

Reconciliation Badge

Prepared by Guides Victoria. Artwork by Gwenda Freeman

This badge is part of Girl Guides Victoria's commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recognition and reconciliation. In demonstration of this commitment, the State Commissioner has approved the Reconciliation Badge, our first Indigenous badge, as a 'sash badge.' This badge can be worn on the back of your sash as a special event badge. This is a significant and rare decision, and provides an important visible connection between the Girl Guides Victoria and Indigenous communities.

The Reconciliation Badge provides an opportunity for Girl Guides, individually or with their Guide Unit, to display their commitment through their actions by participating in a cultural activity or event. Girl Guides must participate in an appropriate cultural activity or event to earn and wear this badge.

Badge Syllabus

Learn about [Aboriginal Inventions](#). How many of these do you use? Could any of them be useful the next time you go camping?

Play some [Indigenous Traditional Games](#)! You might hold a tournament and compete with the other Patrols in your Guide Unit, or you could just play a few for fun.

Learn about the native Victorian animals with this [multilingual colouring book](#).

Visit the [Deadly Story](#) website, and learn about Aboriginal



About the Artwork



Gwenda Freeman (Wanala) is a volunteer Leader in the Central Highlands Region and member of the RAP Working Group. Gwenda created the artwork to represent Victoria's reconciliation journey.

Gwenda describes the artwork:

'The blue ribbon represents a river (It's symbolic, rather than putting all Victoria's rivers into it), and the brown are mountain ranges. The background colours are just the different soils and grasses and trees making up Victoria. The circles and dots are the gatherings of all the Girl Guides and their Leaders and volunteers, in Units and Regions. The trefoil is our symbol and the campfire represents our activities.'