



Girls' Advisory Panel



What is the Girls' Advisory Panel?

The Girls' Advisory Panel (GAP) is an exciting opportunity for Guides aged 14 to 18 years to represent their peers, and have their say about the future of Guides at a State level.

GAP gives girls the opportunity to develop their advocacy skills in a fun and friendly environment, and contribute to decision-making processes in Guiding. By being part of GAP, girls are:

- Empowered to speak out, and make a difference for Guides;
- Supported to become responsible, confident advocates; and
- Positioned as the core focus of the Guiding movement.

The Girls' Advisory Panel is comprised of:

- 16 GAP Representatives, of Guides aged 14–18 years old.

And 4 GAP Mentors:

- State Advocacy Liaison
- State Youth Leadership & Development Liaison
- Welfare Officer, appointed by State Program Committee
- State Program Manager (ex-officio).

What does the Girls' Advisory Panel do?

GAP representatives will be supported, coached and mentored throughout their term. The Girls' Advisory Panel will report to the State Advocacy Liaison, and will operate in two ways:

- 1 As an advisory panel, GAP will consider questions and ideas put to them by the State Program Committee (and other relevant and appropriate personnel). GAP will provide girls' input and feedback, as required, to inform and direct solutions.
- 2 As a representative group, GAP will consider their, and their peers' ideas and experiences to make recommendations to the State Program Committee and other relevant personnel about current and future Guiding. This may include consulting with peers to seek their input.

GAP representatives will be encouraged to take on particular roles within the Panel, such as Social Media, Events, and the Executive.

What are we looking for?

Applicants must be a Youth Member of Girl Guides NSW & ACT, aged 14–17 years old.

GAP is a 12-month commitment from January to December. Guides must be at least 14 years old by January 1 of their appointment year. If a GAP representative turns 18 years old during her appointment year, she will continue to participate until the end of the calendar year. This allows Guides completing Year 12, or TAFE equivalent, to still participate.

GAP applicants should:

- Be passionate about Guiding;
- Be committed to their personal learning and leadership development;
- Be willing to learn new skills, and use these skills to benefit their Guiding community;
- Be willing to engage with others and represent their views;
- Be willing to take initiative and work with others;
- Live by the spirit of the Promise and Law.

What is the time commitment?

The Girls' Advisory Panel is a 12-month commitment. Each GAP representative will sit on the Panel from January to December in a calendar year.

There will be six GAP meetings each year, comprising of two GAP weekend camps, and four teleconference meetings.

The first GAP weekend camp will be held on the last weekend of January. The second GAP camp will be held on the first weekend of July. The final dates of these camps are subject to change, and full details will be advised to successful applicants.

GAP representatives will also be encouraged to commit to different roles on the Panel, such as Chairperson, Secretary, Social Media, and Events. These roles require a level of responsibility, initiative and commitment. It is assumed that in applying for GAP, successful applicants will accept their appointment and the GAP meeting requirements.

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