

## Frogs and fun for guides

A GROUP of guides from Huskisson joined 1,100 other girls at the Great Guide Sleepover at Taronga Zoo, Sydney recently.

The sleepover is an annual event, which raises funds for Taronga Zoo conservation programs.

This is a highlight for girls around NSW and the ACT.

The girls arrive in fancy costumes, many dressed as frogs to fit in with this year's theme of 'frogs, frills and fun'.

This year, money raised will go towards the Southern Corroboree Frog.

As well as being able to dance along to popular music with friends and enjoy the amazing Sydney Harbour backdrop, the

girls were treated to a zookeeper talk about the animals and the zoo's operation.

The girls also explored the zoo.

Girl Guides NSW and ACT State Commissioner, Belinda Allen, said that the event is unique.

"The girls enjoy the rare novelty of sleeping under the stars amongst a thousand peers," she said.

"Girl Guides uses fun and adventure to inspire girls to be their best."

Ms Allen said the Great Guide Sleepover reinforced Girl Guides' commitment to the United Nations' Millennium Development goals, particularly the environmental sustainability goal.



**GREAT FUN:** Chloe Abraham, Jessica Ford-Jones, Gemma Hatton and Jennifer Carol from Huskisson Girl Guides enjoy the mass sleepover at Taronga Zoo, Sydney.