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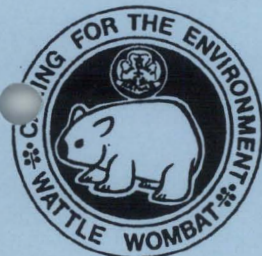
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GENERAL

HEADQUARTERS HOURS OF OPERATION

Office:

Mon-Tues 8.30am - 5.00pm

Wed 8.30am - 7.30pm

Thurs-Fri 8.30am - 5.00pm

Shop:

Mon-Tues 9.00am - 5.00pm

Wed 9.00am - 7.30pm

Thurs-Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm

Sat 9.00am - 12.00noon

Resource Centre:

Mon-Tues 9.00am - 4.00pm

Wed 9.00am - 7.30pm

Thurs-Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm

Please note: Arrangements can be made to open the Resource Centre for special events by contacting the Program Department at guide headquarters (03)654 7911.

HEADQUARTERS TOURS

Tours of the building may be arranged for Saturday mornings and school holidays by contacting headquarters or the headquarters tours organiser. Bookings are essential.

POSITIONS VACANT YOUNG WOMENS ADVISER

This is a new position. We are looking for someone who will work with the ranger adviser, junior leader co-ordinator, young leaders, young program resource people and the Duke of Edinburgh liaison.

The job description is available from the executive officer.

DID YOU KNOW? INSURANCE

Answers to your questions on insurance may be found in the ABC of Guiding available from district leaders or the guide shop, and in the information sheet which goes together with annual report forms to all units at the beginning of each year.

For specific questions ring Bill Tullo or Jill Johnstone at guide headquarters.

PEACE PACKS

Thank you to all those people who helped to make Victoria's total 44.37% of Australia's total. Congratulations! I hope that all who deserved to receive the UNHCR/Girl Guide Badge received them and that spares were returned to your region international representative for redistribution.

The following are the final numbers of Packs (not boxes) which have been sent to the UNHCR:

Northern Territory	100
South Australia	300
Tasmania	400
Western Australia	720
Queensland	2880
New South Wales	3040
Victoria	5934
TOTAL	13374

Merran Crowley

"GOOD AS GOLD"

Have you heard about the Association's new op-shop?

It is at 7 Keys Street, Frankston. Funds raised will help the Association to keep costs down for members and to maximise membership services.

We are looking for donations of saleable bric a brac, books and clothing. Please be selective in what you send. We are also looking for volunteers to help staff the shop, Monday-Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm and Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm.

You may send goods to headquarters marked "op-shop" or telephone the Volunteer Manager, Mrs Jackie King on (03)770 0911 or AH (03)783 6080.

JUNIOR LEADER REGISTRATION FEES

Would all leaders please note, that as from 1 January, 1995, when enrolling a new junior leader, registration fees will now be \$15.00. This is a once only fee for the duration of your junior leader and will also include the costs that were normally incurred at the completion of her program. It will NOT include the cost of the junior leader newsletter - this is subscribed on the annual report form.

Junior leaders, unlike all other youth members, do not pay any membership fees, yet administration costs need to be covered. The fee is usually paid either by the unit in which she is working or from district funds.

CORRECTION

The phone number for the International Representative for Mornington Peninsula - Mrs Bev Byers is (059)75 5469 not as indicated in the personnel book. We apologise for any inconvenience caused through this error.

REMINDER

GiA subscription renewals are to be sent directly to: Girl Guides Association of Australia, PO Box 6, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012.

GUIDE BISCUITS

A Happy New Year to you all and may our guiding programs for 1995 give us all more challenges and achievements than ever before.

I hate to ask you to think guide biscuits so early in the year, but unfortunately, it is necessary.

All the biscuits are now baked in South Australia, so everything takes longer and transport has to be included in the time factor ... and if the trucks are full of general biscuits, guess whose get left behind for a later truck?

So ... in order to have our biscuits delivered to us here by the end of April in time for 'Guide Month', we **MUST CLOSE** our orders by 17 March 1995. Any orders coming in after that date will **NOT** be filled.

to avoid disappointment, start thinking and planning **NOW** and **ORDER EARLY**.

Think of all the shows, festivals, August Action and any other activities that may be coming up and **REMEMBER**, our next bake won't be delivered before mid to late September.

