



### The Australian Centenary Challenge

Since 1996, all Australian Guiding Units have been called Guides, no matter what the age group. Before then they were called Gumnuts, Brownies and Guides. Now they choose their own unit name although some still call themselves Gumnuts or Brownies.

There are two ways in which you can use this challenge. You can complete one activity from each of the five sections or you can use it as an activity on camp or for a unit wide game and take part in the 'dollar market' at the end of this pack. The choice is yours...

The activities are labelled according to Guiding section but feel free to do an activity from another section if it appeals to you - just make it challenging to your girls. It is for all sections from Rainbows to Trefoil Guild. Leaders can award themselves a badge for organising all the activities!

Once you have completed your Australian Challenge, you can send off for your badges. The order form is at the back of the pack.

All proceeds will go to the Girlguiding North West trip to the Australian Centenary Event at Britannia Park near to Melbourne.

Thank you for your support.

# Native Australia



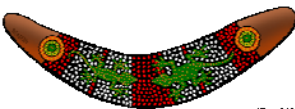
1. Make a boomerang and throw it.
2. Make a didgeridoo
3. Decorate a picture using Aboriginal dot art
4. Sing a traditional Australian song
5. Colour in the Australian flag and attach it to a stick



1. Make and decorate a boomerang. Have a contest to see who can throw theirs the furthest and it still comes back.
2. Who are the Aborigines? Learn an Aboriginal game or song.
3. Find out the meaning of the Aboriginal flag and the Australian flag.
4. Learn the song 'Waltzing Matilda' and know what the words mean.
5. Make a clay lizard and decorate it using Aboriginal dot art.



1. Recreate a famous Australian landmark in your own way.
2. Learn a song/verse in Aboriginal language or make up a song about Australia and sing it at a unit campfire.
3. Have a 'talk like an Australian' evening and learn Australian slang.
4. Find out the names of the Australian States and find out one interesting fact about each one.
5. Plan a trip to Australia lasting two weeks and see as much as you can. You should use real timetables so that you can get real travel times.



1. Make some jewellery inspired by Aboriginal dot art.
2. Draw the state flags and any other Australian flags that you have found during your research and make some bunting to decorate your meeting place.
3. Make a traditional hat with corks hanging from it.
4. Find out what Australians eat and compare it to what you eat. For example look at brands such as Vegemite and Marmite. Try some and see if you like it.
5. Find out what a bullroarer is and make one to communicate with your friends!



1. Have a 'bring something Australian' evening.
2. Invite someone who has been to Australia to give you a talk.
3. Hold an Aboriginal craft evening and make something traditional.
4. Have an Australian slang quiz.
5. Make some clapsticks and use them to accompany some songs.



# Walkabout/Out and About

1. Hold a beach party with beach games or a barbeque. It doesn't have to be at the beach but you should dress for the beach.
2. Learn why it is important to wear a hat and sun cream in the sun, especially in Australia.
3. Go on a walk and see if you can see any animals which are the same as ones found in Australia.
4. Guides in Australia have an annual 'clean up Australia' day. Know what happens to your rubbish if you leave it in the street and why you should put it in the bin.
5. Many Australians have pools in their gardens - go to your local pool for a swim!



1. Have a game of beach volleyball or cricket with your unit.
2. Slip, Slop, Slap! Know what it means and decorate a hat to wear in the sun.
3. Learn some simple survival skills for what to do if you are lost in the bush (or woods)
4. Decorate some 'thongs' (flip flops) and wear them to the beach.
5. Get a rugby ball and see if you can pass it like in Australian Rules football.



1. Australian Guides wear wide rimmed hats to protect them from the sun. Know the importance of wearing hats and sunscreen in Australia. Find out about different factors of sunscreen and how to be safe in the sun.
2. Challenge another Guide unit to a cricket or beach volleyball tournament.
3. Find out what Australians have on their BBQs. Have a patrol BBQ competition.
4. Learn some bushcraft skills and light a fire without using a match.
5. Go to your local park or conservation area and do a litter pick like the Australian Guides on 'Clean up Australia' day. Recycle the rubbish as appropriate.



