

The Brigade Affect

Volume 6, Issue 22, March 2018

Exciting news for Girls' Brigade NSW

This year Girls' Brigade NSW is now a registered Creative Kids Provider. This is in addition to being approved as an Active Kids Provider in 2018.

This a great opportunity for our Girls' Brigade Families who can apply for both vouchers. If they chose Girls' Brigade NSW, they can use one or both of their vouchers to pay for fees.

What is Creative Kids and Active kids vouchers:

- Creative Kids program is provided by the NSW Government, to help kids get creative. Parents/guardians and carers can apply for a voucher of \$100 per year for their children from aged 4.5 to 18 years old and enrolled in school. The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.
- Active Kids program is also provided by the NSW Government to help kids be active. Parents can access \$100 per school-enrolled child to cover registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

Within Girls' Brigade, we provide both creative and active programs for the girls who attend Girls' Brigade.

We currently have a number of our Girls' Brigade Companies , who have offered the Creative and Active Kids program to their families and it is great to see the families taking up the opportunity.



*Girls' lives
transformed*



Girls' Brigade Dubbo Celebrates

In 2018, Girls' Brigade celebrated 125 years.

The article below is from the Dubbo Girls' Brigade Company who decided to celebrate by doing 125 random acts of kindness.

Some of these acts of kindness included various activities in the community, from baked goods for the emergency services, to taking flowers to the hospital.

Well done, Girls' Brigade Dubbo.



Some of Dubbo's Girls Brigade members, aged from five to 17, celebrating the worldwide organisation's 125th anniversary this year. PHOTO: DARCEE NIXON

Girls on target for their 125 random acts of kindness

By **NATALIE HOLMES**

TO mark 125 years of Girls' Brigade worldwide, the local group is aiming to do 125 random acts of kindness during their celebratory year.

So far, members of Dubbo Girls' Brigade have completed 90 good deeds, undertaking a range of activities in the community.

"We are attempting to do 125 random acts of kindness," Captain Julie Nott explained.

"Our girls have been showing love and appreciation to their families, friends and the wider community.

"They have done some cooking and presented baked goods to the emergency services, they have waitressed at the Orana Baptist Church seniors' lunch and they have done positive affirmations."

Other kind acts have included gifts for teachers, seniors in the community and taking flowers to the hospital maternity unit.

"We are also encouraging them to do things at home that they might not normally do," Mrs Nott told *Dubbo Photo News*.

"It's good for them to learn that it's not all about 'me'."

The girls started their cam-

paign at the beginning of the year and celebrated the international brigade milestone with a party and cake on June 10.

Girls' Brigade is a Christian organisation which was started in Ireland in 1893 and has companies in 50 countries around the world.

Girls from Kindergarten to Year 12 are invited to attend, with older girls eligible to do leadership training. The program offers a variety of challenging and exciting biblically-based and culturally-relevant activities, with leaders providing a safe and encouraging environ-

ment in which to explore these areas.

"They earn badges for their physical, social and educational benefit. The Queen's Award is the biggest award, and the Duke of Edinburgh. We also have camps they attend.

"It's a good basis for life."

The Dubbo company meets from 6pm to 8pm each Tuesday through the school term at Orana Baptist Church in Palmer Street. They are currently enjoying their end of year activities.



GIRLS' BRIGADE
New South Wales

The Brigade Affect has been put together for churches who host a Girls' Brigade Company. If you wish to receive this publication via email, please contact Elizabeth on nswliaison@girlsbrigadeaustralia.org.au