

COMMUNICATING

MARCH

3/88

A Happy New Year to you all. May 1988 be an exciting and peaceful year. There are many activities planned for our Bicentennial and we will have lots of fun taking part in them. It is the fun in Guiding that is so important, so, while we are struggling with our planning and trying to do too many things at once, let us remember this very small word. FUN.

APPOINTMENT

We are seeking nominations for the position of Extension Adviser. If you would like to nominate someone for this position, please contact the State Commissioner by 1st April.

OUR HOME

The article in February "Communicating" concerning the cleaning of headquarters, unfortunately, had incorrect information. The telephone number for the co-ordinator, Mrs Gloria Williams should have been 312 5329 not as printed.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

Lones Adviser



Mrs Cath Burkett, 23 Rostrata Cres, Maroopna. 3629. Phone: (058) 25 2956.

Trefoil Guild Adviser



Miss June Pobjoy, Unit 35, Dandenong Valley Village, 112 Stud Road, Dandenong. 3175.

DONVALE OUTDOOR & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE, MCGOWANS ROAD, DONVALE.

An addition to the 1988 programme.

(See Jan/Feb "Communicating" for application details)

ALTERNATIVE OUTDOOR COOKING METHODS

Wednesday, April 20th, 10.00am-3.00pm

Cost \$10.00 (covers course fee and lunch)
Closing date: March, 30th.

ALL ADULT SEMINAR 1988. "THE MAGIC IS YOU"

for - Junior Leaders, Leaders, Commissioners, Local Association and Trefoil Guild Members, Unit Helpers.

Saturday, 6th August, 1988. La Trobe University (Bundoora) Union Hall.

10.00am (registration and morning tea from 9.00am) to 4.00pm.

BRILLIANT SPEAKERS! SCINTILLATING DISCUSSION!

Everything, including a Barbeque Lunch and Morning and Afternoon Teas, provided. Nothing to bring except YOU! An absolute steal at \$10.00 per person! Application Forms will be in April "Communicating".

Anne Scott - Convener

WIMMERA REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Wimmera Region is holding its Annual Conference at Hopetoun High School on Saturday, 16th April 1988, commencing at 9.30am.

In this Bicentenary year, it has been decided to hold a reunion of former Wimmera Region personnel and present adult members. The theme for the conference will be "Old Friendships - New Horizons".

Business sessions will be held in the morning followed by a light lunch and reunion in the afternoon. Our State Commissioner, Mrs Maren Chandler, will be attending the conference/reunion.

A cordial invitation is extended to all former Wimmera Region members.

To assist with catering, please advise the Region Commissioner, Mrs M. Smith, 21 Olympic St, HORSHAM. 3400 (Phone: (053) 82 5064) prior to 20th March.

The cost of refreshments will be approximately \$4.50 per head.





NEWS FROM THE TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Alterations to the 1988 Training Calendar

Applications for the following courses -
Stage 1 at Creswick (page 6)
Stage 2 Out of Doors at Creswick (page 11)
Camp Cooking at Creswick (page 18)
Once upon a story at Ballarat (page 19)
Campfire Singing at Bacchus Marsh (page 21)

should be sent to Mrs M Porteous, 5 Pekin Rd,
Maryborough. 3465.

Applications for the following courses -
Stage 1 at Yarragon (page 6)
Campcraft at Glengarry (page 13)
Human Relationships and Communications at
Trafalgar (page 22)

should be sent to Miss E. Barrett, 14 Tobruk
St, Warragul, 3820.

Additions to the Training Calendar

Campcraft Training at Nangiloc - 10-12 June
and 1-3 July. 6.30 pm Friday to 4.00 pm
Sunday. Fee to be advised. Apply with \$15
to Mrs G. Henshilwood Box 259, Irymple 3498 by
10th May.

First Aid Training at Frankston - 11-18-25 May
7.30pm 10.00pm. Apply with \$7.50 and SAE to
Mrs J. Parker, 156 Barkly St, Mornington.
3931 by 11th April.

Renewal of First Aid Qualifications at
Frankston - 1 June, 7.30pm to 10.00pm.
Apply with \$2.50 and S.A.E. to Mrs J. Parker,
156 Barkly St, Mornington. 3931 by 1st May.

FROM THE STATE TRAINING ADVISER

Can you picture yourself being an assistant
to the busy trainer when she trains in your
area? Could you help carry, pick up, set out
and assist with activities as required? If
so, we need you!

If you are willing to volunteer would you
please forward your name and address to the
State Training Adviser, c/- Training
Department, who will in turn, contact you
when your assistance is needed.

