



**GirlGuiding  
New Zealand**  
Ngā Hōiāra Whakamāori  
& Aotearoa

# *Te Rama*

*be prepared for new adventure*

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## Statement of Purpose

We enable girls and young women to reach their full potential and make a difference in the world.

## Our Vision

A dynamic values based organisation, valued by girls, leaders and the community, continually strengthened through:

- Investing in quality leadership and quality girl-centred programmes
- Effectively utilising all our available resources (knowledge, people and finances)
- Building partnerships with diverse communities and being responsive to changing needs.

## Our Values

GirlGuiding New Zealand will incorporate these values and attributes in its policies, processes, investments, operations and decision making:

- Valuing and empowering girls
- Honesty and reliability
- A culture of friendliness and ambitious fun
- Connecting and working co-operatively with others and the community
- Responsible and accountable behaviour
- Respect and service to others
- Wise use of resources
- Accepting and providing challenges and learning from them
- Caring for the environment
- Cultural inclusiveness and understanding our global connections.



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# Guiding updates...

It has been a busy year for GirlGuiding New Zealand (NZ) with some key changes to personnel.

2010 has seen the changeover to a new National President. Jenny Burrow completed her five year term and passed the reins to Sonia Faulkner who began her term as President on 1 October 2010.

Jenny's tenure as President saw many changes to GirlGuiding including a change in name from Guides New Zealand to GirlGuiding New Zealand, a new uniform for girls and leaders, celebrations to mark 50 years of Guide biscuits, enhancements to the learning and development programme offered to leaders, participation in a variety of international events, a new emphasis on the importance of partnership, J'08 Jamboree, GirlGuiding NZ's centenary year in 2008 with celebrations up and down the country, the appointment of a new Chief Executive and a new look and feel to *Te Rama*. The list is long and comprehensive.

Through all of this, Jenny Burrow ensured that GirlGuiding did not lose sight of the values and

principles of the organisation and has strengthened the heart and mind of Guiding for girls and young women.

Jenny has not left the organisation she loves and is still playing a key role in Guiding as the Chair of the Committee planning the 2012 Jamboree.

New President Sonia has been a GirlGuiding NZ leader for almost 40 years. She is currently a level four trainer, and has previously chaired national taskforces and event committees, been the assistant regional co-ordinator for Wairiki region and, as National Guide Advisor, was a member of the National Programme Committee and National Council from 1994 to 1999.

Read more about Sonia in the story, "Walking the walk, talking the talk".

Another pleasing event is the conferral of life membership of GirlGuiding NZ upon Cynthia Landels. Life membership is conferred on those who have significantly contributed to the development of Guiding over a number of years and who continue to support and promote the values of the organisation.



*Above: New life member Cynthia Landels and the Rev Claire Barrie, the vicar of St Andrew's Anglican Church, pause for a minute at The Epsom Garden Project which uses part of the church property to support the Auckland City Mission.*

*Right: Sonia Faulkner and Jenny Burrow enjoying the moment at Together 08, the centenary celebratory conference held for all leaders in Auckland, Labour Weekend 2008.*



## ...from the Chief Executive

Life members are valued for their wise counsel and advice and they may also choose to continue in an active role in the organisation. They are a select group of up to 20 at any one time.

Cynthia has been a leader for more than 50 years including 40 years as a highly qualified trainer. She continues to actively contribute to Guiding as a unit leader with Cavell Guides in Auckland. In 1993, Cavell Guides were awarded the Olave Award challenge for their wonderful garden and the contribution they had made weekly for 15 years to the Auckland City Mission. This service project has continued and in 1998 they received the Commonwealth Youth Service award. In 2009 they were finalists in the NZ Gardener of the Year.

Cynthia's personal life, and all the work she does with her unit and the community, exemplifies the values of GirlGuiding NZ. She was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1970 and the Kiwi in 1990 by GirlGuiding NZ and was also made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 1998, in recognition of her service to Guiding and the community.

### Life members

Judith Baird QSO  
Phillipa Corkill QSO  
Joye Evans OBE  
Annette Gilbert ONZM  
Hilary Haylock MBE  
Mary Hopkirk CBE, MBE  
Cynthia Landels MNZM  
Joan Lees QSM  
Jennifer Mayer  
Ginny Radford QSO  
Linda Tarbutt  
Judith Wilson QSO  
Liz Winter MBE



Ruth Teasdale

2011 will be an exciting year for GirlGuiding as we prepare and plan for Jamboree in January 2012.

In many ways it will be a relief to turn the calendar to 2011 and leave 2010 behind. Overall 2010 has been a difficult and challenging year that has tested resilience in an unprecedented way for many of us.

Most significantly, the Pike River Disaster touched

the hearts of many people, both within New Zealand, and in the wider world. Several of the men lost were from Runanga, a small coal mining town on the West Coast, which is my hometown.

Community and belonging provide the relationships that allow us to draw on each other for support when we need it. These qualities also helped people through the Canterbury earthquakes and aftershocks that started in September 2010. People in Canterbury appreciated the caring expressed from other New Zealanders through many thoughtful messages and gifts. It certainly helped to know that others cared.

Prior to these wide-reaching events, earlier in 2010, the poor quality of some of our original Guide biscuits due to manufacturing issues presented challenges to many Guiding people. Through this experience the almost iconic "kiwiana" role of Guide biscuits in New Zealand was reinforced and many New Zealanders went to special efforts to demonstrate their loyalty and support of GirlGuiding New Zealand by purchasing original Guide biscuits.

So often we can take being part of a community for granted and/or not realise how much we are part of a bigger "whole". The community support given to GirlGuiding New Zealand's Pink Star Challenge in our quest to raise awareness of breast cancer was a tangible demonstration of the way in which Guiding is a community within other wider communities. The support offered nationwide as well as internationally to our world record attempt at the longest bra chain, was absolutely amazing.

Throughout 2010 it has been these acts of support and encouragement from people throughout New Zealand that has enabled GirlGuiding NZ to progress and extend the reach of our special messages. Thank you and I look forward to sharing more of the successes of 2011 with you very soon...

*Ruth*



# Walking the walk, talking the talk

Sonia Faulkner, the new National President of GirlGuiding New Zealand (NZ), sees her new role as another adventure during her long connection with the organisation.

Sonia's enjoyment of Brownies and Guides as a girl has led to many years of contributing to the organisation from being a leader to district co-ordinator and assistant regional co-ordinator.

Now as President, Sonia sees her role as an exciting place to be – “and a big responsibility as we move further into the new millennium”.

“I want to consolidate what we’re already doing and grow and harness the membership,” she says.

Sonia realises that attracting girls when there are so many other activities available is different from her younger days.

“There weren’t so many options for girls then - either dance or sport but I wanted to be involved in an activity that was fun with plenty of adventures along the way,” says Sonia.

A time of change with a strong senior management team and a “dynamic” National Board makes the future of GirlGuiding in New Zealand bright. Sonia, however, emphasises that although she is President, she is very much a team player.

“I’m very much a cog in the wheel.”

Harnessing enthusiasm within the organisation is essential to increasing the number of members. Diversity is also essential to helping GirlGuiding grow.

“We need to align ourselves with what is happening in the world and be part of it.”

While there won’t be huge radical changes ahead under Sonia’s leadership, she wants to build on what the organisation is doing and “position ourselves in the best way possible” so we can attract more members.

Guiding, she says, is as relevant today as it was when she was a Guide.

“Girls appreciate and need a woman’s environment.”

