

COMMUNICATING

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ADVISER PROFILE

Francis Ho - L.A. Adviser



My Guiding involvement began after my elder daughter had been in brownies for a while. Our family car is a 'van' so this was very convenient for transporting groups of girls and equipment to and from camps and outings.

Next step was becoming a member of the L.A.. Four years ago I became treasurer of the Noble Park L.A. and after three years as treasurer, the recycling process enabled me to become president. During my time in the L.A. my elder daughter had the opportunity to attend an overseas camp. The involvement with this project gave me the chance to meet and work with another huge army of volunteers working within the guide Movement for the benefit of girls.

Shortly after that (about two and a half years ago) I was asked to be our Region L.A. Adviser. I did this for about two years until recently. Last year I was asked to become the L.A. Adviser and because of the fun shared and encouragement given to me by the personnel within my region (isn't Dandenong Region GREAT!) I said yes.

My husband, David, is now well and truly a Guiding husband. My elder daughter, Andrea, is studying her V.C.E. and is a Junior Leader in Noble Park and my younger daughter, Berniece, is a guide in Noble Park.

Regards,
Francis Ho



NEWS FROM RUSSELL STREET

STATE COMMISSIONER

Our warmest congratulations are extended to Mrs Dorothy Woolley, who has been appointed as our new State Commissioner. Mrs Woolley will take up her new position in October.

ATTENTION ALL COMMISSIONERS

The South Australian Girl Guides Association, extends an invitation to Victorian commissioners to attend their Commissioners' Conference from 12th-14th August 1988.

The fee for the weekend is \$35.00. Arrangements as regards hospitality and transport before and after the event will be organised upon request.

Registration forms which must be returned to S.A. by 29th July are available from the Victorian State Secretary.

CAMP WAHROONGAI

VICTORIAN ADULT STATE CAMP - EASTER 1989 - 24-27 MARCH

Come and celebrate Britannia Park's 50th Birthday.

This camp is for all leaders, ex-leaders, and all adult members of the Movement from 18 years upwards.

More details in next issue of G.I.A.

ALL ADULT SEMINAR - THE MAGIC IS YOU

STOP PRESS!!!! STOP PRESS!!!! STOP PRESS!!!!

Your last chance to register for the 1988 All Adult Seminar - "The Magic is You", to be held on Saturday, 6th August, Union Hall, La Trobe University, Bundoora.

Applications are with your District Commissioner. Extra copies are available from Headquarters. If you have any queries please ring Anne Scott - 818 6922 or Doris Spratling - 452 2385.

DEVELOPMENT

My thanks to everyone who has sent in names of new leaders for the luncheon on 10th September.

If you would like to be included, or there are ladies in your district who have not attended a function at Headquarters, it is not too late to send names and addresses to the Development Department.

Elaine Wallbridge
DEVELOPMENT ADVISER



NEWS FROM THE TRAINING DEPARTMENT

STOP PRESS!!! STOP PRESS!!!

From 1st July, any leader who completes Campcraft training, in any section, (ie, Pack Holiday, Campcraft or Ranger Lightweight) may count that training as Day 4 of Stage 2 training.

I am sure this will ease the pressure of trainings necessary to be attended to gain camping qualifications and warrant endorsement.

Also from 1st July, First Aid Update may be a Training Department course or it may be a course conducted by Red Cross or St. Johns Ambulance.

Sylvia Le Marquand
TRAINING ADVISER

MAPPING - Note: This course will include basic use of a compass, how to orientate on a map, how to orientate a map to surroundings, sketch maps or survey maps - orienteering games for teaching mapping. Finding your way without a compass.

Donvale - 10th September, 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Apply with \$5.00 and s.a.e. to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by 10th August.

Q.M. TRAINING - Sale - 8th-9th October - Full details on Page 17 of the 1988 Training Calendar.

CAMP COOKING - Sale - 9th October - Full details on Page 18 of the Training Calendar.

STAGE 2 TRAINING - Castlemaine - 10th-11th September and 8th October. Full details can be found on Page 10 of the 1988 Training Calendar.

FROM THE ARTS ADVISER

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

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

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

Irymple - Saturday 17th September. Apply Mrs G. Henshilwood, Box 259, Irymple, 3498, by 17th August.



