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From The State Commissioner

2011 was a year of transitions at many levels – some personal and some affecting the whole organisation, some local and others national.

In May Girl Guides Australia took the final steps to move from being an Incorporated Association to becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee. Governance responsibility now lies with a Board of Directors including the seven State Commissioners, the Chief Commissioner and the Treasurer. Management decisions are made by the Australian Management Team (AMT) which includes the National Managers for Program, Learning and Development, International, Outdoors, Volunteer Services and Olave Program (who are all volunteers) as well as a senior administrative staff member from each state. As with most change processes, there have been a number of obstacles to overcome but the teams have worked together to address each situation and the sense of truly being a national organisation increases a little each time. A management conference in Brisbane was an opportunity for the AMT to meet together with the State Advisers and the National Trainers to agree on how they will implement the national Strategic Plan in each of their areas of responsibility.

For most members, these changes have had little direct impact on their day to day Guiding but a number of national projects have included opportunities for Leaders in particular to share their opinions. Surveys have garnered valuable information from girls and adults about the wording of the Promise and Law and 2012 seems likely to see the introduction of new versions of both. We are also on track to publish new handbooks for girls and Leaders in time for the start of 2013.

In WA we have continued to maintain strong links with a number of organisations including National Council of Women WA who celebrated their own centenary in 2011; the Country Women's Association who present annual awards to units based on their community service activities; the Royal Commonwealth Society; the Royal Agricultural Society and the Perth Royal Show, and UN Women. Girls were able to broaden their

knowledge and understanding of science through activity evenings at Scitech and a camp at Fairbridge where they worked with staff from Murdoch University to find out more about environmental issues related to water quality.

Units receive significant funding from Lotterywest and this enables them to offer high quality programs without placing a heavy fundraising burden on parents and families. The Department for Communities have extended our current funding to the middle of 2012 while they process our application for support to continue to provide our programs into the future. This will enable us to develop the infrastructure and resources to extend guiding in new areas and to ensure every girl who wishes can be an active member. Lone Guiding is experiencing a new period of growth as girls on waiting lists for active units take up the option of joining Lones and receiving activities to learn about Guiding until a place in their local unit becomes available.

Liz Butson and Kate Walker bravely agreed to extend their terms of office till the end of June and for this we are very appreciative. Their efforts over the past five and half years are testament to both their stamina and their foresight in seeing opportunities and taking full advantage of them. A handover dinner in June provided a fitting opportunity to thank them for their valuable contributions and we look forward to seeing Liz's farewell gift proudly displayed on the wall at Burswood Road, especially now that we have the lease for the whole building.

I would like to express my personal gratitude to my Assistants Sharon O'Brien and Carmel Stefanoff who have supported me on a very steep learning curve during my first six months in office; to the Executive Committee and State Council members who make sure our decision making is based on sound reasoning and then turn ideas into actions; and to the staff at Guide House whose hard work and commitment to Guiding is worth far more than we can afford to pay.

Sharon O'Brien

I hope you enjoy reading this report as a brief snapshot of Girl Guiding in WA in 2011.



Finance

Statistics as at December 31 2011

The financial year ended 31 December 2011 has involved changes in the finance team and committee and overall positive outcomes for the organisation.

Youth members	2170
Adult members	525
Total members for 2011	2695
Total members for 2010	2688
% increase	0.26%

Membership fees were set at a realistic rate with the result that fee revenue is higher in 2011. The increase in income from interest and investments compared to 2010 was not a result of a change in our investment strategy, which is to hold the portfolios for the medium and long term, but due to the dividends and interest income on these investments. However, the values of the portfolios at year end are still being affected by the global economy.

GGWA took the opportunity to lease the downstairs area of Guide House, so we now have one building that houses both the day-to-day operations and the resources that are needed by Leaders to implement the program. This has been an expensive decision due to the fact that Somersby Road has not been sub-leased. Unfortunately this expense will carry forward into 2012 but the benefit to the organisation outweighs the cost and the decision was not taken lightly.

As a State organisation our contribution to Girl Guides Australia has resulted in an increase in employee costs as we have provided staff time and this required the employment of extra staff for longer hours.

There is now only one permanent staff member in finance, Kim Thomas, and she has ably assisted the Finance Committee with their reporting requirements and the preparation of information on a timely basis. The preparation of the 2012 annual budget was an efficient process and also assisted the different contributors to appreciate the need for a budget that is both relevant and accurate. Our challenge for 2012 is to prepare budgets on a rolling basis so that it will always be possible to produce a twelve month forecast allowing specific areas to be reviewed more promptly and budget forecasts to be met.

Highlights of 2011

JANUARY

Australia Day

FEBRUARY

Thinking Day

MARCH

Earth Hour

International Women's Day

Clean-up Australia Day

Harmony Day

APRIL

ANZAC Day

WAGGGS Party Time at the Zoo

MAY

Red Shield Appeal

Run For a Reason

JUNE

World Environment Day

Olave Retreat

JULY

Mission Impossible

AUGUST

National Tree Planting Day

National Science Week

SEPTEMBER

Perth Royal Show

OCTOBER

CHOGM

JOTA / JOTI

NOVEMBER

White Ribbon Day

DECEMBER

Myths and Legends camp

Leader Development and Support

During 2011, the LD&S team delivered 848 hours of training during 17 workshops, one weekend course and six Area / Region trainings. One of the most highly regarded sessions offered was *Explore World Guiding – An Evening with Linden Edgell* presented in October.

