

## Jessica – Wangaratta Monak Guides



Jess is known for her positive can-do attitude and willingness to help out with absolutely everything. She has challenged herself throughout all aspects of this Award. The Guiding Traditions section was most memorable, with a detailed exploration of the history of Wangaratta Girl Guides dating back to 1931.

Jess's dedication to our local community is admirable, and was clearly highlighted in her service to the Wangaratta Youth Council for a term of 12 months (2015 – 2016). She then undertook a second 12 month term, well exceeding the minimum service requirement.

Jess is commended for her knowledge and understanding of running a flawless campfire – from the pyramid lighting method, the upbeat campfire songs and theatrical actions to extinguish the fire with the distribution of ashes to each girl to carry to their next campfire.

Jess's Social Awareness Focus saw her take part in a residential week long camp run by the YMCA, with three days of debating in the Victorian Parliament Chambers. This included introducing, debating and voting on a bill dealing with an issue affecting youth.

This inspired Jess to start up a Politics group at Galen College, meeting each week during lunchtime to discuss political issues, global politics and other youth-related issues.

Jess completed her Sports Trefoil 3 in cycling by participating in the Summit to Surf with the Cobram Venturers, travelling from Mount Kosciusko to Lakes Entrance. She also met with Dean Woods, Olympic Gold Medallist, and learnt more about his life and achievements.

Over the course of the Award, Jess has developed further as a Girl Guide and as an inspirational young woman. We at Wangaratta Monak Guides commend Jess on her worthiness for this prestigious achievement. She should be very proud of her Queen's Guide Award and Guiding journey over many years. We wish her nothing but success for her future endeavours and achievements.

Well done and BRAVO Jess.