NEWS FROM THE P.R. DEPARTMENT



VIDEO - "Every Second Counts". Available for hire from P.R. Department. Also available to buy at \$29.00. Orders and enquiries, please phone Fiona weekdays between 9.30am and 3.45pm.

CALENDARS - A last minute reminder for late orders. If you don't have an order form phone your order through to Fiona.

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW - We still need helpers for the Show. If you can spare four hours we would love to have your help and you can see the show afterwards. Please phone Fiona with the times you can help.

AUGUST ACTION - August Action cards should have been distributed to all units by now. Remember to promote Guiding while fundraising.

MONEY FOR JAM - A fundraising idea. For Cherrybert, Jam details see June COMMUNICATING.

TEDDY BEARS - Start those knitting needles clicking again, as we will need more teddy bears with Christmas coming up and constant requests for them. Patterns are available from P.R. Department, Guide Shop and at the All Adult Seminar.

WHO'S FOR TENNIS - A chance to play on the new surface at the National Tennis Centre, Flinders Park. Monday, 17th October, 9.30am-2.30pm.

It will be a round-robin graded tournament.

Cost: \$12.00 including lunch. Application forms will be sent to most metropolitan clubs or ring Fiona.

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

AUSTRALIA/THAILAND FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE



We are arranging for an exchange between Australian and Thai guides, beginning with a visit by a Thai group for three weeks from 19th March, 1989. Victorian guides who are selected to visit Thailand in November/December 1989 for three weeks will be expected to provide hospitality for the Thai group.

Participants: 10 girls aged 14-18 yrs., and 2 leaders.

Cost: Airfare (approx. \$1200) and personal spending only.

Selection: Saturday, 10th September, 1988, 12 Stodart Street, Camberwell.

If you are interested in applying for this event please contact your Region International Representative for applications, as soon as possible.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION NEWS



Reminder about the L.A. Information Days to be held in July at Hopetoun, Ararat and Camperdown and during August at Keilor and Monbulk. Applications must be sent to Maureen Stanton two weeks prior to the date of the session.

Please note the new name and address for returning applications. Mrs Maureen Stanton, 12 Suva Street, MULGRAVE. 3170 Ph: (03) 546 4543

Please make all cheques payable to the Girl Guides Association of Victoria.

Commissioners, please encourage L.A. members to attend, as I am sure they will benefit from the sessions.

1989's timetable is now being prepared, so if anyone has more requests for Information Days in their region, please contact me immediately.

I hope to meet many of you at the All Adult Seminar on 6th August.

Francis Ho
LOCAL ASSOCIATION ADVISER

EXTENSIONS

Leaders Workshop - Saturday, October 8th, at Headquarters.

AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL LEADERS, WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT EXTENSIONS, OR WHO MAY HAVE AN EXTENSION GIRL INTEGRATED INTO THEIR UNIT.

Application details will be available in the next edition of COMMUNICATING. Please keep this date free. Extension leaders, please encourage other leaders in your district to attend.

Anne Scott
EXTENSION ADVISER

EXTENSIONS



HELP - SERVICE NEEDED

The annual working bees to check the camping equipment at Camp Carnegie, Donvale, will be held on Sunday, 17th August and Saturday, 13th August, from 10.00am-4.00pm.

A special plea to those who have enjoyed the property in the past year, (and anyone else who is interested), to come back and help put our equipment in the condition you would like to find it! Leaders and guides welcome.

B.Y.O. lunch. Tea/coffee/cordial provided.

VAL RIDGWELL - PH: 878 7739

ATTENTION ALL COMMISSIONERS

We all know that being a Commissioner is not always a "bed of roses", so, how about enjoying one of the Fringe Benefits that come along with the job - join me next year at the Australian Commissioners' Conference to be held at Rymill Conference Centre, Woodhouse, South Australia from 10th-14th August, 1989. Cost: \$150.00 plus travelling expenses. More details in August G.I.A.

A great opportunity to swap stories and to look at where guiding is going in the 1990's. Application forms will be available in October, but I'll accept your name now!! Send to: Mrs Kathie Hutchens, 14 Flora Grove, Forest Hill. 3131.

