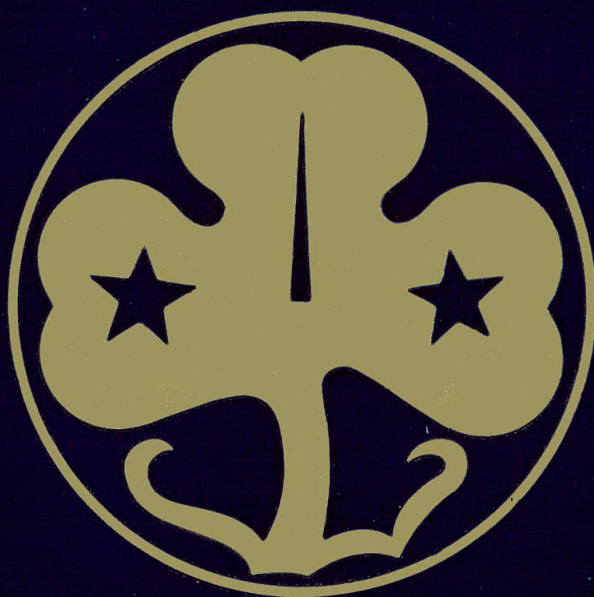




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 Centres' Association Mrs. W. Hughes
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 ment, Congregational
 Church Miss G. H. Swinburne

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VICTORIAN MEMBERSHIP ON 31st MAY, 1956

	1955	1956		1955	1956
State Council	120	102	Local Associations	192	200
Commissioners	183	189	Companies	336	363
Secretaries	205	212	Packs	259	313
Guiders	1,146	1,296	Ranger Companies	21	24
Brownies	4,735	5,471	Sea Ranger Crews	7	7
Guides	7,463	7,928	Cadet Companies	1	1
Rangers	238	262	Trefoil Guilds	8	5
Sea Rangers	118	88	Lone Guide Companies	9	9
Cadets	13	16	Lone Ranger Companies	3	3
Lone Guides	98	66	Extension and Post Brownie Packs	5	5
Lone Rangers	28	22	Extension and Post Guide Companies	12	10
Extension and Post Brownies, Guides, and Rangers	195	170	Extension and Post Ranger Com- panies	2	2
	14,542	15,822			



