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SEEKING ALL FORMER GIRL GUIDES!

Girl Guides WA is seeking former members to celebrate 100 years of Guiding in Western Australia.

The organisation is about to celebrate its centenary of helping girls and women be their best and do good deeds in Perth and regional WA.

“Girl Guide groups, companies and units have been present in almost every suburb and town in WA since 1915,” said Dr Brenda Hamlett, Girl Guides WA State Commissioner.

“We have a year of celebrations and events commencing in June of 2014, starting with a gala dinner, and we want to make sure all our former members know what’s happening.”

Girl Guides began in WA with a public meeting in the Perth Town Hall, 28 June 1915. Interested girls were invited to the home of Mrs Osborne Wilson in Angove St, North Perth. According to records, girls flocked to Mrs Wilson’s home and were found all over the house, tying knots with pieces of string and other Girl Guide activities.

The first group commenced shortly after as 1st Swan Company. The girls were divided into three Patrols and for a while nine Jewish girls attended. This initial Company changed its name over time to 1st Perth Pioneer and 1st Perth. It is said that these first Girl Guides were very energetic and dedicated, and carried out many of their activities in Kings Park, including tracking and stalking.

“There are many thousands of women in WA who benefitted from being a member and we want to recognise the friendships, skills and community work that took place in the name of Girl Guides,” said Dr Hamlett.

“It doesn’t matter if you were a Brownie, a Girl Guide, a Ranger or a Leader – all former and current members are invited to join in the events.”

The gala dinner will be held on June 28, 2014 at Tompkins on Swan, Ardross and tickets cost \$80 per head. Partners are welcome and tickets can be purchased by emailing Girl Guides head office info@girlguideswa.org.au or phoning 9355 4586.

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