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2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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STATE TEAM ANNUAL REPORT

2012 was a year of challenge and change for Girl Guides Western Australia in many ways.

Having taken on the lease for the lower floor of 168 Burswood Road, plans for how we were going to make the best use of the extra space were discussed at length. Thanks to some valuable Guiding contacts we were able to access a whole floor of office furniture for the cost of removal and transport and by July the refurbishments were complete and the staff moved to their new home.

In the meantime, teams of volunteers removed equipment and archives from Somersby Road to the warehouse space and we finally had everything under one roof. Shop staff no longer have to travel to restock their shelves or carry everything upstairs and we are making the most of an accessible front entrance for visitors and members. None of this could have been accomplished without hard work and a huge commitment of time and energy and special thanks must go to Tony Stefanoff who took on the role of unpaid project manager. Much as we hate to admit it, it sometimes takes a male to communicate effectively with tradesmen and secretly I think Tony enjoyed being one of the "blokes".

Since the move we have reassessed the use of the upstairs area and, with the library back in the old shop space, we have created more room for meetings and trainings so we can accommodate several groups at once. The other offices will be used by volunteer managers as work spaces and archives will finally find a home upstairs after being shifted several times during the year.

Our financial situation was boosted by a new agreement with the Department for Communities who fund us to deliver our programs to girls and young women across the state.

Their support is invaluable and we have enjoyed a good working relationship with both the Minister, Robyn McSweeney, and the Program and Funding Officer, Lincoln George. In addition Units and Regions have benefited from generous Lotterywest grants to purchase equipment. This enables Leaders to include a

wider range of activities in their programs and allows them to spend more time working with the girls instead of having to constantly fundraise.

Guiding rarely stands still for long and following extensive surveys and discussion, the new Promise and Law was announced in July. Despite some communication problems and challenging media reactions, they seem to have been accepted well by the public and members. We certainly raised our profile for a few days and there were fewer people asking us "Do Guides still exist?"

The program of development which we offer to our adult Leaders was also reviewed and significant changes are now being implemented. The national Learning and Development Committee is made up of the various state advisers so state views are clearly communicated and tasks delegated to those who have the appropriate expertise across Australia. This provides a real sense of ownership of the changes and makes it easier for them to be accepted. In addition, the national Program Committee have put plenty of blood, sweat and tears into the production of new handbooks for girls and Leaders which will be available for the start of the Guide year in 2013. Virtually all those involved are volunteers and they have put in massive amounts of time and energy to ensuring our programs for girls and adults are of an incredibly high standard and very well resourced.

I would like to end with a particular reference to the work of our office staff this year. As we have been without an Administration Manager, the State Team have been spending more time in the office and we have seen at first hand the commitment of the staff to supporting the volunteers and their willingness to step up and take on extra responsibilities. Without Kim Thomas (Finance Officer), Lyn Bunting (Administration Officer), Jenni Johnston (Membership Officer), Fiona Elsing (Receptionist) and Julie Sanford (Shop Manager) we would not have been able to handle everything that needed to be done and we are very grateful to them.

Brenda Hamlett, Carmel Stefanoff and Sharon O'Brien.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

The results to 31 December 2012 reflect a positive net income due to gains made in the value of investments towards the end of the financial year.

Income from subscriptions has increased by seven percent, mainly due to an increase in membership fees. The Department of Community Development grants have gone up in the year due to the indexing of current grants and additional funding under the new agreement. Guide event income includes the revenue for the girls attending Fantastic Camp in Tasmania at the beginning of 2013, most of which was for airfares. Biscuit sales increases have had a positive impact on the overall result. Interest and investment income has dropped significantly due to the market conditions during the year and the reduction in cash holdings.

Expenses have been largely impacted by three major factors:

- The adverse effect of moving the operations to under one roof was that rent had to be paid for both Somersby Road and the ground floor at Burswood Road for a large portion of the year until a tenant was secured for Somersby Road. However, the benefits of having all operations under one roof are now being felt by both staff and volunteers.
- The employee costs have reduced due to the employment of fewer staff, but this is a temporary cost saving and cannot be sustained in the longer term because of the pressure on staff and volunteer workloads.
- The increase in travel expenses was due to the number of trips interstate by volunteers for national meetings and the flight costs of participants at Fantastic which were covered from event income.

Options for increasing revenue from all sources have to be investigated to enable continued growth for the organisation and there must be a continual review of expenses to ensure that the Association can provide a cost effective service for its members.

GILL JOWETT-BLINMAN C.A.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

JANUARY

Girl Guides at South Perth
for Australia Day

FEBRUARY

World Thinking Day

MARCH

WAGGGS Asia Pacific Committee
Meeting in Perth

Party Round Perth

APRIL

Anzac Day

National Youth Week

MAY

World's Biggest Morning Tea

JUNE

World Environment Day

JULY

WAGGGS Olympic Program
Games Go Global

AUGUST

Adult and Youth Awards Presentation

SEPTEMBER

Perth Royal Show

OCTOBER

JOTA – JOTI

NOVEMBER

1st Kalamunda Brownie Guides
60th Birthday

DECEMBER

Kids Carnival
&
Christmas Pageant

LEADER DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

TREAT 12 – National Training for Trainers Glengarry, New South Wales

2012 heralded a new era for our Leader Program. After a comprehensive Learning and Development Review the findings were presented to the Girl Guides Australia Board and accepted.