If you are ordering two-packs - which are very popular with hospitals, golf clubs, bowling clubs as well as Red Cross blood banks, please let us know numbers (by phone or post). You still need to put it on your order form - so I can co-ordinate and try to get the

necessary numbers ordered (there has to be a minimum order of 100 boxes state wide before Arnotts will do two-packs).

Cost prices have risen this year (\$22.20 per box or \$1.11 per packet), so you can choose whether you continue to sell at \$1.60 per packet or whether you increase it to \$1.70 **BUT NO MORE**. You all know your local markets best.

If you have any queries or problems, please contact me on (03)333 1514, preferably after 8.00 at night.

If anyone wants the odd box (or two or three) of biscuits **NOW** please ring me as we have **SOME** left at headquarters ... use by date end February-March. You may like some for a Thinking Day celebration. Unfortunately, we must have the money "up front" for these, so \$22.00 per box please.

Congratulations to our Murray River Marathon Team. They did a great job promoting guiding, won their class ... five hours ahead of their nearest competition. Well done.

Sally Alston - Guide Biscuit Co-ordinator

CHILDCARE CASH REBATE

The Girl Guides Association of Victoria is now registered as a carer under the Childcare Cash Rebate Scheme and as such, certain of its activity programs are eligible for rebate.

The Childcare Cash Rebate Scheme is a Commonwealth funded program to assist eligible Australian families meet the cost of work-related child care expenses for dependent children under the age of 13 years. The program criteria is that these activities occur during working hours, are open to members and non-members of the Association and are administered through the Girl Guides Association of Victoria headquarters. Those activities which fall into this category will be designated as eligible when advertised in VISA or Communicating.

Further information on the Childcare Cash Rebate Scheme can be obtained from any Medicare Office or the Program Department at guide headquarters.

MOTHERS DAY 1995 GIRL GUIDES AND ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL IN PARTNERSHIP.

WERE YOU BORN AT THE ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL?

We are looking for anyone presently involved in guiding, ranging from gumnut guides to leaders, who was born at the Royal Women's Hospital, to participate in a media campaign (newspapers, TV and such) to promote the Mothers Day Appeal for the RWH.

This is a great opportunity for guiding to support a wonderful institution that looks after the needs of girls and women in Victoria.

On Mothers Day we require volunteers to "tin rattle" in their full uniform. This is a good service opportunity and will attract great media attention for guiding.

If you were born at RWH, or if your unit would like to help with the "tin rattle", please phone reception or the PR Department at guide headquarters.

Queries: Contact Kay Rankin, Communication Services Adviser on (03)796 8842

TAPESTRY INITIATIVE/ ROPE COURSE OPEN DAYS 1995

Tapestry, the guiding property located in Strathewen adjoining the Kinglake National Park some 50 km north east of Melbourne, boasts two superb initiative/ropes courses using low and high elements.

Following the success of 1994's open days, the Tapestry committee is again running a series of open days in 1995.

Any guide, ranger guide, junior leader or adult member of the Association can take part in a low ropes/initiative day, but the high ropes course open days are limited to members of the Association aged 14 or over who have already completed a whole day on the low ropes at Tapestry. You can do a day on either course as an individual or as part of a unit.

A log card is given to each participant in

the ropes course to record what elements and activities have been completed.

A low/initiative ropes course day costs \$10.00 per participant. This includes a full day of instruction by one of our qualified activity leaders, morning and afternoon tea, a sausage sizzle lunch, and a badge. Funds raised from the open days will help with fundraising for a new building at Tapestry.

The high ropes course day costs \$12.50 per participant and includes the same as the low course.

If bookings are heavy on a particular day, units may be asked to restrict the numbers they bring. All courses begin at 9.30am and finish at 4.30pm.

OPEN DAYS 1995

Saturday 18 February - Low
Sunday 26 March - Low & High
Saturday 29 April - Low & High
Saturday 13 May - Low
Sunday 4 June - Low
Saturday 9 September - Low
Sunday 15 October - Low
Sunday 12 November - Low & High
Saturday 2 December - Low & High

To book for any day, please send a note giving the following details to:-

Mrs Jenny Beales,
Chairman,
Tapestry Committee,
21 Murray Street,
WARRNAMBOOL 3280

Details to be included:-

Name of unit/participant (if an individual)
Date course required
Number of people attending (specify low/high)

A deposit of \$20.00 must accompany booking (\$5.00 deposit for an individual). Cheques to be made payable to Girl Guides Association - Friends of Tapestry. A receipt, final details and a map will then be sent to you as confirmation of your booking.

