

The Girls' Brigade NSW Pioneers



2015

Girls' Lives Transformed, God's World Enriched



Step UP  Step OUT
In Mission



The Duke of Ed
Experiences that last a lifetime

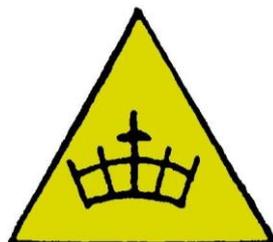
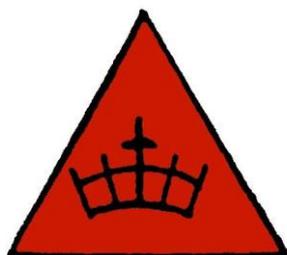


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A welcome from your State Commissioner

Hi Girls,

Welcome to 2015 as a pioneer - If this is your first year in pioneers; welcome to an exciting new part of your Girls' Brigade life, a whole new world of opportunities is now open to you.

2015 celebrates 75 years of The Girls' Brigade in NSW, imagine way back in 1950 Girls' Brigade has just started in this state - can you imagine how exciting that was for the girls then. What do you think they would say if they saw what we have become? I know they would be shocked by the technology changes, I mean we hadn't even sent a man into space in 1940 let alone landed on the moon and there was even no TV in Australia for another few years. I hope they would be pleased to see that the mission of GB is still going strong and that we are empowering you young women to become the leaders of tomorrow in GB and further afield.

As pioneers you are able to learn a variety of skills as you work towards earning your leadership braids. This training will equip you for leadership in many areas not just Girls' Brigade. You will find these new skills can be used in other church ministries and the wider community. These training opportunities are available to everyone in GB so please ask your captain, pioneer leader or the state office for more information.

!!!! Have you 'Connected' yet? Make sure you send your mobile number to 0499 047 508 or email connect@gbnsw.org.au so we can keep you up to date with all that is happening in GBNSW!!!

There are challenging choices ahead for you with great rewards. You can aim to achieve the highest national award, The Pioneer Pin or seek adventure and fun through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Then there is our highest international award, The Queens Award for you to aspire to.

Have you heard about IGNITE? - this is an advanced leadership camp for older pioneers - check out the information in this booklet. This camp is for those who wish to further their leadership skills and develop a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Once again training will be available at many different places not just Brigade House. Lots of our regions are running Leadership Training - if you can't get to Brigade House why not look at what is being offered around the regions - this would be a great opportunity for you to meet and connect with GBers from other parts of NSW.

I encourage you to 'jump in' to all that GB Pioneers has to offer you and enjoy the fun and excitement that the next few years may bring, and then to look forward to the possibility of becoming a future leader of GB.

Our state now has a three year plan to enable us to better bring our vision of Girls' lives transformed; God's world enriched to life. This plan is Step Up & Step out in Mission. May I challenge each you to also step up and step out with us as we move forward with our plan.

Jenny Fayth, NSW State Commissioner



A Welcome from your State Chaplain

Hi Girls,

I am very excited to write this letter to you and encourage you as you start out on your journey in Pioneers. My name is Margaret Paget and I am the chaplain of Girls Brigade NSW. I love being the chaplain as I get to share Gods love with the women and girls of GB NSW and to encourage them to ask Jesus to be the Lord and Saviour of their life. I went through Girls Brigade myself and received my Queens Award and did Leadership Training, just like you are considering doing now.

Hers is a fantastic scripture, one of my personal favourites and I would like to share with you, about how God sees and knows you individually and cares very deeply about your life's' purpose and your personal relationship with him.

In Jeremiah 29:11 God gives us a very precious promise. Here it is for you to read. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* How cool is it that God knows all about each one of us and has special plans and purposes for us to fulfil as we live out our daily life serving him.