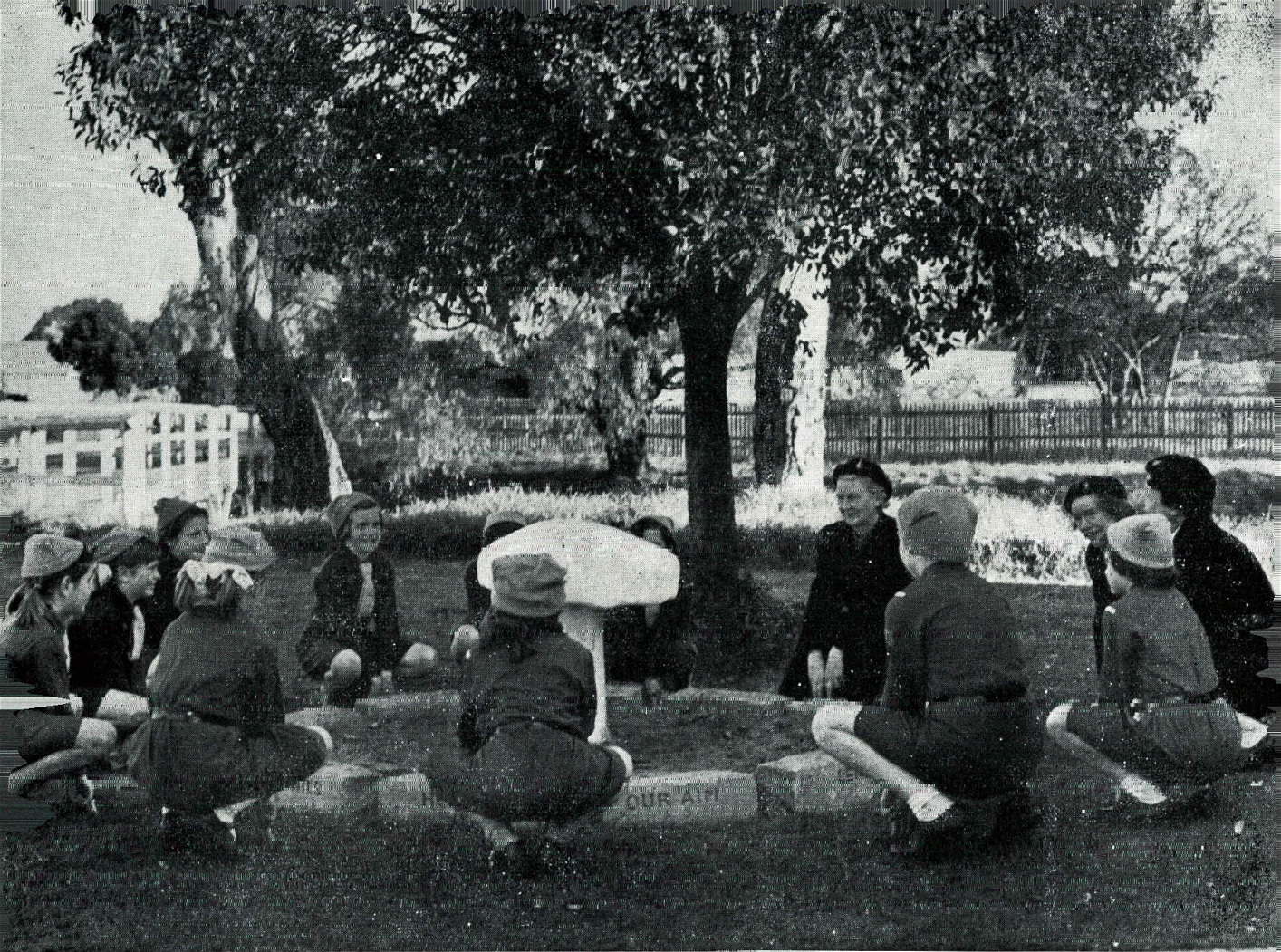
His Excellency The Governor greets Extension Guides at the Youth Garden Party

THE GUIDE PROMISE

On my honour, I promise that I will do
my best—
To do my duty to God and the Queen.
To help other people at all times.
To obey the Guide Law.

THE GUIDE LAW

A Guide's honour is to be trusted.
A Guide is loyal.
A Guide's duty is to be useful, and to
help others.
A Guide is a friend to all, and a sister
to every other Guide.
A Guide is courteous.
A Guide is a friend to animals.
A Guide obeys orders.
A Guide smiles and sings under all
difficulties.
A Guide is thrifty.
A Guide is pure in thought, in word,
and in deed.



Brownies make their Fairy Ring

General Principles

1.—Aims and Method.

The Girl Guide Movement has been incorporated by Royal Charter for the purpose of developing good citizenship among girls by forming their character; training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance; inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others; teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves; promoting their physical development; making them capable of keeping good homes and of bringing up good children. Its desire is to co-operate with educational and other bodies working to this end.

The method of training is to give the girls pursuits which appeal to them, such as games and recreative exercises, which lead them on to learn for themselves many useful crafts. It is a scheme of elder and younger sisters playing games together, rather than the instruction of privates by officers in a cut-and-dried disciplinary machine, or of pupils by school teachers in an academic curriculum.

2.—Membership.

(a) The Association can admit to membership only those who accept as a basis the threefold promise of the Guides or the two-

fold promise of the Brownies, the Guide Law, and the system of instruction contained in "Girl Guiding," by Lord Baden-Powell, and "Policy, Organisation and Rules."

(b) The Association is open to British subjects.

(c) All girls enrolled into a registered Brownie Pack or Girl Guide Company are members of the Girl Guide Association, as are all Guiders and members of the Local Association.

(d) The Association is anxious to promote international peace by entering into friendly relations with organisations outside the British Commonwealth which have similar aims in view, and to exchange visits, correspondence and ideas with them, but is not permitted to extend affiliation to foreign societies.

