

COMMUNICATING

FEBRUARY

1988

FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

A Happy New Year to you all, best wishes for an enjoyable and busy 1988. Thanks to all who sent Christmas greetings to me, it is impossible to answer them all. Please thank the girls who made cards especially.

Thanks too, to all who contributed so generously with cans of food and donations to assist those in need for the Year of Shelter for the Homeless. The response was outstanding with thousands of cans and a marvellous \$306.98 cash donated in response to the suggestion from Peg Townsing, Brownie Leader. Well done.

Maren Chandler

FROM 20 RUSSELL STREET

We all know that there are many benefits which we and our girls receive as members of the Girl Guides Association, but are the parents aware of what guiding has to offer?

How often do we speak about what we are receiving from our membership of a world wide organisation.

Guiding offers to each one of us, an ideal and a spirit as expressed in the Promise and Law, and a challenge to use our initiative, to be useful, to prepare for the future and to have fun.

It offers opportunities to work together towards a common goal, to take part in recreational activities and to extend our knowledge. We gain a sense of belonging to a world wide family with opportunities to meet girls and leaders from 112 countries.

It is a privilege to belong to a world organisation, to the Australian Association, and to our own Victorian Association. By paying membership fees we acknowledge our commitment to guiding and what it stands for.

In order to maintain quality guiding, the Executive committee has had to make a difficult decision. Unfortunately, this decision means that membership fees will rise as from October 1988.

This inevitable increase is the result of:

- cost of living increase which affects, travel, printing and salaries etc.
- an increase in our public liability premiums.
- our quota to the World & Australian Associations being raised.
- an increase in the printing costs of publications and promotional materials.

Membership fees will therefore be:

October 1988 - \$11.00 April 1989 - \$11.00

There is no increase in the April membership fees which remain at \$9.00 per girl member.

When you are telling your parents about this increase, please make them aware of the many benefits their daughters receive as members of the Girl Guides Association.

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OUR HOME

The building at 20 Russell Street is our home. It has been operating as our Headquarters for 20 years. During that time thousands of volunteers and office staff have used every centimetre of the building.

Every home needs cleaning regularly. We cannot afford to pay a cleaner to do anything but the floors and bathrooms, so what happens to the shelves, window sills, glass doors, stoves, staircases, cupboard tops and so on.

Our home needs tender loving care. Would you like to join the T.L.C. group who will, once a month on a roster system, spend a few hours cleaning the areas needing T.L.C.?

If you can join the team, please contact the Co-ordinator, Mrs Gloria Williams, 10 Kinnane St, SUNSHINE. 3020. Phone: 311 4636.

Jill Johnstone
STATE SECRETARY



FROM THE TRAINING DEPARTMENT

ALTERATIONS TO THE 1988 TRAINING CALENDAR

Page 6. Applications for Stage 1 at Sunbury should be sent to Mrs L. Pricor, "Lauriston Park" Wayside Delivery, Kyneton. 3442

Page 9. Applications for Stage 2 at Traralgon should be sent to Miss E. Barrett, 14 Tobruk St, Warragul. 3820

Page 10. Stage 2, 10-11 September and 8th October will be held at Castlemaine.

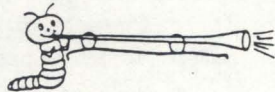
Full details of these and other courses may be found in the 1988 training calendar.

The 1988 Training Calendar is now available.

Ask your commissioner for a copy.

Additional copies of the Calendar may be obtained from the Training Department.

All leaders should have a copy of this important publication.



FROM THE P.R. DEPARTMENT

THINKING DAY - MONDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

Breakfast at Headquarters, 7.30am. Cost \$7.50. Please start making plans to join us on this day. Names to P.R. Department as soon as possible, and definitely by Friday 12th February. We, the P.R. Department are catering for you.

THINKING DAY SERVICE - MONDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

12.30pm at St Pauls Cathedral. If you are free during your lunch hour on this day please join us for our short midday service in uniform or mufti. The address will be given by our own State Commissioner, Mrs Maren Chandler. If you have time join with us at Headquarters for a Cuppa afterwards.

REGIONAL "PUBLIC RELATION OFFICERS" DAY

Headquarters, Wednesday 24th February.
10.00am-3.00pm. Lunch provided.

