
Local Girl Guides Learn Fun New Ways to Recycle

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On Saturday, 13 August, local Girl Guide Leaders were delighted to join with thirty Leaders from as far as Cooma and Newcastle at an international training event on eco-friendly camping presented by Leaders from Wakayama, Japan. The *Recycling for Guide Camps* project is supported by the Commonwealth through the Australia-Japan Foundation of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The event, held at the Girl Guides' Cabarita property Tingira, was also supported by Greenpeace and Clean Up Australia.

“It was a great way to connect with our sister Girl Scouts from Japan and learn more about their culture. It was also an excellent opportunity to reinforce our commitment to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, particularly the environmental sustainability goal,” Girl Guides NSW & ACT State Commissioner, Belinda Allen, said.

The Japanese Girl Scouts demonstrated their innovative recycling techniques practised at their national Togakushi campsite in the Japanese Alps. Guide Leaders were shown how to convert milk cartons into nifty chopping boards which they used later when learning to make sushi. Other milk cartons were transformed into sushi lunchboxes.

Leaders who attended will now be able to incorporate this knowledge into their programs during both weekly meetings and at Girl Guide camps.

“It's great that the Guide Leaders will now be able to go back and show their own Guide Units how to recycle in fun new ways. They are now equipped with the know-how to turn simple cardboard boxes into compost bins and know what items are needed to start composting,” said Girl Guides International Consultant, Kerrey Williams.

Fitting in well with Girl Guides NSW & ACT environmental awareness program is the annual Great Guide Sleepover at Taronga Zoo to be held on 2nd September. This year, money raised will go towards Taronga Zoo Conservation Society's Corroboree Frog Breeding Program.



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