and then Captain at Paterson St Church Guides. She commenced Guiding as a young girl and had her first camp at Nindethana in 1937 when she was 11 years old.



When she was interviewed for the 80th year celebration of Nindethana she recalled the many trips on the bus down to Deviot singing all the way. They slept on the verandah on straw mattresses and learnt the skills of cooking and washing up – maybe that was why she became such a good cook!! It was also Guiding that began her interest in bushwalking. Olga treasured the friendships she made in Guiding and those friends supported each other throughout their lives. Molly Merry, Madge Hallam and Joan Whelan and Olga were the last of the older generation in Guiding in the North of the state. They were all involved in Trefoil Guild and supported Nindethana and Margaret McIntyre House.

Thank you Olga for your lifelong support.

NOTICES FROM GUIDE HOUSE

WORLD THINKING DAY DONATION 2023

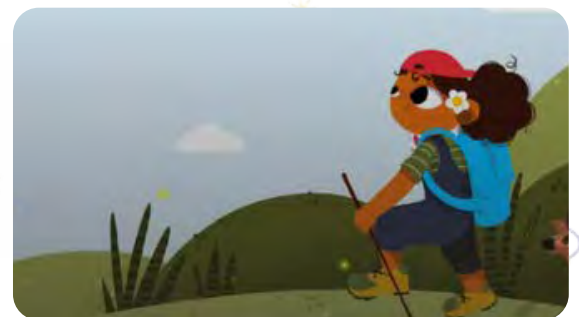


Donations for World Thinking Day 2023

BRAVO to the GGT Guiding community for the generous donations to the World Thinking Day Fund.

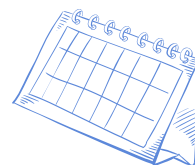
Following receipt of your donations, Guide House have disbursed a total of **\$789.20** to the fund so thank you to all of you for your support!

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YOU



CALENDAR CALENDAR

June & July



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

MONTH	DATES		DATES	
July	1st	Plastic Free July	25th	Term 3 starts
	2nd-9th	NAIDOC Week	30th	International Day of Friendship
	7th	Term 2 ends	31st	National Tree Day
	15th	World Youth Skills Day		

Term 2 ends 7th July

Term 3: 25th July – 29th September



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