1. Know the similarities and differences between driving in the UK and Australia. Recreate an Australian road sign.
2. Find out what surf and turf is and cook it on a BBQ.
3. Australians love water sports. Go surfing or sailing or some other water sport.
4. Use compass points to make a compass picture of something Australian. Test them out on your friends.
5. Create your own Bush tucker trail for your unit.



1. Hold a BBQ on the beach and invite some other members to join you.
2. Decorate a t-shirt to wear on the beach.
3. Go on a boat trip.
4. Visit your local chemists and see what sun cream is available. See what types you need depending on where you are.
5. Set a trail around your local area using bush signs. One group set it out, the other one follow the trail.



# Famous Australians



1. Dame Edna Everage is famous for her sparkly glasses - make some of your own
2. Find some Australian pop music and dance along to it.
3. Cathy Freeman is a famous Aboriginal sprinter. Hold a sports evening and see if you can run as fast as her.
4. Rolf Harris accompanies his songs with a 'wobble board'. Make one for yourself.
5. Skippy the Bush kangaroo went on lots of adventures and solved mysteries. Have a treasure hunt and solve the clues to find the treasure.



1. Ian Thorpe is a famous Australian swimmer who has won lots of gold medals. Go to your local pool and have some races. You could make some medals to be awarded too.
2. John Flynn invented the flying doctors. Imagine what it would be like to live far away from a hospital and act out a scenario where the flying doctors might be involved.
3. Kylie Minogue is a famous disco singer. Have a disco and invite another Brownie Unit.
4. Evonne Goolagong is an Australian tennis star. Have a short tennis tournament for your unit.
5. Adelaide Miethke started the school of the air. See if you could recreate a lesson that they might have via a radio.



1. Watch an episode of your favourite Australian soap opera. In your patrols, recreate a scene from the show and perform it for your unit.
2. Dame Edna Everage is a famous chat show host. Hold your own chat show and interview your Guides (and Leaders?)
3. Olivia Newton John is famous for being in the film 'Grease'. Perform one of the songs from the musical.
4. The Commonwealth Games were held in Melbourne in 2006. Hold your own games and award medals.
5. Rolf Harris was famous for painting with big brushes. Try and copy his technique.



1. Dame Nellie Melba had a Peach Melba made in her honour. Create a dessert for your favourite Australian.
2. Shane Warne is a famous cricketer. Hold your own 'Ashes' Tournament against another unit.
3. Anne Geddes is a famous baby photographer. Take some photos of your friends in the style of Anne Geddes.
4. Have an Australian film evening and watch Muriel's Wedding, Crocodile Dundee or an Australian film of your choice.
5. Elle Macpherson is a famous Australian model. Hold a fashion show.



1. John Tebbut is pictured on the \$100 note. He is a famous Australian Astronomer. Find out about the constellations 'down under'.
2. Joan Sutherland is a famous Australian Opera singer. Go to the opera!
3. Banjo Patterson is a famous Australian poet. Hold an Australian poetry evening.
4. The Queen is head of State in Australia. Have a garden party like the Queen.
5. Clive James is a famous journalist. Send an article about one of your events to your local newspaper or County News.



# Australian Wildlife

1. Make a collage of an Australian animal
2. Have a kangaroo hopping race or see who can hop like a kangaroo for longest at your meeting.
3. Make a Koala Bear mask
4. There are lots of creepy crawlies in Australia. Find out about them or get the 'bug lady' to visit your meeting.
5. Make a curly snake mobile.



1. Find out which Australian animals are endangered and make a poster of how you think you can help them.
2. There are lots of poisonous spiders in Australia. Find out about them and make an edible spider out of a teacake and liquorice.
3. Make a hand puppet of your favourite Australian animal.
4. Go to the zoo and view some Australian animals.
5. Imaging what it would be like to live in the outback and what animals you would see.