The integration of e learning technology was one of the recommendations and a number of members of our State Training Team completed an e learning course, the learning curve was huge. Before we began none of us had any idea what a Wikispace was, let alone how to develop one. Words such as Diigo, Drop box, Adobe Connect, Voice threads, webinars and Wikispace soon became regular conversation starters within the team.

So to continue on this amazing learning journey four trainers attended the National Training for Trainers – TREAT 12 in New South Wales in June. Armed with our laptops and little bit of new found e learning knowledge, we embarked on what can only be described as an incredible ride. The New South Wales team did an amazing job of looking after us all including a wonderful high tea to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee.

After learning how to use some new types of technology including how to use greenscreens for videoing, geocaching and mimioboards to assist with making our learning opportunities more interactive, we embarked on a wide game with a difference. The main room was cleared of all forms of technology including mobile phones, laptops and power cords.

In groups of 4 to 5 people we started our wide game which was to produce a presentation using two different types of technology and one object on a Guiding topic in one hour. Of course there was a twist. We had to earn "money" to purchase the different pieces of technology we required as well as spin an electronic wheel to find out what technology we were using.

The Patrol System was put into action and the result was ten different fantastic presentations. For many of us we had only had limited experience with the e learning tools but learnt from each other.

Many of our new Leaders use different forms of electronic technology every day and it is important that we make our learning programs relevant. By developing the skills of our trainers in these different forms of e learning we are able to embrace different ways people access our training.

For Leaders in remote areas of our vast state they will now be able to keep up to date more easily and access learning opportunities on a more regular basis through e learning opportunities.

As a result of attending the weekend the State Training Team have trialled meetings via webinar and purchased a mimioboard to use at their trainings.

In 2013 we will be presenting a National Guiding Orientation Webinar on a rotation basis with the other states and sharing resources and ideas through a Girl Guides WA Wikispace.



Live Webinar

On-Line Training

THINKING DAY

Joondalup Region

All Units in the Joondalup Region got together on 22 February 2012 to celebrate World Thinking Day. Nearly 100 girls attended from 9 Guide Units and were aged 5 to 16 years. The theme of the event was MDG 7 - Ensure Environmental Sustainability, so all activities reflected this as much as possible. The girls were exposed to some ideas on how they could each 'save the planet'. The food and drinks for our sausage sizzle were sourced locally (as close to Joondalup as possible) to reduce the food miles count.

Some of the activities included a cardboard dominoes games in which the girls were required to match the positive and negative environmental messages. For our craft activity we made paper windmills to demonstrate the use of wind power as an alternative energy source. We used old colourful magazines and pencils that could be reused when the activity was over.



The catchment model from the Department of Environment & Conservation Ribbons of Blue program was used to show the girls the impact of pollutants on waterways. The Guides from the Kinross Possums presented a fascinating insight into the use of palm oil in everyday products. They explained to us the impact that palm oil plantations are having on the orang-utan populations of the world. This was an education for all who attended including the adults.

We were also very privileged to have the Perth Zoo and the City of Joondalup come along to our celebration. The Perth Zoo brought along their Habitat Hoops game in which the girls pretend to be animals moving from hoop to hoop. During the game the hoops (or habitats) are removed or changed to show the environmental impact on animals.

The City of Joondalup ran an extremely informative discussion and game involving their recycling program. Girls had to make choices of which items could be recycled, reused or composted and discovered how little of what ended up in our rubbish tips was actually rubbish.

The event ran for 2 hours as a round-robin of activities and was a complete success. Very little money was spent on the day, which meant very little impact on the environment. Girls also brought along a gold coin as a donation to the Thinking Day Fund.

GIRL GUIDES and UNICEF

In 2012, Ellie Young from Banksia Grove Star Guides had her drawing chosen by UNICEF for one of the cards they produce as a fundraiser to support children all over the world. Her card emphasised the importance of washing your hands.

Ellie has been a member of Girl Guides for almost 3 years. She is a fun and enthusiastic Guide who is always willing to help out. Her design ended up with the most votes on facebook (251 likes). Her prize as a finalist included a Ken Done bag and some fair trade beaded bracelets. Ellie also received a certificate from UNICEF.



ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETS IN PERTH.

Between 10 – 17 March Girl Guides Western Australia, on behalf of Girl Guides Australia, played host to the Asia Pacific Regional Committee meeting at our Burswood office.

The members of the committee are a dynamic group of women who are passionate about Guiding and about Guiding in the Asia Pacific Region in particular.

Nadine El Achy, Chairman of the World Board of WAGGGS and Sally O'Neill, WAGGGS Membership Development Director were also present for the meetings and joined in all of the social activities.

There were meetings with Guides, Leaders, politicians and business partners of Girl Guides WA. We visited Mrs McCusker for afternoon tea at Government House, went on a sightseeing trip and ended a fantastic week with a barbecue at the home of Ann Miller on a beautiful balmy evening.

Despite these activities the Committee achieved all they wanted to achieve during their week of meetings and went home full of plans for the future of the Asia Pacific Region.

We all feel very privileged to have been involved with the Asia Pacific Regional Committee meeting and we look forward to the amazing events they have on their calendar for the next three years.



REPCO

Our Olave Program members and Girl Guides Australia partnered to create a new World Record for Most Cars Washed in a Day.

On 27 October 2012, Girl Guides around Australia washed a total of 6449 cars at their local Repco stores, smashing the existing record of 4334 held by an American company.