(e) Girls who are not British subjects may be enrolled into a registered Brownie Pack or Girl Guide Company as members of the Girl Guides Association, with the permission of the Victorian International Sub-Committee.

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WORLD RELIGIOUS POLICY

The religious policy of the Girl Guides is inter-denominational. Every Guide should attend the services of the religious denomination to which she belongs, and where a Company is composed of members of one particular form of religion, denominational religious observances and instruction may be arranged.

Where a Company consists of Guides of different denominations, each should be encouraged to attend the services of her own church; in camp, the form of daily and weekly worship is of the simplest character, and attendance is voluntary.

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FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATIONS OF AUSTRALIA

The Federal Council of the Girl Guides Associations of Australia directs a general policy for the Movement within the Commonwealth, in matters which affect the State Associations as a whole and which concern

Australia in the international sphere of Guiding.

The President is Her Excellency, the wife of the Governor-General of Australia.

The Council consists of the Chief Commissioner for Australia, who acts as Chairman, all State Commissioners, and not more than two delegates from each State appointed by the respective Executive Committees. Council meets at least once in every two years.

There is an Executive Committee consisting of the Chief Commissioner and all State Commissioners.

Federal officers appointed by the Council include: International Commissioner, Training Adviser, Post Box Secretary, Council Fire Correspondent, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer. These officers are entitled to attend, but not to vote, at meetings of the Council.

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VICTORIAN ADMINISTRATION

The governing body is the State Council, which directs the general policy, and exercises a general supervision and control over the affairs of the Association, working through the Executive Committee. The State Council is composed of ladies and gentlemen of representative character, whose standing ensures the soundness of the Movement in the eyes of parents and public, representatives appointed by the various societies of the State who are interested in social welfare, and six members elected by each of the following: Commissioners, Guiders, and Local Associations.

The membership of the State Executive Committee is as follows: The State President, State Commissioner, Assistant State Commissioners, the Hon. Treasurer, Advisers for Brownies, Rangers, Guides, Camping and Training, and not more than 12 other persons elected by the State Council from its own members.

The administration is decentralised; in each district a Commissioner and Local Association are responsible for all Girl Guide activities, and publish annually a report and balance-sheet for their own area.



Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Cadets receiving their "Willing Shillings" from the State President, Lady Brooks, at Government House

Annual Report

1955-1956

The Executive Committee and State Council of the Girl Guides Association of Victoria have the honour to present the Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June, 1956.

The year has been one of steady progress and expansion; not only has Guiding within the borders of our State flourished with growing public approval and support, but we have had the added stimulus of three outstanding visitors from overseas: Mrs. Alan Means (Chairman of the World Committee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) and the Misses Getsie Samuel (India) and Berit Bredesen (Norway), both of whom

came to us as Exchange Trainers under the scheme sponsored by the World Association. These visitors, such able representatives of their own countries, made a reality of the fourth Guide Law, that a Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide. Further evidence of the international outlook is the fact that Guides in this State are, through our Post Box, corresponding with members of the Movement in the United States of America, Canada, Rhodesia, Ceylon, Hawaii, Fiji, Germany, New Caledonia, Scandinavia, and other European countries.

At the end of May we had the honour of a visit from the Chief Commissioner for Australia, Miss Manning. As well as going into residence with the Commissioners at Cheltenham, and opening the Commissioners' Conference, Miss Manning also met many Guiders and members of the State Council.

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Members of the Movement took part, as usual, in the St. George's Day Service and the Empire Youth March; 400 Guides from all parts of the State (including Lones and Extensions) attended the Youth Garden Party at Government House in March as guests of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Brooks, and ten Queen's Guides received their Certificates from His Excellency the Governor at the special Scout and Guide ceremony held on the lawns of Government House last October.

Tangible evidence of our expansion is shown by the fact that six new Division Commissioners and thirty-six District Commissioners have been appointed; these replaced two retiring Division and twenty-six retiring District Commissioners. As the Commissioners play a very large part in the efficient decentralisation of the Movement, it will be seen by the difference in these numbers that Guiding is being effectively spread to all corners of the State.