Linden, Deputy Chairman of the World Board of WAGGGS, is a committed advocate for the rights of girls and women the world over and an inspiring speaker on the topic. She spoke about the influence that Girl Guides Australia can have through its involvement in the WAGGGS programs relating to women's health issues, the lack of education opportunities for girls in developing nations, the violence experienced by many girls and women and the well-being of females generally.



For many of the attendees it was an eye-opener to realise that the first step towards helping disadvantaged others was to educate our own girls about the issues and encourage them to speak out and take action regardless of how old or young they are. The evening also gave Leaders a greater understanding of the power of the WAGGGS' Vision which is to be the voice of girls and young women to build a better world.

Earth Hour Sleepover

In March of 2011, 3 Leaders and 23 Joondalup Twilight Guides participated in the world-wide event Earth Hour. To get the girls involved in and to understand the meaning of Earth Hour, they held a sleepover. The theme of the sleepover was 'Save the Planet', with recycling being a part of all of their activities.

The girls took away with them some ideas on how to care for the environment, learning to re-use and Recycle household products.

Several hundred plastic shopping bags were turned into a surprisingly strong plaited rope which was used by most of the girls for skipping. Bird feeders were made from recycled milk cartons which were filled with a bird seed and gelatine mix, "a very messy job, but heaps of fun." In the afternoon the girls decorated glass jars and at night lit them to make a most beautiful campfire.



Sticky, messy fun making bird feeders

During the global Earth Hour (8:30 to 9:30) a star gazing session was held, during which the girls learnt about major constellations that were visible at the time. This was interesting as the stars were very bright and it was a fun thing to do without any electricity. For many of the girls this was their first camp outdoors.



Glass Jar Campfire

International Women's Day

The WA Olave Peer Group decided to mark the Centenary of International Women's Day by participating in a service project that would benefit women. Choosing to support a local women's refuge, the group learned that they were seeking donations of useful items for the women and children who stay there. WA Olaves collected enough donations of stationery, toiletries and an assortment of other useful items to cover the Board table in Guide House.

One of the WA Olaves runs a business making chocolate bouquets and kindly brought along all her paper, boxes and florist tape. Within a very short space of time everyone was folding paper and twirling stems with great enthusiasm. Olaves donated 11 beautiful chocolate bouquets to the women's refuge, which were given to the staff to recognise their hard work and dedication in assisting women.



Hard at work on Chocolate Bouquets

The Olaves who participated in this activity were building on the strong Olave tradition of giving service to others. They had enjoyed receiving donations of the useful items for the women's refuge and they all increased their own skills in learning to make the chocolate bouquets. At the same time it was a reminder of the dangers faced by women and everyone learned a bit more about the work of the women's refuges.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

For many years the girls from the Joondalup region have been collecting for the Salvation Army in the annual Red Shield Appeal.



Donations

The Joondalup Twilight Guides, Harmony Guides and Adventure Guides along with Kinross Possum Guides shook the tin at both Beaumaris and Currambine shopping centres in 2011. The girls all looked very smart in their Guide uniforms with a Salvation Army pinny over the top and they all had beautiful manners and smiles.

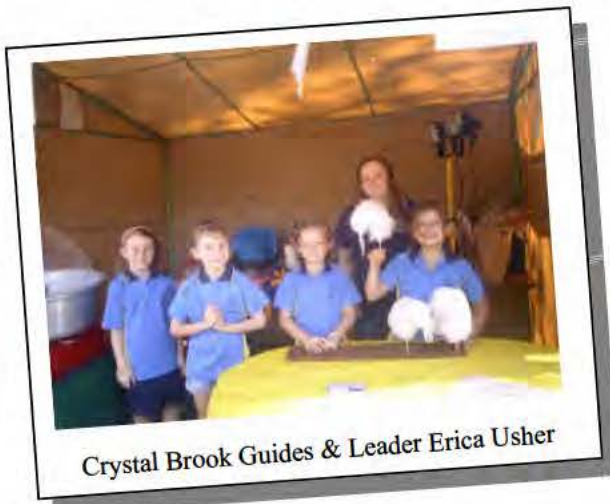
They earned a combined tally of \$4085.45 in this very important community service event. The girls put into practice a method of helping other people, built confidence and created a sense of community spirit.



Kalamunda Show

Every year the Darling Swan Area is invited to take part in the Kalamunda Show. In 2011 the show was held in mid-April and, as well as produce on display, there were dog shows, wood chopping events and lots of entertainment. The Guides sold Fairy Floss out of their stall and they also handed out Guide bookmarks and Guide balloons to the children.

In the Exhibition hall there were displays of plants, crafts, food and photography. For many years the local Cubs and Scouts have entered projects into the Youth Display, but this year the Lesmurdie Guides decided to enter as well. The Guides took out every prize except the Damper!