As you go through the Pioneer Program and begin PLT, Pioneer Leadership Training, or commence Advanced Leadership Braids, I would encourage you to remember our GB Motto which is "To seek, serve and follow Christ." My prayer for you is that you do seek, serve and follow Christ each day and apply these words to all your Pioneer work. You will really enjoy learning new skills and how to teach/lead girls as you do leadership braids. It is great fun to go to PLT camps and meet other pioneers and make new friendships, some maybe even lifelong friends.

God bless you as you step out into this new phase or continue on with your Leadership Training in GB. I will look forward to meeting you when you come to events for Pioneers.

Love from Margaret Paget



Queen's Award



The Queen's Award is the highest International Award that can be attained by a Pioneer in Girls' Brigade.

It is an Award that is well worth working toward. The aim of the Queen's Award is:

To encourage girls and young women to a personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, while respecting other faiths; inspiring them to greater endeavour in service within the general community and to make a contribution to the worldwide concept of The Girls' Brigade.

In our State the Queen's Award is usually presented by the Governor of New South Wales at a ceremony at Government House in Sydney.

The Queen's Award badge may be worn on your uniform and the Certificate is most impressive and may be added to your resume. This will impress most prospective employers.

The Queen's Award is designed to encourage girls to try new things, achieve their personal goals, to serve in their Company and in their community and show a personal commitment to Christ.

This Award takes a minimum of two and half years to complete. During this time you will need to show a continuous involvement in your Company and in your Church. You will be required to complete two initiative tasks set by your region, complete a written exam, complete six months service in the community, sit a final interview and also complete an assignment. Previous assignments have been done on music, dance, drama, horse riding, craft, painting and beauty therapy.

A Pioneer can commence her Queen's Award the year she turns 15. You will need to gain your Pioneer Pin and three Gold Service Awards whilst in Pioneers working toward your Queen's Award.

The Queen's Award is a challenge but with the help and encouragement of your Leaders in Brigade, is open to all Pioneers who are keen to achieve. It is an excellent way for a Pioneer to gain skills and experiences that will build you up in confidence and self-discipline.

For more information please contact the Co-ordinator, on queensawardnsw@gmail.com



Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Award, commonly called Dukes, is a Three Level Award Scheme open to all young people between the ages of 14 and 25.

In Girls' Brigade we have been offering this Award for many years as many parts of our Achievement Work can be used for the Award.

The three levels are Bronze, Silver and Gold. Normally girls start with Bronze, but if you are over 16 you can commence with Gold. This involves slightly more work than if you gained your Silver Award first.

This award works on time spent, you can take as little as 6 months, for Bronze and Silver or as long as you need.

Cost:- The NSW Duke of Edinburgh Award Office charges us \$100.00 per girl per award. This is what we charge, extra costs are incurred for Expedition and Exploration, and these vary.

Interested?

For more information email me on dofensw@brigadeaustralia.org.

Jan Murray – D of E Co-ordinator



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Pioneer Leadership Training

Welcome to the wonderful world of PLT

Pioneer Leadership Training is an opportunity for you to learn a variety of skills that you will find useful both in your future life in Brigade as well as in the community.

You will meet and make new friends, renewing those friendships year after year as you return to complete another course.

The first year of PLT you are able to do Preliminary Training only, but then after that you may do two each year of your own choosing.

The Pioneer Leadership Training Courses are:

Preliminary done in your first year and gives a good overview of what being a leader is all about.

Advanced Leadership courses are...

Recreational...learn how to lead games, singing and craft sessions

Girls' Brigade...you will learn more about Brigade, how to program the girls achievements and drill

Indoor Camping...find out how to run a camp including menu planning, camp cooking, budgeting and lots more – you must be 16 years of age at the time of training and have completed one other Advanced Braid.

Spiritual... you learn how to lead devotions, teach memory verses, storytelling and much more, as well as receiving a variety of resources – you need to be 16yrs, have completed one other Advanced Braid and have your Captain's recommendation for this one

Administrative ...learn how to take an administrative role in your company or outside organisations – you must be 16 years of age at time of training and have completed one other advanced braid.