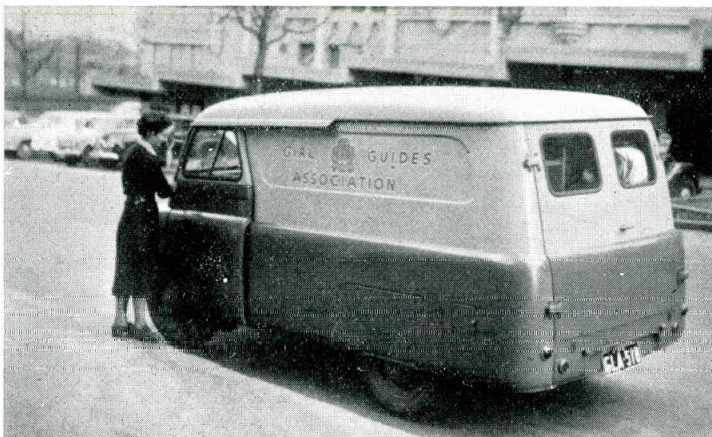
Another most important factor in decentralisation, and a significant step forward in the Training programme, has been the acquisition of the Camp Travelling Training Unit; because it was felt that, for various practical reasons, Camping was not keeping pace with other branches of Training, it was suggested to the Local Association Conference in 1955 that such a Unit should be purchased: so great was the enthusiasm of the various Local Associations that, with their

help augmented by support from the Victorian Government, General Motors-Holdens Ltd. and S. A. Cheney Pty. Ltd., the Van was actually on the road, fully equipped, within six months. By the time the Van was officially

Rangers and Cadets) to Government House and, with the co-operation of the Press, provided excellent publicity at the outset. One result of the Drive was that Victoria was able to allocate £50 to the Irene Fairbairn Trust



Miss Getsie Samuel, India



Camp Travelling Training Unit

"opened" by our State President, Lady Brooks, at the 1956 Local Association Conference, it had already visited many parts of the State, including Wodonga, Mornington, Traralgon, Dimboola, and Tawonga; thus Guiders who wish to take their own Guides camping (and this is one of the cornerstones of Guiding) have the opportunity of doing their practical training near their own homes.

Expansion implies available finance; once again we have been most fortunate in our grants from the Victorian Government and the National Fitness Council of Victoria, as well as donations that have been given to the War Memorial Fund and other funds within the Movement. However, as we were faced with a large deficit it was decided, this year, to hold a Willing Shilling Drive for a week in April; each Division forwarded half the amount raised locally to Headquarters, with the gratifying result that, after the deduction of administrative expenses, the sum of £1,965 became available for Headquarters expenditure. The Willing Shilling Drive was materially aided by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Brooks, who invited 12 members of the Movement (Brownies, Guides,

Fund, established in 1955 as a mark of appreciation for the work done by Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, O.B.E., as the first Chief Commissioner for Australia.

Properties controlled by Headquarters (as distinct from those owned by various Divisions or Districts) continue to prosper; through the generosity of Mr. George Whitlam, several additional acres at Mt. Morton, Belgrave, have been given to us for camping, and we have also purchased an adjoining block; this lovely land—a tree and wildflower sanctuary—is convenient to Melbourne, an important factor to both city and country campers. Guide House, at Yarra Junction, now has S.E.C. electricity; renovations and improvements have been carried out to the various properties, and a new building, to accommodate five, has been erected on Hamer's site; Gipton also has some new equipment.

So popular have the Patrol Leaders' Conferences become that this year no fewer than four were held, at Ballarat, Shepparton, Yallourn, and Melbourne; the total attendance was 450 Patrol Leaders, 50 country districts being represented.

Again the Patrol Challenge was entered upon with enthusiasm; it was successfully completed by 70 Patrols, and culminated in a Field Day and Camp Fire attended by 260 Guides and held, through the courtesy of the Boy Scouts, at Herring Island in September.

At Easter 175 Patrol Leaders camped at Guide House, concentrating on training for the Pioneer Badge; nearly all passed some clauses of the badge, and many completed it; several also passed the Patrol Leader's Camp Permit, enabling them to take their own Patrols camping.

