

## More about you

Are you?

- Living in a remote place in Queensland where your nearest Guide group is too far away?
- Living in a rural area or small town where the nearest Guide group is too far away or recently closed?
- Someone whose study or work commitments prevent them attending the local Guide group?
- Someone whose commitments to other activities prevent them from attending the local Guide group at the meeting times available?
- Someone who is the only member of their age-group in a regular Guide unit (typically a Junior Leader aged over 12) who requires a peer group for badge assessment and fun!
- On the move—travelling perhaps with parents work or doing the “Round Australia” trip or similar
- Someone with a chronic medical condition\* or frequent hospital admission which prevents attending the local Guide group?

\*Some girls with chronic medical conditions may be referred to Nowra Region—a special Region for these girls—where there is greater supervision for camps and activities—rather than Lones.

**If you ticked any boxes, then Lone Guides is probably right for you!**

## What Next?

Are you interested in joining Lones?

No—You might like to give this brochure to someone else that may be interested in finding out about Lone Guides.

Yes—If you are a current member of Girl Guides Queensland complete a *Transfer to Lones* form (QF.AD.14). If you are not a member complete a *Lones Expression of Interest* form (QF.ME.03).

Forms are available from Girl Guides Queensland or download at [www.guidesqld.org](http://www.guidesqld.org).



## A little History

Lone Guides started in 1912, just two years after a group of girls joined their brothers in the first Scout Rally at Crystal Palace in London.

Lone Guides was established in recognition that not all girls would be able to access Guide meetings in their local area. Some Lone Guides live in remote areas, others live in the city but do not have easy access to a Guide unit, girls are often on the move with their parents and Lone Guiding gives them an opportunity to be involved in Guiding wherever they may be situated, overseas or in Australia.



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# Lone Guides

Girl Guides conjures up pictures of camping, sitting round campfires, outdoor cooking, learning survival techniques, boating and adventurous activities, fun and friendship in the great outdoors.



## Are Lone Guides different?

Lone Guides are no different to other Guides in Australia in that they are a member of a Unit which follows the Australian Guide Program.

It is the way Lones communicate and undertake activities that is different. Queensland Lones Region operates Units to cater for girls and young women of all ages. The means of communication differs between Units, it may take the form of paper correspondence, internet communication or a mixture of medias.

Younger Guides are assisted by their “Brownie Guide/ Guide Helper”, who is usually their mother, an older sister or governess. Each Lone Unit has their own traditions, for example younger girls may stand on the “magic carpet” to make their Promise, some Units wear a sash as uniform while others wear an informal Guide shirt.

Once you have been allocated a Unit your Leader will share details of these traditions with you. Each month girls are sent out a package by mail including news and projects which they can do at home.

Lone Leaders work very hard to prepare meetings and encourage the involvement of Unit members. It is vitally important that Lone Guides keep in regular contact with their Unit Leader. The greater communication between the Leader and a girl results in better outcomes for the Girl and Unit.

## What opportunities are there?

There are opportunities to camp and join in adventurous activities too, with Lone Guides being very much a part of the world-wide community of Girl Guides. Opportunities may be offered by nearby groups to join in with them, or to attend bigger state, national or international camps.

## What about the Recognition System?

Lone Girl Guides have access to the recognition system as well—earning badges is great way to improve your skills, grow your character and challenge yourself to new heights.

Over the years, Lones has modernised, and whereas before girls may have communicated by UHF radio, they now use the internet to email and chat.

## Who can join Lones?

Girls who don't face a distance challenge, may also join Lones. These girls typically face their own challenges: a heavy study workload at school or college, Guide meetings where they live clash with another important commitment, they are sick and often in hospital, they belong to a group of itinerant workers (daughters of fruitpickers or showpeople for example) or they are the only Guide in their group in that age-group. Guiding is available for every female who is willing to make the Guide Promise.

**Whoever she is, wherever she is,  
if a girl wants to be a Guide,  
opportunities are available for her to  
be welcomed into the Guiding Family.**

## What is the Cost?

All members pay an annual membership fee (for current membership costs visit [www.guidesqld.org](http://www.guidesqld.org)). This covers an individual with insurance, membership to Girl Guides Australia and the World Association in addition to supporting the organisation in providing Leader training and resources for the successful operation of Girl Guides Queensland wide.

Each Guide is also required to pay Unit subs and a Region fee annually. The subs are used to pay for the resources required to successfully operate the Unit (postage, badges, resources). The Unit Leader sets the Unit subs and will advise you of the amount. The Region fee assists with the costs of operation of the Region and is payable in first term each year (or pro-rata if joining part way through the year).