Congratulations to the following Guide Units who participated in WA:

Repco Bibra Lake: Bull Creek Nutty Potty Guides and Bull Creek Leeming Friendship Guides

Repco Busselton: Busselton Guides and Capel Guides

Repco Canning Vale: Armadale Guides and Maddington Guides

Repco Midland: Morley Guides and Hampton Park Guides

Repco Morley: Bayswater Guides

Repco Welshpool: Rossmoyne/Shelley Guides

As well as having fun and promoting Girl Guides Australia, girls participated in developing teamwork, new skills, goal setting, fundraising, publicity and non-traditional Guiding skills.

A big thank you to all the Guides, Leaders and parents who helped out on a beautiful warm and sunny day (and no doubt enjoyed a few water fights between car washes).

The participating Units received 100% of the profits raised from the car wash (\$5 per car), and some Units also conducted sausages sizzles and sold Guide biscuits to make it a very profitable day.

KANYANA WILDLIFE CENTRE

Joy Miller, Archive Committee

In the years since the Guides bade a sad farewell to Paxwold, the ladies of Kanyana Wildlife have been in touch with Guide Archives and the Lones Trefoil Guild seeking information on the history of the property and involving us in some restoration.



Margaret Luckett and I were invited to meet with Mrs June Butcher AM and some members of her staff to design a display board which would inform future visitors to the centre of the origins of the building and its history. We were able to find photos and put together enough text so that a permanent record is now mounted beside the cabinet of Jean Mason's superb personal collection of Guiding memorabilia. These are in the Lee Steere Room.

Wednesday 31 October saw the official opening of the Discovery centre. The Lee Steere Room was filled with people from all the areas of support and interest for our native wildlife. There were representatives from schools, universities, government departments, local government and commercial sponsors, chiefly Chevron. When the speeches had been concluded and a charming film shown featuring the work done at the centre we were given a guided tour of the buildings and introduced to the volunteers at work.

The renovations of the dormitory, locker room and shower room are excellent and these form the really beautiful educational displays for the Discovery Centre, while Boomajaril houses the hospital. The outdoor area here has been expanded to accommodate rehabilitation

enclosures for birds and animals after treatment by veterinary students and Kanyana volunteers. It is so impressive.

For Margaret and I it was a day filled with memories as well as a day for gratitude that Paxwold is alive with dedicated volunteers offering a smiling welcome to everyone who cares about the bush that is left to us. I left, determined to book a visit for my English scientist cousins when next they visit me.

1st LESMURDIE GIRL GUIDES FARM CAMP

On Tuesday 17 April 2012 1st Lesmurdie Girl Guides caught the Kalgoorlie Prospector to Tammin. They were met there and then taken by bus to the Anemeka Farm. The farm was in the middle of whoop whoop, which meant they had no toilets, showers or anything. They walked one and a half kilometres to the farm house for water.

The Guides split into three patrols and named themselves The Anemeka Girlz, The Sheep and The Whoop Whoops. On their trip they met one of the farm managers and went on a tour around the working farm. They did this towards their farmers' badge. During the camp they learnt how to do many things including life skills such as using flints, saws and tomahawks.

The girls ran Guide campfires and explained life skills and Guiding products to go towards their BP. All the Girl Guides enjoyed playing a wide game on top of Yorkie Rock. During their time on camp they played lots of different and funny games. They even ground wheat to make their own damper. The Guides also wrote their own skits and ballads and made posters and presentations on farming.



STATE ARCHIVE REPORT FOR 2012

In the later stages of 2011, items of various sections of Girl Guides located at Welshpool were transported back to Guide House and this included State Archives. Reallocation of space to accommodate each need has been an awesome task for the State Team and during this time Archives has remained boxed. Tony Stefanoff and Peter Pittendrigh moved countless boxes several times.

The service has functioned in a covert manner, accepting and designating items as possible in the circumstances. With the change of boundaries there is still a large amount of material for Archives to assimilate, plus donations. Cataloguing has been a casualty of the move and will be addressed shortly following relocation from downstairs storage to a new working area upstairs.

One arm of the South Metro Archives mounted a display at the Edward Millen Home, East Victoria Park in November. The occasion was the Centenary of that establishment, which had been WA's first maternity hospital. Betty Dyke is to be thanked for her work in preparing this display.

The other arm of South Metro Archives remains in the Melville Guide Hall. Gwynva Rumble did an outstanding task in establishing this collection and she is sadly missed.

Kanyana/Paxwold established an education centre demonstrating their range of animal care and included a Girl Guide information board cementing the history Guiding shares with Kanyana.

Margaret Luckett
State Archivist

60th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS *1st Kalamunda Brownies*

On 21 November with the help of many friends and family, 1st Kalamunda Brownies celebrated its 60th birthday. We were delighted to welcome previous Leaders Anne Merton, Joy Miller and Thea Brown, who have given of their time generously over the years to provide 37 years worth of leadership to the Unit.

It was a fun filled evening of reminiscing and special celebrations with the Guides treating guests to a short play about the history of Guiding.



The 1st Kalamunda Brownie Unit has been involved in many Guiding and community activities over the years, ranging from helping at "Restoring Country Heritage Day at Kalamunda Museum", Thinking Day, Brownie Revels, State Camps, Church Parades, Carols by Candlelight, Keep Australia Beautiful Days, Region/District concerts, Fundraising for Kanyana, Kalamunda Shows, Zig Zag festivals, to name but a few.

The Kalamunda Unit has seen many young girls aged between 7 and 11 years pass through gaining skills, achievements and memories that have lasted them for many years. We look forward to many more years of fun and friendships to come.

ANZAC VIGIL

On Anzac eve girls from Scarborough Beach Seaview Guides, along with Scouts from Wembley Downs, kept an all-night vigil at the War Memorial in Doubleview. This is the second year the Guides have participated, taking turns to guard the monument between 9pm and 6am.