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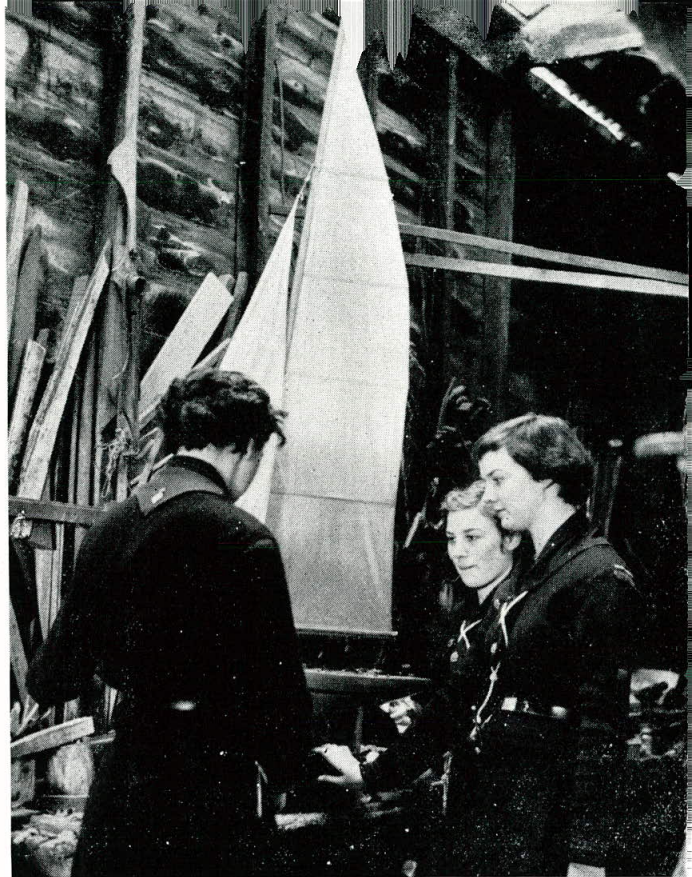
This year has seen much active and profitable work in the Training Department. In the metropolitan area both Brownie and Guide classes have been held throughout the year, running to capacity with more and more Guiders coming in. In the country, Maryborough, Castlemaine, Stawell, Camperdown and Echuca were the centres of very successful trainings, and additionally many towns have been visited to give initial or extra training to Guiders. The fact that eight Training Certificates (five Guide and three Brownie) were gained is evidence of the keen interest of both Guiders and the Training Adviser and staff. In the Camping Department, too, many qualifications have been gained, including 10 Camper's Licences, 12 Guider's Camp Permits, and 6 Indoor Camp Certificates.

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At the end of July, 1955, the Ranger Branch lost their Adviser when Miss Helen Carnegie resigned; for many months the Branch was without an Adviser, so that central activities were curtailed, but in May we were very pleased to welcome Mrs. K. G. Woollacott, M.B.E., as our new Ranger Adviser.

Last September the Rangers, together with Cadets, took part as usual in the march of Youth Organisations at the Showgrounds Rally, and were responsible for planning and carrying out a special Colour Ceremony on the arena. They also played an effective part in the Festival of Empire Pageant at the Town Hall in May.

Ranger Week last July was successful in bringing the work of this Branch before the public, and culminated in a Parade at Wesley Church; other activities, particularly camping, went forward as usual during the year, not least being the period under canvas when



Sea Rangers learn the art of rigging

Rangers and Cadets gave their assistance in the Hospital at the Scout Jamboree at Wonga Park.

The Lone Section helps to spread Guiding throughout the State, and in many cases Lone Guides have been absorbed in active Companies when these have been formed in their districts. Lones take part in every aspect of Guiding—as an example, they raised £14 for the Willing Shilling Drive. The Shepparton Lone Ranger Patrol has helped with the aboriginal settlement, while Companies have helped such diverse causes as the Bendigo Toddlers' Home, the Children's Hospital, the Labassa Guides and Brownies (Fiji) and the Papuan Guides. Lones and their Guiders have as their theme for this year, "More outdoor adventure and less fireside Guiding."