Financial issues are always going to be an ongoing and major challenge for Sonia and the National Board of active leaders, elected by the membership.

“We need to be realistic. Quality programmes cost money but we also want to offer value to our members and find ways of supporting girls who maybe can’t afford the fees. We will also need to look at the wider issue of accessing funding.”

Ensuring the leaders feel valued is also key to the future of GirlGuiding NZ.

“We can’t have good programmes for the girls without any adults so

“Girls appreciate and need a women’s environment.”

I’m really keen to grow the adult membership of the organisation as well. Making sure all our leaders feel valued and are well trained and supported is essential, as well as having enough leaders in each unit.”

Away from GirlGuiding NZ, an extensive teaching background led Sonia to full-time work as an industry trainer providing a range of business and communication courses, in the Faculty of Business at the Manukau Institute of Technology.

“My job requires me to build relationships and I also teach active listening, managing any conflicts and how to handle a wide range of different people – all great skills for my role as President of such a large national organisation as GirlGuiding.”

As a self-described “people person” her involvement as a past President of women’s international organisation Zonta South Auckland works well with her role at GirlGuiding. This year Zonta was involved in collecting bras for the bra chain world record attempt.

Sonia lives in Pukekohe and is married with two adult children. Her husband Ian is also involved in education as principal of Wesley College, a multicultural boarding and day school.

Aware of her important role as an advocate for GirlGuiding NZ, Sonia says that everyone within the organisation is an advocate, especially the girls.

“Everywhere you go, you are an advocate for the organisation, whether you’re in uniform or not.

“On a personal level if you belong to any organisation, you walk the walk and talk the talk. I have certainly done that all my life.”

“It will be interesting to work with a wide range of different organisations and to help them develop”



*Melanie Bennett (NZ) and Tanya Krichitayawuth (Thailand) after being elected to the Asia Pacific Committee*

## Wellington Ranger Leader receives honour

Wellington Ranger leader, Melanie Bennett, has been elected to the Asia Pacific committee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). This is a tremendous achievement for her and a very exciting development for GirlGuiding New Zealand (NZ).

New Zealand is one of 144 member countries of WAGGGS which is divided into five regions, including 27 groups in the Asia Pacific region.

Melanie says she is really looking forward to being involved with the committee and to further her work in the Pacific region after helping to set up Project GOLD with the Girl Guides of Fiji in 2005. Project GOLD (Guiding Overseas Link with Development) provides opportunities for New Zealand Guiding leaders to travel to Fiji to increase the awareness of Guiding and to motivate girls to participate.

“This partnership continues and earlier in 2010 we had a team of three young leaders working alongside our Guiding sisters in Fiji,” says Melanie.

Melanie, an accountant with KPMG, is not only a Ranger leader with GirlGuiding NZ, but also an outdoor team member and a Wellington-based trainer.

“It will be interesting to work with a wide range of different organisations and to help them develop,” says Melanie.

Her role on the committee is for three years and future plans include a trip to Sri Lanka in April 2011.

Melanie has recently had a trip to Malaysia to undertake the triennial partnership visit between the Asia Pacific Committee and the Girl Guide Association of Malaysia. The partnership visits are chances for the Asia Pacific Committee to see what great work is being undertaken in the particular country, to take some best practice ideas to take to other organisations and share best practice from other organisations with them.

Melanie’s election to the Asia Pacific committee is wonderful,” says Sonia Faulkner, National President of GirlGuiding NZ.

“It’s very exciting to have a New Zealander on the committee and we look forward to her helping to raise our profile within the region and open doors for others.”

WAGGGS has over 10 million girls and women in its membership and its mission is to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as citizens of the world.

## A new way of giving

GirlGuiding New Zealand (NZ) volunteers give a huge amount of their time and resources to help girls develop and this is sincerely appreciated. But did you know about Payroll Giving, the easy way to give money to support the work GirlGuiding NZ does?

Payroll Giving is a voluntary scheme for both employers and employees where donations can be made directly from your pay.

For every dollar you donate, you'll receive a third back (33%) as a tax credit in the same pay period. For example, for every \$15 donated, a \$5 tax credit is applied, so the donation will only cost you \$10 – however GirlGuiding NZ will receive the full \$15 donation.

This means you no longer have to wait to claim tax credits at the end of the tax year. If you do make any donations outside the new payroll scheme, you can still claim at the end of the tax year for these donations.

To participate, ask your employer if they are offering payroll giving. If they are, then go to our website [www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/donate](http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/donate) and download the Payroll Giving form, fill out the details and give it to your employer. You can choose how

much you would like to give and how frequently. This can be changed at any time.

And most importantly, if you are going to support us in this way, please do let us know. We promise that your participation shall remain confidential and that your name will not be added to our mailing list unless instructed but we would like the opportunity to thank you now and again.

For find out more about Payroll Giving visit [www.ird.govt.nz/payrollgiving](http://www.ird.govt.nz/payrollgiving) or call Belinda Carter on (03) 363 1471, email [belinda.carter@girlguidingnz.org.nz](mailto:belinda.carter@girlguidingnz.org.nz).



## Proud to belong

Adult members have their membership cards, now girls do too!

It is with great pleasure that girls can now have of their own membership cards with their unique membership number. Our girls are special and we wanted to recognise this and their part in our large national and international organisation.

In a while, the card will be of real value as we are working with companies to give some benefits and discounts for girls (and their family) on presentation of the card.

In the future, girls will be able to do all sorts of things using their card but not at present. The card is an ID card only and is not valid if used to login to the website or the online shop.



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winner  
all the way

In April 2010 when Sarah Kerr, a 16 year old GirlGuiding NZ Ranger from the suburb of Sumner in Christchurch, contacted Guiding staff for advice about a fundraiser she was doing, no one had any idea of how much effort and determination would be needed for her to succeed.

Sarah's goal was to complete the 10km walk section of the Christchurch SBS Marathon and raise funds to give back to an organisation that she has been part of for 10 years. This was to be no easy task, as Sarah has cerebral palsy and walks with two sticks.

Sarah started her own fundraising page on [www.fundraiseonline.co.nz](http://www.fundraiseonline.co.nz) and started to get people to give donations to support her efforts.

Training consisted of doing a big walk around Sumner every weekend and 2km loops during the week. It was tough – there were times that she just didn't want to carry on then times when she thought 'yeah, I can do this'.

On Sunday 6 June 2010 the day of the SBS Marathon, Sarah woke up to heavy rain, but as she had done a 10km walk in the rain before, she was not discouraged.

Sarah says, "After a hearty breakfast of toast and jam, and a cocoa, Mum and I went to pick up Jennifer Inglis, who was one of the other members of my amazingly wonderful support crew, who I couldn't have done it without."

"By the time I got to the 7km mark, things were starting to really hurt, my hands and feet were blistered and it took the whole team to convince me to keep going. All of this in the end was worth it because we crossed the finish line just inside the time allowed.

"I would like to say thank you (in no particular order) to Trish and Emma Ward, Tania Small, Chris Rowe, Emma and Holly Jenkins and Michelle

Williams. A very special thank you, to Jennifer Inglis who stuck with me for the whole five and a half hour walk. Jennifer you are an absolute legend. And of course my mum - Kathy - who supported me all the way."

Raising \$1392 for the Ferrymead District, East West Canterbury Region, GirlGuiding NZ, Sarah says "I really wanted to give something back to GirlGuiding NZ as it has given me so many opportunities in the ten years that I have been involved. The support I receive, not only from my mother (who is a volunteer leader) but all the other volunteer leaders who I have had over the years, is amazing. And to top it off, the confidence and friendships I have gained through Guiding are awesome".





