

COMMUNICATING

DECEMBER

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ADVISER PROFILE

Miss Denise Hargreaves - Ranger Adviser

The Aim and Objectives of our Movement should promote a good self-image in the individual. However, my early years in the Movement found me in the Imp six as a brownie and the Galah patrol as a Guide!! A few years as a guide leader in Geelong and Ballarat helped to ease the earlier teasing of my family, until Beth Chamberlain approached the Executive Committee with a request that she be allowed a helper to run the ranger section. The suggestion of a title for this new position caused some consternation. One suggestion was "Vice Adviser" but I quickly pointed out that I did not have the time or the inclination to practise all the vices in order to advise!! Assistant Ranger Adviser sounded better, however, for the next five years I became known as "The Ass"! By moving to N.S.W. for the next five years I thought my self-image would improve, but no - my new ranger guide unit, rejected my original camp name as they thought "Hardy" was better!

My return to Victoria coincided with my acceptance of the role as headmistress of Toorak College Junior School and Australian Ranger Adviser. Not only did I become known as A.R.A. but also "The Gal who can't say No". The latter is not true, it's just that no-one else wanted the job!

My new ranger guide unit accepted my original camp name of "Dinga" (which means aboriginal for laughter) and promptly shortened it to "Ding"! This was acceptable till Maren Chandler telephoned me regarding the job of State Ranger Adviser. Those of you who have received one of those calls, will know the feeling and the ultimate result of a "yes" answer!

So, here I am once more back in harness for another five year term and being greeted at every ranger fixture by the constant call of "Ding, Ding, Ding,...." which really makes me feel like an "Avon Lady"!

However, despite having to "wear" a variety of names, my self-image is reasonably in tact, especially as the only inhabitants of my home are two dogs, who as yet, have not learned to dial the R.S.P.C.A. every time my hiking pack appears, but they have learned to read my Snoopy poster which says "Dogs accept people for what they are".

Sometimes it seems that I have been in our Movement since dinosaurs walked on the earth, this being reinforced by a card from the Ranger Section which states that I am a "National Treasure" with "A" Classification.

When I consider the alternative to not having been a member of the G.G.A. well - "Sticks and stones will break my bones but names will never hurt me!"

Denise Hargreaves

NEWS FROM 20 RUSSELL STREET

COMMISSIONERS

It is stated in P.O. & R., Page 38 that a brownie guide unit and a guide unit "should have at least two adult leaders". Although this cannot be enforced, it should be emphasised that for the safety of the girls and the effectiveness of running a successful unit, this rule should be adhered to.

SO YOUR AIM FOR 1989 - make sure every unit has at least two adult leaders.

COMMUNICATING 1989

GOOD NEWS!!!

As from the February edition, Commissioners will be sent copies of Communicating for distribution to every unit and local association.

While you are enjoying your summer holidays, work out a method which will enable fast distribution of this monthly newsletter.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The staff at 20 Russell Street wish you a Happy Christmas, and may 1989 be a successful year for you all.

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AMENDMENTS TO 1988 PERSONNEL BOOK

Page - Headquarters Appointments
Lones Adviser - Mrs K.C. Birkett
Telephone Number should read (058) 25 2956

Page 50 - Kananook Division
Division Commissioner - Mrs S. Hartley
Telephone Number should read 789 0516

Page 99 - "Lones"
3rd Victorian Lone Pk - Mrs L. Ballinger
Address and Telephone Number should read -
40 Cassowary Street, Doncaster East, 3109-
Phone: 842 1882

GUIDE SHOP

CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR BREAK

The Guide Shop and office will close on Friday 23rd December 1988 and re-open on Tuesday, 3rd January 1989.

The shop will not open on Saturdays from 24th December to 28th January 1989. It will re-open for Saturday trading on 4th February, 1989.

Kay Germano
SHOP MANAGER





From a letter we received recently -

"Dear Mrs Woolley,

Would you convey to your members th grateful thanks of the Society of St. Vincent d Paul for the donation of knitted teddy bears These bears are to be given as Christmas gifts to under-privileged children living in the hig rise flats in Melbourne's inner city suburbs.

Due to the efforts of the guide companie and brownie packs in making these bears, th childrens Christmas will be brighter.

C.P. Manchee
OFFICE MANAGER"

THANKS EVERYONE - KEEP SENDING THE TEDDY'S T
P.R.