LEADERS UPDATE TRAINING

An opportunity for warranted commissioners
and leaders who wish to improve their own
leadership skills and self confidence and
widen their understanding of the principles
of guiding.

Please note that the Leaders' Update training
that was to have been held at headquarters on
16-17 April and 21-22 May will now be held -

21-22 May. 9.30am-9.00pm (21st May) and
9.30am-4.00pm (22nd May).

Apply with \$15 (includes cost of evening
meal) and stamped self addressed envelope to
Training Department, Guide Headquarters by
30th April.

ONCE UPON A STORY

Note: The magic of stories, the wonder of
words, the power of your own imagination..use
them and enjoy them all in activities for
'once upon a time'

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

Girls from 8 years old - 9.30am-12.30pm-
Cost \$2.50 (materials provided)

Leaders - 9.30am-4.00pm - Cost \$8.00
(materials provided).

HEADQUARTERS, Saturday, 7th May. Apply to
the Training Department, Guide Headquarters
by 7th April.

EXTENSION SECTION

The leaders training weekend on May 27/29th
has been cancelled.

Please note, that there will be a one day
leader workshop at Headquarters, on Saturday,
October 8th.

Any leader who is interested in learning more
about Extensions is welcome to attend this
workshop. Further details in future editions
of "Communicating".





GUIDE SECTION

A very successful Programme Conference was held in January and I am confident that where changes were made, they will be popular with guide leaders.

My sincere thanks to all the leaders who took the time to find out their guides feelings on our interest badge system. From now, the restriction on the number of approved special badges that a guide can wear has been removed. This year guides will be able to wear the Guide/Scout Bicentennial badge and, where applicable, Heritage 200, J.O.T.A., April Action and Encore.

Finally, a reminder that our V.I.P. Conference for elected patrol leaders will be held at The Basin on 11, 12 and 13 June. Details of application will be in April "Communicating".

Judith Britt - Guide Adviser

LOCAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

A reminder to Local Association members that L.A. Information Days/Nights are open to all members.

Please select the date and location that best suits you.

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A reminder also, to begin making plans for your ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING. Guest Speakers need to be asked well in advance and if you are asking brownies, guides and ranger guides to provide entertainment, leaders will need time to prepare their girls.

Parents, families and friends will be encouraged to attend the Annual District Meeting if their girls are enjoying themselves by performing. An efficient and friendly meeting may also bring about more active support for your Local Association.



Francis Ho
Local Association Adviser



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Porepunka

Everyone attending this exciting event should have now received their camp books and travel information. Girls will receive their allotted camp number and final instructions early in March. Any queries should be directed to region liaisons or the Outdoor Activities Department at Headquarters.

Greening Victoria

Plans are in hand to launch this ambitious scheme on World Environment Day, Sunday, 5th June. Remember that this year, participation in Greening Victoria, whether on Environment Day or not, will earn a Wattle Wombat badge. Please encourage and enthuse all your district to become involved. Remember, that to be a success, everyone needs to participate.

Helen Rawady
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ADVISER

FROM THE ARTS ADVISER

World of Colour

Note: An adventure in finding and using colour in everything around us. (These activities will be similar to those at the Colour Day 1987).

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

Applications should be accompanied by the training fee - \$8.00 and a stamped self addressed envelope.

HEADQUARTERS - Tuesday, 19th April, 9.30am-3.00pm. Apply to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by 19th March.

LEONGATHA - Saturday 30th April, 9.30am-4.00pm. Apply to Mrs E. Van Boven, Wild Dog Valley, via Leongatha, 3953 by 30th March.

OLAVE CENTRE APPEAL

Down Under Dressmakers present a collection of female apparel from the pre-historic era through to what prophets believe ultra modern women will wear in the year 2000.

Paraded by non-professional, yet highly effective models and accompanied by commentary and music matched to the times of gowns being shown, "Australian Fashions through the Ages", is an informal and, at times, light hearted look at styles of yesteryear. Formed in 1984 to display a collection of gowns belonging to a pioneer Blackburn family, the Down Under Dressmakers have been presenting the parade continuously since then to large audiences all over Victoria. Receiving only their expenses from proceeds of luncheons, dinners and suppers where the parade has been featured, the Dressmakers have been instrumental in raising over \$40,000 for all manner of charities, schools, churches, sporting, youth and elderly citizens groups.

Although the Down Under Dressmakers are heavily booked, we have been able to engage them for parades in several regions to raise funds for the Olave Centre.

Whilst YOUR REGION COMMISSIONER WILL HAVE DETAILS of the parade closest to you, the following list may be helpful.

