

COMMUNICATING

NOVEMBER

11/88

FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

Did you miss the Annual General Meeting? Then you missed a tremendous night, a truly fitting close to Maren's term as State Commissioner and a most exciting start to mine and my assistants. Ann McNamara, Anne Scott, and Glenda Culley. We are looking forward to the five years ahead.

As I said in the closing sentences of my acceptance speech.... We often refer to "The Guiding Spirit", that special thing we can't see but we certainly feel. To me, it is a combination of so many different personalities, joining together with a common aim and an understanding and acceptance of the Promise that guides us into a giving, caring life style.

Yes, guiding does have something special, and because of that it will always be relevant to girls and women of the day.

I consider it an honour and a privilege to accept the appointment of State Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Victoria and will carry out the duties this entails to the best of my ability, with the support and help of the team of assistants, advisers, staff, executive plus committee's, and not forgetting the important "YOU" out there throughout the state - with your assistance we will take guiding into the 1990's.

Before signing off I would like to clear up any confusion there may be about my name - is it Dorothy, Dot or what?!!

Formally it is Mrs. G.A. Woolley
Officially it is Mrs Dorothy Woolley
Affectionately it is Dot.

Warm regards

Dot Woolley
State Commissioner

LORRIE AND DOT SAY THANK YOU

We both wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to -

All three section members for the surprise visit on your behalf to present us with flowers and set of guide spoons.

The members of the Girl Guides Association of Victoria for the beautiful "Don Shiel" silver bowl we received at the end of our term.

It was our pleasure to serve as assistant State Commissioners. We treasure the many friendships made and are truly happy that we had the opportunity to participate in this way.

Warm regards

Lorrie and Dot

ADVISER PROFILE

Yes, I will be the district secretary, but I will never go into uniform!

Three months later I became a uniformed member of our Association once more. It has been a time of making close friends, many challenges and much fun.

My guiding roots go back to 1st Gardiner Co. under the leadership of Margaret Oatley (nee Burr) and my pride in the Movement has developed from the inspirational leadership I received from her. How I loved marching around that hall perfecting the "corners".

Starting out as an Assistant District Commissioner was a wonderful way to get to know the Movement and the important role of commissioner.

My husband, Milton, has been very supportive of my guiding life, and my two sons have grown up being very aware of mums guiding. Peter and Ken were both cubs and scouts and Ken was a Venturer and Venturer Assistant Leader. To support them Milton and I were on the group committee.

Peter is now Executive Officer of the Victorian Association of Drama in Education and part time secondary school teacher, whilst Ken is a television lighting director. I wonder if their careers reflect my lifelong love of drama and the arts.

As a family we have fostered 35 babies, mainly pre-adoptive. This proved to be a most rewarding and wonderful time in our lives.

On September 20th, Peter and his wife Margarita, presented us with our first grandchild, PHOEBE ALIKI. A new dimension has been added to our lives, and our hearts are full of joy and love.

When Maren asked me to take the position of Development Adviser I didn't realise what a wonderful opportunity I was being given. It's only after working in development I have realised how really exciting it is, to explore another facet of the Girl Guides Association.

Elaine Wallbridge
Development Adviser

COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE

Help! Help! Help!

Were you at the Commissioners' Conference? Did you take photos? Your committee has found that they were all so busy, they forgot! If you have any negatives we could borrow, please send them to Val Salmon, 328 Colchester Road, Kilsyth, 3137, with your name and address, I will then send them to you.





PEOPLE WHO WORK AT HEADQUARTERS

This month we feature our RECEPTIONIST - Michelle Edwards.

Michelle is responsible for -

- * Answering switchboard
- * Taking messages and answering queries
- * Receiving goods from couriers
- * Sorting and delivering/posting mail
- * Greeting and directing people to the right departments
- * Taking orders for photographs of various awards and special days.
- * Keeping records of interstate transfers.
- * Doing various jobs for departments, eg. collating, typing, etc...

Michelle also takes the bookings for the use of the building.

She is also the person you need to contact if you wish to use our rather small car park.

Don't forget - if you wish to use the car park, **YOU MUST BOOK A SPACE** with Michelle. At least two days notice would be very helpful although, depending on what meetings are taking place, you may need to book earlier.

POSITION VACANT

A position has become available for a full-time junior typist, 16 to 19 yrs, in the Outdoor Activities Department at Headquarters.

The successful applicant needs to have accurate typing skills, shorthand preferred but not essential.

