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Lady Cosgrove to be the Patron of Girl Guides Australia

Girl Guides Australia is delighted to announce that Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove has accepted the role of national Patron.

“We are very pleased that Lady Cosgrove has agreed to be Patron of Girl Guides Australia and to take on this significant role for Australian Guiding,” Chief Commissioner, Robinette Emonson, said.

“For Girl Guides across Australia, the role of Patron is more than just ceremonial, it is a role model for our members and someone whose support we are proud to have.”

“Lady Cosgrove is a significant role model in the Australian community, and a wonderful example of the great variety and diversity of women’s experience in our society and the range of ways women and girls can contribute.”

Girl Guides Australia is the peak organisation for girls and young women.

Girl Guides Australia has been enabling girls and young women to become confident, self-respecting, responsible community members. The movement provides girls with opportunities to grow, learn and have fun in relevant and meaningful ways. Girl Guiding provides a foundation for girls and young women to be the best that they can be and harness their individual potential and make a difference. Girl Guides foster personal character based on our values of respect and collaboration to draw out leadership qualities.

About our Patron

Lynne Cosgrove (née Payne) was born and raised in Sydney’s southern suburbs. After attending Penshurst Girls High School, she studied art, then worked as a layout artist and copywriter in the retail fashion industry before spending several years in the finance sector. She travelled widely overseas during this period.

She met Peter Cosgrove in early 1975 and they married in 1976. They have three adult sons and one grandson.

During Sir Peter’s long military career, she accompanied him on postings throughout Australia and in several overseas countries including the United States of America, the United Kingdom and India.

Lady Cosgrove has been actively involved in the welfare of partners in the defence community and became the inaugural Patron of Partners of Veterans Australia. She has worked with numerous voluntary organisations supporting



aged and disabled people, and endangered Australian wildlife.

Her personal interests include art and architecture, nature and gardens, and she is a keen sports follower.

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