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# Long-time leader is a guiding light

 WAITARA Girl Guide leader Rose Marie La Macchia was presented with a National Volunteer Award by Berowra federal Liberal MP Phillip Ruddock last Wednesday for her commitment to guiding over 30 years. As an international adviser for Girl Guides NSW and ACT, Rose Marie has co-ordinated a number of cultural exchange programs with Girl Guides of Japan and the US and planned international camps, training days and conferences in Switzerland, the UK and Malaysia.

As a Waitara Girl Guides leader, Rose Marie teaches local girls leadership and life skills through various challenges and outdoor activities designed to enable them to grow into confident community members.

"I feel honoured to receive this prestigious award," she said.

"Serving Girl Guides over the years has been very fulfilling, I enjoy helping girls develop an appreciation for different cultures.

"I'm also passionate about the environment, so one of my favourite aspects of being a leader is teaching girls how to care for (it)."



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