This position offers excellent training in all fields of office procedures including typing, (shorthand), filing, book work, photocopying, general office duties, switchboard relieving and some computer work.

If you are interested or have any queries relating to this position, please contact Karen Jenkins on 654 7911.

GOING TO BRITAIN FOR A HOLIDAY??

Private accommodation on a weekly basis with a Guiding lady in Salisbury is available to Australian leaders travelling to Britain. For further information please contact:
Mrs Charlotte Renshaw-Jones, 44 St George's Road, Toorak 3142. Phone: 241 7819

GUIDE SECTION

We sometimes have requests for country leaders to accompany their guides to the B.P. Emblem certificate presentations.

Unfortunately, due to lack of space this is not possible. However, we always need a few extra leaders in a working capacity.

Leaders working on the day would have to arrive one hour earlier and prior arrangements would have to be made by phoning me on 560 3197.

Judith Britt
Guide Adviser

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Summer Campcraft Training

YARRA JUNCTION - 19-25 January, 1989.

Note: Will include basic skills, organisation and administration as required for taking guides to camp. At the successful conclusion of the course, leaders are permitted to hold practice camps provided they have fulfilled requirements for staffing and first aid.

Apply with \$92 to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters by 9 December. Note: No fees refunded after this date.

Stage 1 Training

GREENSBOROUGH - 18-19 February and 18-19 March, 9.30am to 4.00pm. Apply with \$15 and s.a.e. to Mrs B Weir, 2 Willowbank Grove, Ivanhoe 3079, by 18th January.

Stage 2 Training

NORTH CROYDON - 18 February and 18-19 March, 9.30am to 4.00pm. Apply with \$15 and s.a.e. to Mrs L Blyth, 115 Esther Crescent, Mooroolbark 3138, by 18 January.

FROM THE TRAINING ADVISER

The Victorian Training Department have been delighted to have their two sponsored Mexican trainers as guests for two weeks after the International Training Trek. Irene Anderson and Mercedes Zavala have enjoyed hospitality in the Wimmera, Sunraysia, Barwon and Acheron Regions and also met leaders at the 3 Region Conference at Mortlake.

They would like me to express their grateful thanks to everyone who worked so hard to raise the necessary finance to make their trip possible. I would also like to express my thanks for the wonderful support extended to the Training Department with fundraising, gifts and many thoughtful contributions for the trek while it was in Melbourne.

Sylvia Le Marquand
Training Adviser

STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

The 1989 Training Calendar is now available. Ask your District Commissioner for your copy.

Additional copies of the calendar can be obtained from the Training Department.

All leaders should have their own personal copy.

Remember applications will not be accepted after the closing date so please apply early for all trainings.



FROM THE ARTS ADVISER

Another Approach to Christmas

Note: Christmas in songs, stories, food, games, traditional activities.

Numbers will be strictly limited!!!

Girls - 9.30am to 12.30pm OR 1.00pm to 4.00pm

st - \$2.50

Leaders - 9.30am to 4.00pm

Cost - \$8

Attendance at this day may count as the fourth day of Stage 2.

HEADQUARTERS - Saturday, 10 December. Apply immediately with fee and s.a.e. to Training Department, Guide Headquarters.



INTERNATIONAL

Japan Essay Competition -

The subject of the essay is "Japan and I" an essay on my understanding of Japan and the many facets of its heritage and commerce. Open to people 16-25 years as at 31st December 1988.

Twenty winners will receive an educational trip to Japan for 12 days in mid January 1989 fully escorted. Entries close Tuesday 22nd November. If interested contact International Department: 654 7911.

LOST PROPERTY

2ND NORTH WEST JAMBORETTE

Several articles of clothing, linen, and other odds and ends were left at the Jamborette site. Other articles have been reported missing. If you are able to assist in placing these articles, please contact: W. & J. Webster
Box 94
Hopetoun 3396
Phone: 050 83 3362



P.R. DEPARTMENT

THANK YOU to everyone who helped at Childrens Week activities and other functions.

TRAVELLING BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION - Will be at Royal Park in Melbourne from 6th-12th November. We have a community space and will be staging an outdoors display, as well as having some participation activities. Show your support by visiting the Guiding display. Thank you to all regions involved in setting up and manning the display.