Extensions also played their part in general Guiding activities; Guides and Rangers both had the experience of camping, and as far as possible the Extension Companies are integrated in District events; thus they meet our visitors from overseas and mingle with



A Brownie "lends a hand"

their sister Guides, widening their horizons and adding to the interests they can enjoy.

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Our monthly magazine, "Matilda," has prospered during the year under the splendid editorial committee headed by Miss G. H. Swinburne as Editor, assisted by Miss Dorothy Cooper and Mrs. O. G. M. Knight; an all-time record of 1,000 copies has been printed, and many new features introduced.

Despite the frustration of cramped quarters, the Equipment Department has had a most successful year. Business has increased and many new lines have been added.

Much quiet but good work has gone on in the 11 Trefoil Guilds, which are scattered throughout Victoria; First Aiding at Camp, making equipment for Companies and raising money for camp equipment are but some of the ways in which those who enjoyed Guiding in their schooldays are helping the present generation.

Thanks Badges have been awarded as follows:

Brighton—Mrs. J. Pearson, Mrs. Lewis, Miss R. Irish, Mrs. Pringle.

Camberwell North—Mrs. A. J. Murray and Mrs. T. J. Lester.

Kew—Mrs. M. E. W. Stump.

Seymour—The Hon. Arthur Smith, M.L.C., and Mr. W. Loudon.

Morwell—Mrs. J. Lawless and Mrs. Ritchie.

Preston—Mrs. E. Pile.

Northcote—Mrs. V. Dyer, Mrs. Patrick, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Phillips.

Hamilton—Mrs. J. W. Loats and Mrs. Brown.

Wentworth—Mr. G. E. Foley and Mr. H. H. Kline.

Sunshine—Mrs. Crick.

Colac—Mr. Noble, Mr. Bond and the Apex Club.

Nathalia—Mr. W. Abreu, Mr. W. Robertson, Mr. J. Sandow and Mr. R. Shepard.

Extension Section—Mr. Gallpen.

Castlemaine—Miss A. M. W. Brotherton and Miss A. C. B. Cherry.

Yallourn—Mrs. W. Allen, Mrs. A. Morrison, Mrs. L. Ray, Mrs. B. Milne, Mrs. P. Ashmead, Mrs. M. McLaren, Mrs. G. Elliott, Mrs. R. Wiggins, Mrs. V. Gust, Mrs. A. Apps and Mrs. Reid.

Warragul—Miss M. Corby.

Bandiana—Mrs. Tiver and Mrs. Jaggar.

Gippsland—Mrs. J. M. Andrew.

Maryborough—Mr. J. H. Tweedale.

Headquarters—Mr. Norgate, Mr. G. Whitlam and Miss F. Whitlam.

East Brighton—Mrs. S. Coleman and Mrs. W. Cheeseman.

Dandenong—Mr. A. Crump and Mr. W. L. Brumley.

Fitzroy—Mr. M. Conole, Mr. J. H. May and Mr. G. Johnson.

Leongatha—Mrs. Parsons.

Mitcham—Mrs. F. A. Halliday.

Mentone—Sister Woff, Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Mr. Burnell.

The following Guiding awards have been made:

Certificate of Merit—

Mrs. K. Davidson, Division Commissioner, Western Division.

Mrs. R. L. Dennis, Division Commissioner, Polwarth Division.

Good Service Certificate—

Mrs. O. Allen—Captain, 1st Glen Iris Guide Company.

Miss A. Habel—Brown Owl, Nhill and Murtoa.

We express our thanks to the many good friends of Guiding: to the Government, to

Transport Authorities; to the Churches who allow us the use of their halls; to our brother Scouts, who can always be relied upon to give us their friendly help; to the Press and Radio, without whose generous aid we should not be able to reach the general public; to the Advisers, Commissioners, and Guiders who help to lay the solid foundations of Guiding; to the members of Headquarters staff, whose work for the Movement is far beyond the call of duty; and to those unnamed friends of the Movement who so cheerfully do the thousand-and-one odd chores that keep the wheels turning smoothly.

