

MEDIA STATEMENT

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As an organisation with a mission to empower girls and young women to discover their potential as leaders of their world, Girl Guides WA is committed to fostering a child safe and child friendly culture where children and young people are safe, respected and protected.

Girl Guides Western Australia stands by the Girl Guides Australia Diversity and Inclusion Policy, which is fundamental to the organisation's Child Safe Child Friendly Framework and requires a commitment to providing a respectful, open, and safe environment where:

- All people are treated equitably and with mutual respect regardless of their background, ethnicity, culture, language, beliefs, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socio- economic status, level of ability, additional needs, family structure or lifestyle; and
- Inclusive practices actively support diversity and counteract bias and prejudice.

This Policy reflects State and Commonwealth anti-discrimination and equal opportunity law. Application of this policy means that 'girls and women' who identify as, and live in the community, as females are welcomed into Girl Guiding.

The Girl Guides Australia Child Safe Child Friendly Framework, which complies with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, provides clear guidance for everyone involved in Girl Guiding to understand their role in helping to keep children and young people safe, and to build on the Child Safe Child Friendly Community that is central to Girl Guiding in Australia.

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LINKS TO GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA CHILD SAFE CHILD FRIENDLY AND DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION POLICIES ARE BELOW:

- [Child Safe Child Friendly Framework](#)
- [Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#)

ABOUT GIRL GUIDES WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Girl Guides Western Australia provides leadership and personal skills development to its members as part of an international Girl Guides movement of 10 million girls in 152 countries. Our mission is to empower girls and young women to discover their potential as leaders of their world.

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