Crystal Brook Guides & Leader Erica Usher

Run For A Reason

On Sunday 22 May, thirteen Olaves completed the 2011 HBF Run for a Reason. The South of the River Olave team was in friendly competition against the North of the River Olave team to raise money for their charity of choice and to complete the 14km Run/Walk.

The Olaves definitely stood out and received lots of positive comments as they jogged or walked the 14km course in their bright purple tutus, trefoil-emblazoned shirts and striped purple

socks. They even featured in the official video montage of the event. The course was definitely a challenge but the thrill from running through the Graham Farmer tunnel was definitely worth any pain felt the next day.

The Olave Program places a particular emphasis upon service, and the Olaves were committed to fundraising a significant amount for two worthwhile charities. The challenge on the day was to each do their best, as per the Guide Promise, and people were able to participate at their own speed and challenge themselves at an appropriate level.

For many it was the first time to walk/jog such a distance and they gained confidence and an appreciation of physical activity as a result. The Olaves worked as two teams to support and encourage everyone on the day, and teamwork and friendships increased as a result.

The WA Olave South team, despite its smaller numbers, managed to raise significantly more than the WA Olave North team, and also had the first runner across the finish line. In total WA Olave raised a very impressive total of \$1,462 for the Cancer Council and the Heart Foundation.

The newest Olave member, Amalee, even took the opportunity to make her Guide promise for the first time in the middle of the WACA.



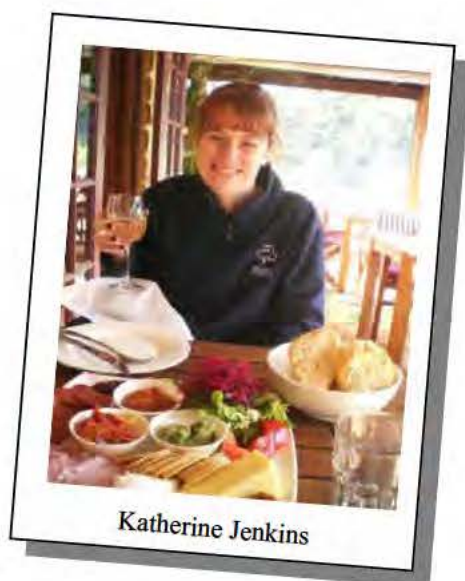
Official Photo From The Event

A Relaxing Retreat

Over the June long weekend, 4 Olave members and 2 adult members came together for a weekend of relaxation and nothingness at The Cove in Denmark. Nestled amongst the trees The Cove was an excellent location to see the local sites or curl up in front of the fire with a good book.



The highlight of the weekend was the visit from a masseuse, who happened to be a local Guide Leader, which saw the relaxation levels of everyone increase. Other activities included visiting the Tree Top Walk, Elephant Rock, the Alpaca Farm, the Chocolate Factory, and exploring the township of Denmark.



Evenings were spent relaxing in front of the roaring fire reading, eating chocolate, playing games, and completing various craft projects, whilst the meals were a wonderful variety of home cooked treats, including a Sunday roast.

Friendship Camp

2011 saw 5 leaders, 15 elderly persons, 16 girls from Armadale and 5 from Byford / Mundijong attend a friendship camp.

The camp was effective in addressing the four Elements of the Australian Guiding Program—People, Practical, Physical, Self. Each Guide had to be at camp, away from her family and familiar surroundings, and trust the people taking care of her.

There were several physical challenges on this camp, including a swim with unknown creatures in the water such as jelly fish and a stingray. The girls tried new crafts and games and they developed relationships with the elderly people who were at our camp, as well as with each other. In their dealings with the elderly people, girls had to show care and respect for them.

The girls particularly enjoyed the dancing night with live music as well as sharing a campfire and Guides Own.



Blackwood River Expedition

In 2011, the North Metro area Guides learned all about team work, confidence - on and off the water, camping, looking after the environment, friendship, and overcoming daily challenges during their river expedition. Bronte Smith, a Ballajura Wildlife Guide, gave her account of the girls first day:

We awoke at some ungodly hour to freezing temperatures and ice on our tents, a not so warm welcome to our first official day of our Canoeing Expedition! Still in shock from the cold we got ourselves moving, starting with breakfast cooked on our trusty Trangias.

Leaving camp we piled into the cars and drove 10-12 kilometres upstream with the canoes to our starting point. We would make our way back to camp via the river by the end of the day.

We unloaded the canoes and while we waited, during one of many car shuffles, we sang the only line we all knew of a song (Here comes the sun) to keep ourselves occupied. This became a morning tradition over the next few days when the sun decided to grace us with its warmth, as it peeked over the valley in the frost bitten mornings. Whilst still singing our little song



Back Row: Scott (Canoeing Guide), Faye, Dana, Georgia, Bethra, Jessica, Meagen (Bandicoot), Emilie, Renee, Melissa, Jessica, Lauren, Jade, Colleen.

Front Row: Vida (Niribi), Roxy (Lady Bird), Megan, Claire (Blue Wren), Mandie (Quail), Kaitlyn (Bilby), Bronte, Jessica.

we inspected what was to be our home away from home for the next 5 days or so, the Blackwood River.

After a safety and general tips briefing from Scott (our river guide and saviour in sticky situations) we started loading our new, unscratched and shiny red canoes into the water. From this point they were no longer new, unscratched or shiny but they did remain red.

