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## Local Girl Guide ready to conquer the world

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Ku-ring-gai Girl Guide and former Pymble Ladies College student Emily Jackson, 18, was recently presented with her Queen's Guide Award, the peak Guiding achievement, by Governor of New South Wales Professor Marie Bashir at Government House. The Award helped Emily win a scholarship to become a ski-instructor in Canada for three months. The scholarship covers meals, accommodation and half of the cost of the qualifications she will earn.

One of the many aspects of the Queen's Guide Award entails community service. Emily volunteered at St John's Ambulance and developed her first aid skills and also volunteered as a netball coach. Emily has been a Girl Guide since the age of five. She says Girl Guides has given her many opportunities and has made her more aware of how she can help others. "It's definitely helped my confidence and my communication skills. I've been able to really get to know people," Emily said.

"I've become more involved in the last four years, attending meetings every week and going to all of the camps. My Guiding friends are my second family," she said.

Emily hopes to become a vet. Next year she will spend one month volunteering at an animal sanctuary in Brazil and then at a children's centre for two months.

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