At times when they were not standing guard the Guides played games, munched treats, listened to music, socialised with Scouts and Rovers and some got a little sleep. Those that went along to the Anzac service during the day looked decidedly tired but were proud they had taken part in the vigil to honour those who gave their lives in the service of their country.



MOBILE PHONES

In 2012 Girl Guides Australia had a partnership with Clean Up Australia Day to recycle mobile phones. **For each mobile phone we recycled, Girl Guides Australia received \$1.50!**

Recycling bags were available from all Girl Guide offices in Australia, or the phones could be dropped at a state office and they would be sent off in bulk.

Guides were encouraged to ask their parents and friends to save their old mobile phones for us and to take a box along to their workplace or to a local business and ask them to collect mobile phones too.

Girl Guides made the most of this program which had great benefits for our organisation as well as the environment!

BATTERY COLLECTION EMPOWERS GUIDES

In our quest to get seven girls and two Leaders to the FanTAStic Jamboree, 2nd Armadale Girl Guides, in conjunction with Century Yuasa Batteries, held a Battery Recycling collection day as a fundraising initiative in September 2012.

In the weeks leading up to the battery collection day the Guides started to collect used lead acid (automotive) batteries for the project. The batteries were gathered together from a multitude of sources from our local area, including members' families and friends, other Girl Guide Units in the Southern Foothills Region and from some very generous automotive businesses in the Armadale Kelmscott area.

By the time battery day was upon us, we had amassed over 2 tonnes of dead car, truck, boat and motorcycle batteries in our shed at the Guide Hall and at one of our Leaders' homes.

Flyers were printed and distributed, placed on community noticeboards and emailed everywhere. The Comment News kindly featured an article in their local newspaper advertising our battery collection day which resulted in roughly another 2 tonne of batteries being collected on the day.

The City of Armadale very generously allowed us to use their Council Offices car park for our event and their Landfill Recycling Centre collected batteries for us over the month of September. At the end of the month the Landfill Centre donated 6 tonnes of used lead acid batteries to the Guides, providing great support to our efforts.

Over the lifetime of the battery recycling collection day project the 2nd Armadale Girl Guide Unit had helped to amass just over 10 tonnes of automotive batteries, making our fundraising venture a huge success and culminating in a donation from Century Yuasa Batteries of nearly four and a half thousand dollars.

BRONWYN LEE VISITS SANGAM

Last December I took part in a 2 week Discover Your Potential event at Sangam. I was there from the 21 December to 1 January, which involved spending my first Christmas overseas without family. This event is centred around working with community partners while discovering your potential and seeing what WAGGGS does on a wider scale. There were 22 participants taking part with 6 from Australia and 16 from England.

During my time at Sangam, I worked with 3 different community partners. The one we spent most time at was Ishwari, which is a centre in rural Pune where disadvantaged women are taught life skills. Here we spent time re-painting a rundown classroom used as a crèche. The second community partner we visited was the Bajaj Centre which is another centre for the disadvantaged where we ran a Christmas party. The third community partner was Green Tara where we taught different card making techniques.



The organisation was set up by Dr Manda Mune to help empower young women in the slums. She and a few other teachers have achieved amazing changes by educating young women in skills such as speaking English and using a computer which will help them gain employment in the future.

The organisation also does a lot of work with educating girls on their rights and how to look after themselves and encouraging the community to change their views on keeping girls in school and not marrying them until later.

Along with spending time at the community partners, I also spent time exploring Pune, creating great memories with new friends and learning about the impact that WAGGGS has on countries all around the world including the advocacy campaigns they run.



One of the most recent advocacy campaigns from Sangam is the Friendship Bracelet Project. By making and sending in friendship bracelets to Sangam, they are able to sell them in their shop for around 20 cents to help continue their support of the community partners.

They are also using this project to promote the Stop the Violence campaign. For more information, visit <http://www.sangamworldcentre.org/en/friends/friendshipproject>

HIKING ON THE BIBBULMAN TRACK

7 members of Darlington Nyaania Guides with 4 adults hiked from the Perth Discovery Centre in Mundaring to Helena Campsite on the Bibbulman Track in November. They returned very footsore and weary but delighted to have completed a hike in very hilly terrain.



IN THE LEAD

25 Guides aged 14 to 17 from across WA attended IN THE LEAD at Whaleback Guide Hall from 29 June – 1 July. This three day outdoor camp was run by WA Olave and combined leadership and advocacy skills with a hefty dose of craziness and fun.

Highlights of the weekend included:



- ♦ One patrol building a tower over 2m tall using only newspaper (no string or tape).
- ♦ Putting communication skills to the test by having to instruct a blindfolded partner to make her own lunch.
- ♦ Creating games using random objects and teaching them to pretend to be 7 year olds. We all enjoyed getting in touch with our immature side.
- ♦ Learning how much everyone says 'um' and 'like' while improving our public speaking skills.
- ♦ An egg-drop challenge where one egg survived being dropped, kicked, thrown and jumped on – and only broke when run over by a car.
- ♦ Having Q&A sessions about the Queens Guide Award and BP Award.
- ♦ Cooking gooey marshmallow/chocolate bananas in milk cartons, and sharing them with the State Commissioner (who dropped in at just the right time).
- ♦ Hearing about opportunities at Our Chalet and Sangam from Miranda, Ellen and Bronwyn.
- ♦ Enjoying a backwards dinner which started with dessert, involved eating pasta with a random utensil, and ended with everyone eating garlic bread with no hands.
- ♦ Creating advocacy campaigns which involved speaking out, doing and educating, and presenting a TV ad to promote each campaign.
- ♦ Ending the camp by making pledge t-shirts which spelled out one positive change we could make for a better world.