Scott had told us about 'features,' being: any obstacle that you could possibly canoe into, on or near the water. By the end of day 1 we were all very well acquainted with one particular feature, the tea trees which lined the entire river and its windy, twisted banks.

Some of our girls made friends with the tea trees even saying "Hi tree, nice to meet you. If you don't mind I'm just going to park my canoe here. Not that you or I have much choice as I'm a bit stuck!" For many others the tea trees were more of an enemy than a friend and screams of "I HATE YOU, STUPID TREE!" could be heard as girls swam downstream in the freezing water after capsizing.

It was a hard day but incredibly rewarding. We were all exhausted by late afternoon when we finally returned to camp. We changed, cooked, got the fire going and then toddled off to bed at 8pm – the earliest any 14+ camp has ever willingly gone to bed to actually sleep!

Day one was challenging. We were all thrown into the deep end without floaties. However, with the hardest part of our river course occurring on the first day we were left with huge potential to improve and I'm glad to report that we did. By the end of the expedition we were even tackling grade 3 / 4 rapids. After the first day I was pumped for the week to come.

Expedition was a blast and I'd do it again in a heartbeat. Thank you to the Leaders who gave up their time to make it happen, it was amazing!

Mission Impossible

Mission Impossible is an annual Scout event that challenges teams of 4 to 6 Guides, Scouts or Cadets to a hiking race through the bush over two days and nights in July. They have a central base for accommodation and entertainment. The days are filled with teams challenging themselves to find Activity Bases throughout the bush using a map and co-ordinates. The Bases are set up with a theme and include fun team activities that score points towards a final result at the end of the weekend.

Friday night, the teams were driven by bus from the city to the bush area south east of Perth and dropped off at an outer location. They then had to hike in to VROC, the central base, stopping to achieve a challenge along the way. It was pretty late by the time they all arrived but all were woken the next morning by extremely loud renditions of songs like 'The ABC Remix' by Pendulum and 'Good Morning Vietnam'....being woken by loud music is a tradition at MI.



Trophy for the Best Outside Organisation Team at MI: Giorgio Messina, Hannah Usher, Ben Kimmorley and Jasmine Paine.

Saturday night was a huge birthday celebration for the 10th Birthday of MI. There was a giant cake, party hats, dancing and DJ's till 2am. Sunday morning, the music wouldn't work to awaken the camp so an enterprising individual started up a chainsaw and wandered around the tents for a wonderful start to the day!

Three Guide Leaders ran a base with a pirate theme which had teams walking the plank blindfolded, building mini sailboats to race across the water and making their own peg-leg pirates. They left the base with a 'skull and crossbones' balloon.

One of the mixed Guide/Scout teams won the trophy for best Outside Organisation team. The team included an Italian exchange student Girl Guide, Giorgia, who had never been in the bush and had only flown into Australia the previous week! It was a fantastic weekend of challenges, team building and friendship which everyone enjoyed and is thoroughly recommended for Girl Guides to take part in again.



Some of the Entertainment at VROC Base

Promise Poem

This poem was created by Erica Grumball of Crystal Brook Guides as part of their Arts badge and was recited in front of parents at a Promise Ceremony:

Girl Guides

*Every Monday we gather together,
we promise to follow the Guide Law forever,
each week we learn something new,
laughing and learning the whole night through.*

*For the new Girl Guides they have so much to learn,
when it's time for their promise they wait their turn,
their parents' are watching this delightful day,
as their child gets a badge, they shout hurray!*

*We work to earn badges to put on our sash,
there are badges for gardening and picking up trash,
for cooking and caring and helping our mum,
we also sell biscuits which are quite yum.*

*Our leader is Platypus who is kind and considerate,
there is Brumby and Echidna who are quite gifted,
there are three patrols with excellent readers,
there are Erica, Ebony and Grace as their patrol
leaders.*

*Girl Guide camps are the best fun ever,
we meet other Guides and become friends forever,
at the end of the day we turn out the lights,
we sit round the campfire singing all night.*

World Centre Road Show Safety Bay

*"On a lovely winter's morning, the journey started.
Although this event was held in Safety Bay there was
great anticipation amongst the group as today was
the day we were going to visit the 4 World Centres.*

*"With passport and boarding passes in hand, we all
assembled in the boarding lounge ready for our flights*

*to leave. We were all very excited wondering which
destination we would be visiting first.*

*"As the final boarding calls were heard, we all
boarded our flights. Throughout the day we visited
Mexico, Switzerland, United Kingdom and India. In
each country there were activities about the country
we were visiting and about the World Centre that was
located in the particular country,"*

Katrina Lane—International Adviser

*"The best bit was the visiting Mexico and making the
Skulls Masks." Sarah aged 12 years.*



"In India we made elephants." Hannah aged 9 years.



The World Centre Roadshow (2011) also visited Geraldton and Kununurra. The aim of this event was to introduce and extend the Guides' knowledge of International Guiding with the focus being on the 4 World Centres.

Radio Lollipop

Siobhan Bateman from North Metro Area, challenged herself to fundraise for Radio Lollipop as part of her Baden Powell Award. She sold first aid kits and raised approximately \$110. She then organised for her Blue Wrens Patrol to visit Radio Lollipop at Princess Margaret Hospital so she could present them with the cheque.