Dot Woolley
STATE COMMISSIONER



THE AUSTRALIA BADGE

We have had a letter from Senator Kay Patterson, State Council Member and ex Ranger Guide Leader, which says -

"If any of the girls in your unit wants to do the Australia Badge individually or as a unit, then I would be only too glad to help.

There is a Parliamentary Pack (produced by the Parliament for primary school age) which the Unit can borrow.

I have some material I have put together for girls wanting to do the Badge which they could write and ask me to send them.

My office is in a very old historic building in the city and a visit to this office could cover Clause 3 of the Badge.

Either I or my staff would be prepared to act as Badge Assessors.

Senator Kay Patterson
Commonwealth Parliament Offices
400 Flinders Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000"

5 YEAR LONG SERVICE AWARDS



Commissioners - for your information.

There seems to be some confusion concerning the issue of 5 Year Long Service Awards. The procedure is:

1. Fill out a 5 Year Long Service Award Form
2. Take note of the Approval notice at the bottom of the form - the District/Division or Region Commissioner - may sign the bottom of the form (anywhere) - and then the form may be taken or sent direct to the Guide Shop.

These awards do not need to be approved by H.Q. The commissioner then keeps the form for her district records.

In some areas, the Region Commissioner has a supply of these badges. You may obtain the badge from her - this saves a visit to the shop.

The 5 Year Award is only available to leaders who have not previously received an award.

Remember - you still need to send the forms for 10 / 20 / 30 / 40 year awards to H.Q. for approval.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A display of Historic Uniforms and Archives Treasures will be held in the upstairs training room at headquarters on Saturday, 11th February 1989 - 10.30am-3.30 p.m.

This is an event to honour the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Lady Olave Baden-Powell.

Please come along and bring your brownies, guides, ranger guides, rangers etc.....

All members of the Movement will be most welcome.

Meriel Hunt
ARCHIVIST

Jackie Weekes
OLD UNIFORM SECRETARY

May the Joy of
the Christmas Season
be with you
all through the Year



Dot Woolley
Anne the Ranger
Jackie Weekes
Anne Scott



PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

To raise funds for Pax Lodge (Olave Centre) an exhibition of photographs taken by Sally Alston will be held at Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne from 20th-27th February, 1989.

As well as providing glimpses of the recent World Conference in Kenya to interest Guiding people, Sally's camera and artistry bring breathtakingly close studies of animals in the wild to everyone who delights in beauty and nature. Superbly executed and presented the photographs will be on view daily from 21st-27th February, 1989.

21st February - 10.00am - 5.00pm
 22nd February - 8.30am - 9.00pm
 23rd February - 10.00am - 5.00pm
 24th February - 10.00am - 9.00pm
 25th February - 4.30pm - 9.00pm
 26th February - 9.00am - 5.00pm
 27th February - 10.00am - 5.00pm

Admission (including refreshments) will be by donation - Adult \$5.00. Child \$2.50 with special concessions for Guiding groups on Thinking Day (22nd) and the weekend (25th, 26th) - Adult \$2.50. Child \$1.50.

The exhibition will be officially opened on 20th February at 6.30pm. Admission to this session will be by invitation which may be obtained by sending a \$10.00 donation (cheque or money order payable to Girl Guides Association of Victoria-Olave Centre Fund) and an s.a.e. to Mrs Eve Hale, 10 Chesterfield Avenue, Malvern, 3144, before 10th February, 1989.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Want to do service????? Raise money for your unit - district - L.A....??? or, enjoy the challenge of doing something a little different!!

Over the year there are many functions held at Headquarters which need catering for. These include - sandwich lunches, formal and international dinners, morning and afternoon teas, maybe even a breakfast or two - from 8 to 80 people.

Like to be part of the action at 20 Russell Street!!!! Please contact Anne Scott at Headquarters - 654 7911 or, at home, 818 6922 and discuss your culinary credentials!!!!

GUIDE SECTION

V.I.P.'s Conference - for patrol leaders, will be held on 8th/9th April, 1989. Please let your guides know this date now so that any elected patrol leaders can apply early next year.

Application details will be in February Communicating. The Conference will be held at the Mountain Valley Youth Camp, The Basin - a venue that we think is most suitable for a successful conference. The cost will be \$45.00, so when programming, you could consider supporting your patrol leaders, as the whole unit will benefit from their experience.