A big thank you to the Olaves who helped out over the weekend (Hannah, Sarah B, Sarah M, Ellen, Amalee, Julia, Bronwyn, Kathryn and Rachael), and to Katrina Lane for her QM skills.



DUNCRAIG GIRL GUIDES

The Duncraig Outdoor Girl Guides including Maria, Ria, Caitlyn, Abbie, Bianca, Emily and their Leader Felicity Spiller, volunteered at the Women's Triathlon at Hillarys Beach on 19 February. They were provided with t-shirts from the Women's & Infants Research Foundation, who were recipients of the event. The girls gave out water to participants for 4 hours in the heat of a Sunday. The event was well supported with many spectators and 1100 participants.

Later in the year the Duncraig Outdoor Girl Guides won a Coles Community Grant and donated the BBQ they won to Our Barn in York for the use of all Girl Guides in WA. The group was one of 6 in the State who won a community grant consisting of a BBQ, trestle table, gazebo, rubbish bin and BBQ utensils. The girls all voted to send it to Our Barn, where they had recently enjoyed a camp.

The caretaker and two dads spent the Saturday putting the BBQ together so that we could celebrate with the parents at a BBQ lunch on the Sunday. We hope everyone who stays at Our Barn enjoys the new BBQ.



ROSSMOYNE/SHELLEY GUIDES EUROPEAN SNOWJOURN

Our adventures began at 4am at Perth International Airport, when 10 Rossmoyne/Shelley Guides (aged 12 – 16) and 3 Leaders headed off for a two-week European 'Snowjourn'. After a marathon 27 hours of travelling we were so happy to arrive at Our World Centre Pax Lodge in London and go straight to bed. Highlights from our three days in London included:

- ◆ Meeting the staff and volunteers at Pax Lodge (who were from Canada, South Korea, Sweden, America, Austria, Pakistan, Argentina and the UK) and learning many new games and songs, including Ship to Shore in Swedish.
- ◆ Meeting up with two English Guide Leaders and going to Buckingham Palace to see the Changing of the Guard. Our bright blue beanies attracted much attention and one of the Guards brought his horse right up to the girls so they could stroke its nose.
- ◆ The Harry Potter exhibition at Harrods, featuring costumes and props from the movies. Many of the girls bought replica wands and surprised some of the Pax Lodge staff by duelling in the corridors that evening.



After those three fabulous days we said farewell to Pax Lodge and London and boarded a plane for Switzerland. We were at Our Chalet for a Winter Adventure Week, and it proved to be choc-full of snow, fun and friendship. Particular highlights included:

- ◆ Going on a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Adelboden one misty afternoon. Though the air was freezing, we were snug and warm beneath the blankets and furs.

- ◆ Cross country skiing taught by the Finnish volunteer, Anna. It was hard work in the sunshine and we took our jackets, beanies, scarves and gloves off as we sat in the snow and ate lunch.
- ◆ The night time snow shoe hike to the Magic Tree, with all the unknown northern hemisphere stars shining above and the snow-covered mountains all around.
- ◆ A truly international campfire, held inside a giant tent while snow fell outside, learning songs from Costa Rica, Finland, America and England – and teaching them all some of our favourites. The night ended with everyone singing taps in their own language.
- ◆ Surprising the staff and other guests on Australia Day by getting up early and decorating the Chalet with Australian flags and clip-on koalas. We also offered tastes of Vegemite, Caramello Koalas, Fantaes, Milo, Tim Tams and Guide biscuits.
- ◆ One day spent learning to ski with the very Swiss ski instructor, Fritz, complete with a variety of spills and falls.
- ◆ Participating in International Night with a group of Girl Scouts USA Overseas from Saudi Arabia, and trying out games and activities from all over the world (including a salsa dancing lesson from Cata, the Costa Rican volunteer).

The Snowjourn was the culmination of a year's hard work. We fundraised over \$16,000 from Guide biscuit sales, sausage sizzles, cake stalls, a quiz night and selling Entertainment books, Cadbury chocolates and hot cross buns.

It was definitely worth every minute of hard work. The trip has increased the Guides' independence, confidence, sense of adventure, teamwork and their enthusiasm for Guiding (many of them are planning to go back to the World Centres as volunteers when they are old enough).

Each of us (Guides and Leaders) has gained fantastic memories, shared many jokes, lots of new friends and an appreciation of the truly international nature of Guiding.



TREFOIL GUILD REPORT

The Trefoil year commenced with an interesting Thinking Day organised by Anson Trefoil Guild.

Many members enjoyed the annual York Getaway at Our Barn. The Friendship Afternoon had the theme "Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee". Members and Guiding friends joined together for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

The year ended with Picnic in the Park. In addition to attending state events each Guild had their own interesting program.

As the **State Service Project** for 2012/2013, members voted to support financially two projects. The first being the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the second Friends of Londiani (Kenya) for the Alternative Rite of Passage program which enables families to choose an alternative to female circumcision. Monies will be handed over in 2013.

Nationally Nine members attended the Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering in Ballarat. The State Advisers Meeting in July was most productive and in due course members will see the 'Trefoil Branding' along with a new handbook and other publications.