1. Decorate a t-shirt with a picture of an Australian animal.
2. In your patrol, find out what makes Australian animals unique and present your findings to the rest of your unit.
3. The Great Barrier Reef has a diverse range of sea-life. In your unit, make a model aquarium with as many different fish as you can in it.
4. Guides in NSW sponsor animals at the zoo for their community service. Raise some money and sponsor one at your local zoo.
5. Pippa Penguin is the mascot for ACE 2010. Find out how many types of penguin live in Australia and create your own penguin mascot.



1. Make a soft toy of an Australian animal.
2. Find out the work of the WWF in Australia and hold an event that raises awareness of this work.
3. There are many poisonous creatures in Australia. Know how they affect people and what you would do if you were bitten by a snake or spider.
4. Arrange an activity for another section based on the Marine Wildlife found around Australia



1. Cross stitch an Australian mammal.
2. Watch a documentary about Australian animals
3. Go on a trip to the zoo and see the Australian animals.
4. Guides in Australia help out at Wildlife Sanctuaries that rescue koalas and kangaroos etc. Help out at your local rescue centre or find out if you can donate anything.
5. Each Australian State has it's own animal. Find out what they are and a bit about each one.



# Guides in Australia

1. Rainbows in Australia used to be called Gumnuts but are now Guides like everyone else. Find out their uniform and 'dress a doll' figure.
2. The younger section of Guides in NSW adopt a Feather Tail Glider. Find out what this is and why they need adopting.
3. Find out what badges/activities the younger Guides do and see if they are similar to yours.
4. Guides sell cookies to raise money for Guiding in Australia. Decorate some biscuits to celebrate Guiding.
5. Play a game of Kangaroo Skippyroo (see resources at end of pack)



GIRL GUIDES  
AUSTRALIA

1. Find out about the Brownie age section of Guides in Australia. How is their uniform similar to yours?
2. Brownie age Guides in NSW adopt the Bilby for their community service. Find out what one is and how the Guides raise money for them.
3. Look at the Brownie age activities and badges and see how they are similar to yours.
4. Bake your own cookies and maybe sell them to your friends and family for unit funds.
5. A lot of girls live in the outback, a long way from anywhere. Find out how they join in Guiding activities.



1. Guides in Australia have a promise badge similar to ours. Look at the similarities and see if the symbols represent the same here as in Australia.
2. As well as making cookies, Guides raise money selling Lamingtons. Bake your own or make some out of shop bought Madeira cake.
3. NSW Guides adopt a Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby as their Guide service. Find an animal related service that you can do in your area.
4. Go on the Australian Guides website and find out what activities Guides do. See if you enjoy them too!
5. Correspond with a Guide unit in Australia via Girlguiding UK pen pals service.



1. Guides in Australia also bake ANZAC biscuits. Find out what they are and bake some.
2. Senior Guides in Australia adopt a Tasmania Devil. Find out about its habitat and why it is an endangered species.
3. Australian Guides advertise on TV. Make an advert for Guides in this country and film it.
4. Find out what Senior Section age girls do in Australia. Choose an activity that they do to do at your meeting.
5. Find out the Australian Promise and Law. See if it is similar to ours.



1. Bake some Guiding biscuits, ANZAC biscuits or Lamingtons and hold a cake sale at your meeting.
2. Find out about the Trefoil Guild uniform and program in Australia.
3. Send greetings to an Australian Trefoil Guild.
4. Sing some Australian Guide songs.
5. Find out about the history of Guiding in Australia.



