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GIRL GUIDES 'DO THE RIGHT THING' AT CITY 2 SURF

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The true stars at the City 2 Surf this Sunday will not be those who cross the finish line. In fact, they won't even be among the 85,000 contestants. The unexpected heroes will be taking part in a whole different race—the race to collect clothes left behind by the runners.

Since 1994, Girl Guides have transformed the enormous event into an opportunity to donate to the Smith Family. For them, the event is known as “Rejectamenta” and a chance to serve the community by helping disadvantaged children and their families.

This year, Girl Guides NSW & ACT expect to pick up over 10 tonnes worth of jackets, jumpers and tracksuits left behind at Hyde Park, the start of the race.

State Commissioner for Girl Guides NSW & ACT, Belinda Allen, says that this iconic event is one of the highlights for Guides each year. “It's a fantastic opportunity for girls from all corners of the State to come together, have fun and contribute to a great cause,” Belinda said.

Other Guide members will help contestants by volunteering at drink stations along the course of the race.

This is just one of the many fantastic ways in which Girl Guides NSW & ACT use community service as a vehicle to give girls new experiences, new challenges and new ways to grow into confident, self-respecting community members.

Photo and interview opportunities will be available at the start of City2Surf.

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