From left to right: John Meyer, Lisa Orchard, Grayce Hyland, Brooke Lippinkhof, Tammy Ryan and Siobhan Bateman.

The two volunteers at Radio Lollipop were very welcoming and the Girl Guides got a chance to become Radio DJ's and take phone calls for song requests from the patients on the ward. While we were in the Radio Lollipop studio, a gentleman came in and commented on how lovely it was to see Girl Guides visiting.

His name was John Meyers and he was the founder of Radio Lollipop at PMH. He told the story of Girl Guides WA coming to PMH in 1984 and asking if there was anything they could fundraise for. Mr. Meyers had recently travelled to the UK and seen how Radio Lollipop worked there and told Girl Guides he would love to have it running at PMH. He never expected them to be able to raise all of the money needed but after a huge fundraising effort by Girl Guides, their Leaders and parents across the State, they came back with an amount of \$40,000!

The first Radio Lollipop outside of the UK was then established at Princess Margaret Hospital in 1985. It has since gone on to start in other children's hospitals in Australia, America and New Zealand. John Meyers was extremely appreciative of the work that Girl Guides WA had done in making all this happen and was quite moved to see the girls still fundraising for Radio Lollipop after so many years. It was an honour to meet him and the girls were given an insight into the work of many Girl Guides before them.



Meredith, Natasha Orchard, Grayce Hyland.
Back: Brooke Lippinkhof, Siobhan Bateman.

Fun in the Park

Seaward Region event 'Fun in the Park' was an activity day in and around the City Beach Guide Hall at Perry Lakes. Outdoor activities included a bird watching game, orienteering and outdoor games from Guide House.

Inside was an amazing variety of craft activities; all sorts of different ways of making cards organised by the Trefoil ladies, screen printing a 'Fun in the Park' badge and making decorations and bracelets from beads.

The day was concluded with a sing along and certificates were presented to Leaders who had completed modules. The girls and leaders had a most enjoyable day.

Avon Hills Area Camp Manjedal Scout Activity Centre.

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In August Avon Hills Area's "Forest Adventure" Camp was held in the Youth Centre with the younger girls in dormitories and the older Guides in tents at the Lair. A total of 20 Leaders and 87 Guides attended with Patrol Leaders, aged 12 -14, having the task of helping the younger ones in their patrol.



On Friday night all joined in with singing, actions and fun at the campfire after dinner. Saturday centred on adventurous activities combining personal challenges and teamwork. All patrols tried archery, aerial runway, blindfold trail, commando course, crate stacking, low ropes, teamwork challenges and tunnelling. There was lots of walking between bases, and all were very footsore at the end of the day.

A magical activity followed; out of a Kombi van Jozina produced 50 African drums and 50 other percussion instruments. Everyone learned rhythms and produced some wonderful music with the sounds echoing down the valley. This will long be remembered by everyone present.

Sunday's activity was a wide game, testing skills and teamwork. The first aid 'emergency' had some truly gruesome wounds to treat, and then there was on to knotting and construction, outdoor cooking and a beaded hat badge.

The patrol leaders certainly rose to the occasion, organising and encouraging their new patrol members. Almost every girls braved the 'scary' activities like the 30m high aerial runway, and then came back for another turn. Teamwork was very much to the fore, and the older girls organised the Guides' Own giving everyone Swan River Daisy seeds to take home and plant.

Our grateful thanks to the Shire of Mundaring, who enabled many girls to attend the camp with their grant of \$3000. The camp was also funded by the Mundaring branch of the Bendigo Bank (\$500 bus charter), the Mundaring Rotary Club (\$500 African drumming) and the Swan Valley Rotary Club who contributed the camp fee for one of the girls (\$90).



Scitech

Girl Guides WA descended on Scitech in August 2011 for an evening of science fun and learning. It was outside opening hours and they had the entire place to themselves.

Half of the evening was spent at the CSIRO Lab with Scitech presenters involving the Guides in interactive activities to learn about acids and bases, mineral properties and microscopes. The other half of the evening was spent in the Horizon Planetarium, learning about our night sky and watching some amazing footage of the work of astronomers.

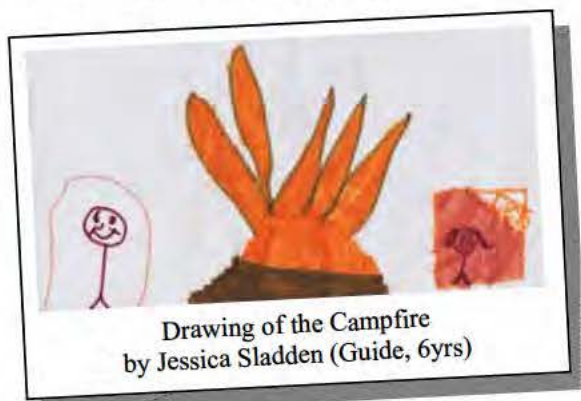
The Scitech presenters signed the Guides off for parts of their Science and Technology Explore-a-Challenge badge, as well as their Outer Space Create-a-Challenge badge.

