

Guidance Note - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Can I apply for my own Good Service Award?

No. Nominations cannot be submitted by the nominee.

Can I tell a member (or non-member) that I am nominating them for a Good Service Award?

No. It is important that you do not tell the member (or non-member) that they are being nominated for an award.

As the proposer do I have to write the final citation for the certificate when I make the nomination?

No. The citation is written by the Awards Committee from the information provided in the nomination.

Can an Olave Program member receive any of the Awards?

Yes. The same assessment applies as for all adults.

Can I nominate someone who is no longer a member?

A previous member can be nominated for an Award up to 12 months following their resignation.

Can an award be given posthumously?

Yes, ideally this would take no longer than 6 months to organise.

Are the Girl Guides Australia Adult Good Service Awards hierarchical?

No. The Award System is not designed to be hierarchical. The determinants of an award include where the service contribution is made (Local, Region, State, National, World) and how the service is measured against the award criteria. It is possible for example, for a member who has received a Red Kangaroo for her contribution in a national role to receive a Wattle at a later date for her contribution in her local area.

Can a member be awarded a 'Bar to' the Banksia, Wattle, Flowering Gum, or Emu, without having first received the corresponding Banksia, Wattle, Flowering Gum, or Emu?

No. The 'Bars to' are to recognise the continuing and extended service in the various award classifications for which the member has received the Banksia, Wattle, Flowering Gum or Emu.

Can a member who has received a Boronia Award but not the Banksia or Wattle Awards, later be awarded a Flowering Gum Award?

Yes. The criteria for each Award stands alone and is not dependent on any other. It is quite likely that a member may have received a Boronia and then taken on roles

which have made her eligible for a Flowering Gum.

Can an Awards Committee Chair or Committee Member prepare an Award Nomination for a member, or provide a supporting letter?

No. Chairs or Committee Member of an Awards Committee **may not** nominate or provide supporting letters for nominees during their term on the committee.

How many Good Service Awards can I wear on my uniform?

Good Service Badges awarded to members may be worn at their discretion. Members should exercise common sense on the number of badges and their placement on their uniform to ensure it looks professional and uncluttered.