

**So...already we are well into Term 1 of 2017...**As the weather finally cools off a little I am taking this opportunity to update you on all things **OUTDOORS!!!**

## State Outdoor Trainings in 2017

Are you interested in becoming qualified in Archery, Canoe/kayak, power boat or low ropes? Trainings are planned for all these activities- look now and book a date into your calendar. Make it a personal goal to gain one qualification you are interested in.

- **Begin Sailing – Tingira** 18/3/17
- **Camp Leader Indoor & Outdoor** Camp Austral- 24/4/17
- **Camp Leader Indoor & Outdoor & Conduct Expedition** Glengarry, 20/5/17
- **Archery Camp Chapman** 20/21/5/17

There are other trainings planned for 2017– if you want something else look online at <http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au/>



There have been several changes in GGA policies regarding ratios, properties and outdoor activities. PLEASE take some time to have a look on the GGA NSW & ACT website. You MUST check that the property you plan to camp at is approved- these changes are non-negotiable.

## EVENTS FOR 2017

There are many outdoor activities and events for girl guides of all ages to participate in, at both state and region level. The region calendar is on the region website and can be found [here](#). Some of the main events are listed below.

- **BINDAREE BLITZ Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017** Fabulous fun and light competition both on the water and off at Bindaree, Woronora River. The theme is magic...come along and experience the fun!
- **ROCK SCHOOL** on the first Saturday of the month at Noorumba, Woronora. All ages welcome- come and see why Gillian and I LOVE abseiling! <http://www.scaasf.adventure.org.au/content/rock-school-enquiry-form>
- **SKI CAMP 4-6/8/17 Araluen** More information coming soon or contact Ros Garlick or Leah Hall
- **REGION CAMPFIRE Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**
- **SCHOOL FOR ADVENTURE September 17** For Guides 13+ a fantastic week of adventure and camaraderie! A way to connect guides to Senior guides!
- **BOREE REGATTA 20-22 October 2017** A weekend not to be missed at Bonna Point, Kurnell.



**DID YOU KNOW?** There are several useful apps for first aid, bites and stings and other emergencies. I will feature more of these next update! This time here is one called...

**EMERGENCY** <http://emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au> The app uses **GPS functionality** built into smart phones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to **mobilise emergency services**

Just a few of the state events .... [Check these and more out online!](#)



- Regatta 25-26/3/17
- 8-9 April 2017 [The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan](#)  
This year a second site will be in the Warrumbungles!
- Rejactamenta 13/8/17
- The Great Guide Sleepout 26/8/17

- **The Great Patrol Challenge 2017** A fantastic opportunity to learn new skills then take the challenge against other patrols- at region then state level! More information is coming soon! This will help prepare girls to be ready for the **Sydney Jamboree 2018- 30 Sept – 6 Oct**

**THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT FOR MANY GIRLS- NOT TO BE MISSED!!!!**  
**I will keep you updated with information as it becomes available- start fundraising NOW!!**

**Need inspiring?** .Hear from Ellen, a 1<sup>st</sup> West Bexley Guide who attended the Agooneree in 2016.  
"I enjoyed doing tie-dying on my camp shirt, & I am proud of my shirt. The activities were fun, especially walking up the mountain. I really liked the big sun-dial, & the food was great!  
Meeting new people was fun."

## **CAMPING... A fun and fantastic way to get into the great outdoors!**

Please remember...

There have been big changes to the number of properties approved for overnight camping. These have come from GGA (NSW&ACT). You need to **CHECK** online if the property you intend to camp at (including overnight stay) is approved. Approvals now require a far more detailed process including photographs and diagrams. **Random** is not currently approved (we are working on this) and I have had to knock back 4 camps as a result of these changes.

1. **PLEASE** check first if your chosen camp venue is approved – this should be **STEP 1** in your camp planning process!
2. If not allow 4-6 months to have it approved or rejected.
3. **COMPLETE** all the application process, send to GH but please cc me in.
4. **SEND** the forms to me about the camp/overnight stay with at least 2 months' notice.

**I have already received several camping applications and the request for assessment! A great start to 2017.**  
**Please remember in 2017 if I do not have 3 weeks' notice.... Your camp/overnight stay WILL NOT BE APPROVED!**

## **ENJOY THE OUTDOORS HOWEVER YOU CAN!!**

Yours in guiding,

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