Doubleview Starfish Guides Farm Camp

"On Friday 16/9/2011 we went on a camp. We saw baby animals. That night we sang lots of songs and toasted marshmallows at the campfire. We also made roasted apples in the campfire. We had a great time!!!!"

Phoebe Jones, aged 7 years.

The Starfish Guide Farm camp was all about their unit motto: Care and Share. They were sharing great times with their friends, caring for each other and the animals at the farm.



The camp served as an opportunity for the eight girls to grow in confidence with each other and the adult Leaders/helpers, as for many it was their first camp without their parents present. They also had an opportunity to engage in favourite Guiding traditions like campfires and wide games using guiding skills.

Visitors For WA Olave

The Commonwealth Youth Forum, held in Fremantle in the week prior to CHOGM, gave young people from Commonwealth nations the chance to have their voices heard about issues relevant to them.

Girl Guiding UK Senior Section Member Charlotte Ball and Girl Guides Northern Territory Olave Allison Hooper attended the Forum and were then hosted by members of WA Olave (Katherine Jenkins and Miranda Cummings) for the remainder of their stay in Western Australia.

Charlotte and Ally spent the long weekend with WA Olaves in Fremantle browsing the markets, getting spooked at Fremantle Prison and enjoying the delights of Little Creatures. They went to the Great Aussie BBQ with the Queen, Cottesloe Beach for fish and chips and Araluen for a day of picnicking.



Zig Zag Festival

Kalamunda Zig Zag Festival is held on the last Sunday in October each year and provides an opportunity for the Darling Swan Guides to do community service. In the children's area there are free activities such as woodworking, creating a floral headpiece, rug making and puzzles. The Guides provide a face painting table and a Balloon Grotto.

The theme for the Festival was "Pirates" so the Guides looked forward to painting scary faces on the children who came to them and the little ones could put drawings or stickers onto balloons.

The Festival concluded with a Grand Parade through the streets of Kalamunda. The Guides dressed as pirates and carried three "Pirate Ships" with them.



Olave Bibbulman Hike

Five Olaves braved the rain in early November for an overnight hike on the Bibbulmun Track. The hike started at the Sullivan Rock picnic area in somewhat overcast conditions and it was an 8km hike to the Mt Cooke campsite.

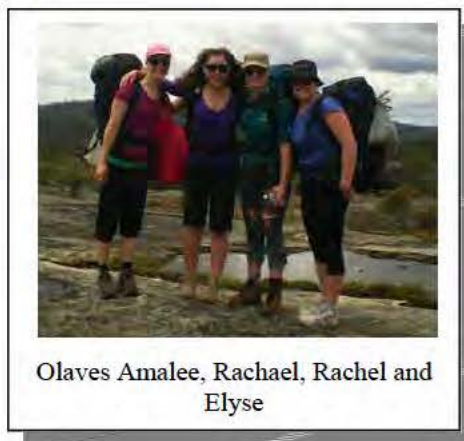
After a brief rest in the shelter while the worst of the rain passed over, Olaves set off again with

only small backpacks to climb Mt Cooke itself, which is the highest point on the Darling Scarp at 582m above sea level. The views from the top of Mt Cooke, when not obscured by the mist, were fantastic and the sun was setting as they completed their return journey.

The Olaves had the shelter to themselves in the evening, but unfortunately it was too wet for a campfire. They contented themselves with a delicious dinner and then spent an entertaining evening with various games under a full moon.

The next morning, before the Guide hikers were up, some mountain runners ran past their shelter and had been up to the top of Mt Cooke and back again before the Olaves had finished breakfast. Taking their time packing up the Olaves then made their way back to Sullivan Rock at a much more sedate pace. It was a lovely walk as the sun stayed out the whole time, and they were all pleased to have completed a section of the Bibbulmun Track, some for the first time!

The hike, and particularly getting to the top of Mt Cooke, inspired confidence in people who had been a bit nervous about the distance beforehand. It was a great sense of achievement to stand at the top of the mountain and admire the surrounding bushland. Their respect for nature was heightened by the variety of flora and fauna that they saw. It drew together some Olaves who had not met each other before and created new friendships.



Myths & Legends Joint Camp

Rossmoyne/Shelley Brownie Guides and Guides held a joint camp at Ern Halliday Campsite in early December with the theme of 'Myths and Legends'.

The younger girls spent the weekend in the dormitories while the older girls struggled with the windy weather in their tents. Everyone enjoyed a Myths and Legends wide game on the Friday night which involved crossing the river Styx and finger-knitting a Golden Fleece.

Saturday was a real scorcher! The older Guides definitely enjoyed the waterslides and trampolines at the Great Escape, while the younger Guides visited the marine animals at AQWA.



Late afternoon saw all girls down at the beach having sandcastle sculpting competitions and playing water games. A campfire in the cool of the evening was a lovely way to round off the Saturday. Sunday was another very warm day, but all Guides pitched in for the packing up, and a Guides' Own to finish the camp.

Area 9 Sleepover

Area 9 Guides earned their Cooking badges and worked towards their pets badge at an overnight sleepover.

This was a first for many of the girls and they did everything from cooking, craft, games, cleaning and every early morning exercise.

The girls also learned about the less fortunate Girl Guides in South Africa, making them bracelets for Christmas. The bracelets were sent to Melbourne for a Victorian Leader to send them to South Africa.