The purpose of a Trefoil Guild is to keep the spirit of the Promise and Law alive, carry this spirit into the community and to give support to Guiding. Guilds have given tangible support in their local areas – including game packs for children in hospitals and the Pamper Packs project. Packs are given to Women's Refuge centres, Royal Flying Doctor Service, and other organisations ready to be handed over when emergencies occur.

With the support of members and friends, a morning tea organised by Swan Trefoil Guild raised \$2810.35 for Wheelchair for Kids. This was part of the financial support of \$8774.19 given in 2012 to Guiding and the community.

Thank you to Jan Rose and her team who handed over the care of Trefoil at the beginning of the year.

Thank you to Shirley Craigie and Mary Perkins for taking on the roles of Secretary and Treasurer and to Trefoil members, thank you for your guidance and support during our first year.

Pamela Denny
State Trefoil Adviser

KIDS CARNIVAL AND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On 15 December 2012 Perth's Channel 7 Christmas Pageant returned to its original format and was held after dark. During the afternoon a Kids Carnival was held in Forrest Place and Girl Guides WA Leaders and youth members provided a wide variety of craft and card making activities for children.

Girl Guides also took part in the actual Pageant by walking behind the nativity scene and singing a range of popular Christmas carols. The Guides were very excited to be there, they had been practising their singing for two weeks and were ably lead by Rhiannon, Cathy and Melissa who were 'miked up' for the event.

All girls wore glow bracelets and anklets plus Christmas hats with their Guide Uniform so they really stood out in the parade.

Between the Carnival and the Pageant the singers entertained VIP guests in St. Georges Terrace, singing songs a little different to those they would sing in the Pageant.

The girls received many complimentary remarks from the public both at the Kids Carnival and at the Pageant, they were wonderful ambassadors for Girl Guides WA.



CHRISTMAS CAMP AT OUR BARN 2012

Well what fun we had with 4 Units, 40 girls from ages 6 to very experienced and 9 Leaders. They came from the far corners of our Avon Hills Region: Northam, Ellenbrook, Mundaring and Midland.

Friday night as always involves finding beds, making new friends and settling in with a few games and a movie.

Saturday involved a walk to the swing bridge in York and we all managed successfully to cross as one snake over the bridge and back. Then a wide game and lots of play on the park before the temperature rose. Christmas crafts in the afternoon included calico bags with our hand prints everywhere on them, small Christmas trees using paper, dough decorations, Christmas scrubs and Christmas mice.

The highlight of the camp was the York Children's Christmas Fair where there are rides, eats and Santa to see all free. The girls loved the man making balloon animals and were happy to stand in line just to get fairy floss! A walk home in the dark is always exciting especially when you are in a different neighbourhood and are not used to being out in the dark.

Sunday was the morning to finish off our craft, tidy up and receive presents left by Secret Santa. As with any Guide camp, food played a major part and Christmas lunch on Saturday just made us all eager for our own Christmas Lunch. By Emily and Lewanna

VISIT TO ULURU

In the July school holidays 1st Kardinya Girl Guides took to the skies to go to Uluru and Adelaide for a ten day expedition/camp, the preparation for which involved much planning and fundraising. We spent two nights at the rock, touring by bus and on foot. The tour guides gave the girls some local and geological history of the rock, showing them cave paintings and other art. The nights were cold but the days were comfortable. When we had time the girls went into a local village and listened to the story telling. On one occasion they tried their hand at painting a story using Aboriginal dot painting methods.

We flew into Adelaide and stayed at the Girl Guides South Australia Dolphin camp site, it is a wonderful camp with everything you would need, including a beachfront site. We stayed there for 10 days visiting such places as the toy factory (it was cold in the hills that day) the maritime museum and exploring the city. One must see stop was the Adelaide Zoo and the Panda Bears. A local Guide Unit was invited to dinner and activities on our "rest day" so we spent the day preparing for our visitors. We took a trip on the Murray River on a paddle steamer and had high tea. On our last full day in Adelaide we travelled to Hahndorf.

During the camp each patrol was expected to provide one nights activity and these ranged from a quiz night from the 14+ girls to charades from one of the younger patrols. The Leaders were also expected to provide an activity and the girls picked the night the visitors were to be there for this to take place.

The girls learnt the value of working together as a team, with some showing initiative and organising the group. This carried over into other areas of the Unit when we got back. The younger girls who were new to the Unit got a glimpse of what could happen if there was no teamwork – for example, dinner 2 hours later than planned. While fundraising for this camp the girls were in the public eye doing sausage sizzles and selling biscuits at a shopping centre. At these events the girls took front and centre stage with the adults in the background, as the Leaders felt the public wanted to see the girls and not the adults. They learnt to interact with people they didn't know as well as past Girl Guides of all ages who wanted to talk to them about their time as a Guide. The planning and carrying out of these activities certainly helped the girls with their communication skills.



YEAR OF THE FARMER BADGE HAMPTON PARK GIRL GUIDES

Hampton Park Girl Guides challenged themselves to achieve the Year of the Farmer badge in 2012, reports Leader Tammy Ryan. 'We have had visits from a honey farm, complete with an inactive bee hive and lots of honey, the Department of Quarantine W.A, who also brought along an airport 'sniffer' beagle named 'Barnaby', and an egg farmer who brought along a dozen eggs for every girl in our Unit!

We had our 'Farmalicious Camp' at Our Barn in York on the weekend of 8-9 September and it was absolutely fantastic. It was the same weekend as the York Show and the girls and Leaders in our Unit entered craft and cooking items into the show for judging. We obviously have some budding cooks and artisans in our Unit because we came away from the show with 7 First Prizes, 7 Second prizes, 7 Third Prizes and 5 Certificates of Participation.