BUSH DANCE SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 1988

Join us on this day. Collins Street will be closed from Russell to William Street for the day. We are joining with Heritage Week Committee for this day. Stalls available at a cost of \$30.00 per stall. Contact the P.R. Department. The theme of Heritage Week is a Colonial theme and the goods on the stalls are to be in keeping with the theme. How about an afternoon or morning tea stall.

LOST

One camera 'RICOH'. Lost from the Lounge at HQ on State Council meeting day, Monday 7th December. If found, please return it to the P.R. Department.

Jill Anjou

BROWNIE SECTION

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

I hope that your new year has been happy and will be full of fun and discovery.

A reminder that the Heritage 200 Challenge Badge is available this year for you and your brownies to work on and gain a better understanding of what our heritage is all about.

Plan your programme to include some work on the "Heritage 200" in late April or early May and invite your local cub scouts along.

Information and syllabus for this badge is on page 9 of September G.I.A.

The Heritage 200 badge is not to be confused with the Bicentenary Badge to be worn by everyone in the guide and scout Movements this year.

Have you organised for your girls to have their Bicentenary Badge as soon as brownies commence in '88.

Judi Tuppen

GUIDE SECTION

"BOOMERANG"



1988 Brings a slight change to "Boomerang". We are publishing for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Terms and want contributions from patrols, of details of activities or games they have enjoyed. This way we can all share. Please ask your patrols to send them in immediately for inclusion in our first issue.

We are looking for an illustration for one year's issues and have decided to run a competition which is open to anyone. Illustrations, in black pen on white paper within a 12cm x 12cm border and suitable for cover design, are to be sent to "Boomerang" C/- Guide Headquarters by 15th March. The lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 gift voucher from an art supplier.

Good luck to all aspiring artists.

Judith Britt

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Greetings and best wishes to all for 1988. This bicentenary year promises to be a very busy one with a tremendous variety of outdoor activities being planned throughout the State. When planning your calendar, don't forget to include "Greening Victoria". If you have not already done so, contact your region "Greening Victoria" liaison with your plans, or for ideas of where and when your district can plant their trees to the best advantage. Also include some salinity awareness activities in your weekly programme. Wattle Wombat will be sending out ideas for this shortly, and your "Greening Victoria" Liaison will also be able to help you. Don't forget the slide-tape audio visual kit that each region has on salinity and tree planting.

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For those interested in canoeing, there are a number of training courses for leaders.

The Victorian Board of Canoe Education are offering the following courses.

Melbourne Metropolitan Course Dates

1. Briefing - 11th Feb. - 7.00pm
Practical - 13/14 Feb; 20/21 Feb.
1.30pm-3.30pm
2. Briefing - 15th Feb. - 7.00pm
Practical - 16th, 18th, 23rd & 25th Feb.
6.00pm-8.00pm
3. Briefing - 7th March - 7.00pm
Practical - 8th, 10th, 15th & 17th March
6.00pm-8.00pm
4. Briefing - 14th April - 7.00pm
Practical - 16th/17th April.
10.00am-3.00pm
5. Briefing - 5th May - 7.00pm
Practical - 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th May
1.30pm-3.30pm
6. Briefing - 21st July - 7.00pm
Practical - 23rd, 24th, 30th & 31st July
10.00am-12.00pm.

Cost: \$80 (plus \$15 equipment hire)

Regional Course Dates

Basic Skills courses will be conducted in the following centres between May and August 1988.

Bendigo; Horsham; Mildura; Sale; Wangaratta and Warrnambool. Further details on request from V.B.C.E., 140 Cotham Road, Kew. 3101
Phone: (03) 817 6030.

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The Canoe School, 5 Summer Place, Mooroolbark, have sent the following information about their courses.

The Canoe School is available to come to your town to conduct a course during the weekend Friday 1st April to Sunday, 3rd April, in either kayak or canadian.

Course No. 5/88 - Leaders Canadian Course

Friday 15/4 8.00pm-10.30pm.

Theory, safety, leadership etc.

Saturday 15/4 9.30am-4.30pm - Water lessons

Sunday 17/4 9.30-2.30pm - River trip.