GIRLS WANTED

If you are an active and enrolled Guide, Junior Leader or Ranger Guide with a zest for performing - whether singing, dancing, acting or playing a musical instrument ... come and join the **STROLLING PLAYERS CLUB**.

Unique to Victoria, Strolling Players' offers a great opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the performing arts while making new Guiding friends.

We hold Workshops regularly, from 1.00pm to 3.30pm on Sunday afternoons at Headquarters, and are currently on the look-out for new members...

So, if you can sing in tune and think you might be interested, please contact our "Talent Scout" - Miss Yvette Smith after hours on (03) 569 9365 for further information about exploring the arts as a Strolling Player.

J.O.T.A. 1988

Would your unit/district/division like to join in J.O.T.A. (Jamboree On The Air) in our bicentennial year? Here's your chance to exchange greetings with Interstate and International guiding and scouting people. J.O.T.A. is an activity for your youngest brownie to your more "mature" leader.

You haven't a licensed operator!!! Ask your girls and leaders if they have a relative or friend who operates a short wave radio. Look around your area for a radio mast.

Most operators are delighted to have girls interested in participating in their hobby. Remember the dates - October 15/16. For J.O.T.A. information including badge order and report forms, write to: Mrs A. Brand, 100 Marianne Way, Mt. Waverley, 3149. Please enclose s.a.e..

PEOPLE WHO WORK AT HEADQUARTERS

From time to time members ask us what do the staff do at Headquarters. So, here you are. For the next few issues we will tell you what each staff member does.

PROJECT DIRECTOR - CHRIS REIHER

- Designs projects with reference to the Guide programme and Government social justice strategy, particularly in areas of advocacy, youth involvement and participation.
- Makes submissions for government money. Negotiates funding arrangements and contractual agreements.
- Supports and encourages the projects.
- Attends meetings of state wide youth organisations.
- Is on the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria's General Committee.
- Liaises with the Division of Youth Affairs.
- Is an on-site analysis team member.
- Produces resource material (projects) such as Hotline; Sparkit; Communication and Decision Making; Property Inventory, and, Updating (insert with COMMUNICATING).
- Is working with young people in Bendigo, encouraging hands on experience in project planning.

GANG SHOW'S IN TOWN

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE MELBOURNE GANG SHOW!

Catch the show at the Princess Theatre in Melbourne before the Gang travels to the Philippines in September.

Performances - 19-27 August.

To book: Forms in July G.I.A. OR ring Marina Doolan - 754 5991 OR ring the Hotline - 890 6123.



AT THE MUSEUM OF VICTORIA

The Museum of Victoria offers special programmes, sessions and guided tours for visitors, both individuals and groups.

Currently, as well as enjoying the permanent exhibitions and features, visitors may see a wide variety of short term exhibitions. These include, "First Impressions", a British Bicentennial contribution to Australia's celebrations; "Another Day, Another Dollar"; "Phantarama"; Phar Lap and "Number Please", a Telecom display.

The Museum's Community Services Department offers information material, activities, and hands-on experiences relating to many of the exhibitions.

Community groups may book in for the activities programme and/or guided sessions of these exhibitions or the Museum generally.

Enquiries: Community Services Dept: (03) 66 9997.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

The Canoe School - River Rescue Course No. 32/88

All canoeists should be capable of self rescue and be able to organize/assist with a river rescue whilst they are on the water.

Lesson 1: Theory	Tue 23/8 8pm-10pm
Lesson 2: Pool	Tue 30/8 8pm-10pm
Lesson 3: River	Sun 4/9 10am-4pm
Lesson 4: River	Sun 11/9 10am-4pm

Cost: \$50.00 - large discount for guide and scout association leaders. Contact Max Kerr, 5 Summer Pl., Mooroolbark, 3138. Ph: (03) 726 5421 for more information.

Greening Victoria

Congratulations and thankyou to all those who participated in tree plantings throughout the state on World Environment Day.

Greening Victoria officially got off to a very successful start and I have had many encouraging reports from regions. Girls and leaders showed their spirit and determination by continuing to plant many trees despite the cold, wet and windy conditions.

Remember, this is just the beginning and the project is already snowballing. We have had many offers of more trees and planting sites, so, if you have not yet made your plans of where and when you are going to plant, act now and contact your Greening Victoria Liaison (see June Communicating).

