

Girl Guides Australia

# Helping to move Australia: Women in Transport

**This resource has been developed in conjunction  
with Transport Women Australia Ltd**

*Accompanying this resource is a colouring and activity book, designed and  
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Most people assume (wrongly) that the transport industry is just about truck drivers and that it is only a job for the blokes. This isn't the case. This resource, developed in conjunction with Transport Women Australia Ltd, aims to increase knowledge about career options in the transport industry and allow Guides to explore a range of activities to do with transport. Guides may choose to challenge themselves to complete some of the activities in this resource to gain their Create A Challenge Wheels Badge

The Transport Industry is a large industry transporting people, goods and products around the world. The global nature of the world means that materials and products are transported across the world from where they are made to where they are sold. Even goods that are grown locally need a truck or train to get from the farm to where they are sold.

Careers within the industry are diverse, including truck drivers, flight attendants, pilots, logistic managers, forklift drivers, bus drivers, supply managers, train drivers and chauffeurs. Traditionally these have been seen as male dominated careers however this is changing as more women learn about possible careers in this area. Careers in this industry are open to those with qualifications in business, finance, human resources, logistics operation, engineering and information technology.

So where does Girl Guides fit into this? Guides is an opportunity for girls to explore a range possibilities and to learn new things – this resource and challenges offer an opportunity to explore careers, safety, art and science within the area of transportation.



## Careers in Transport

Have you thought about the variety of careers that involve transport?

### Discussion and Activity Suggestions:

- Invite a woman working in the transport industry to come and talk to your unit
- Make a list of careers you think are in the transport industry, what qualifications might you need?
- What transport does your family use each week, who in your unit has used the greatest variety?
- What are the challenges faced by women in the transport industry? How might they be overcome?
- Find out how pets are transported on planes or trains – on what transport can you take animals?
- Think about the different community groups in your area, what are their various transport needs?
- Find out about a famous woman in the transport industry, share what you have learnt with your unit
- Discover what forms of transport were used in the creation/movement of your jeans or some other clothing item
- Go on a tour of a transportation venue (eg the Port of Melbourne, the local railway or bus depot, the local post office)



## Transport and Art

Have you thought about the art that adorns the transport you use?

### Discussion and Activity Suggestions:

- Design a bus or tram
- Plan a car of the future – what gadgets would you include
- Draw a sketch of your neighbourhood, what transport is available. What would an ideal town look like?
- Design a poster promoting careers in the transport industry
- Make a list of songs involving transport, sing some of these with your unit
- Write an advert for a job on a ship, what skills are needed
- Using scrap material design a vehicle for getting your food from the paddock to your plate
- Design an updated logo for your state's train network
- With your patrol perform a play illustrating how to be a sensible passenger on a bus, on a train and in a car.
- Make up a song or chant about the variety of jobs you can do in the transport industry



## Transport and Science

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### Discussion and Activity Suggestions:

- Have a paper plane competition, investigate what changes you could make to improve the performance of your plane
- Investigate what food miles are and what transport methods have been used to get your food to your table
- Make a balloon, parachute or rocket
- Make a boat that not only floats and moves but can transport items
- Make something that moves under its own power with wheels
- Learn to read a road map and use a GPS. Use one or the other to travel somewhere
- Build your own billy cart with your patrol
- Undertake a stocktake of your unit property, keep an electronic record of it and update as necessary
- Learn how to change the tyre of a car or bike



## Transport and Road Safety

Have you thought about the variety of careers that involve transport?

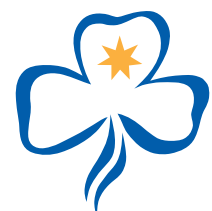
### Discussion and Activity Suggestions:

- Plan a game to learn road signs
- Make up a song to teach road safety
- Go on a bike ride, obeying all the road rules
- Plan the streets/lanes/lamp post game
- Design a poster of road safety
- Go on a trip using public transport, discuss the safety required during the trip
- Playing fruit salad, each pair picking a different "danger" of the road
- Plan and go on a unit outing using three different types of transport
- Learn to read a train or bus timetable
- Try go karting
- Go on a Penny Hike with your unit using bikes, trolleys or other wheeled transport
- Make up your own game using truck or road safety signs

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## Resources:

Members of Transport Women Australia Ltd are keen to share their experiences with girls and young women around Australia. To arrange for someone from the organisation to come and speak to your unit please contact the office via email: [admin@transportwomen.com.au](mailto:admin@transportwomen.com.au) (Coralie Chapman) or [chair@transportwomen.com.au](mailto:chair@transportwomen.com.au) (Jacqueline Brotherton: 0417 422 319)

**Also available:** A colouring and activity book, especially designed and printed by Transport Women Australia Ltd. To order your guides' free copies contact [program@girlguides.org.au](mailto:program@girlguides.org.au) (Helen Reid) with the number and age of your guides and address to send the books to.



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