2.30pm Individual discussion with Chief Instructor

The cost for instruction is \$50 per pupil. All equipment can be provided at a cost of \$15.00 per pupil.

Eskimo Rolling Techniques

Course No. 6/88

Tuesday 29/3 8.30 - 10.00pm

Practical training in a heated pool.

Course No. 7/88

Tuesday 31/5 8.30 - 10.00pm

Practical training in a heated pool.

The cost for instruction is \$12.00 per pupil.

River Rescue Course - Kayak & Canadian
Dates to be finalised but will be late Aug./Sept.

To book for the above or any other course run by the Canoe School telephone the Chief Instructor on (03) 726 5421.

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All leaders are reminded that all outdoor activities forms have been recently updated. When filling in any permission form, please check that it is a current form - discard all those forms buried in the bottom drawer and obtain new ones from your region O.A. member.

Helen Rawady
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ADVISER



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
16th February	8.00pm - H.Q. A <u>VERY</u> special meeting. PLEASE MAKE IT A "BUMPER" MEETING.	Pauline Spurgeon - 857 6918 (4.30-7.30pm is best time) <u>OR</u> Meg Ledley - 386 5863 (but not until February)
12/13/14 March (Labour Day)	ROTOMAH ISLAND BIRD OBSERVATORY (Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union) ROTOMAH ISLAND - The ultimate way to relax and enjoy nature. Where? In the Gippsland Lakes. Cost? \$100. Covers accommodation, food, experts to show you all the "wonders" short (2 or 3 min.) motor-boat across to the island. Choose short or long walks. (The all day one includes about 3km on 90-mile beach). Approx. 4½ hours drive from Melbourne.	Please telephone Pauline (as above) IMMEDIATELY for further details, and I will send you a booking form. \$20 deposit should be sent <u>as soon as possible</u> . Balance - one month before the weekend.
20th March	COOLART - "where history and conservation meet". Historic homestead; walks; bird hides. Picnic, barbecue (fire restrictions permitting), and on Sundays 11.00am-4.30pm - teas and home made scones served by "Friends of Coolart".	PAULINE (again) by 10TH MARCH. (I have to confirm the booking). Entrance: \$2.90 per person
April	EASTER; POREPUNKA; CAMP EDEN; SCHOOL HOLIDAYS; ANZAC WEEKEND: !! we will let you "do your own thing". HAVE FUN.	
1st May	WALK - THE TANGLEFOOT TRACK Easy walking for families. Optional extra - up Mt. St. Leonard. Where? near Toolangi (about 20km from Kinglake - or 12 km north of Healesville)	Bev Burch - 435 9883 (a.h.) 615 4163 (work) by APRIL 29TH.
JUNE	ANOTHER BUSY MONTH	
11th-13th	Queens Birthday weekend.	
19th 22nd	Britannia Park Birthday (open day) Bicentennial "Lighting Beacons" and, School Holidays	



DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
July	<p>HORSE-RIDING - Morning or Afternoon rides. also, bush walks.</p> <p>Tonimbuk (between Bunyip and Gembrook). 1 hr drive from Melbourne.</p> <p>Saturdays/Sundays? In the holidays? Let Pauline know your preference so that we can fix a date at the February meeting.</p>	
August 6th-21st	<p>How about</p> <p>AN OUTBACK SAFARI?</p> <p>Bourke, Charlieville, Longreach, Mt Isa, Birdsville, Innamincka, Tibooburra, White Cliffs, Mootwingee, Broken Hill.</p> <p>Comfortable, air-conditioned coach. Cook and all camping equipment supplied.</p> <p>Cost: \$725.00.</p>	<p>Jan Brown 13 Walsh Street ELTHAM SOUTH. 3095</p> <p>439 9783 (a.h.)</p>
August	<p>Something for 1 day? or a Weekend? SUGGESTIONS WELCOME.</p>	
30th October (hopefully)	<p>HOT-AIR BALLOONING HAS BEEN SUGGESTED. ANY TAKERS? OR ORGANISERS????</p>	
September	<p>As a follow-up to a possible Bushcraft Badge Training, there may be a BUSHCRAFT TOUR. This will be open to GO Club Members (and families).</p> <p>Time: First "half" of September holidays. Duration: 3 or 4 days???</p> <p>Transport: Bus if enough people come.</p> <p>If INTERESTED, please leave your name and address with the Training Department, for further information in due course.</p>	
October???	<p>We were disappointed that INVERLOCH in Spring (1987) did not eventuate but we hope to put it in, in 1988.</p>	
	<p>Was it the Venue - or the DATE - that "put people off" coming to Studley Park in November? We would like to hear from you <u>before</u> or <u>at</u> the HQ meeting in February, so that we can finalise the second half of 1988 activities.</p>	

DONVALE OUTDOOR & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE
McGOWANS ROAD, DONVALE.