# 'Australian Challenge'

Group name \_\_\_\_\_

	Task	Cost to buy equipment	Reward on completion	Stamped on completion
1	Name your group after a famous Australian (has to be different from everyone else's)	No charge	5 dollars	
2	Construct a stretcher to carry the smallest person in your group safely	50 cents for poles	2 dollars	
3	Make a postcard depicting an Australian landmark	50 cents for card	1 dollar per card	
4	Make and decorate a didgeridoo	50 cents for tube	3 dollars	
5	Make a raft which will hold a lit tea light	50 cents for tea light	2 dollars	
6	You are lost in the bush. Make an SOS sign/signal for someone to find you.	No charge	3 dollars	
7	Make a paper cup and give one of your group a drink of water	50 cents for paper	2 dollars	
8	Say 3 words of Australian slang	No charge	2 dollars	
9	Make a balloon model of a cockatoo(1 per group)	1 dollar per balloon	5 dollars	
10	Do a word search (1 per group)	50 cents	2 dollars	
11	Tie all the members of your group together and travel 20m	50 cents for loan of rope	2 dollars	
12	Think up a two course meal using food only found in Australia	No charge	3 dollars	
13	Think up three ways of keeping safe in the sun whilst in Australia	No charge	2 dollars	
14	Make a mini rope ladder	50 cents for string	3 dollars	
15	Camouflage your group leader	No charge	2 dollars	
16	Make a boomerang that flies	50 cents for card	2 dollars	
17	Make a pair of shoes out of natural materials	No charge	3 dollars	
18	Everyone hop like a kangaroo for 50m	No charge	2 dollars	
19	Make a pipe cleaner koala	50 cents per pipe cleaner	3 dollars	
20	When you have finished all the clauses sing 'Waltzing Matilda'	No charge	5 dollars	

The first team to finish receives \$10

## Participant instructions

# 'Australian Challenge'

Your mission is to complete all twenty tasks in an hour and a half. You must work as a team.

Each task is worth a reward if completed successfully. All of the equipment needed can be purchased from the 'shop'

The bank will be open for you to exchange money.

Currency - 100 cents = 1 dollar

'Expert' advice is available at a cost:

20 cents for each question asked

1 dollar for a demonstration

There will be a charge of 50 cents for each uncompleted task at the end of the challenge.

You will be allowed 10 minutes to prepare- during this time there is no charge to ask questions

The group at the end of the time with the most money will be the winner.

GOOD LUCK!



## Organiser's instructions

This is a good activity to do on camp or on a summer's evening at your meeting.

The teams should ideally be of 4-6 girls. Each team requires an activity sheet, instructions and a pencil, nothing else to begin with! In their 10 minutes preparation time, they should come up with a strategy of how to get all the challenges finished - the time goes quite fast.

You need to gather together all the equipment for the challenge. The participants do not necessarily have to buy items for every challenge. For example, they may draw their postcard on the back of their word search to save money. Don't tell them that in advance though!

You can purchase modelling balloons from most pound shops.

For the 'cash' payments, you can print off Monopoly money from the Hasbro website. Alternatively, print some Australian dollars and cents or just use tokens.

You will be able to find an Australian word search on the internet quite easily or you could make one up yourself.

Good Luck!



## RESOURCES

All of these activities can be found on the internet if you search via Google.

The Australian Guides website can be found at <http://www.guidesaus.org.au>

From this website you can access all the State Guide websites.

Australian Guide uniforms can be found on the Rainbow section of the Girlguiding UK website (as can the sparkly glasses) and [www.makingfriends.com](http://www.makingfriends.com) has a selection of dress a doll templates.

There is a lot of information on the internet about Australia, its animals and famous landmarks.

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### Skippy Roo

The game Skippy Roo for Rainbows is as follows:

A girl stands in the middle of a circle with her eyes closed.

The other girls chant - Kangaroo, Skippy Roo  
Dozing in the midday sun  
Comes the hunter run, run, run  
Guess who's caught you just for fun?

Then one girl says on her own: Guess who's caught you just for fun? And the Rainbow in the middle has to guess who is talking.

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# BADGE ORDER FORM

Once your unit has completed the Australian Challenge, return this form to order your badges.

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address where badges should be sent

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or e-mail in case of queries

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Number of badges at £1.00 each

Please add postage according to the number of badges that you order:

1-20 badges      £0.50

21-60 badges    £0.70

60+ badges      £1.00

Total amount enclosed £

Please make your cheque payable to 1st Ness Guides and send it to:

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All profits will go to the North West Contingent of the Australian Centenary Event trip 2010.