The York CWA ladies and Show Committee made us all very welcome and loved the girls taking part in the show. They also took part in a 'Paddock Walk' treasure/scavenger hunt which guaranteed they travelled all over the showgrounds with questions and challenges based on the Year of the Farmer.

We had a picnic lunch by the river followed by a Promise Ceremony on the Swing Bridge, with our first Girl Guide making the new promise.



Jacqui Montague making her Promise

We set off on our adventure bus to a farm past Quairading called 'Woorrenopin' owned by Chad Langsford. The Langsford family have a

long history in the York/Beverly/Quairading area and we couldn't have asked for a better guide to the farming life.



After a few stops at a Salt Lake and a wheat siding to learn about the process of wheat farming, we arrived at the farm. Our visit began with holding chickens, a feast on fresh peas straight from the bush and a walk through paddocks of barley, canola and wheat. We checked out all the massive machinery and then headed out to the dams to pull out some yabby traps. We lit a campfire by the dam and feasted on sausages, yabbies, salad and s'mores.



The girls had a wonderful time and many of them amazed us with their willingness to try new experiences and embrace the country life. A late night drive back to Our Barn didn't deter them from having a Girls Night In and a lolly swap before an exhausted midnight bedtime. The following morning after a tour of York, including the lolly shop and a beautiful view from the Lookout, we headed home with some very tired, but singing, happy girls with a whole new appreciation of farming'.



PARTY ROUND PERTH

For WAGGGS Party Time in 2010 we partied at Adventure World, in 2011 we partied at Perth Zoo and in 2012 we PARTIED ROUND PERTH to mark the third and final year of international Girl Guide and Girl Scout centenary celebrations.

Girl Guides WA embraced the 2012 theme of 'share', by inviting the Scouts to share our Party Round Perth celebrations and by sharing our enthusiasm and craziness with the general public who encountered us on the day.

Party Round Perth started with a bang when over 800 Guides, Scouts, Leaders and parents, all dressed in fantastic costumes, packed in the Convention Centre Theatre for the Opening Ceremony. Everyone was in the mood for a party, dancing along to WASAMBA, making noise for the Mexican Wave of Noise, and going crazy for the 60 beach balls (including one massive 2.4m ball) that bounced around the theatre!



Teams spent the day travelling by bus, train and ferry as far as Joondalup, Cockburn, Fremantle, Guildford, Armadale, South Perth and Perth City to answer questions, collect stamps and complete a variety of activities including sandcastle building, talent quests, fashion modelling, shopping quests and obstacle courses.

Participants enjoyed face painting, balloon animals, nail painting, giant jigsaw and Frisbee target games, while also collecting various yummy treats and party items from shops and businesses along the way. Everyone had the opportunity to try new challenges and have fun working together as a team while exploring parts of Perth that were unknown to them.

The additional challenges of a scavenger hunt, photo hunt and taking care of a raw egg and a helium balloon kept everyone awake and alert all day. Congratulations to all teams who used creativity and lateral thinking to complete these challenges, and who kept up their enthusiasm and Guiding spirit for the entire busy day.



Everyone gathered together again at the end of the day for the Closing Ceremony. A slideshow of photos from the day showed the fun that had been had by all teams, Earth Hour was marked by a great show of glow sticks, and, finally, the Party Round Perth 2012 champions were announced!

A huge thank you must go to Adele Leane and the Party Round Perth committee, as well as the Olave Activities sub-committee, for their hard work over the past few months. Thanks also to the 80+ Leaders, Olaves, parents, friends, Scouts and members of Soroptimist International who volunteered as base leaders, base assistants, scorers, clowns, zebras and media crew, and who contributed so much to the success of the day.

Hampton Park's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Event (for WA Cancer Council)

With over 50 Girl Guides, Leaders, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, past Hampton Park Girl Guides and their families attending, an absolutely lovely Big Cuppa was held at our Girl Guide Hall in Morley on Wednesday evening, 23 May, 2012. We raised over \$175.00, a wonderful effort by the girls and every item of savoury or sweet treats was hand-made by our talented Girl Guides as a personal challenge to themselves. Thanks again girls.

This is our second year of participation and certainly not our last. It is just one of many service projects our Unit undertakes throughout the year. We have also participated in "Girls Night In" for the Cancer Council WA, where we held a lovely "girly" sleepover at our hall.



APPOINTMENTS

State President

Vice Presidents Sue Crombie Joan Pope OAM

State Commissioner Brenda Hamlett

Assistant State Sharon O'Brien Carmel Stefanoff
Commissioners

Honorary Treasurer Gillian Jowett-Blinman

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	Brenda Hamlett	Raewynne Jannings	Gillian Jowett-Blinman
	Catherine McKinnon	Sharon O'Brien	Sarah Mylotte
	Carmel Stefanoff		

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	Katrina Lane	Gillian Jowett-Blinman	Dianne Hodgson
	Carmel Stefanoff	Wendy Pittendrigh	Tracey Jenkin

Region Leaders	Mandie Cuevas	Tammy Flett	Wendy Hutchison (to 5/4/12)
	Wendy Pittendrigh	Helen Lumsden	Helen Matusik
	Jan Sinclair (to 30/9/12)	Kim Richardson	Eleanor Sanders
	Lesley Howard (from 21/6/12)	Aileen Steele	Claire Veen (from 21/06/12)

Chairs of Standing Sub-Committees	<i>Finance</i>	Gillian Jowett-Blinman
	<i>Outdoors</i>	Tracey Jenkin
	<i>Leader Development & Support</i>	Dianne Hodgson
	<i>Youth Program</i>	Katrina Lane
	<i>Olave</i>	Miranda Cummings