1988 PROGRAMME

Application forms for ALL activities are available from "Centre Activities",
c/o 16 Comer Street, East Brighton 3187, enclose a SAE for return of the
form. PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE ADVERTISED FOR EACH ACTIVITY.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ALL ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT THE CENTRE.

FOR LEADERS:

"DONVALE DELECTATIONS" - Mid-week 1-day special interest activities.

Wednesdays 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 per day.

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| March 9th | PIONEERING - ropes and stuff.
Closing date February 24th |
| May 11th | MUD BRICK MAKING AND BUILDING - from 'go to whoa'.
Closing date April 27th |
| July 13th | NATURE HANDCRAFTS
Closing date June 29th |
| September 14th | ENVIRONMENTAL GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
Closing date August 31st |
| November 9th | BASIC OUTDOOR SKILLS (Brownie & Guide Programme)
Closing date October 26th |

"OUTDOOR HERITAGE SKILLS" - A 2-day activity.

Guide Programme Ideas for the Bi-Centenary.

April 30th & May 21st 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Cost: Leaders \$8.00
Girls \$3.00

Day 1. Leaders only

Day 2. Leaders return with their Patrol Leaders. (The number
of P.Ls. each leader may bring will depend on leader
application).

Closing date April 9th

"GADGET KNOW HOW" - An evening activity to enable guide leaders to learn
the intricacies of lashings and camp gadget making...

Tuesday, September 20th. 7.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Cost: \$2.50

Closing date September 6th.

"NATURE HANDCRAFTS" - Ideas for Pack & Company programmes.

Sunday, July 17th 10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Cost: \$5.00

Closing date June 29th

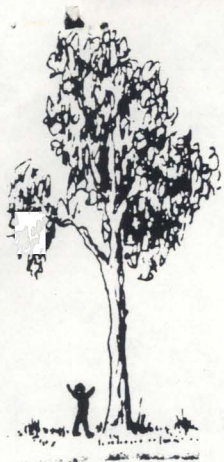
FOR GUIDES:

"HERITAGE HIGH JINKS" - A 3-day September school holiday activity.

September 28th - 30th 9.15 a.m. - 4.15 p.m. daily. Cost: \$18.00

Girls to write personally for application form.

Closing date August 31st



FOR BROWNIE GUIDES:

"HIGH ADVENTURE 2" for Brownie Guides in Grades 5 & 6.

A 5-day September school holiday activity.

September 26th - 30th 9.15 a.m. - 4.15 p.m. daily. Cost: \$28.00

THIS 'ADVENTURE' WILL BE BASED AT GIRL GUIDE HEADQUARTERS,

20 RUSSELL STREET, MELBOURNE. The programme covers the syllabi of the World Environment and the Conservation Brownie Guide Interest Badges. The fee covers travel costs and entry charges on daily excursions, all materials issued and special treats.

Girls to write personally for application form. Closing date August 31st

"TWILIGHT MEETINGS" - A Pack Meeting with a difference held at the Centre during the daylight saving period. Leaders attend with the girls, a Centre staff member conducts the programme.

Thursdays 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Cost: \$1.50 per girl

1988 November 3rd November 17th December 1st December 8th
December 15th

1989 February 9th February 23rd March 2nd March 9th

LEADERS PLEASE NOTE - Telephone Marguerite Pritchard 592 3708 to make
INITIAL BOOKING FOR TWILIGHT MEETINGS ONLY.

*Celebrate Guide Month 88
Bush Dance*



*Sunday 17th April 1988!
National Mutual Plaza*

*Time: 2pm onwards
Band: Jindivic*

*Join with our friends during
Heritage Week*

