



Local hero is a guiding light

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Local unsung hero Phil Gifford of Ingleburn was presented with a National Volunteer Award last week by Federal Member for Werriwa, Laurie Ferguson MP for his outstanding commitment to Girl Guides.

“Phil is a tireless maintenance man – he does everything,” Frances Warner, Camden District Leader said. Phil installed a new roof at the Kui-Kentlyn Campsite, often mans barbeques at fundraisers and was instrumental in the development of the Rita Ward Memorial Chapel dedicated to past, present and future Guide Leaders. Phil built the chapel pews and made the pedestals from natural rock at Kentlyn.

Phil became involved with Girl Guides to support his wife Barbara, Ingleburn’s District Leader. “I just do it for the fun of it. I like to see things come to fruition. But the best part is seeing a person’s face light up. That look of sheer delight is priceless,” Phil said.

“Girl Guides is a great organisation to have in the community. It teaches young girls skills for life and gives them self-confidence,” he said. Phil also praised the organisation for providing support to local girls with disabilities.

Phil says there is a shortage of Dads who are prepared to help out. “Men may feel they have no place in this female volunteer organisation, but there is so much they can contribute. They don’t realise how rewarding it can be,” he said.

Phil is also a Legatee and supports 27 war widows and their families.

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