Application is available online – go to our website www.gbnsw.org.au and find the Training tab. Then follow the prompts. Your Captain will need to send us a copy of your Membership Form to verify that she acknowledges your application.

Pioneer Leadership Training Courses are held over a weekend at a PLT camp, both in Sydney and rural areas of NSW. We look forward to seeing you there in 2015. For more info contact Brigade House (02) 9896 7220 or gbnsw@brigadeaustralia.org

Where: Brigade House

Cost: \$60

WHEN:
3RD
OCTOBER
TO

5TH
OCTOBER

Ignite

Fueling the Flame Of Leadership



You are the light
of the world.
Your light must
shine before a

Mt 5:14

IGNITE LEADERSHIP

Finding & Fulfilling
Your Unique
PURPOSE for LIFE

So what fires your life up?? Do you have purpose and direction?? What are you here on earth for?? What is your story??

Haven't got the answers! Well you're not alone... **IGNITE** is for you. Come & discover, see & experience the spiritual journey God wants to take you on discovering who you are, where He wants you and to get ready to use your leadership gifting and talents.

IGNITE is advanced leadership training that equips, enables and encourages you to take the tools you will discover, to go back to GB and into all the world to make A impact....

FUELING THE FLAME OF LEADERSHIP.

Come and interact, participate and **IGNITE** your flame of leadership while having a amazing fun, fantastic fellowship time with new friends your age to make some amazing memories that change your life



Pioneer Dates for 2015

February-

7th - State Council - 9am - 4pm at Brigade House
including QA Information Session and Mid Term Assessments for 2014 - 2016 candidates

March

8th - 9th - Spiritual and GB PLT at Brigade House
QA Exam for 2014 - 2016 candidates
28th - 29th Mid North Coast PLT _ Rec & GB
31st - Closing Date for QA Applications for 2014 - 2016 candidates

April

****Happy Easter****

17th - 18th KYCK at Katoomba

May-

2nd - State Conference at Brigade House 'Foundations' celebrating the women who built GB
15th - 17th - Western PLT - Prelim, Rec and Spiritual
23rd - 25th - Prelim and GB PLT at Brigade House

June-

10th - Girls' Brigade' Birthday
13th - Kuikardu at the Zoo

July-

August-

1st - State Council 9am - 4pm at Brigade House Includes Admin PLT
15th - 16th - Mid North Coast PLT - Prelim and Recreational
31st - QA Assignments Due for 2014 - 2016 candidates

September-

19th - 21st - Indoor Rec & Spiritual PLT at Brigade House

October-

3rd - 5th - Ignite - Advanced Leadership Course at Brigade House
8th - 11th National Conference in Newcastle

November-

7th - State Council 9am - 4pm at Brigade House

After Pioneers, can I still be involved in GB?

Have you enjoyed Girls' Brigade?
Do you like being a role model for young girls?
Do you want to continue in Brigade to see girls'
lives transformed?

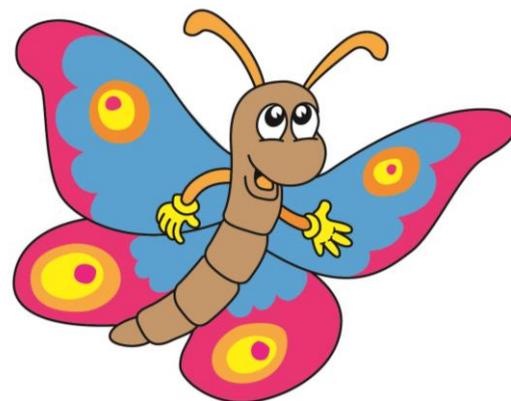
Fantastic, you can become a:



**Young
Leader**

**Helper in
Company**

Leader



For more information:
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