- # All metropolitan regions - at the Pharmacy College, 381 Royal Parade, Parkville, on Friday, 6th May, 1988 at 7.30 for 8.00pm
- # Barree/Hume/Goulburn regions at Benalla on Saturday, 14th May, 1988 at 12.00pm
- # Otway region - at Camperdown on Saturday, 28th May, 1988 at 12.00pm
- # Wimmera/Western Border/Western Plains regions at Horsham on Thursday, 11th August in the evening.
- # North Central region - at Bendigo on Friday, 2nd September in the evening.

3 Gippsland region - at Lakes Entrance on 29th October in the evening.

We hope many guiding people and their friends will celebrate the W.A.G.G.S. 60th birthday and the Bicentenary of white Australian settlement by attending one of these superb parades and at the same time add to Victoria's contribution towards the Olave Centre fund.

NAN FALLOON

ENCORE '88 - THE FINAL CHAPTER

What a great week we had in Sydney between the 13th-20th January, as Victoria's representatives at the two National Bicentennial ENCORE Concerts.

The girls had worked hard on their items, they performed well and thoroughly deserved the applause they received for their efforts.

More applause for them too, from their leaders, the committee, NSW folk and billeting families, for the way they looked and behaved throughout what could have been a very hot, tiring and demanding week.

Because of the girls attitude, we all enjoyed a happy week rehearsing, performing, sightseeing and travelling to and from venues plus finding and maintaining fresh uniforms for each occasion.

I am sure that many brownies and guides will want to continue their guiding into rangers, after the pleasant experience they have had through ENCORE.

A big thank you to all in our Victorian contingent:

- . The brownies, guides and ranger guides for all that I've mentioned, and for your cheerfulness and ready friendship to all.
- . The leaders for the co-operation you gave us as a committee and for the super way you mothered your girls - especially those poor wee brownies who were sick.
- . The committee ladies who became the backup team for backstage, catering, dishwashing and so many, many, other things.

And so, ENCORE '88 is over.... In 4-5 years time we will hear it mentioned again. Will we be around to be able to enthuse our girls to take part, or will both girls and leaders be new? Can we do something to make sure that they know at least something about the concept of ENCORE? Have you got copies of 1987 Communicating filed away? Could you glance through them, cut out ENCORE bits, stick them on a sheet of paper and put them in unit information which will be passed on to future members? Not much really, but at least something that will keep a very worthwhile "ARTS" activity in front of all.

MARGARET MITCHELL



JUNIOR LEADER NEWS

Commissioners are reminded that all junior leaders working in units must be registered. Registration forms are available from your area consultant or the state consultant, Nance Davis, RMB 1530, KATUNGA. 3640. Information days for leaders and commissioners are being held in all regions during term 1, contact your area consultant for details.

Dates of Residential Trainings:

Broadhurst Lodge Britannia Park, 8-10th April

Lake Tyers United Church Camp, Lakes Entrance, 13-15 May.

Training weekends for JUNIOR CAMPING CERTIFICATE

Britannia Park, Yarra Junction -

Open to all Junior Leaders working with a brownie unit or a guide unit. No previous experience required.

Friday, 29th April - Sunday, 15th May, 1988.

FOCUS ON FAITH SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch, Spiritual Development Project Committee invites leaders from all sections and commissioners to their FOCUS ON FAITH SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

Date: 29th/30th April - 1st May 1988
Theme: "On the Trail with God"

Venue: Wycliffe Bible Translators,
Graham Road, Kangaroo Ground
Comfortable indoor accommodation
in single bedrooms.

Cost: \$35.00. Cheques payable to
Spiritual Development Projects
Committee.

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM -
Marguerite Pritchard, 16 Comer Street
East Brighton, 3187. PLEASE INCLUDE
S.A.E. FOR RETURN OF FORM

NEWS FROM THE P.R. DEPARTMENT

APRIL IS NATIONAL GUIDE MONTH

We are celebrating with a Bush Dance on Sunday, April 17th from 2-6pm in Collins Street outside the National Mutual Plaza. Invite your friends and come along and join us. We have booked the band Jindivic to play for us.

It's also Heritage Day and Collins St will be a hive of activity with vintage transport, 300 stalls - buskers - lots of excitement for everyone. Watch for Girl Guide tram flags from the 1st-10th April. Also, our flag will be flying in the City Square and on the Olympic Flag Pole at Parliament House.

BICENTENNIAL DISPLAY - Did you see our new display material at the Bicentennial Travelling Display?

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Plan your Jump Rope for Heart activities for this year and REGISTER NOW. Application forms are available from the P.R. Department or the National Heart Foundation.

