

## Any member, Youth or Adult can earn this challenge Badge

### Simply:

#### Guides aged 5-9 years old:

complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 elements plus one additional challenge of your choice.

#### Guides aged 9-17 years old and Adults:

complete 2 challenges from each of the 4 elements plus an additional challenge of your choice.

### Remember, we have a process for planning activities in our Guide Program:

## Discover, Decide, Plan, Do, Evaluate

Discover and Decide what you are going to do, Plan the activity and Do it. Then Evaluate how your activity went!

It's up to you to choose your challenges. You can choose to work together or individually.

Look through your handbooks to consider where you may be able to be awarded further challenges through the Recognition System.

Share your findings or what you may have learnt with your Patrol / Unit or Peer group where you can and by whatever means you enjoy.

The **Guides Connect** badge can be worn at the top of the back of the sash for the following 12 months.

### No sash?

Maybe put it on your camp blanket, book bag, camp hat...

This badge is available for purchase from your State's retail shop.

## Looking for something more?

[www.waggs.org](http://www.waggs.org)

[www.waggs.org/en/what-we-do/sustainable-development-goals-and-global-action-theme/](http://www.waggs.org/en/what-we-do/sustainable-development-goals-and-global-action-theme/)

GGA 2009 *Build a Better World* Challenge

GGA 2010 *Australian Service* Challenge

GGA 2015 *Let's Take Action*

WAGGGS 2019 Advocacy Toolkit - Speak out for her World

[www.thegoals.org/](http://www.thegoals.org/)

[www.waggs.org/en/resources/be-the-change-2030/](http://www.waggs.org/en/resources/be-the-change-2030/)



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*"Happiness comes not from what we have but from what we give and what we share."*

– Lady Baden-Powell





## At Home and Guides

- Plant a garden around your local Guide Hall, park or home to encourage local native wildlife
- Participate in a First Aid course and update your first aid kit at home or Guides. Suggest what you could carry with you at all times
- Do a waste audit of your home and come up with 3 ways your family could reduce their waste
- Participate in a service or fundraising event for your Guide Unit, District or State
- Help around your home in various ways over a period of two weeks
- With your Patrol take responsibility with cleaning your Guide Hall for a month
- Promote and consider ways to support girls who want to belong to Guides
- Create a native insect hotel for your garden
- Create a poster for your fridge to remind you what can be recycled at home or taken elsewhere in the community for recycling for example the REDcycle program, batteries, electronic waste



## For my Country

- Participate in two of the following activities - Clean up Australia Day/ Earth Hour / National Tree Day / Save the Koala Month / Keep Australia Beautiful Week
- Take Action to achieve Plastic Free July. How will you reduce your plastic on a daily basis?
- Help a local Landcare / Coastcare or equivalent group to weed or plant a particular area. Report back on how you could help them on a regular basis.
- Organise and send care parcels to Defence Force personnel serving overseas
- Find out about making 'Boomerang Bags' and give them to other people. <https://boomerangbags.org/>
- Participate in an ANZAC Day commemoration and complete the 'Saluting their Service' Challenge.



## In my Community

- Support a local emergency service group, i.e. SES, local Fire Station. Organise an activity to support one of these groups
- Help out a local group that helps injured or rescue animals i.e. Animal Welfare League, RSPCA, WIRES, etc. Organise an activity to support one of these groups
- Support a local group that helps people in need and take part in an organised activity to help raise awareness e.g. Cancer Council, Surf Life Saving Group, your local Guide Group etc.
- Do a waste audit of the Guide Hall and come up with 3 ways you could create less waste at Guides
- Make signs that can be hung in public places to encourage people to use less plastic and straws. i.e. take your own cup, boomerang bags, metal straws
- Find out how you can support disadvantaged women in your local community. Organise an activity to support them

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## In my World

- Find out more about the Sustainable Development Goals. Choose one and help your Guide Unit become more aware.
- Support a women's advocacy campaign in another country
- Research and undertake a WAGGGS Advocacy project
- Participate in World Thinking Day
- Participate in WWF Sustainable diets and how this affects you
- Create reusable and washable material sanitary items for organisations such as Days for Girls, One Girl etc.
- Undertake the WAGGGS project Free Being Me or Action on Body Confidence
- Advocate for the banning of one-use plastics