“ They were all very excited and with the theme of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, knew that there'd be chocolate involved! ”

# Prepared for new adventure...

Scary and loud are not usually words to describe a camp but for nine Brownies staying at Cracroft House during Canterbury's earthquake, they aptly described the experience.

When Marilyn Hore and Margaret Kitney took nine Riccarton Brownies from Deans District, East West Canterbury Region, for an exciting sleep over at Cracroft Guiding Centre in Christchurch, little did they know how exciting it was going to be. The theme was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

"They were all very excited and with the theme, knew that there'd be chocolate involved!", says Marilyn.

The Brownies arrived on the Friday afternoon and the leaders went through the safety routines as usual.

"But we didn't cover earthquakes!"

Jellybean jar badges, moulded chocolates for Father's Day gifts and cupcake boxes were all made and the excited girls went to sleep in the two back bedrooms upstairs. Margaret, Marilyn and some parents stayed up for a while chatting and then went to bed around 11.30pm after checking on the girls – the two leaders in one of the front bedrooms and the mums in the other.

At 4.35am, Marilyn says she woke to "huge vibrations".

"Margaret and I jumped up running and yelled that we were coming. We

knew if we got too close to the stairwell, we'd be thrown down the stairs. I got thrown against the wall at one stage."

Each of them went to one of the girls' bedrooms. At that stage, plaster and bits of board were falling from the ceiling.

"It was like we were on automatic pilot. We had no idea it was such a humdinger of an earthquake!"

The girls were told to get under the bed and most of them did without questioning.

"One girl just stared straight ahead like she was in shock."

The mums of two of the girls from Sri Lanka had no idea what an earthquake was!



*Leaders Marilyn Hore (left) and Margaret Kitney.*

"When the moving and the noise stopped, we told the Brownies not to take anything and to come with us immediately – we knew we had to evacuate as we could hear the chimney bricks rolling down the roof," says Marilyn.

Carefully going down the narrow "rickety" stairs, the group headed for the extension at the back of the house:

"The girls were great – very matter of fact – until they were safe downstairs and had time to think – there were a few tears but that's not surprising. When we got there, we had one big group hug!"

After realising the girls were cold, Margaret returned upstairs to get the sleeping bags. Cracroft House Manager Trevena and husband Phillip Wilson arrived soon afterwards to check on the girls and those in the barn.

"Trevena and Phillip were amazing. It was so great to have someone else there too."

Margaret and Marilyn then contacted the Brownies' parents by text to let them know the girls were safe, along with their own families.

The group then put chairs together in the middle of the Edna Hannafin Room – thought to be the safest place as it was newer and singled storied:

"We shut the curtains to protect us from the windows in case they broke if there was another earthquake," says Marilyn.

They all then chatted about what to do if there was another earthquake and passed the time telling stories and singing songs. One girl was worried about her goldfish.

A further text message was sent around 5am to say that the parents could pick up their children after daylight and if it was safe for them to do so. The parents started arriving about 6.30am and when there were enough parents to stay with the girls, Phillip, Margaret and Marilyn went upstairs, placed everything in suitcases and moved the girls' gear downstairs.

Plans are afoot to have a day camp as the girls and leaders are not so keen to sleep away from home another night, says Marilyn.



# Trevena's story

Trevena Wilson hasn't been manager at Cracroft House for very long and says that she hopes there won't be another earthquake during her time there.

"The adrenalin just kicks in though and it was great that all our processes about what to do in an emergency worked along with the emergency lighting. All the safety checks are done on a monthly basis and now they have been put into practice, it is comforting to see they work."

By the time Phillip and Trevena got outside, the Brownies were exiting Cracroft House.



## Earthquake by Sarah

On Saturday 4 September 2010 at 4:35am, as you know there was an earthquake but I am not going to talk about being at home because I was at Brownie camp at Cracroft House. Cracroft House is really old. The house is two storey's high and there are four bedrooms, some are upstairs and some down. Anyway, there were nine girls and they were split in two, five girls in one room and four girls in the other. Some of us were asleep, but I was awake.

Suddenly, the house started to shake. The girls in the other bedroom thought we were playing a trick on them, but this was serious. It was really noisy and everything was moving. I was frightened and wanted my mum and dad. Marilyn and Margaret, my Brownie leaders and our librarian and teacher aide appeared at our door and said 'girls it's ok, it's just an earthquake. Hop under your beds – so we jumped out of bed and under

"Marilyn and Margaret handled the girls really well," says Trevena.

Apart from the Brownies in the old house, there was a church group of around 35 young people in the Barn which needed to be checked on.

The Barn did not suffer any major damage but they found out later that the hot water cylinder had moved and leaked. The huge trees throughout the property were also all standing which was surprising given their size.

Cracroft House, however, suffered some damage "although if the earthquake strengthening hadn't been done in the 1990's, it would have been a different story!"

One of the chimneys fell into the ceiling above a bedroom and the other chimney is still intact below

roof level. There are a lot of cracks throughout the house which have worsened due to the more than 2000 aftershocks Canterbury has had since the September 4 earthquake. Although at the time no windows were broken, one broke a couple of days later "even though it had no cracks, the pressure just built".

Trevena wanted to help others after the earthquake so they opened up the Barn for a week to St John Ambulance staff and volunteers from out of town.

"As an organisation we wanted to play our part – we had 24 Trefoil Guild members helping out in the kitchens, some providing baking and bedding and it was great to be able to do something to help out during this emergency," says Trevena.

At the time of writing Trevena was waiting for the earthquake assessor to visit.

Some group bookings have had to be cancelled for Cracroft House although people are still fine to stay in the Barn with bookings continuing as normal.



them. The roof had already started fluttering fine plaster dust over us, our beds and everything. Then they told us to go downstairs.

It was really dark and we did not have our torches and when we came down stairs we had to wait outside, it was really freezing cold! I thought that we would have to wait out here for a long time.

After the earthquake, Margaret went upstairs and got sleeping bags and torches for us and we headed for the lounge. We had our sleeping bags wrapped around us as we went to the lounge which was built in the last 30 years which meant it was much safer for us.

After the earthquake, there were lots of aftershocks, some were really loud and it was really scary because we only had a chair to sit on. After a while we got used to them, then when it had become light our parents arrived to evacuate us as it

was not safe to stay there. Marilyn and Margaret had to very carefully go upstairs to get our stuff. It was too dangerous for us because one chimney had fallen into the ceiling and could crash down on top of us.

Margaret and Marilyn took really good care of us and all the girls were really brave. They think we deserve an 'I survived the earthquake camp' badge. They were very proud of us. I am glad no one got hurt. I think everyone would prefer to be home with their family for such a big earthquake but we did really well.

It was the shortest Brownie camp ever and as such we did not get a chance to do all the fun things Margaret and Marilyn had organised for us.

I was so pleased to see my mum. We jumped in the car and headed home. Our house is quite new and had no damage and my family was all fine. We had no power and it was cold but we all climbed into the spare bed downstairs and stayed warm. We had torches and water and though the aftershocks are scary (we are still getting them) I am starting to feel safer.

*Right: The day of the earthquake with both chimneys gone.*





“ I know my district will benefit from my renewed enthusiasm and the ideas I have got from the course. ”

# Guiding and Outward Bound together

Renewed enthusiasm, the ability to take on new challenges and learning their own strengths and weaknesses were just some of the rewards for GirlGuiding NZ leaders who took part in an Outward Bound course.

