

Girl Guides Celebrate UN Day Of The Girl Child With Soroptimists

Making kites and flying them is great fun! This was discovered by ten Crystal Brook Girl Guides aged from 6 to 12, their three leaders and four members of Soroptimist International of Port Pirie as they celebrated this special day at the Crystal Brook Guide Hall in October.

Prior to the day, the guides decorated their blank kites with messages and pictures, advocating what girls should be able to do. The messages showed deep thought about the topic as well as empathy with their less fortunate peers throughout the world. For example: girls should be able to "speak up, be loved, read, go to school, get a good education, decline forced marriage, have a flexible job, wear their choice of clothes, play sport, go to friends' houses to play".

After constructing the kites from the kits with help from leaders and Soroptimists, the girls trooped out onto the nearby oval and launched them successfully. Despite a very threatening sky earlier in the day, the sun and breeze appeared just in time for the exercise.

Soroptimists Jenny Hughes, Heather Hunt and Bev Clarke and "Soroptimister" Rooka Ramsay enjoyed the afternoon as much as the girl guides! Back in the hall they discussed how to display their kites to others in the town, namely a display in a Crystal Brook shop window and at the local Primary School assembly.

Group Leader Lorraine Saunders commented that "the whole exercise was very worthwhile" and "it was a great event", sentiments shared by the Soroptimists, who hope to carry out other activities in 2016 with the Girl Guides. Both groups follow the UN 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development, which have replaced the Millennium Goals.