With my best wishes to all for Christmas and the coming year.

Judith Britt
GUIDE ADVISER

DEVELOPMENT

Amalgamation of Districts - Please remember, if you are thinking of joining two districts or divisions together, or closing a district, it is necessary to contact the development department for discussion first.

International Night - Like some help with an International Night????

If you phone Peng Law (Malaysia) - 859 2494 or Nacmi Zouliou (Greece) - 232 7553 — they would love to visit your unit and help you.

Elaine Wallbridge
DEVELOPMENT ADVISER

JUNIOR LEADER

The Junior Leader Bar is now available from Area Consultants or myself at a cost of \$2.00. All junior leaders have the right to wear this bar when they register as junior leaders. The bar is worn on the badge tab, under the Promise badge.

The bar should be presented to the junior leader in a short meaningful ceremony and should be paid for by the unit, district or L.A. in the area she is working.

Sue Heggie
JUNIOR LEADER CONSULTANT

TORVILL & DEAN THEATRE PARTY

In November 1989, Guide Headquarters at 20 Russell Street, will be 21 yrs old. A number of activities are being planned, and to start this celebration year, a theatre party is being organised.

Why not join us and spend the evening with guiding friends enjoying the fantastic skating of TORVILL & DEAN AND THE RUSSIAN "ALL STAR" CHAMPIONS?

DATE: Wednesday, February 8th, 1989

TIME: 8.00 P.M.

VENUE: Melbourne Tennis Centre

COST: Adults - \$29.90
 Children - \$15.90 (16 yrs & under)

Cheques be made payable to "HELP FUNDRAISER".

For further information, or to reserve your tickets, contact Joan King at Guide H.Q.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS - 15TH DECEMBER 1988

The proceeds will go to the Headquarters Birthday Fund.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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Greening Victoria - All district commissioners should have received their tree tally sheet - please fill it in and return it to H.Q. as soon as possible. This sheet has been designed to enable us to calculate how many trees we have planted and where. Please send in your districts tally now.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Commissioners - please see that all leaders in all sections read this...

Overnight Stays - P.O.&R. Rule 38 1(e) Page 50

A leader who does not hold a camping certificate may hold an overnight stay in an approved hall or house. She must fill in the appropriate form to receive the necessary permission, have the correct leader-girl ratio present, and have an adult with First Aid experience present. The stay is for one night only and is usually preceded or followed by a special outing or activity.

The overnight stay is not a replacement for a camp or holiday. It does not require the extensive planning, programming and preparation of a camp or holiday. It is usually held locally, i.e. within the unit's own region, but permission may be given for an overnight stay outside the region for special events or outings - (i.e. Thinking Day, Greening Victoria, Skillorama, Gang Show etc., or visiting the penguins at Phillip Island or Sovereign Hill etc.).

Two overnight stays may be held each year for two years, after which the leader is expected to gain her camping certificate. A leader holding a camping certificate may hold an overnight stay at any time, providing the usual permission is obtained.

Camping without a qualification -
P.O.&R. Rule 38 (1) Page 49

This rule enables a leader to take eight of her guides or ranger guides away on a practice camp. The leader should have completed her campcraft training or have had adequate approved experience and she must fill in the appropriate form to gain the necessary permission. As for overnight stays, only two camps per year for two years are allowed under these conditions, after which she is expected to do her camping certificate assessment.

Camping Certificate - P.O.&R. Rule 39(1) Page 52

This is gained after a leader has done the appropriate holiday or campcraft training and has adequate experience as staff on approved camps or holidays. She is assessed by approved experts from the Outdoor Activities Department. The training and experience she receives prior to the assessment enables her to be responsible for the safety and well being of her girls for a period of at least 48 hours. She is able to offer a stimulating and challenging programme where the girls learn a variety of practical skills which will enable them to get the most out of their camp or holiday, as well as be of benefit to them later on. The girls also learn and put into practice such "life skills" as tolerance, co-operation, self-reliance and self confidence - all necessary for successful community living.

There is a lot more to our camping programme than spending two nights away from home and a lot more to running a camp or holiday than there is in having an overnight stay coupled with an excursion. Unfortunately, there have been a few instances (in all sections of leaders abusing the first two of these rules - some deliberate and others through lack of understanding. If there are any questions about these rules, please do not hesitate to discuss the matter with me or a member of the State Outdoor Activities Committee.