CALENDARS - Start thinking Calendars now. Watch for order forms next month.

Have you seen our new stickers "Guides say have a nice day". Thanks Barree.

AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE OF FLAGS - Thank you to everyone who came and marched in the Parade of Flags on Australia Day.

OPENING SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK - Sunday, 20th March at the Melbourne Concert Hall. Featuring Barry Crocker.

We are in need of 20 girls to help the Senior Citizens on this day. eg, direct them from the car park into the concert hall; help with program distribution and generally assist where needed. You would need to be at the concert hall by 12.30pm and would finish at approximately 4.30pm. Please contact P.R. Department with name and phone number, between 9.30am and 3.45pm.

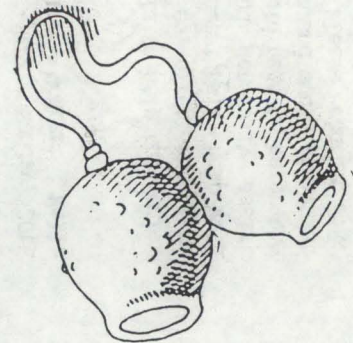
Celebrate Guide Month 88 Bush Dance

Sunday 17th April 1988
National Mutual Plaza



Time: 2pm onwards
Band: Jindivic

Join with our friends during
Heritage Week



UPDATING...

JAN/FEB
'88

During 1988, a regular addition to "Communicating" will be "Updating..."

"Updating..." will be a news bulletin of information about current events and developments in the youth field. We hope to include notes about program resources and equipment available from other youth organisations, workshops being conducted, developments in government policies and projects and in other organisations particularly relevant to members of our own organisation. Naturally, leaders should use their discretion as to how to use the information which is presented so as to broaden understanding of the general youth field. The cost of production and distribution of "Updating..." has been borne by the Department of Labour, Division of Youth Affairs.

MAKING SENSE

Recently, the Victorian Council of Social Service has produced a booklet entitled **Making Sense - A Guide to Funding For Young People**. This booklet, and its accompanying List of Funding Sources Available to Young People provide a practical and easy to read guide as to how to seek funds for projects aimed at young people-grants that are available, where to go, how to apply ... For information and copies, contact the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria, 14 - 16 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy (03)419 9122.

Making Sense

Compiled by **Tim Carrigan**

FUNDING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



SPARKIT and **HOTLINE** were two innovative projects conducted by the Guide Association during 1987. **SPARKIT** is a kit of activity sheets aimed to introduce guide age and above to social issues through discussions and activities. **HOTLINE** is a magazine providing brief information and points for further contact regarding issues of current social concern by young women. Both projects were conducted by young members of the Association. The finished products will be distributed free of charge to all guide, ranger guide and ranger units in the state during February/March by Region Commissioners. Extra kits and magazines are available from Headquarters at \$2.00 each.

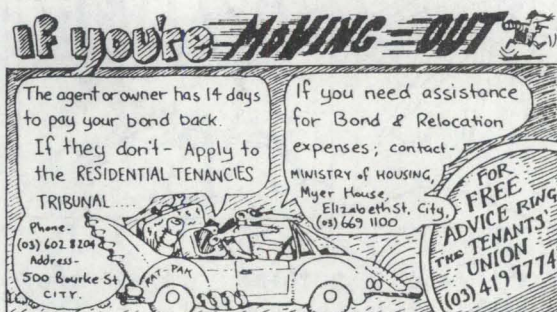
RAGE WITHOUT ALCOHOL

Rage Without Alcohol is another state government sponsored attempt to encourage young people AWAY from alcohol based entertainment. All kinds of events are organised, mostly low cost, at venues throughout the state. Details of events are provided on a recorded telephone message, ph 614 6200 or (008)13 6087. For further information, contact the Health Promotion Unit, Health Department, 1st floor, 555 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000.



YOUTH AND ALCOHOL WORKSHOPS

Two day workshops for workers with young people, dealing with issues related to Youth and Alcohol Use are planned to take place beginning March 1988. For further information, contact Danielle Dixon (03) 616 8244.



Extract from 'Streetwise Comics'

STREETWISE COMICS

Streetwise Comics has just released their latest edition - Issue 12- Girls, Self-esteem, Drugs. It has been funded by the National Campaign Against Drug Abuse, Department of Employment, Education and Training, Commonwealth Youth Bureau and the Office of the Status of Women. It provides "important practical health and survival information in a stimulating and accessible format". Comics are available at \$1.95 per copy from Leanne Butson at YACVIC, 14 - 16 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy (03) 417 4122. Other titles still stocked include **Discrimination** and **Social Security Rights**. Comics are particularly aimed at guide age and above.