CHRISTMAS TOYS AND TEDDY BEARS - To make Christmas a happier time for children in hospitals, homes and underprivileged circumstances, start your special Christmas toy collection now. All toys should be safe and in new condition. Sew on labels, "A Gift from Girl Guides" are available from the P.R. Department if you are distributing toys locally. If you wish them to be distributed from Headquarters, please deliver them by FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - An invitation is extended to all units to join the CAROL SINGING on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral on FRIDAY 16th December from 6.00-7.30pm. Please let the P.R. Department know approximate numbers and also if there are any special carols you would like included in the programme. Could all units coming please bring a basket of small, individually wrapped gifts eg. lollies, chocolates, biscuits, and lavender bags to give to the public.

WANTED GOOD COLOUR PHOTOS - The P.R. Committee is interested in viewing recent COLOUR PHOTOS of any activities your girls have been doing. They need to be suitable for enlargement (from colour negative or transparency) to poster size, to be used in displays to promote public awareness of Guiding. Please contact the P.R. Department if you can help.

P.R. KIT - Will be in each region soon and will be looked after by the Region Public Relations Officer. If there is an event coming up at which a guiding display would be appropriate, please contact your P.R.O. Additional kits are available at \$80 to anyone interested. Please ring Fiona for further information on 654 7911.

THINKING DAY 1989 - The P.R. Department will again be organising a Thinking Day Breakfast at Headquarters on Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30am. Further details and reply slip will be in December "Communicating".

LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Commissioners please make sure all local associations have a copy of the dates for the 1989 Local Association Information Sessions. The application form is included with this copy of Communicating. A photocopy of this timetable could be given to the secretary for the minutes book so that it is on hand for all local association members.

I hope to meet many of you at these sessions in 1989.

Francis Ho
Local Association Adviser

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIESDip and Dabble Adventure Camp.

January 23-27 1989 at Britannia Park, Yarra Junction.

Leaders, there is still time for your guides to apply for this camp. Cost is \$85.00 and guides should apply in their own writing at Headquarters enclosing s.a.e. by 21st November. This will be a summer camping experience to remember, with a host of water activities and other exciting pastimes. Please tell your guides about it now.

GREENING VICTORIA - Plantings are still continuing throughout the state. If you have not yet participated in this project there is still time to become involved. Contact your Region Greening Victoria Liaison for details of plantings or plan your own tree plantings and try to involve everyone in the district. I have had many reports of units who plan to return to their planting sites next year to plant more trees - it would be wonderful if this could be an ongoing project.

Helen Rawady
Outdoor Activities Adviser

PRESS RELEASE FOR GUIDES (VIC) NEWSLETTER

Ever short of suitable songs for Guides Own? Fay White (who wrote the "Tree Planting Rap" and "With our own 2 Hands") has recently produced a cassette with twelve songs very suitable and relevant to today's guides. The tape includes "With our own 2 hands" and songs that are a response to our beautiful world, to the stars, the seasons, rainbows and birds. You actually have live magpies and a blackbird recorded as well! There are songs that deal with finding hope in the middle of sadness, with building bridges between people and, in the song "Frog Kissing", a comic reminder that we all have the potential to be lovely people regardless of our outside shell.

Fay's music is on a cottage industry basis, so you can send for the tape to, Grapevine Music, 37 Goldsmith Street, Maryborough, 3465, including your \$12.00 plus \$1.50 postage.

All the words of the songs are included in the fold-out cassette jacket - to make them easier to learn, and if you're really keen, you could write to Fay for copies of the chords.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS, WARRANT BADGES, ETC...

Difficulties are still being experienced with the purchase and payment of long service awards, warrant badges and any other badge for which an application form is required. Could commissioners please be sure that a cheque is sent with the completed application form to H.Q. to cover payment of the required badge or badges. The Guide Shop will then send the badge through the mail-order department in the usual way. These badges CANNOT be charged to an account.

KAKADU - TOP END ADVENTURE

This is your chance to join with members of the Guide Movement, their families and friends on a 23 day Out-Back Camping Safari.

This time we will be heading north through Coober Pedy and Alice Springs, to the wonders of the Top End, including Mataranka, Katherine, Kakadu and Darwin. Returning via Edith Falls, Victoria River, Kununurra and the Tanami Track to Alice and back down the Oodnadatta Track.

Travel will be by comfortable air-conditioned coach, with a cook and all camping equipment supplied.

Cost also includes boat trips at Katherine, Cooinda, South Alligator River, Victoria River and the Ord Diversion Dam.

Dates: Saturday 3rd June - Sunday 25th June 1989.