MARGARET CURTIS-OTTER.
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We place on record the great pleasure it has given the members of the Movement throughout Victoria to know that their State Commissioner, Mrs. D. Curtis-Otter, has been recognised by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with the award of Officer of the British Empire.

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SHEILA M. MacLEOD.

Mrs. Alan Mears with Mrs. S. McKay, Mrs. H. Bolte, and the State Secretary



GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA

Financial Statements

1955-56

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA

**Consolidated Statement
of Assets and Liabilities,
30th June, 1956.**

	1956	1955
ASSETS:		
Cash at banks and in hand	£9,712	£6,179
Sundry Debtors	1,458	919
Investments, at cost or face value	9,774	9,774
Equipment Stock, at cost	4,984	4,325
Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment, at depreciated value	2,438	2,960
Library, at cost	83	—
Camp Training Van and Equipment, at depreciated value	1,064	—
Land and Buildings, at depreciated value	32,955	32,725
Total Assets	£62,468	£56,882
Deduct		
LIABILITIES:		
Sundry Creditors	1,520	779
Total Net Assets	£60,948	£56,103
Representing:		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS: (vide separate statements)		
Headquarters	£43,733	£39,371
Guide House	12,910	12,595
Gipton Camp Site	2,244	2,248
Special Funds	2,061	1,889
	£60,948	£56,103

NOTE: This statement does not include assets and liabilities of Divisions, Districts, Local Associations, Companies and Packs.

R. E. GREGORY, Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

A. G. HOOKE, Chartered Accountant (Australia)

Hon. Auditor.

Melbourne, 12th September, 1956.

**Headquarters:
Statement of Assets
and Liabilities,
30th June, 1956.**

	1956	1955
ASSETS:		
Cash at banks and in hand	£7,211	£4,558
Sundry Debtors	1,458	919
Investments —		
Trust Fund, at face value	£2,850	
General, at cost	3,430	
	6,280	6,280
Equipment Stock, at cost	4,984	4,325
Office Furniture and Machines at depreciated value	1,260	1,155
Library, at cost	83	—
Camp Training Van and Equipment at depreciated value	1,064	—
Land and Buildings, at cost	22,913	22,913
Total Assets	£45,253	£40,150
Deduct		
LIABILITIES:		
Sundry Creditors	1,520	779
Total Net Assets	£43,733	£39,371
Representing:		
Accumulation Account (vide statement attached)	£39,383	£35,521
Trust Fund	2,850	2,850
Building Depreciation Reserve	1,500	1,000
	£43,733	£39,371

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA

Headquarters:
Accumulation Account,
30th June, 1956.

	1956	1955
Balance at 30th June, 1955	£35,521	£35,569
Add Surplus (deficit 1955)		
transferred from Appropriation Account	2,295	1,080
		£34,489
Donations to War Memorial Appeal Fund	61	1,022
Donations to Camp Travelling Training Unit	1,506	—
		£35,521
Balance at 30th June, 1956	£39,383	£35,521

Headquarters:
Appropriation Account,
30th June, 1956.

	1956	1955
Surplus transferred from Revenue Account	£4,219	£934
Deduct		
Allocations —		
Camping Department — Mt. Morton Land	£200	
Guide House	1,120	
Training Department	104	
	£1,424	£1,514
Transfer to Building Depreciation Reserve	500	500
	£1,924	£2,014
	Surplus	Deficit
Balance transferred to Accumulation Account	£2,295	£1,080

Headquarters:
Statement of Income
and Expenditure,
30th June, 1956.

