



#### YEARS IN NSW EMPOWERING FUTURE WOMEN

# **COROWA GIRL GUIDES**

## **93 YEARS STRONG IN COROWA**





### Girl Guides, New South Wales is celebrating their Centenary in 2020.

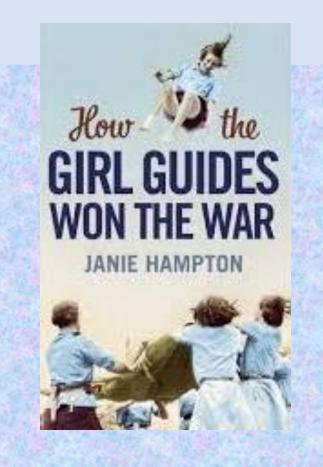
**Corowa Girl Guides** are turning 93 years old with no evidence of a recess within these 93 years.

Girl Guides began in 1910 in England with girls who wanted have opportunities outdoors, learning skills and leadership like their brothers in Boy Scouts.



Early Corowa Guides





During World War 2, in England, Girl Guides acted as messengers for the Home Guard, who depended on their ability to memorise long messages, and as messengers within the secretive MI5 organisation.

They made camouflage nets, used semaphore and first aid skills, organised and mended clothing to give to those who had lost everything.

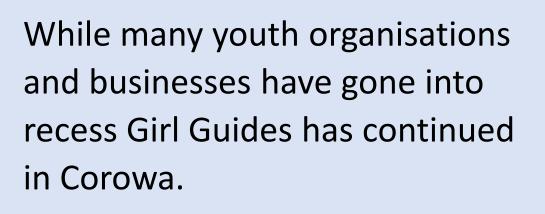
They helped direct people to air raid shelters and designed outdoor cooking fires that they could assemble on bomb-sites or in the streets.

Today's Guides and leaders haven't been put to such tests, but their adaptability, resilience, organisation and good humour has been challenged by the coronavirus.



### Guides@Home









Junior Guides have received packages of challenges to help complete badges and new girls are working towards their enrolment when meetings start again.

The Guides and Senior Guides have met online to plan the activities they would like to do. Girls staying in Gippsland and near Geelong were able to join the fun with Corowa based girls, chatting, sharing experiences and interests, and keeping Guiding alive.



One special event was the ANZAC Camp online! The girls learnt military skills such as semaphore; life skills such as first aid, auslan and knotting; cooked ANZAC biscuits; sang at campfire and 'roughed it' at home sleeping on the floor or in a swag. They made wreaths and attended the Dawn Minute Silence in full uniform at their driveways.



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Girl Guide leaders are volunteers. They become qualified Guide leaders through completing the requirements of the Leadership Passport. Many have been Girl Guides themselves but for many more it is a new experience.



Climb to great heights as a Guide leader!

Guide leaders can put as much time into their role as they would like.

Some only have time to prepare and run unit meetings, others are able to organise or participate in camps and events of varying sizes – unit, district, region, state or international.

Having leaders means that more girls can experience the wonderful world of Guiding.

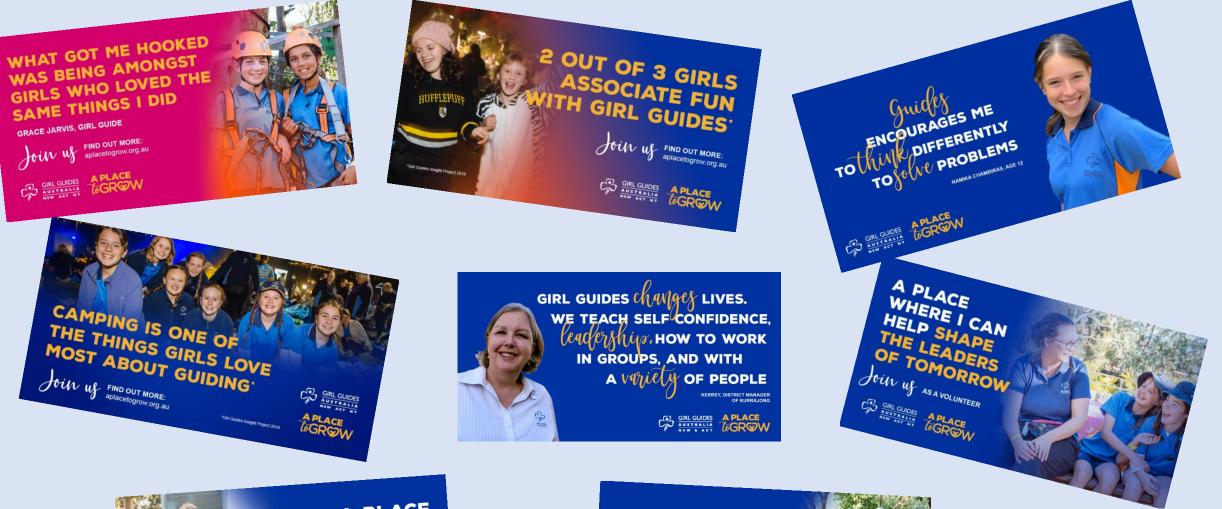














GIRL GUIDES APLACE



Girl Guides is about empowering girls and women to become leaders and team players, learning life skills, participating in the community, experiencing the Australian outdoors and the world, forming friendships and having fun.



Corowa Guides raising money to send to Cobar Guides at Christmas.





Protection from swooping kookaburras.



Discussing cultural diversity at World Thinking Day











Corowa Girl Guides has welcomed hundreds of girls over 93 years, and all leaders over that time would hope these girls are better citizens for being part of largest women's organisation in the world.











### MEETING DETAILS:

Junior Guides 6 – 9 years Monday 4.30 to 6pm

Guides 10 – 13 years Tuesday 4.30 – 6.30pm

Senior Guides 14 – 17 years

Tuesday 5.00 – 6.30pm

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