Total Cost will be \$1,200.00.

This should prove popular, so get your deposits in early as seats are limited.

Detailed itinerary and further details from Brown, 13 Walsh Street, Eltham South, 3095. Phone 439 9783. (After hours)

GUIDE SHOP

DO YOU KNOW ! ! ! There are three ways that brownie, guide, ranger and leader uniforms can be purchased from the Guide Shop. This means the choice of three prices to suit everyone. Would you be sure, please, to pass this information on to your leaders and in turn to parents who will be wanting to buy new uniforms in the near future.

Brownie, guide, ranger and leader material, also summer dress material, all 150cm. wide, is available at \$9.95 per metre. Brownie pinafore (sizes 4-12), guide skirt (sizes 8-16), ranger/leader skirt (sizes 10-20) multi-sized patterns at \$1.50. Ranger/Leader culottes (sizes 10-20) multi sized patterns at \$3.20. Leader blazer & slacks pattern (sizes 10-16) at \$2.00. Leader summer dress pattern (sizes 14-18) at \$2.00.

PRE CUT UNIFORMS -

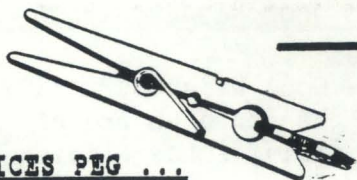
Brownie pinafores, sizes 8-14	\$17.50
Guide skirts, sizes 10-16	\$17.50
Ranger/leaders skirts, sizes 8-22	\$25.00
Ranger/leader zip jackets, size 8-26	\$32.00
(includes cut-out uniform pieces, sewing thread, zippers, buttons and instructions).	

MADE UP UNIFORMS -

Brownie pinafores, sizes 6-14xx	\$29.00
Guide skirts, sizes 8-20	\$29.50
Ranger/leaders skirts sizes 6-24	\$40.00
Ranger/leaders culottes sizes 10-18	\$58.00
Ranger/leaders slacks, sizes 8-18	\$40.00
Rangers/leaders zip jackets, size 8-24	\$49.50
Leader blazer, sizes 10-22, s/p	\$49.50
Leader summer dress, size 10-24	\$56.50
(s/p = special price)	

The cost of uniform should not keep any child out of guiding, so please advertise as widely as possible the three choices mentioned above with the various costs.

Jean Oldfield
Guide Shop Manager



NEWS FROM THE PRICES PEG . . .

The Prices Peg was established in March 1987 to monitor increases in top selling grocery lines. In the first twelve months the prices of the selected basket of essential grocery items rose by 3.2%.

The **BEST BUYS LINE** has been established to provide a recorded information service giving advice on the best buys in meat, fish, fresh fruit and vegetables each week. Advice is also given about choosing and storing fresh food and preparing healthy meals.

Call the BEST BUYS LINE on...
11678

AIDS PREVENTION AND WAGGGS

In March 1988, WAGGGS was one of the international non-governmental organisations represented at the signing of a Statement on the social aspects of AIDS.

The Statement carried a frightening declaration from a World Health Organisation expert that in about five years time, the incidence of AIDS cases will have increased ten-fold. BUT the Statement pointed out, AIDS can be prevented if society undertakes the necessary preventative measures.

Several WAGGGS member organisations, recognising their potential as educators of the young against the life-threatening AIDS epidemic are already taking steps to educate their members about AIDS.

Canada, Gambia and the United Kingdom are all taking initiatives in prevention of AIDS, by holding seminars, printing magazine articles and providing reviews of video materials available.



COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS SCHEME

If you are involved in a youth project benefitting your local community you may be in the running for a Commonwealth Youth Service Award. This scheme, set up by the Commonwealth Youth Programme, is designed to recognise and reward the contribution made by young people to the development of their societies and foster co-operation and exchange of ideas and experience among young people of the Commonwealth.

Awards are made to projects nominated by governments which;

- * are examples of effective teamwork by small groups of young people aged 15 to 24
- * are devised, set up and maintained by young people themselves
- * have demonstrated success in responding to and meeting a local need
- * show potential for long-term effectiveness
- * provide a model or inspiration to other localities, both nationally and Commonwealth-wide.

If you know of a project which meets the above criteria, or require more information, contact Dale Stevenson of the Commonwealth Youth Bureau, Telephone (062)57-3857.



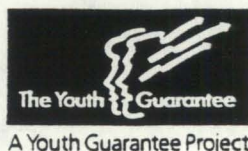
RESOURCES . . .