Outdoor adventure is a key reason that many girls join GirlGuiding NZ and the specifically-designed Outward Bound course gives leaders the chance to try their hand at a wide range of activities and challenges.

One of the key lessons learnt by Shelley Strong, a Guide leader at Wadestown, was the way all 14 women worked so well together, even though most had never met before.

The “great bunch” gelled almost immediately and the fact that they were all from within Guiding meant that they all worked together really well, she says.

“A lot of the principles within Outward Bound are aligned to those in Guiding. As a leader sometimes you have to step up and sometimes you need to have a support role and this way of working together came through very strongly on the course – it was almost intuitive.”

The eight day Outward Bound course was designed specifically for Guiding leaders and was held in May at Anikiwa, near Picton, in the Marlborough Sounds.

As a child, Shelley never spent much time in the outdoors and was determined to make outdoor adventure a priority for the year. She saw the Outward Bound course and was inspired to take up the challenge.



*Outward Bound instructors Catherine and PP.*

"The course came at just the right time in my life – I wanted to get physically fitter, have more energy and get outdoors. It was too good an opportunity to pass by!" Ironically her father Bob participated in the first Outward Bound course in 1962.

Shelley has been a Guide leader at Wadestown for five years after the "Charlie's Angels" advertising inspired her to get back into the organisation as an adult.

Her family lived around New Zealand and she was a Brownie in Hokitika and a Guide in both Palmerston North and Hokitika.

"I really enjoyed my experiences there when I was young and decided being a leader was a great way to also give back to the community."

The impetus for taking on the Outward Bound challenge was to encourage her own Guides to experience more outdoor activities and to enjoy the exhilaration of succeeding at difficult activities and gain more confidence.

Her Outward Bound experience has encouraged her to introduce her Guides to opportunities such as kayaking or rock climbing – "something I would never have done before".

Shelley says she "loved every minute" of the eight day course.

"The confidence boost is extraordinary. Instead of watching people abseiling I think "I can do that! I used to fear things when I was younger and now I have no fear – now it's a breeze to do anything. That confidence is priceless," she says.

Shelley strongly recommends the Outward Bound class to other leaders as an experience that will change their lives.

"Everyone should do it whether they are in Guiding or just anyone. It's so important to challenge yourself and to gain that massive strength and confidence in yourself."



# What they say...

*"There is no one word to describe what Outward Bound was for me ... frightening, rewarding, freezing, exhilarating, strenuous, emotional, funny and sad. An awesome adventure."*

*"We learned a lot about effective communication and how to use our strengths to our advantages and also to help others and our environment."*

**Lynne B**

*"I did find that the things I was reading ended up being easier than expected or really enjoyable."*

**Karen L**

*"I will be forever grateful to Outward Bound – I had one of the most wonderful and amazing journeys of my life."*

*"I have discovered a lot about myself. I have gained a better understanding of myself and have a clear picture of the things I value."*

*"I have committed to some very positive changes such as belief and trust in myself, using inner strength and courage."*

*"I have also discovered that life is not a big competition but rather about setting goals for yourself and then setting about achieving them. No one else is interested in whether you come first, second or last! I discovered this at the completion of our 12km run. I had pushed myself to the absolute limits using inner strength, mantras and determination. Afterwards I felt incredible!!!!"*

**Judith L**

**GirlGuiding New Zealand is very appreciative of the support offered by Outward Bound, especially the sponsorship of major funder, Hubbards.**



*"Outward Bound has been a turning point in my life."*

*"As the date drew closer to my Outward Bound course, I wondered what I had let myself in for and I was very apprehensive!"*

*"The next week was the most mentally challenging, physically demanding, exhilarating and fulfilling week of my life. A week focussing on me (no husband, no children, no housework, no phone, no outside commitments) was something I hadn't done before but it was a very liberating experience."*

*"I have been living on a high since my return home – absolutely chuffed with myself that I could tackle and complete all the tasks Outward Bound threw at me."*

*"My daughters and husband have told so many people of my achievements – they are so proud of me. It has given me such a warm fuzzy!"*

**Delwyn C**

*"I know my district will benefit from my renewed enthusiasm and ideas I have got from the course."*

*"The sponsorship GirlGuiding NZ provided me with was so appreciated. I will make sure I share all the benefits I got from Outward Bound with others. Thanks heaps."*

**Brenda H**





# Tui Ridge, Rotorua, here we come!

Jamboree planning is underway for January 2012. We will keep you posted.

It may be over a year away but GirlGuiding New Zealand is already planning the next jamboree for January 2012 in Rotorua.

The Jamboree will be held at Tui Ridge Park, Ngongataha, near Rotorua from 14 – 20 January 2012.

Jamborees are all about new adventures, whether it is outdoor activities like abseiling or fly fishing, or sailing and astroballing. There are always other challenges too – making a film, making a circuit breaker or designing a web page. The key theme though is fun!

Jamborees provide an opportunity for girls to experience camping in tents on a big scale. These large scale camps are held every four years. The 2012 event will be held at

Tui Ridge where the 2004 ROCK jamboree was held. Many of those who attended will now be going to their second jamboree as leaders, for some girls even their third.

Girls who have been to jamborees in the past will know how many activities and adventures are included in each camp. To give an idea of the scale, at ROCK 46 buses left daily for off-site activities – equivalent to the entire camp being moved daily.

Making this happen means the organising team starts work on each jamboree over a year before it starts so that each one is the best ever.

The jamborees usually attract over 3000 girls aged nine to 14 years along with a strong adult contingent of leaders, communications people and volunteer helpers.



Overseas visitors are a major part of making jamborees an international event. In 2008 girls and leaders arrived from Australia, Fiji, Malaysia, Cook Islands, Ireland, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Solomon Islands and Wales.

For many girls attending the camp, the adventures start when they leave home. For some it's their first trip on a plane, their first experience of being a long way from home or their first time on a kayak or in an astroball.

**Girls will be challenged in a fun, safe and supportive way. They need to think about things like:**

- taking a shower in 28 seconds!
- cleaning your teeth in a mug or cup!
- going without a mobile, tv or radio for seven days!
- washing your hair in a basin!
- using portaloos, solar showers or showering in a container!
- finding different ways to wash your clothes!
- keeping track of your own personal luggage!
- eating with 300 other girls!

Tui Ridge has a whole range of outdoor activities onsite and there will also be opportunities for girls to experience new adventures within the Rotorua district.

It's going to be a whole lot of fun! GirlGuiding NZ will keep you posted with updates about how you can all join in.

**Some statistics to consider...**

Jamborees are like a self sufficient town and the site has its own power, gas, water, medical services and shops. With 3500 people at the ROCK Jamboree in 2004 the following statistics give some idea of what's involved:

- 2.2km of toilet paper was used in just two hours
- Over 240 metres of plumbing delivered 90,000 litres of water daily

**And the following food was consumed:**

- 75,000 pieces of fruit
- 12,600 litres of milk
- 1890kg of breakfast cereals
- 26,000 loaves of bread



# New unit at Oakura flourishes

A waiting list after operating for just one term has amazed and delighted two new leaders at Oakura Pippins and Brownies in New Plymouth.



Wanting their own daughters and other girls from the area to enjoy Brownies led neighbours Catherine Cave and Robin Green to start up the Oakura unit.

English-born Catherine and Tahiti-born Robin had both been Brownies and Guides as children and have five daughters between them.