For enquiries ring Jenny Beales on (055)62 4353.

TOLERANCE

1995 is the Year of Tolerance. Start thinking how you and your unit can promote tolerance this year

GUIDES AMONG THE FIRST

1st Cheltenham Brownie Leader Ruth Lees and "Taralla" Ranger Guide Jocelyn Walker-Smith were among the first group of trainees at the Victorian Guide and Scout Sailing Centre, Sandringham, to be awarded Australian Yachting Federation Sailing Certificates, following the centre's recent accreditation as an AYF Approved Training Establishment for both sailing and power boating.

Trainees will now be able to undertake the AYF Certificates in conjunction with guiding qualifications for both sailing and power boats.

We have two qualified sailing masters and one power boat assessor and one power boat instructor on our training team. They are also accredited coaches with the Australian Coaching Council.

TRAINING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON

Basic sailing skills (Certificate)

4, 5, and 18, 19 February

Power boat operator (Certificate)

11, 12 and 26 February

Basic sailing skills (Certificate)

18, 19 March and 1, 2 April

Rescue boat operator (Advanced Permit)

25, 26 March and 9 April

Bookings and enquiries to Paul Peeler (03)596 3370. Courses cost \$35.00 and all days must be attended.

Dale Davies - Training Officer

THE MOBILE GUIDE SHOP

OUR NEXT VISIT

The mobile guide shop will visit Wimmera Region on Saturday 25 March for the Region Conference to be held in the Uniting Church Hall, McKenzie St, Wycheproof from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

Also at Rutherglen, Barree Region on Sunday 26 March for a district activity to be held in the Scout Hall, High St, Rutherglen from 10.00am to 2.30pm.

AN AFFORDABLE SLEEPING BAG FOR YOUR GIRLS



Bargain priced sleeping bags can be no bargain at all. Inferior fabrics and fillings just won't last. The Franklin is a bag designed for indoor camps or warm weather outdoor camps. Lightweight with a synthetic filling and cotton liner that gives all night comfort and dries quickly if it gets damp. To pack, you simply stuff it into the sturdy, compact carry sack and tighten the cord. Full length zip to open as a quilt. And the price? Till 11/3/95 Snowgum has these on special reduced from \$64-95 to \$49-95. Hurry!

BRING THIS COUPON WHEN YOU PURCHASE YOUR FRANKLIN SLEEPING BAG FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A \$25 GIFT VOUCHER

Name _____

Address _____

P/code _____

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SNOWGUM STORE LOCATIONS



Melbourne	360 Lonsdale St	670 1177
Mitcham	523 Whitehorse Rd	873 5061
Moorabbin	880 Nepean Hwy	555 7811
Hawthorn	644 Glenferrie Rd	819 4100
Sunbury	100 O'Shannessy St	740 9899
Geelong	172 Moorabool	(052)21 6618
Ballarat	403 Sturt St	(053)31 3672
Bendigo	79 Mitchell St	(054)43 8226

Leaders please feel free to photocopy this for your youth members and parents

HOUSING OPTIONS FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The Robert and Olave Baden-Powell Memorial Trust Fund committee invites interested members to attend a seminar at guide headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne on Tuesday 28 March from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The seminar will be based on "Housing Options for Older People" with keynote speakers who will present information and advice on furniture for the elderly, architecture, and occupational therapy.

Also included will be a home renovation advisory program, plus physical security and confident living as advised by the Victorian Police Force.

Seating will be limited and booking is essential. A fee of \$2.00 made payable to the Girl Guides Association of Victoria should be sent to Mrs Isobel Lister, 440 South Road, Moorabbin, 3189 no later than Monday 20 March.

Morning and afternoon tea will be available. You will need to bring your own lunch. An interesting day is assured.

*Isobel Lister - Chairperson
Phone (03)555 1835*

THE LADY MURRAY BOWLS TOURNAMENT

On Friday 31 March the 11th annual Lady Murray Bowls Tournament will be held at the Bentleigh Bowling Club, Higgins Street, Bentleigh, when approximately 220 ladies, all of whom are or have been active in the Movement, will take part.

It is a wonderful day of fellowship and reunions and has raised almost \$15,000.00 which has been donated to the Girl Guides Association of Victoria for its own use or for projects supported by it. These include the Olave Centre, development, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the launch of gumnut guides, 'Aulua', Britannia Park, Tapestry, the Earth Keepers program and guide headquarters.