The Information Service of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation of Victoria has many publications and audio-visuals that may be of interest and help in answering some of those questions that may be asked by guides and ranger guides.

The Information Service is located at;
P.O. Box 529, South Melbourne 3205
Tel: (03)690 6000

Information service hours are:
Mon, Thurs, Fri - 9am - 5pm
Tues and Wed - 9am - 7pm





JAC COURSES DIRECTORY - DIRECTORY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN VICTORIA

The JAC Courses Directory has been published by the Job and Course Explorer Unit of the Ministry of Education, Victoria.

The Directory offers information about courses in Victorian TAFE colleges, Colleges of Advanced Education and Universities. This is the first time this information has been brought together in one publication making it easy for student to select the courses of education and training which best suit their needs. The directory gives details of courses, entry requirements, length, award and where to get further information.

The JAC Courses Directory 1988/89 can be purchased for \$8 from the Victorian Government Printing Office Bookshop, 318 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne (P.O. Box 203, North Melbourne 3051), or phone (03)663-3760.



Which Job? What Course?



THE GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAM

The Good Neighbourhood Program is part of the state Government's strategy of "Building A Law-Abiding Society".

The aim of the program is crime prevention. It focuses on the causes of and solutions to criminal behaviour amongst juveniles and others. It recognises that crime is a question not only for police but for the community at large.

The program will be piloted in a number of urban and rural local councils. It will enable community based organisations and young people to design and implement preventative crime programs that identify and emphasise strategies that;

- * improve interaction between young people and community groups
- * strengthen community cohesion
- * increase access for young people to;
 - education and training
 - employment
 - cultural/recreational pursuits.

For more information, contact Ken Egan (03)655-6353.

COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

Early in 1988, the Association began a project entitled "Country Connections", a scheme aimed at providing a guiding link to young country people coming to Melbourne to live for work or education, who would not normally know anyone or have anyone to turn to for advice or friendship.

Many city areas already have guiding people who are willing to be these "Country Connections Liaisons" however, there is a need for more Melbourne people willing to provide friendship and advice to newcomers if needed.

If you are willing to become a "Country Connections Liaison", please drop a line to Chris Reiher at Guide Headquarters.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR 1989

<u>DATE '89</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>HOST DISTRICT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
4th March	North Central	Bendigo	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
21st March	Acheron	Mooroolbark	7.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.
11th April	Western Border	Hamilton	7.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.
12th April	Otway	Warrnambool	7.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.
10th May	Maroondah	Croydon	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
25th May	South Eastern	Malvern	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
7th June	Black Forest	Gisborne	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
22nd June	Ballarat	Ballarat	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
25th July	Hume	Seymour	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
26th July	Barree	Wangaratta	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
27th July	Barree	Corryong	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
8th August	Yarra Valley	Eltham	7.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.
8th September	Sunraysia	Mildura	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
9th September	North Central	Swan Hill	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
11th September	Goulburn	Numurkah	9.45a.m. - 3.00p.m.
17th October	Baw Baw	Drouin	7.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.
25th October	West Metro	Deer Park	7.00p.m. - 10.00p.m.

You are asked to select a venue which suits you Local Association. You then need to confirm your attendance by sending the APPLICATION FORM below and a stamped, self addressed envelope (for receipt and address of venue) and \$4 per person to Mrs Maureen Stanton, 12 Suva Street, Mulgrave 3170, to arrive no later than 3 weeks before the day in question. Local Association funds should pay for members to attend. Attendance is open to Commissioners, Leaders, L.A. members and all interested people.

----- APPLICATION FORM FOR INFORMATION DAY ATTENDANCE

Name of Local Association

Name and Address of Secretary

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DATE	REGION	DISTRICT	NO. ATTENDING	TOTAL PAID @\$4 each
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ANNIVERSARY THINKING DAY
25TH FEBRUARY 1989, 10.00A.M. - 4.30P.M.

Games, crafts, dancing, songs,
food, guiding activities of 26
countries.

Brownies, Guides, Ranger-Guides, Rangers
Leaders, Commissioners, Local Associations
and Trefoil members from all over Victoria

A great concert, surprises
and a chance to make
new friends

You receive, free, a special
Anniversary Thinking Day Badge
which can be worn on uniform for
1989

Registration forms to be completed
by November 1st.

100th Birthday of Olave Baden Powell
Our World Chief Guide.