"It was actually our husbands that were keen for our daughters to attend Brownies but I also wanted my girls to have the same great memories of Guiding that I had – the camping, the new skills."

It was GirlGuiding New Zealand's advertisements promoting Guide biscuits that spurred Catherine to search on line for the nearest Brownie unit as there wasn't one in Oakura village.

Setting up a new unit may have been daunting for the pair but they contacted GirlGuiding's Central North Zone Office to find out more and quickly found themselves at leader training in Rotorua.

Visits to the Rotokare Pippins and Brownies gave them practical experience and sealed their decision to start up a new unit.

"We got to plan and run four meetings so came up with all sorts of ideas and the girls absolutely loved it," says Catherine. Next up was a registration meeting in Oakura to determine how many girls wanted to join Pippins and Brownies in the New Plymouth suburb.

"Everyone was very keen and many signed up and paid immediately. Many of the girls come from the local Oakura Primary school but others came from other schools nearby," says Catherine.

On 22 July 2010 the unit opened with two leaders and a full complement of 28 members – along with a waiting list for both Pippins and Brownies.

"I hope we created the right mix of ceremony and fun with each person coming forward to make the Promise and being presented with a sash, first badges and flower before joining the circle. A great turnout of parents and friends made the occasion even more special."

Catherine says that she and Robin work together well as a team and bring different skills as leaders. Catherine's background is in systems analysis and corporate training so she has the administration and organisational side of things sorted. She also enjoys sewing and crafts and the creative side.

"Robin, however, is a teacher and is the energetic and resourceful one who organises outdoor activities and games so between us the girls get a great range of opportunities – and loads of different skills."

Although the Oakura unit has had plenty of help from the parent helpers, the group would like some more leaders.

"We've had enormous support and enthusiasm from the girls and parents but desperately need two more leaders

so we can split the big group into Pippins and Brownies (and eventually have a Guide unit with luck!)"

Future plans also include keeping in touch with Rotokare Pippins and Brownies and organising some joint adventures, says Catherine.

"It's just been a great journey. The community support has been fantastic. We are really chuffed that so many people are pleased that we've started up these groups – it's overwhelming how successful they have become so quickly."



# Enthusiasm continues

Her enthusiasm for GirlGuiding NZ has continued over the years and it would be very difficult to imagine Lois Beckett without some connection to Guiding. In her words Lois has been involved in GirlGuiding for “donkey’s years”.

From being a Brownie and Guide herself, GirlGuiding has opened up a wealth of opportunities for Lois – from travel and training experiences to meeting a wide range of people who have a simple connection - Guiding.

“The opportunities available through Guiding are endless,” says Lois.

“I tell my girls to stick with Guiding and many doors will open. It’s like a huge family and we all have a connection with each other.”

Lois is a Pippin leader at Albany where she established the area’s first Guiding unit three years ago. Her other role is as Regional Co-ordinator Adviser for the central North Island.

She was recently “Pippin-less” but now has three new girls who have joined up. Lois says she loves leading the younger age group and is keen to meet the next round of girls.

“I enjoy being with the young children and seeing how they blossom from being quite shy and clinging to their mothers to being confident girls who can take their place in the world. It makes me very proud,” she says.

When Lois first moved to Albany, the suburb did not have a Guiding presence.

“I was keen to start up a unit in the area. Some of the young girls in Albany had to travel to Torbay for their nearest unit.”



She says the local Zone office was instrumental in helping the group get up and running, initially at Massey University and then to a refurbished Scout hall which had been upgraded by the North Shore City Council.

The unit started up three years ago as a club with Pippins through to Guides until, after six months, the unit's popularity meant the groups split.

"In some ways the mixed age group in one room didn't work so well but it was a way to get up and running."

She hopes to have a new Rangers groups once the Guides are ready to move on.

Lois credits her involvement with Guiding to her own personal growth and success over the years. She has travelled overseas to Kiribati, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and Japan as a Trainer and has organised some major Guiding events in New Zealand.

Her range of roles with Guiding has also reflected on her work life at Tyco Wormald where her story featured in the company's newsletter.

"Guiding teaches girls to look for the good in other people and see that everyone has something to contribute," she says in the article. Lois is Accounts Receivable Supervisor at Wormald/Tyco and has worked there for 22 years.

"At work, I try to fit the right people to the right tasks so that people enjoy working here and feel a part of the bigger picture."

Along with being Regional Co-ordinator Adviser, Lois is also a member of the GirlGuiding NZ Foundation that provides funding for a variety of members' advancement in Guiding related projects, and she is on the National Awards Committee.

Lois is not only a volunteer with Guiding but another voluntary role has proved to be a highlight. As chairman of the establishment Board of Trustees for Pinehill School on Auckland's North Shore she was involved in getting an entire school up and running.

"That was a most exciting project – being given a piece of dirt and told to build a school, staff it and get kids there – all within about a 12 month period. That was 10 years ago and was such a buzz!"

Auckland's North Shore is lucky to have Lois Beckett not just because of her long involvement in Guiding but also because of her instrumental role in starting up a new school. It is a true tribute to her and her connection with her local community that she can make things work – even if it has to be from scratch.



“ I tell my girls to stick with Guiding and many doors will open. It's like a huge family and we all have a connection with each other. ”

## Lois' roles within GirlGuiding NZ include:

Guide Leader; Trainer travelling to Kiribati, Hong Kong, Japan and Kuala Lumpur; National Training Team member; On the production team of the first Guide Handbook; National Pippin Adviser; Pippin Leader in several districts; Member of the National Board.



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# Pink Star challenges

The Pink Star Challenge has provided the opportunity for girls across the country to have a whole lot of pink fun, while raising awareness of breast cancer, its prevention and detection.

As the largest female only organisation in New Zealand, this community action project was a great chance for girls and young women to have their say about a largely female issue and learn and grow in the process.

## World record attempt for longest bra chain

The world record attempt to make the longest bra chain and break the Australian's total was a major focus of the Pink Star Challenge. However the chance to make a difference to other women's lives was important too and this is to be achieved by giving the best quality bras from the record attempt to those in need in other countries.

Dargaville Guide Leader, Robyn Martinovich who started all this, can't believe the amazing response they have had.

"What a journey it has been for us. We have received hundreds of letters of support – some with heart wrenching stories of loved ones lost to the terrible disease. Bras have come from America, Australia and England, all wanting to support us and GirlGuiding NZ in this fantastic endeavour. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think this would turn into such a huge event for all Guiding members of New Zealand."

Robyn and Viv Hutchins, Tai Tokerau West's District Co-ordinator, Northland Region, started a competition to see who would receive the biggest bra. To start with they thought that the G cup was pretty big but so far Robyn is leading with a J cup! They have received some pretty outrageous

looking bras too. Big ones, small ones, ones with water or gel in them and all the colours of the rainbow, although yellow seems to be pretty rare.

As this magazine goes to print, the total of 200,000 bras is tantalisingly close but not there yet!

In particular, Dargaville Guide Leader, Robyn Martinovich, District Co-ordinator Viv Hutchins, the Pippins, Brownies and Guides of Dargaville and the community have been amazing. The time spent counting, collating, bagging, storing, collecting bras has been unimaginable and to say that bras have inundated their lives at all levels would not be an understatement.

GirlGuiding New Zealand would like to thank all the businesses and members of our communities who have been involved in helping to try to achieve this massive target. The support of our members has been phenomenal.

The media coverage has been amazing too and some of the photos exceptional.