	1956	1955
INCOME:		
Surplus transferred from Equipment Account	£3,660	£1,358
Interest received	313	221
Registration of Guides and Brownies	452	402
Registration and Warrant Fees	53	38
Sale of Stamps	12	—
Special Functions — Empire Day	234	139
Willing Shilling Drive	1,965	—
Subscriptions and Donations	5,694	5,201
Total Income for year	£12,383	£7,359
EXPENDITURE:		
Administrative Charges	£7,578	
Less Shop's Proportion	3,196	
	£4,382	£3,531
Camping and Training Development and Expansion	2,439	1,750
Establishment Charges	£1,005	
Less Shop's Proportion	324	
	681	561
Other Charges	648	509
Matilda Deficit	14	74
Total Expenditure for year	£8,164	£6,425
SURPLUS transferred to Appropriation Account	£4,219	£934

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA

**Headquarters:
Equipment Account,
30th June, 1956.**

	1956	1955
SALES	£23,104	£19,424
COST OF SALES		
Stock at 30th June, 1955	£4,325	£7,000
Purchases	16,583	12,032
	£20,908	£19,032
Less Stock at 30th June, 1956	4,984	4,325
	£15,924	£14,707
BALANCE	£7,180	£4,717
 Deduct		
Administrative charges—Shop's proportion	£3,196	£3,069
Establishment charges — Shop's proportion	324	290
	£3,520	£3,359
 SURPLUS transferred to Statement of Income and Expenditure	£3,660	£1,358

**Statement of
Special Funds,
30th June, 1956.**

	Huts & Equipment at cost less depreciation	Common- wealth Savings Bank	The State Savings Bank of Victoria	Total
1955				
£1,114 Camping Department	£1,111	£282		£1,393
261 Training Department		189		189
51 Guide Branch			26	26
69 Brownie Branch			35	35
38 Ranger Branch		27		27
168 Extension Section			177	177
39 Lone Section			2	2
10 Guiders' Library		11		11
58 International Committee			55	55
3 Thinking Day Fund		16		16
78 Districts-in-Recess		130		130
 £1,889	£1,111	£655	£295	£2,061

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA

**Guide House Fund:
Statement of Income
and Expenditure,
30th June, 1956.**

	1956	1955
INCOME:		
Allocation from Headquarters	£1,120	£850
Camping Fees	208	228
Canteen and Souvenirs — net	20	33
Donations	36	99
Interest received	121	121
Sundry Receipts —		
Breakage Replacements	11	—
Brownie Revels	69	81
Total income for year	£1,585	£1,412
EXPENDITURE:		
Administrative Charges	£137	£123
Establishment Charges	1,133	1,103
Total Expenditure for year	£1,270	£1,226
SURPLUS transferred to Accumulation Account	£315	£186

**Guide House Fund:
Statement of Assets,
30th June, 1956.**

	1956	1955
CASH AT BANK	£265	£353
FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT		
at depreciated value	1,032	904
LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Britannia Creek, at cost	£8,594	
Add Additions — net	325	
	£8,919	
Less Building Depreciation Reserve	£800	
	8,119	7,844
ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENTS	3,494	3,494
Total Assets	£12,910	£12,595
Representing:		
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Balance 30th June, 1955	£9,101	
Add Amount transferred from Statement of		
Income and Expenditure	315	
	£9,416	£9,101
ENDOWMENT FUND	3,494	3,494
	£12,910	£12,595

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA

**Gipton Camp Site:
Statement of Income
and Expenditure,
30th June, 1956.**

	1956	1955
INCOME:		
Camping Fees	£50	£44
Donations	1	—
Fuel — net	9	7
Interest — Commonwealth Savings Bank	9	7
Allocation from Headquarters	—	150
Total Income for year	£69	£203
EXPENDITURE:		
Depreciation	£16	£15
Insurance	8	16
Postages and Stationery	2	1
Rates	16	17
Repairs and Replacements	28	58
Donations	3	—
Total Expenditure for year	£73	£101
DEFICIT (Surplus 1955) transferred to Accumulation		
Account	£4	£107

**Gipton Camp Site:
Statement of Assets,
30th June, 1956.**

	1956	1955
COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK		
	£375	£390
EQUIPMENT, at depreciated value		
	146	135
LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Frankston, at valuation	1,723	1,723
Total Assets	£2,244	£2,248
Representing:		
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Balance 30th June, 1955	£2,248	£2,141
Less Deficit (surplus 1955) for the year transferred from Statement of Income and Expenditure	4	107
	£2,244	£2,248

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