State Appointments	<i>Chaplain</i>	Glennie Cumming-Summors OAM
	<i>Archivist</i>	Margaret Luckett
	<i>Trefoil Guild Adviser</i>	Jan Rose (to 10/1/12) Pamela Denny (from 11/1/12)
	<i>Chair of International Committee</i>	Katherine Walker
	<i>State Campsite Committee Chair</i>	Katherine Walker

Life Members	Nancy Brazier OAM	Thea Brown	Marjorie Cobb
	May Core	Glennie Cumming-Summors OAM	Brenda Hamlett
	Paddy Firstenberg OAM MBE	Pat Goodheart AM	Anne Jefferys
	Ailsa Kirk ISM	Beverly Lamotte OAM	Margaret Luckett
	Noela Medcalf	Ann Miller	Joy Miller
	Marion Nairn OAM	June Retallack	Carmel Stefanoff
		Annette Merton	

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AWARDS

The Awards Ceremony was held at Government House on 19 August 2012 with Minister Robyn McSweeney and Professor Lyn Beazley presenting awards to adult and youth members.

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.

Life Membership

Annette Merton

Leader – Kalamunda Brownie Guides
Member – Lones Trefoil Guild

Commonwealth Award

Miranda Cummings

Olave Adviser
Leader – Rossmoyne/Shelley Guides

Wattle

Vida Horobin
Gillian Jowett-Blinman

Leader – 1st Carine Brownie Guides
Leader – Midland Butterfly Guides and
Honorary Treasurer
Chair – Seaward Trefoil Guild
Treasurer – Seaward Trefoil Guild

Ann Miller
Pat Sugars

Bar to Wattle

Tracey Jenkin

Chair – Outdoor Committee
Leader – Darlington Dibbler Guides
Leader – Darlington Nyaania Guides
Trainer
Leader – Bullcreek Leeming Friendship Guides

Jennifer Lalor

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Susan Britt
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Karen Goodheart
Nicola Green
Lyn Grocott
Leanne Liddiard
Anne Locke
Janice McEwen
Narelle Paine
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Jean Vidot
Glenda Watson

Leader – 1st Rossmoyne Shelley Guides
Leader – Kinross Possum Guides
Leader – Geraldton Batavia Guides
Leader – 1st Bateman Guides
Leader – 1st Wembley Brownie Guides
Leader – Tarcoola Guides
Leader – Geraldton Abrolhos Girl Guides
Leader – Hampton Park Adventure Guides
Leader – Oakford Girl Guides
Leader – 1st Crystal Brook Brownie Guides
Leader – Kinross Possum Guides
Leader – City Beach Dolphin Guides
Leader – Morley Girl Guides
Leader – Ellenbrook Girl Guides
Region Leader – Seaward
Leader – Joondalup Harmony Guides
Leader – Kardinya Girl Guides
Leader – Morley Girl Guides

Bar to Banksia

Kay Duncan	Leader – Melville Magic Guides
Fay Grosse	Leader – 1 st Mundaring Brownie Guides
	Leader – 1 st Mundaring Guides
Kaye Monaghan	Leader – Rockingham Kangaroo Guides
Vicki Poole	Leader – 1 st Wembley Brownie Guides

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Fiona Brown	Leader – Northam Girl Guides
Leigh Clifton	Leader – North Dianella Masquerade Guides
	Leader – Dianella Melaleuca Guides
Teresa Delfos	Leader – Tarcoola Gecko Guides
Vicki Doherty	Guiding Assistant – 1 st Thornlie Gumnut Guides
Linda Elezovich	Leader – Mundaring Brownie Guides
Nicole Middler	Leader – Geraldton Batavia Guides
Raelene Palmer	Leader – 2 nd Subiaco Brownie Guides
Linda Peerless	Leader – 1 st Thornlie Gumnut Guides
Marion Phillips	Leader – Crystal Brook Brownie Guides
Rebecca Robinson	Leader – 3 rd Thornlie Brownie Guides

Long Service

35 yrs	May Core	Life Member
30 yrs	Julie Purves	Leader – Carlisle Guides
		Leader – Carlisle Baringa Ranger Guides

Combined Service

55 yrs	Julienne van Noort	President – Anson Trefoil Guild
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Thanks Badge

John Cannon
Sandy Cannon
Grant Leane

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

Jessica Hooper
Stephenie Roberts
Cayla Bellagarda

Huntingdale Freedom Guides
Huntingdale Freedom Guides
Joondalup City Rangers & Padbury Adventurer Guides

BP Award

Danika Abrahams
Shanay Coote
Tahli Drummond
Rachel Howard
Kya Hulley
Tilly Johnston
Karen Kosonen
Samantha Kosonen
Veronica McShane
Maddison Miller
Paige Newman
Shannyn Oakley
Courtney Paine
Cody Parsons
Ciara O'Hanlon
Tiannah Patrick
Rachel Shaddick
Rachel Toland
Renee Turnbull

1st Tarcoola Girl Guides
Carlisle Baringa Ranger Guides
1st Mount Barker Guides
Rossmoyne/Shelley Guides
Padbury Adventurer Guides
1st Mount Barker Guides
2nd Armadale Girl Guides
2nd Armadale Girl Guides
Spearwood Guides
Spearwood Guides
Rossmoyne/Shelley Guides
1st Mount Barker Guides
Ellenbrook Girl Guides
Carlisle Guides
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