The girls had a great time at camp and asked to do another one straight away!

Giant Scavenger Hunt

WA Olave was committed to fundraising for the International Service Challenge 'Girls Unite to Read and Write.' Rachel Browning and Bronwyn Lee organised a Giant Scavenger Hunt Around Perth, which was open to both Guides and non-Guides.

Eleven teams took up the challenge to hunt from Scarborough to Kings Park to Fremantle for random objects and crazy photo opportunities. The teams met together at the Mystery Location for dinner and the announcement of the winning team, which included Olave Lauren Dean.

A total of \$220 was raised to support female education in Papua New Guinea.



The Whispering Wall at Kings Park

WAGGGS Party Time At The Zoo

WAGGGS Party Time in 2011 was celebrated by Girl Guides WA at Perth Zoo with the theme of 'Grow'. The Guides had the opportunity to visit all the animals in the zoo as well as enjoy a picnic lunch and catch up with Guide friends from across the state



WAGGGS at the Zoo

Father & Daughter Challenge Camp

Supported by Scouts



The camp was to end the year for 3rd Albany at the Gilcreek Scout Camp at Lower King. Dads were invited to come out for the day and work in teams with the girls to complete group challenges. These included making a raft from pop sticks, erecting shelters, cooking a meal on Trangia stoves, making a stretcher out of clothes and wood, and compass work. One team used orange roadside cones to create a new game.

All the girls and dads who attended had a fantastic time and slept very well that night in the hut. One of the challenges for the girls was to put together

a Guides' Own, held by each team on Sunday to end the camp.



Fashion Challenge

The team activities that the girls participated in during the camp (basic first aid, Guides Own, compass, communicating with others, memory game, cooking, craft, building shelters, fitness and fashions made from newspaper) all related to the Australian Guide Program which helps girls to learn life-skills and leadership while having fun, making friends and enjoying the outdoors.



Team Game Challenge

Appointments

State President	Mrs Julie Michael (to 30 June)		
Vice Presidents	Sue Crombie	Joan Pope OAM	
State Commissioner	Elizabeth Butson (to 30 Jun)	Brenda Hamlett (from 1 Jul)	
Assistant State Commissioners	Katherine Walker (to 30 Jun)	Sharon O'Brien (from 1 Jul)	Carmel Stefanoff (from 1 Jul)
Honorary Treasurer	Gillian Jowett-Blinman		
State Council	Julie Michael (to 30 Jun) Elizabeth Butson (to 30 Jun) Brenda Hamlett (from 1 Jul) Catherine McKinnon Geurds Carmel Stefanoff (from 1 Jul)	Sue Crombie Lucy Cotton (from 14 Aug) Raewynne Jannings Sharon O'Brien (from 1 Jul) Katherine Walker (to 30 Jun)	Joan Pope OAM Erin Farley Gillian Jowett-Blinman Sarah Mylotte
Executive Committee	Elizabeth Butson (to 30 Jun) Tracey Jenkin Katrina Lane (from 8 Oct) Carmel Stefanoff (from 1 Jul)	Miranda Cummings Gillian Jowett-Blinman Wendy Pittendrigh Ellen Walker	Brenda Hamlett (from 1 Jul) Jennifer Lalor Sharon O'Brien Katherine Walker (to 30 Jun)
Area Managers	Mandie Cuevas Adele Leane (to 15 Jun) Wendy Pittendrigh Jan Sinclair	Tammy Flett Jean Mason Kim Richardson Aileen Steele	Wendy Hutchison Helen Matusik Eleanor Sanders Carmel Stefanoff
Chairs of Standing Sub-Committees	<i>Finance</i> <i>Outdoors</i> <i>Leader Development & Support</i> <i>Youth Program</i> <i>Communications</i> <i>Olave</i>	Gillian Jowett-Blinman Tracey Jenkin Jennifer Lalor Sharon O'Brien (to 8 Oct) Anne Ritson (to 18 Apr) Miranda Cummings	Katrina Lane (from 9 Oct)
State Appointments	<i>Women of Distinction</i> <i>Chaplain</i> <i>Archivist</i> <i>Trefoil Guild Adviser</i> <i>Chair of International Committee</i> <i>State Campsite Committee Chair</i>	Sue Crombie Glennie Cumming-Summors OAM Margaret Luckett Jan Rose Katrina Lane (to 8 Oct) J Katherine Walker	Katherine Walker (from 9 Oct)
Life Members	Nancy Brazier OAM May Core Paddy Firstenberg OAM MBE Ailsa Kirk ISM Noela Medcalf Marion Nairn OAM Janis Wittber AM	Thea Brown Glennie Cumming-Summors OAM Pat Goodheart AM Beverly Lamotte OAM Ann Miller June Retallack	Marjorie Cobb Brenda Hamlett Anne Jefferys Margaret Luckett Joy Miller Carmel Stefanoff

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Awards

The Awards Ceremony was held at Civic Hall, City of South Perth on 14 August with His Excellency Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC Governor of Western Australia presenting the Queen's Guide and Olave Awards, Asia Pacific Region Leadership and Adult Awards. Mrs McCusker presented the Focus, Interest and BP Awards. Minister Robyn McSweeney presented the Long Service and Thanks Badges.