Helen Rawady
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ADVISER

"ALCHERINGA" - TYNONG NORTH

Bookings are now available for 1989.

TYNONG NORTH - BUSH SETTING

"ALCHERINGA"

Our 30 bed accommodation house for pack holiday and indoor camps at \$3.00 per night.

"KARINGAL"

Campsite and camping equipment available at \$2.0 per night.

For Bookings: June Couper
(03) 232 1730



FROM THE P.R. DEPARTMENT

THANK YOU - to everyone who assisted at the Bicentennial Exhibition, and also at Childrens Week activities. Special thanks especially to those who battled gale force winds to keep out tents and displays standing!!!

The **TENNIS DAY** in October was a great success. Despite the bad weather, 160 ladies enjoyed the day, which ensures that it will become an annual event. Mrs McCaughey opened the day and returned later to present the trophy. Winners were:

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| A Grade | - | Lesley Gorham | B Grade | - | Marlene Hodges |
| C Grade | - | Milly Furneaux | Social 1 | - | Bev Arthur |
| Social 2 | - | Erica Giezen | | | |

Mornington Peninsula Region manned the trading table and the profit for the day - approx. \$500 - will be donated to the R.F.D.S. project.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - Come and join us on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday, 16th December from 6.00 to 7.30 p.m. Please bring along some goodies to give to passers-by, e.g. individually wrapped chocolates, white christmas, shortbread.

MacDonalds Restaurant, 33 Swanston Street, will serve a free drink or fries with each order. Vouchers will be given out at the Cathedral, or, if you are eating beforehand, phone the P.R. Department to have vouchers posted. We would appreciate knowing approximate numbers - please phone Fiona on 654 7911 if your unit or District is coming.

TEDDY BEARS AND TOYS - One hundred and seventy teddies have just been distributed. Please send in any extras, as well as new toys by December 9th.

THINKING DAY - The P.R. Department will be hosting a Thinking Day Breakfast at Headquarters on Wednesday, 22nd February at 7.30am. All welcome. Cost \$7.50 - profit to be donated to the Olave Centre. We anticipate a good attendance, so, get your cheque in early.

Thinking Day Service - will be held at St. Paul's - 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us in this special Anniversary Service. Coffee and cake will be served at H.Q. afterwards - reminder that the photographic exhibition will be in the upstairs training room all that week.

1989 CALENDARS - There are over 1000 calendars left. These make ideal christmas gifts, and are for sale at a discount price for orders of five or more. **THIS SPECIAL OFFER IS ONLY AVAILABLE FROM THE P.R. DEPARTMENT.** Contact Fiona for further details.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - LIAISON WANTED - Do we have someone interested in being our liaison to "Jump Rope for Heart"? For further information ring the P.R. Department.

We still need more **PHOTOGRAPHS** suitable for public relations. Please name them and send them to the P.R. Department.

The P.R. Department thank you for your support during this busy bicentennial year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. Looking forward to another busy year in 1989.

Margaret Taylor
P.R. ADVISER

THINKING DAY BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1989

Name: _____

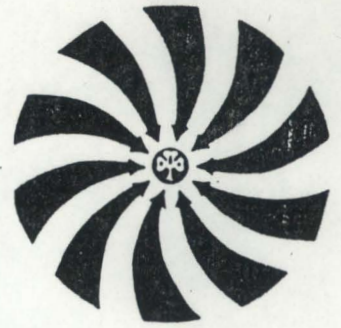
Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Cost \$ 7.50 per person. Profit to be donated to the Olave Centre.

Please find enclosed cheque, payable to "Girl Guides Association" for \$.....

Signature: _____



Anniversary Thinking Day

Teaspoon Order

Name:

Address:

Number of Teaspoons required: @ \$3.50 each.

I will collect my teaspoon(s) from Headquarters.

I would like to have my teaspoon(s) mailed and I therefore enclose 50c per teaspoon to help cover costs.

Please send to:

Anniversary Thinking Day
Post Office Box 41
ROSANNA 3084.

These special teaspoons would make a wonderful Christmas gift and delivery will be by the 2nd week of December. All proceeds go towards Anniversary Thinking Day at the Myer Music Bowl.

Teaspoons will not be available in the shop until after Thinking Day.

A special reminder - Your Anniverasary Thinking Day money boxes should be made by each girl in the State. Everybody should be saving "to get to" Olave Centre.