There will be an update on the outcomes in the next edition of *Te Rama* but in the meantime, a snapshot of the last six month's activities from around the country follows. There have been so many we just cannot cover them all!





## Postie joins the campaign

Postie stores throughout New Zealand came on board to collect bras for the world record attempt.

## Wounded in Rotorangi

That's how Rotorangi Guides District Co-ordinator Jenny Landers felt after her promotional efforts for Guiding. And it's all because of the big pink bra made out of chicken wire for the stand at the South Taranaki District Council-organised Club Expo at the TSB Hub.



Robyn Martinovich & Viv Hutchins

## Bras from North Shore garage

What are the chances of finding a woman who has boxes of bras stored in her garage that she is willing to donate to the bra chain? Rachel, who lives on the North Shore, was collecting bras for the Pacific Islands through Rotary. Over 11,000 bras have already been sent to Vanuatu but she still had more boxes of bras sitting in her garage.

## Pennsylvania support

In June, Sue Coughenour, a Girl Scout leader from York, Pennsylvania in the USA got in contact with Guiding as she was visiting New Zealand in November 2010. She loved what we were doing so started a collection in her area. About 200 bras came with her on her flight and the bras were picked up from her hotel in Auckland before she started touring the country.

## Arthur Barnett supports campaign

Dunedin department store Arthur Barnett Ltd in Dunedin ran a "trade-in your bra" promotion in August and collected over 200 bras for the Bra Chain.

## Bra competition

A healthy competition developed across the country amongst members about who could collect the most bras.

## Pink fun at Southland

Two Pippins undertaking the Pink Star Challenge at camp were joined

by Brownies and Guides for a Pink morning tea. The Pippins completed nine optional clauses for the challenge including blowing pink bubbles and making a pink sculpture. The girls wore pink rather than their uniform to fulfill one of the challenges – to visit a public place all dressed in pink.

## A car full of bras

Katy Hedges, Assistant Manager of Guiding's Lower North Zone Office, returned from the Manawatu with a car load of bras. It took an entire afternoon to count, box and bag the bras.

## Sailing fraternity to distribute bras in Fiji

Alison and Pete from a group called Sailing for Sustainability are currently sailing in Fiji where there is a real need for bras. They have offered to help GirlGuiding NZ distribute some of the bras in the Pacific Islands. Alison emailed us to say "We thought you would be interested in the reaction we got from Solodamu village, Kadavu, Fiji when we delivered the 35 bras I collected. The women were absolutely delighted – some of the ladies told me that they had not had a new bra for nearly 10 years and most of the ladies only have one bra and some none at all".

## Howick happy in pink

Howick's Uxbridge Guides went pink with some fabulous ideas. On Mother's Day they made pink cards and filled organza bags with potpourri. They also visited a nearby rest home with pink gifts of hot water bottles, bed socks, hand cream, hankies and bookmarks. Their "bring a bra and bring a friend" event led to some new members – and 100 bras. The All Saints Pippins who joined the Guides for an evening, swapped their blue uniforms for pink t-shirts and brought along their favourite pink toy. They made pink masks and ate pink marshmallows.

## Pink meetings

In the Te Tapui district in the Waikato, pink meetings were held – attendance wearing something pink was compulsory! There were pink



shirts, pink pyjamas, pink jackets, pink hats, pink wedding veils, and even a pink halo! There was also a Pinky bar or two to be had.

## Masterton mother and daughter evening

GirlGuiding Masterton organised a mother and daughter evening at Cobb and Co restaurant to raise awareness of breast cancer and funds for research. There was a mother and daughter quiz and a chance for the girls to take part in some typical Guiding craft activities, plus a collection of bras too!

## Brownies, biscuits and bras in Nelson

Nelson market in July was very cold but the bra donations were steady and people were keen to get their annual fix of Guide biscuits as well.

## Bra fence in Gisborne

The idea of the Cardrona Bra Fence was copied with a fence built inside the Guide hall to store the bras that have been collected. Farming parents hunted round on the farm and brought in some old fence posts and a weathered wooden gate to help build the fence. The Guides enjoyed making some sheep out of empty Guide biscuit boxes and sheep dogs completed the picture.

## Afternoon tea in Waiuku

Waiuku Brownies held a Pink Star afternoon tea and invited their mums and grandmothers. The girls had made

invitations, hostess gifts and practiced folding napkins – and collected another 158 bras which they joined together at the afternoon tea.

## Pink challenge for Heathcote girls of East West Canterbury

Girls joined in lots of activities including dressing in pink, making pink masks, a pink talent quest, pink prizes, pink icecream, a teddy bears' picnic with the teddies dressed in pink of course, as well as pink badges.

## Facebook – Bra Chain

A posting on the Bra chain Facebook page by Aussie supporter Jo Wade saying she had 180 bras “across the ditch” to donate, resulted in an offer by a Rotarian to take the bras from Melbourne to Wellington.

## Bay of Plenty Breast Cancer Awareness walks

Women's fun walks in Tauranga and Rotorua in October saw plenty of Guiding women and girls turn out in support. There was lots of fun and camaraderie to be had, plus lots of donated bras!

## Oamaru and the Pink Times Camp

Brownies, Guides and Rangers did everything over three days from eating pink food to wearing pink clothes, designing pink jewellery, icing and decorating home made heart biscuits, making pieces of modern art and countless other things. Pink prizes

were to be had for the best pink play dough sculpture including pink lollies, pink blow up guitar, pink disco ball, pink soap and lots more.

## Bendon joined in!

Bendon Outlet stores across the country also joined in with some huge donations of bras to the cause.

## Positively pink Paeroa

“Octobra” was celebrated in Paeroa with a range of fabulous activities. A pink champagne breakfast, pink fingers garden ramble, pink ribbon trivia night, an amazing race and a pink film festival was all part of the fun. A Pippin was also held at Paeroa Racecourse on 30 October incorporating Brownie Revels. A bra chain was completed making it around the racecourse just over one time and the words “Breast Cancer” were written in bras.