Helen Rawady
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ADVISER



COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES...

How often do we seem to ask the same people time and time again to help out with a new project, or join another committee? All too often in some cases.

Next time you need to get a committee together - give a thought to including some younger, less experienced people - you might be pleasantly surprised at just how capable and responsible they can be - and who better to keep you up to date on what young people like and want!

The "Something Different" project committee in Bendigo is proving just that! Comprising all young people under 17 years old, with background adult support, the committee is proving just how much can be achieved by the young and enthusiastic. It should be a terrific event and will certainly further improve the skills and abilities of those on the committee and make them even more valuable assets in the future.



"SOMETHING DIFFERENT"

- A name with a difference for an event with a difference!

With the assistance of government funding, a group of 12 enthusiastic young people (aged 14 - 16) in Bendigo are well on the way to planning a fun event for young people in the North Central and surrounding regions.

The event, called "Something Different" will be a disco/swim night for 12 - 18 year olds, to be held on November 18th from 7 - 10.30 at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre. The aim of the event is to bring together young people from a range of youth organisations, to meet, have fun and donate any profits made from the night to youth organisations in and around Bendigo.

As members of the planning committee, the young people are experiencing the responsibilities of budgetting, gaining sponsorship, booking entertainment and venues, arranging adult support and supervision, etc - in fact, all aspects of planning for a major event.

SO - to all North Central people - put a note in your diaries now to make it a date at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre on November 18th, and support the young people. ... On the grapevine-free buses will be running to the event from Gisborne, Echuca, Heathcote, Avoca and Pyramid Hill.

More information in the months to come...


BEWITCHED BOOKS

Looking for some interesting winter reading? Try browsing through;

SPIRAL - 269 Smith St, Fitzroy
(03) 417-2576 OR

BEWITCHED BOOKS - Woolrich Rd,
Olinda (03) 751-1931

Both shops have mail order catalogues and extensive collections of books on social issues, personal development, relationships, etc.

 *Spiral*





Do you want to send a message home? Leave a recorded message and we'll pass it on for you. There's no need to say where you are — just how you are. This service is FREE, CONFIDENTIAL and there are NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

INTRODUCING ...

THE MESSAGE HOME SCHEME;

A confidential service for young people who have left home, or for anyone who has lost contact with family or friends.

They ring ; (03)650-9129

and leave a recorded message which is passed on by letter to parents or anyone named.

The number is linked with a recording machine which volunteer staff maintain and who are responsible for the passing on of messages.

People may not wish to make direct contact with their families therefore MESSAGE HOME provides a bridge between the two parties.

MESSAGE HOME is a community service, project of the Anglican Mother's Union.

VIDEOS AVAILABLE FROM THE VOCATIONAL ORIENTATION CENTRE

GET IT TOGETHER (Code AV7) VHS 13 mins.

Presented by Vince Sorrenti this video is an introduction to a range of services for school leavers such as; Job Bank, Self Service Boards, Australian Traineeships, Youth Access Centres, Austudy, Job Search Allowance, Unemployment Benefits and Sickness Benefits.

FINDING YOUR FIRST BOSS (Code AV6) VHS 50 mins.

Video directed at school leavers and young unemployed. Content includes; Identify your strengths, track down your special interests and aim for a special goal, set the trap and snare the boss. Accompanied by a booklet on self-assessment skills and preferences.

GUIDE FOR YOUNG JOB SEEKERS (Code AV8) VHS 50 mins.

Looks at telephone technique, job ads, letters of application, preparing for the interview, being interviewed.

GETTING STARTED (Code AV27) VHS 11 mins.

Looks at options for entering the workforce via TAFE courses. Encourages school leavers to consider the option of working in a trade and encourages young women to look seriously at a non-traditional occupation.

UNEMPLOYMENT: WHERE TO FROM (Code AV103) VHS 25 mins.

Looks at unemployment issues from the perspective of three young people. Also includes interviews with government minister, local police, an employer, bureaucrats, youth workers. Good discussion starter.

Videos may be borrowed free of charge for 1 week in metropolitan areas, and two weeks in country areas. Bookings need to be made in advance. For more information, bookings and enquiries, contact the VOC reference librarian, (03)663-5192 - VOC, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne 3001.