



Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley

### **Girls' Brigade Australia**

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During my recent conversation with Lydia Ashford, she told me how proud she was to represent such an innovative group of women as the Girls' Brigade Australia leaders. She told me about the various things you have been doing to help people cope better during the COVID-19 pandemic. I remember thinking at the time, "I must write to these wonderful people!"

I understand that Brigade leaders have gone above and beyond the call of duty in recent times and have completely re-designed the Brigade program so that it can continue operating. This is no mean feat. As volunteers, you have developed activity packs for the girls and recorded instructional videos, hosted group meetings online, updated risk assessments to incorporate the new normal and delivered care packages to families in need.

There's an old saying that when times are tough, the tough get going. The actions of Girls' Brigade Australia leaders speak for themselves. As the Brigade's mission states: 'Girls' lives transformed'.

Thank you for your selfless contribution to society, especially during this period of great change and uncertainty for so many Australians.

I wish you every success for the future. God bless you all.

*L. Hurley*