J.S.A.

From January 1st, 1988, young unemployed persons between 16 - 17 years will no longer be eligible for Unemployment benefits. They will, however, be eligible for JSA. JSA is Job Search Allowance, providing recipients with between \$25 - \$50 per week (rate determined according to parental income).

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

BENDIGO Y.M.C.A. is conducting a recreation project to introduce people with disabilities into existing recreation groups and services.

The program aims to provide skilled and trained leadership for disability organisations which could not otherwise afford a full-time recreation officer, to provide equipment in recreation areas and encourage use of neighbourhood halls and playing fields.

People interested in services and programs for the disabled could contact Mr Graham Gibbs at Bendigo YMCA for more information. Tel: (054) 43 4680.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS...

Have you used **RAP Groups - Rapport and Personal Relationships** by Keith D Pearson, one of the Youth Work Guides produced by the Joint Board of Christian Education? This small book provides many, many useful activities from ice-breakers to more advanced activities encouraging good relationships in groups; verbal, non-verbal, awareness, discussion activities etc. Current price \$4.75. The Joint Board of Christian Education is located at 10 Queen Street, Melbourne.

"Y" WINNERS MANUAL

A manual presenting a non-competitive approach to children's sport has been produced by Footscray YMCA. For further details, contact Jacinta Lithgow on (03) 689 1322.

1988 BISCUIT PROMOTION

FACTS

A) Timing

- There will be 2 bakes, May and October. The promotion will again be launched through an insert in G.I.A. in the March issue. This insert will incorporate an Order Form for placement with Arnotts.

The close-off date for orders with Arnotts will be 22nd April with deliveries taking place during and before the end of May.

B) Pricing

- Unchanged on October 1987 promotion.

C) Support Material

- The coloured poster and sellers work sheet will be available.

D) Shell Company

- Shell have agreed to permit us to approach their outlets throughout Victoria to seek support of the owners of service stations for guides/brownies to display and sell biscuits.

The key here is that service stations are self-owned businesses, and as such each will have to be convinced that they should support us in our endeavours. Naturally, Shell will be contacting their service stations directly, recommending that they support the promotion. You will have to convince the garages to support us in this way.

As you well know, one of the problems we have always had with Biscuits in the past was to point the general public to a particular place to purchase the item. This will be solved as our press and radio advertisements will now have a tag-line pointing the public to Shell service stations.

Work-sheets, will be produced identical to those developed in October for bowling clubs and CWA branches, paralleling Guide Regions, Divisions, Districts with the location of the Shell service stations. If you want to sell to bowling clubs and CWA clubs it should be done by the local districts.

A presentation file will be produced for each Region which will incorporate all details relating to the May Promotion. This would include a section on how to most effectively approach these service stations to gain their support, as well as suggested operational procedures on sales through these outlets, and ideas for doing that little extra at the service stations, i.e. seeking approval to have a special stall set up on a couple of occasions (manned by Guides).

Basically the display of Biscuits in service stations could involve a couple of cartons cut down (as you sometimes see in grocery stores) with a backer card (which will be specially produced for this Promotion) which will have provision for the price per packet to be written on. It would also be desirable to have one of the colour posters to be displayed on a window/door.

The Guide Unit or Association that has made contact with the service station would be responsible for making sure that stocks are available by regularly calling with fresh product. We cannot expect the service station to be involved in this aspect.

A stock control form will be developed for distribution which will enable Units or Local Associations involved to keep a record of stock placed at the service station. Sales made, it is recommended, will involve the service station simply ringing through their till as a normal transaction. At the conclusion of the promotion it would be a simple matter to tabulate stock delivered, less any left over, to arrive at a dollar figure for the Guide Unit.

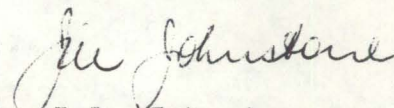
E) P.R. Activity

- It would appear that for the 1987 Biscuit Promotion the bulk of orders placed on Arnotts were for sales already pre-made, and very little was for "speculative" selling.

However, now the introduction of a sales venue that we can direct the general public to (the Shell outlets), will necessitate those ordering to do some "speculative" ordering.

It has been decided that once again we time the P.R. and advertisements to break when stock is in the market place. This would involve the release of P.R. and advertising material during May, i.e. after the date for final orders has been reached. So please encourage districts to do some "speculative" ordering.

Yours sincerely



Miss J.D. Johnstone
STATE SECRETARY
18-2-88