Girl Guides Australia

Updated Governance Framework
The updated Governance Framework has been designed to improve the effectiveness of the delivery of Girl Guiding and to provide the opportunity for a collective voice of the leadership of Girl Guiding in Australia (GGiA). The voices of girls and young women is central to delivering on the vision, mission and strategy of Girl Guides Australia (GCA). The updated framework affords increased opportunities to hear the voice of girls and include young women in the decision-making.

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Summary of each element of the Girl Guides Australia Governance Framework

GGA Board
is responsible for overall oversight, strategy and corporate governance of GGA. It is comprised of the Chair, the Chief Commissioner, a nominated director from each SGGO and three Appointed Directors.

GGA Board Committees and Sub-Committees
assist the GGA Board in carrying out its responsibilities. The GGA Board has four Board Committees - Australian Guiding, Governance & People, Membership and Finance & Risk. Each committee is chaired by a member of the Board and includes at least one member under the age of thirty. There are three Sub-Committees - Adult Awards, Special Funds and Risk Management.
GGA Forums facilitate consultation with SGGOs on GGA direction and decisions and enable the State perspective on the impact on GGiA to be considered. The Forums are - Commissioners’ Forum, Chairs’ Forum, Young Women’s Forum and CEOs’ Forum. The Forums provide a framework to share experiences and raise priorities, whilst enabling open communication between the leadership groups in GGiA.
There will be a transition to the new volunteer co-ordinator structure over the next six months.

**National Co-Ordinators**

are national volunteers appointed with the responsibility for the broad areas of Youth, Adult, Olave Program and International.

The National Co-Ordinators will report directly to the Chief Commissioner. The roles will work with a nominated counterpart in each SGGO to deliver on their purpose and strengthen Girl Guiding across Australia. It is noted that there are different management structures in each organisation. Therefore, SGGOs will be asked to nominate the most appropriate representative from their organisation to collaborate, share experiences, resources and work to support the practise of Guiding across Australia with the respective National Team.

The National Co-Ordinator International role will also oversee the functions of Travel, Post Box, JOTA-JOTI and Friends of World Centres.