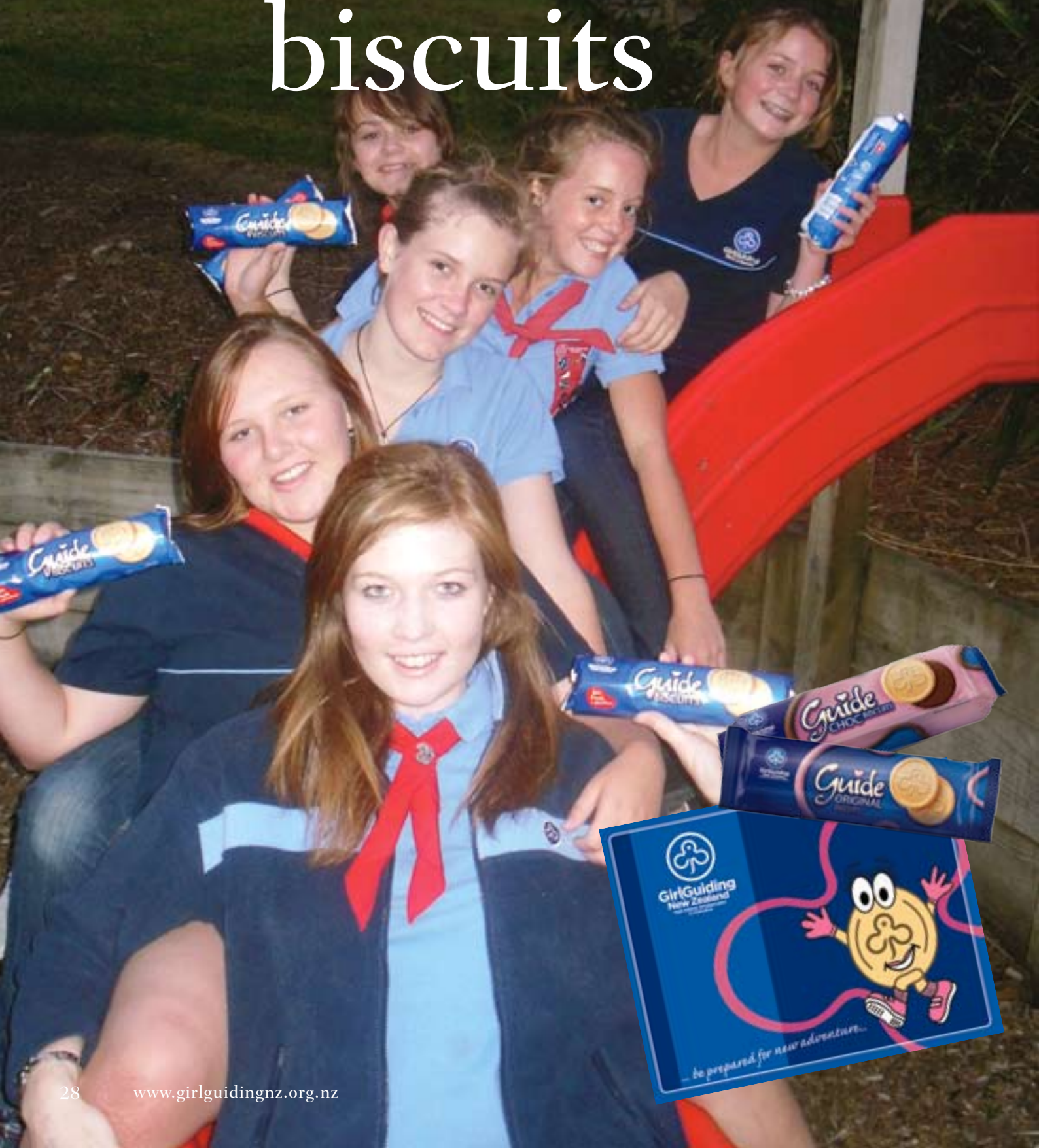
## Dargaville Guides and The Erin Simpson Show

The girls from Dargaville had a “blast” appearing on The Erin Simpson Show, a show which screens every weekday 4.30 – 5.00pm on TV2 to not only promote the attempt at the world record but to promote the benefits of Guiding. Alongside Guide Leader, Robyn Martinovich, the initiator of the whole bra chain idea, the girls chatted to Katy and loved the exposure to the world of TV. They couldn't wait for the show to screen on 14 September. *(Pictured below - Taylor Martinovich, Ariana Hutchins, Katy - Erin Simpson presenter, Monique Flood, Sam O'Keefe and Yianna Koutsos in pink)*



Best ever

# Guide biscuits



2010 was certainly a challenging season for selling GirlGuiding New Zealand's major fundraiser, Guide biscuits, and on behalf of our organisation, we want to sincerely thank you for all your support, be it buying and enjoying the scrummy biscuits or helping with sales. Without this support, GirlGuiding New Zealand would not be able to help grow girls to be the best they can be and develop to their full potential. It is also wonderful that the girls are part of an international organisation of ten million girls who also share the benefits of Guiding in over 140 countries around the world.

The 2010 biscuit season was very difficult. As many of you will be aware, the biscuit season was hampered by poor product quality of some of the plain biscuits.

However, Griffin's Foods Ltd, our Guide biscuit manufacturer, has committed to "putting it right" and in 2011, the original biscuits will be the best ever and, just to make sure, you will be able to try one before you buy!

## Project Whakapai

Project Whakapai is what we've named the exciting project we have embarked on with Griffin's. Whakapai is a verb that means to make good, improve, or set in order, which is very fitting, as this project aims not just to resolve any issues with last year's biscuit production, but to take it one step further to develop and produce the "best ever" Guide biscuits for 2011.

There will be a new biscuit design, changes to the packaging, and multiple trials to get the biscuits just right - but with the same Guide biscuit recipe, to keep the taste everyone has traditionally loved.

The new Guide biscuits will have Guiding's seal of approval at every stage along the way, as a panel of girls and adults from GirlGuiding NZ assist Griffin's to develop the "best ever".

Our Guiding panel members are Katherine (aged 17), Stephanie (aged 16), Jessica (aged 14), Emma (aged 12) and Caitlyn (aged 11). Judith Walker, (Guide Leader, Papakura District, Hauraki Region) and Kim Wood, (Biscuit Co-ordinator, North Shore Region) have also joined the team.

They have already started the process and have provided their thoughts on design, given feedback on the biscuit production trials, completed sensory training and been part of the approval team at the production runs.

## Packaging competition

In July, over 400 girls throughout the country took part in a competition to design the best ever packs for the best ever biscuits. There were some fabulous entries and some great ideas which have been incorporated into the final design.

The winning entries all received a hamper of goodies from Griffins and some additional goodies from GirlGuiding NZ too.

## Biscuit tin

In 2011, you will be able to purchase a specially designed Guide biscuit tin to keep your supplies in tip top condition. These will be available to purchase in your local community when you stock up or from Guiding's mail order shop.





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# 2010

## Great GirlGuiding New Zealand

# photo competition

### Winner \$75

Judges Choice plus the cover photo on this Summer 2010 edition of *Te Rama*

**(A)** Chelsea playing in mud at the bottom of a mud slide at a regional Brownie camp

*Claire R, Leader, 3rd Manukau Rangers, Totara View District, Manukau*

### Winners \$50

**(B)** Charlotte and Casey cooking mini pikelets on a hobo stove as part of a regional outdoor challenge

*Heather, Leader, Rainbow Brownies (5th Waiariki Brownie Unit), Rainbow District, Waiariki*

**(C)** Kate, Brigette and Vicky participating in a bra collection project

*Kathy, Leader, Unit 08C032 Arataki Guides, Mt Coastal District, Bay of Plenty*

**(D)** Fran, Mattie and Niamh at a Brownie link up to Guides at Sumner School pool

*Jennifer, Sumner Guides, 28C033, Ferrymead District, East West Canterbury*

**(E)** Pippin Abbie at a District Camp

*Sandie, District Co-ordinator, Glenfield District, North Shore*

**(F)** Isabel, Rebekah and Sophie, Senior Guides, overnight at the Ranger sub-camp at the Auckland Regional Easter Camp

*Anna, Leader, St Aidan's Guides, Hobson District, Auckland*



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### Winners \$25

**(G)** Sam, Ashleigh, Jenny, Moesha, Shamar and Annaliese making a fire on a 50c coin to make "S'mores".

*Diane, Leader, Simla Guides, Onslow District, Wellington*

**(H)** Lucy, Amine, Claudia and Grace at enrolment.

*Liz, Leader, Kendal Guides, Waimairi District, Canterbury North*

**(I)** Nina and Aimee having fun together at Te Tapui District camp

*Rachael, Leader, Cambridge Pippins/ Brownies, Te Tapui District, Waikato*

**(J)** Ella at a fun Guide night

*Tania, Leader, Point View Guides, Dannemora District, Manukau*

**(K)** Kathleen, Chantelle and Sandi on a beach walk in Melbourne, prior the ACE international event.

*Debbie, District Co-ordinator, Rotorua District, Waiariki*



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## Spot Prizes

**(L)** Libby and Sara, Guides, on the ferry to a Regional Community Action Day at Motuihe Island  
*Annabel, Leader, 16th Ariki Guides, Epsom District, Auckland*