Traditionally, the Trefoil Guild stocks the stall held on the day but all donations of saleable goods are gratefully received.

For further information relating to any aspect of the tournament please contact Mrs June Owen (03)882 4019.

GUIDE MONTH - WHY?

In Victoria, May is designated as Guide Month. This is when all members are urged to make a special effort to promote guiding, with the aim of raising public awareness.

Without any changes to your program, you are asked to go out into the community so the public can see guiding in action.

For the last five years a special day has been organised to mark the commencement of Guide Month. Each has had a different theme which many take up and use when planning programs. These events have attracted large numbers from all over the state and provide an opportunity for all sections to come together for a day of activity and fun. Girls see that guiding is bigger than their unit in their town - anyone who has attended a large state event will know that it is a memorable experience.

In 1995 the theme is Girl Guides Play Sport. Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find an application form to attend this year's launch at Royal Park on Saturday 29 April.

If you can't be there, what about a region/division/district launch? Girl guides do play sport, what about a guide netball team, tennis team or unit participation in Little Athletics - the scope is endless!

CANDLE

**Commissioners and District Leaders
Event. 8-10 September 1995 at
Campaspe Downs.**

An event not to be missed! Mark it in your diary and check with your support group that they have budgeted for you to attend. CANDLE provides an opportunity for you to meet other district leaders and commissioners from throughout the state, exchange ideas and develop skills. Take the opportunity to recharge your batteries and return to your local area full of enthusiasm and practical skills that will help support and develop guiding.

**FIESTA '96
STATE CAMP TO BE HELD
14-20 JANUARY 1996
FILLED WITH:
FUN,
INTRIGUE,
EXCITEMENT,
SURPRISES,
THRILLS
AND?
"WATCH THIS SPACE"
TO BE PART OF FIESTA '96**

Further information may be obtained from: Lorraine Richards (03)836 0783 AH, Helen Cameron (03)654 7911 BH, Anne McLean (03)890 2669 AH.

YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK . . .

The Social Issues Committee presents . .

SUICIDE AND DEPRESSION

21 March 1995 at 7.30pm

Andrew Fuller, a psychologist with HARP (Homelessness Agencies Resource Project) and the Department of Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatry, Austin Hospital, will offer information and skills to identify and assist young people at risk of depression and suicide.

EATING DISORDERS

14 June 1995 at 7.30pm

Anita Hallam, also a psychologist with HARP and the Department of Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatry, Austin Hospital, will offer information about anorexia nervosa and bulimia and how these conditions may be identified. The common anxiety about body image will also be discussed.

These two evenings are open to all.

There is no charge for attendance.

Both evenings will be conducted at guide headquarters.

RENDEZVOUS WITH THE INNER YOU

**For a personal investment
in your future**

Take the time to:-

- * enjoy a day discovering the inner you
- * explore your personal values and ethics
- * set new goals for the future
- * find new ways to lift your self esteem
- * discover the secrets of good team work

Note: Numbers are limited so early application is recommended.

This course will be held at Mt Waverley on Sunday 30 April from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Apply with \$15.00 and a stamped self addressed envelope to the Training Department, guide headquarters by 30 March.

GiA

Thank you to the individuals and support groups who have recently taken out a new subscription to "Guiding in Australia", to ensure they continue to receive "Communicating". We know that you will enjoy the double benefit of reading both these publications.

INTERNATIONAL

Welcome to a new year of opportunities.

FORWARD WITH VISION - YWCA KOREA

This is a YWCA event and not strictly a guiding event - although our participation has been requested.

DATE: 3-6 July 1995 (Conference)

WHO: Members aged 18-30 at the time of the event.

WHAT:

*Formulate a Women's World Agenda

*Devise a strategy for the implementing of that agenda - for input into the United Nations Fourth World Women's Conference in Beijing and beyond.

*Help shape the direction of the World YWCA Policy for beyond 2000. The World Council '95 will follow for interested YWCA members.

*Expand and strengthen the international women's network

COST: This will depend on the number of participants - We will make bookings for members if requested and they may use the Association insurance policy.

GEILDH '95

The Girl Guides Association (Scotland) has invited us to send a group of girls to their international camp which will be held at Netherurd House.

DATES: 15 July - 5 August 1995

WHO: Leaders with camping experience. Girls aged 14-16 by 30 June 1995.

WHAT: Pax Lodge and South East England, camp and home hospitality. Program will include: dry skiing, archery, Scottish crafts, canoeing and more.