Adult Awards

The Adult Awards recognise the dedication and service that the volunteers give to the organisation whether working with youth, adults or progressing the state / national organisation.

Olave Baden-Powell Award

Miranda Cummings	Olave Adviser, Leader – 1 st Rossmoyne/Shelley Guides
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Asia Pacific Region Leadership Award—District/State

Kim Richardson	Area Manager - Capricorn
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Asia Pacific Region Leadership Award—Unit Leader

Sharon O'Brien	Leader – Morley Guides
Aileen Steele	Leader – 1 st Kardinya Girl Guides
Kate Walker	Leader – Brookton Bandicoot Guides

Bar to Wattle

Wendy Hutchison	Area Manager – Darling Swan
Anne Ritson	Leader – Boyup Brook Girl Guides

Wattle

Sally Giles	Leader – Boyup Brook Girl Guides
Adele Leane	Leader – Thornlie Quenda Guides
Julie-Anne Purves	Leader – Carlisle Guides, Leader – Carlisle Baringa Ranger Guides
Unice Robinson	Leader – Thornlie Gumnut Guides

Banksia

Sian Hayes	Leader – 3 rd Thornlie Brownie Guides, Leader – 1 st Huntingdale Guides, Leader – Huntingdale Freedom Guides
Lynn Madaffari	Leader – Byford Mundijong Guides
Treanda Nunn	Leader – 1 st Huntingdale Guides, Leader – Huntingdale Freedom Guides

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Janice Flett	Leader – 1 st Albany Guides
Annette Martin	Leader – Busselton Ringtail Guides
Geraldine Pegler	Leader – 3 rd Albany Guides
Alison Turnbull	Leader – Northam Girl Guides

Long Service

35 yrs	Margaret Ravlich	Leader – 1 st Spearwood Guides, Leader – 1 st Spearwood Brownie Guides
	Rosslyn Smith Kate Walker	Leader – 3 rd Lynwood Brownie Guides Leader – Brookton Bandicoot Guides
30 yrs	Dawn Chapman Tonny Rogers	Past District Leader – Kununurra Leader – 1 st Carine Brownie Guides

Combined Service

55 yrs	Rusty Walkley	Anson Trefoil Guild
40 yrs	Ann Fitzgerald Olga Green	Peel Trefoil Guild Capel Trefoil Guild
35 yrs	Pat Handyside	Swan Trefoil Guild
30 yrs	Cath Cheffings Dayle Foster Glenys Fuller	Lone Trefoil Guild Swan Trefoil Guild Swan Trefoil Guild

Thanks Badge

Mr Greg Ireland
Mr Ian Steele

Youth Awards

The Queen's Guide Award is the peak achievement award for youth members of Girl Guides Australia. The Award is well respected within the community as a significant achievement and recently gained Curriculum Council Endorsed Program status. The BP Award for the younger girls requires that each girl challenges herself in the seven fundamental areas of Guiding. Each girl has chosen her challenges and succeeded to the best of her ability and not in competition with any other Guide.

Queen's Guide Award

Sarah-Jane Aston Kaitlyn Cuevas Melissa O'Brien Rachael Stratford	1 st Busselton Guides Ballajura Wildlife Guides West Swan Rang-a-Roo Guides Huntingdale Freedom Guides
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Focus Award – Service

Jessica Hooper	Huntingdale Freedom Guides
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Interest – Embroidery

Jessica Hooper	Huntingdale Freedom Guides
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Interest – Piano

Megan Lack	Joondalup City Ranger Guides
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BP Award

Jessica Anderson Emily Andrews Siobhan Bateman Cayla Bellagarda Erin Bleach Naomi Bowman Erin Carlton Hannah Cottrill Cristyn Evans Chelsea Griffiths Olivia Haines Emma Hall Alecia Hamilton Jasmyn Hesford Enfys Jerwood Jessica Kennedy Meredith Kinsella Ashlea Langsford Samantha Lynn Gemma Moyes	Rockingham Emperor Girl Guides Rockingham Emperor Girl Guides Hampton Park Girl Guides Padbury Adventurer Guides Eastern Hills Jarrah Guides Hampton Park Girl Guides Seaward Guides 1 st Wembley Guides Seaward Guides Bull Creek Nutty Potty Guides Belmont Moonlight Guides Hampton Park Girl Guides Carlisle Baringa Ranger Guides Hampton Park Girl Guides Rossmoyne/Shelley Guides 1 st Tarcoola Girl Guides 1 st Lesmurdie Girl Guides Hampton Park Girl Guides 1 st Tarcoola Girl Guides 1 st Kardinya Girl Guides
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BP Award cont'd

Olivia Murfit
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Nadine Nedselsky
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Hannah O'Brien
Natasha Orchard
Jasmine Paine
Amy Pearce
Lisa Pegrum
Emily Richardson
Annalee Taylor
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Brittany Vaughn
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Hampton Park Girl Guides
Hampton Park Girl Guides
2nd Bunbury Brownie Guides
Hampton Park Girl Guides
Hampton Park Girl Guides
West Swan Rang-a-Roo Guides
Darlington Nyaania Guides
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