**(M)** Mairangi Bay Rangers biscuit selling pyramid  
*Mairangi Bay Rangers U2U010, East Coast Bays District, North Shore*

**(N)** Brownies gathering bras next to the black stilts, bulldozers and penstocks of Twizel.  
*Christine, Leader, Brownies, Pleasant Point District, South Canterbury*

**(O)** Mikayla at a Pinkalicious Sleepover  
*Donna, Leader, 13G014, River Valley District, Pencarrow*

**(P)** Sarah, relieved to be at the finishing line at the SBS Marathon.  
*Sarah, Ranger, Clifton Rangers, Ferrymead District, East West Canterbury*

**(Q)** Sam, Lucy and Lauren admiring the animals on an SPCA visit to the Tuahine Brownie Sleepover  
*Wendy, Leader, Tuahine Brownies, Pakuranga Peninsula District, Manukau*

**(R)** Careful footwork called for by a Brownie leader and one of her Brownies during the clean-up of a Deans District weekend camp at Rimu Park, East West Canterbury  
*Alexa, Leader's mum, Hei Hei Brownies and Hornby Pippins, Deans District, East West Canterbury*

**(S)** Pinata at International Guide Camp, Paretai, Nelson  
*Laura, Guide, Wakatu Guides, Arapiki District, Nelson*

**(T)** Hannah, Alyssa and Hayley having fun at the zoo at a Brownie camp in Hamilton  
*Susan, Leader, 24th Waiariki Brownies, Rotorua District, Waiariki*

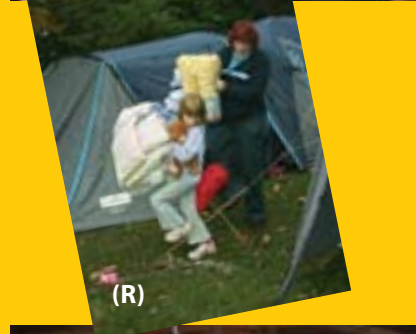
**(U)** Hayley and Nimandi with other Pippins and Brownies enjoying an old fashioned picnic to celebrate Thinking Day in February.  
*Charlotte, Leader, Hornby Pippins, Deans District, East West Canterbury*



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# A family affair

It's a family affair at Wakari Pippins and Brownies with a total of eight members of the same family involved in the group as leaders and members.

The connection to Wakari started 32 years ago when sisters Phillipa and Christine Allnatt joined the local Brownies and Guides. Their mother Dianne Casey, who was from a big family, never belonged to GirlGuiding because, she says, of the "distance and the cost".

"I started my daughters in Brownies – there were no Pippins then – because I'd heard about it through friends and felt it would be a good way for the girls to mix with children from other schools and learn new skills and do things that they wouldn't maybe do if it weren't for Guiding," says Dianne Casey.

Even now as adults, she says, both Christine and Phillipa often mention things that they learnt at Brownies and Guides and value those memories.

Dianne's second connection to the Wakari unit began in 1988 when

Christine, then 17, was asked to become the Wakari Brownie leader after spending four years as a Young Leader with Wakari Guides.

At that time Dianne thought Christine was too young to lead the unit by herself and, offered to help out her daughter until the "end of the year". Twenty-two years later Dianne is still a Brownie leader at Wakari. She has also been the Wakari Pippin leader for the last seven years, the Burns District contact and spent a few years as Division Commissioner.

Christine has continued as a Brownie leader for 10 years and as a Pippin leader for seven years.

Dianne's other daughter Phillipa moved from Wakari Brownies and Guides as a child to be a Ranger, Queen's Guide and complete her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. She has been a Brownie leader at the unit for 18 years and has also been District Co-ordinator and District Secretary.

The family connection does not stop there. Next to join Wakari as a leader was Dianne's daughter-in-law, Cara Reid-Allnatt, who has been a Brownie

leader there for 10 years. Cara was a Brownie at Mosgiel and spent a short time with Mosgiel Guides where her mother was a leader.

Now Phillipa's and Cara's children have followed in the family's footsteps.

Phillipa's eldest daughter Natasha Gosling (13) is completing her Guides Aotearoa at Wakari Guides and will finish at the end of this year. Her younger sister Rebecca Scott is five years old and at Pippins.

Their cousins are also part of GirlGuiding. Cara's daughters, Alise (10) has just linked up to Wakari Guides and Isobelle (8) is at Wakari Brownies. All the girls started out as Pippins.

When asked how the whole family got involved in Guiding, Dianne Casey says "it just happened".

"We all live locally, within a few of kilometres of each other so it was almost automatic."

And it doesn't stop there.

Christine is about to have her first child. Dianne is hopeful it will be a girl so her youngest granddaughter can keep on the family tradition at Wakari – and maybe even through to a fourth generation in the future!

*Back row: Dianne Casey (Pippins 7 years; Brownies 22 years), Dianne's daughter Phillipa Scott (Brownies 18 years), Dianne's daughter-in-law Cara Reid-Allnatt (Brownies 10 years), Dianne's other daughter Christine Allnatt (Brownies 10 years; Pippins 7 years).*

*Front row: Rebecca Scott (Phillipa's daughter and a Pippin), Isobelle Allnatt and Alise Allnatt (Cara's daughters and Brownies) and Natasha Gosling (Phillipa's daughter and a Guide).*



# Guiding things to do



## Omatua in the sunny Hawkes Bay

Omatua, a modern complex built at the site in 1979, has everything you need in one beautiful spot - meeting rooms, accommodation, picturesque gardens and a camping area and all of this within easy reach of an array of Hawkes Bay tourist attractions.

Omatua provides modern roomy facilities in an attractive, peaceful country setting of six acres, with a safe river along one boundary and cabin-style accommodation for up to 42 people.

Adjacent to the building complex are three level camping areas serviced with toilets, camp fire area and cold water taps.

The main hall, Riddell Lodge, is ideal for indoor activities requiring a large clear space or seating for a large group.

Downstairs facilities include a small kitchen, three side rooms, two toilets, one accessible by wheelchair, and shower. Two upstairs rooms are ideal for smaller break out/discussion groups.

Mary von Dadelszen House has a modern, fully equipped kitchen and spacious dining room overlooking the river, with an enclosed fire place, and seating for up to 60.

Activities available at Omatua include a history trail around the complex along with four orienteering courses. Trout, koura, and eels can be caught in the Mangaone River on the property's boundary and the river is ideal for swimming and water challenges.

Tui, bell bird, kereru, fantail, and other native birds frequent the garden, especially when the bright pink cherry blossom is in bloom.

For more information and bookings contact GirlGuiding NZ Hawkes Bay P.O. Box 7266, Taradale, Napier. Phone 06 839 5815



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## Help us to grow girls

We need fun, enthusiastic leaders from all backgrounds to help teach our girls a thing or two about life.

If you're good fun, arty, sporty or you just want to share your life skills to help girls and young women grow to become the best they can be, we'd love to hear from you.

Being a Girl Guide leader isn't for life – although the friendships often are! It only requires some of your time each week and the personal rewards are priceless.

Become part of our organisation now to share in the growing excitement of Jamboree in January 2012.

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