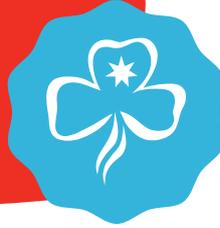


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As 2021 begins, it is time to get thinking about connecting with your community, embracing adventure and developing yourself further. Consider how you and your Unit can facilitate a great start to 2021.

WORLD THINKING DAY

Monday 22nd February 2021
#WTD2021

The theme for World Thinking Day 2021 is peacebuilding.

Peacebuilding is at the heart of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting and is as vital and relevant today as for the last 100 years. By completing the steps in the Stand Together For Peace activity pack, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will; Stand Strong, Stand up and Stand Together for peacebuilding. We want you to be part of this!

On 22 February Stand Strong, Stand up and Stand Together for peacebuilding!

Check out the 2021 WAGGGS resource:
www.waggs.org/en/resources/world-thinking-day-2021-activity-pack/

This could help Guides explore the following:

- Action Guide
- World Guiding Achieve a Challenges
- Guiding Explore a Challenge
- Advocacy Explore a Challenge
- Various Create a Challenges and Discover a Challenges
- Junior BP, BP and Queens Guide Awards



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY 7th March 2021

Get involved with Clean Up Australia 2021 as a member of your community.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 18.3 million + Australians have donated their time as part of Clean Up Australia activities over the last 30 years.
- 36 million hours of volunteer time has been donated to Clean Up activities to benefit our environment
- 380,000 + Ute loads of rubbish have been removed as part of Clean Up Australia activities

Leaders will need to register a Clean Up event but anyone can take part!

www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/fundraise/ccu

Great site choices include local parks, beaches, rivers, shared outdoor spaces and more.

Once registered you will be sent a kit with everything you need to get started for your Clean Up event. Please be conscious of your event plan and be aware of your physical distancing practices.

How else could you be involved? How will you Step Up? Share your pledge using the hashtags **#CleanUpAustralia** **#StepUpToCleanUp**



To Step up, check out:

www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au

This could help Guides explore the following:

- Action Guide badge
- Advocacy Explore a Challenge
- Various Create a Challenges and Discover a Challenges
- Junior BP, BP Awards
- Environment Focus and the Queens Guide Award





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Monday March 8th 2021

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

International Women's Day (IWD) has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere.

IWD 2021 campaign theme: **#ChooseToChallenge**

- A challenged world is an alert world.
- Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions – all day, every day.
- We can choose to challenge and call out gender stereotypes and bias.
- We can choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements.
- Collectively, we can create an inclusive world.

From challenge comes change. Choose to challenge.

Check this out for some excellent resources:

www.internationalwomensday.com/Activity/12216/TeachStarter

This could help Guides explore the following:

- Advocacy Explore a Challenge
- Advocacy Achieve a Challenge
- Queens Guide Award



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HARMONY WEEK

15th-21st March 2021



Harmony Week is about coming together to celebrate the cultural diversity in your area and spread the message of 'everyone belongs'.

Local organisations and community leaders are at the heart of Harmony Week. Your support means people all over the country can celebrate Harmony. They can come together and share, learn and appreciate the diversity that is Australia.

Bringing communities together through sport, food, music and entertainment plays an important role in promoting our cultural diversity. It creates an opportunity to think, talk about and recognise how our differences and our similarities make Australia a great place to live.

Celebrating Harmony Week can take any form you wish – big or small – from hosting morning teas to large community festivals.

Check out: www.harmony.gov.au

This could help Guides explore the following:

- Advocacy Explore a Challenge
- Various Create a Challenges and Discover a Challenges
- Advocacy Achieve a Challenges
- Junior BP, BP and Queens Guide Awards



EARTH HOUR

Saturday 27th March 2021, 8:30-9:30pm



WWF's Earth Hour is the world's biggest movement to protect our planet.

Every year hundreds of millions of people around the world in more than 7,000 cities in over 180 countries take part in this amazing global conservation movement.

Join the movement and take part in Earth Hour by switching off at 8.30pm for 60 minutes as a symbolic gesture of solidarity to show they care about our planet's future.

This year, we're inviting all Australians to #SwitchOff and raise their voices for nature for the most important Earth Hour yet.

2021 is a critical year for us and for the planet. It's a year of important global meetings on environmental policy. These meetings are our opportunity to persuade global leaders to make decisions that will benefit our planet's future, and that we have to protect and restore nature before it's too late.

Be part of the global movement. By signing up to #SwitchOff, you'll show key Australian politicians that they must act with urgency if we're to save the one home we all share.

Ensure the future of our planet is at the top of the agenda.

Check out: www.earthhour.org.au/get-involved

This could help Guides explore the following:

- Advocacy Explore a Challenge
- Various Create a Challenges and Discover a Challenges
- Junior BP and BP Awards
- Environmental Focus and Queens Guide Award

WORLD HEALTH DAY

Wednesday 7th April



World Health Organization



NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

National Youth Week is an opportunity for young people to:

- Share ideas
- Attend live events
- Have their voices heard on issues of concern to them
- Showcase their talents
- Celebrate their contribution to the community
- Take part in competitions
- Have fun!



ANZAC DAY

Sunday 25th April 2021

Australians commemorate Anzac Day on 25th April every year. This is the anniversary of the day when Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on Gallipoli in 1915 as part of the Allies' invasion. ANZAC Day draws large crowds of people to the dawn services, and marches are held around the country.

ANZAC Day is a time for all Australians to recognise the more than 1.5 million service men and women who have served our country in all conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations. It's also a time to remember the more than 102,000 Australians who sacrificed their lives in our country's name.

Girl Guides Australia has again produced a resource program for all Guides across Australia to take part in. This year's theme is based around Peace and Trust

Check out the 2021 resource on the Girl Guides Australia website under Resources.

This could help Guides explore the following:

- Action Guide
- Guides Connect
- Explore a Challenge Guiding



Continuing resources:

BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND



The special Girl Guides Australia badge, Hearts and Hands, was designed and sold all over Australia and the world to support those impacted by the bushfires in Australia during 2019 and 2020.

The badge represented the many willing hands and hearts that were opened to support those impacted by the devastation. Money raised from selling the badge is now available to Guides and communities to help with rebuilding.

Guides from all around Australia can apply for money from the fund to:

- Support Guides affected by the 2019-2020 bushfires
- Fund Girl Guide programs supporting communities to rebuild after the 2019-2020 bushfires

www.girlguides.org.au/australianbushfirerelieffund



GUIDES CONNECT

Another challenge you may like to explore is Guides Connect.

Learn how Guides can connect in various ways:

- At home and Guides
- For your country
- In your community
- In your world

Check this out on the Resource page: www.girlguides.org.au





GGA LEGO® FRIENDSHIP CHALLENGE

Girl Guides Australia and LEGO® Friends have partnered to create LEGO® Friends themed challenges that can be attempted from home, virtually or face-to-face.

The new Girl Guides Australia LEGO® Friends themed challenges have launched and they encapsulate the values of Girl Guides – fun, adventure and friendship, whilst also bringing the spirit of the outdoors inside, through imagination and creativity.

www.girlguides.org.au/programs/lego-friendsgga/