COST: \$3,700.00

For both events:

Victorian closing date: 14 February 1995

Victorian selection date: 18 February 1995

The selection will be held at 50 Enterprise Drive, Emu Bottom via Sunbury commencing at 10.00am unless otherwise notified.

Your region international representative

has more details on these events as well as the application forms.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED SANGAM WORLD CENTRE

Each season, our World Centre in Pune, India needs four adventurous, enthusiastic adults to serve as volunteer program assistants.

DATES: June - September 1996/1997 etc three months. October 1996 - March 1997, 1997-1998 etc six months.

WHO: Two volunteer program assistants over 21 years of age.

WHAT: Working as a team member and as a member of a large family including all the Indian staff.

COST: You would be expected to pay your own fares to Pune and your spending money. You would 'live-in'.

For this there would not be a selection, however an applicant would be expected to work closely with the international adviser in preparing her application. For further information, application forms and reference forms please contact me directly on (03)740 9484.

Victorian closing for the 1996 selection is 1 July, 1995. Why not really plan ahead?

Merran Crowley

GUMNUT GUIDES

GUMNIC 1995

See page 21 in this issue of Communicating.

BROWNIE GUIDES



Leaders,

As you will see in the summer issue, I have reserved a place for brownies to write their suggested theme and competition ideas.

Please include a short segment in some of your weekly meetings to tell your girls of this opportunity. After all, YACKATOON is their magazine and as such, they deserve the right to communicate their thoughts to every other Victorian brownie guide.

Autumn '95 theme will be Treasure and Pirates. Closing date, 1 March (I have already received many wonderful drawings but no jokes or poems yet). Winter '95 theme will be about Fairies and Flowers, so please entice your girls to send in their poems, prayers for the seasons, jokes and stories.

Lorraine Armstrong

GUIDE SECTION

JUMBUNNA

The gathering for Australian patrol leaders is being held in Queensland from 29 December 1995, to 5 January 1996. Victoria has been allocated 42 places so representatives are to be selected from all regions. Cost is \$320.00 plus air fare. More details will be available through your region commissioner.

Mandy Fitzgerald

RANGER SECTION

WELCOME

Welcome home to all the tired but happy Yaringa participants and to Springvale ranger guide unit after their hectic trip to the UK.

Welcome to Kinglake Ranger Guides - the 'Kinglake Legends'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 5 February Senate - headquarters
10.00am-3.00pm
- 18-19 March RAGE - Tapestry (application in this month's Communicating or from headquarters or in Ranger Circular - for guides (13+) and ranger guides).
- 1-2 April ESGAV Camp - see February Circular.

Please note that the Queens Guide, OBP, D of E Information Day has been postponed. Date to be advised.

Don't forget the Blood Challenge - donate blood before the end of February and sign the book on behalf of the Girl Guides.

POST BOX

For Thinking Day, please remind the girls to send greetings to their penfriends.

Post Box is heading for another record year. Please help this to happen by answering letters that I have written asking for more information.

A big thank you to Joan Burch, Australian Post Box Secretary and her assistant Diana Wheeler, who have completed their term.

Welcome to Wilma Torney and Bev Madden both from Queensland, who have taken on these positions.

Margaret Rookes - Post Box Secretary

GO CLUB

NEXT MEETING

To be held on Tuesday 14 February at guide headquarters from 8.00pm. Contact Meg Ledley (03)386 5863.

NIGHT ROW on the YARRA

Thursday 23 February - 7.30-10.30pm. Spotlighting as you are rowed down 4km of wild river bushland in the middle of Melbourne. Billy tea and light snacks provided. Cost \$14.00. Bring - a mug, a rug, more snacks if you like. Contact either Nancy (03)457 2306 or Pauline (03)857 6918. Booking essential by Friday 17 February.

WALK around SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR

Sunday 19 March - 10.30am - 3.00pm. Easy walking, good views. Bring - picnic lunch. Contact Bev (03)435 9883 or Pauline (03)857 6918 by Friday 17 March.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

NEW TEAM FOR PR

1995 brings in a new team to PR. I would like to introduce myself to you all. I'm Libby Howlett, Assistant Division Commissioner for Berwick and the new PR Adviser for Victoria.

I have been busy over the summer break gathering together a young, enthusiastic and diverse group of women to form the new PR committee. I have asked Anne McLennan - District Leader for Amaroo to be my assistant. Together we look forward to working with all of you to help promote guiding throughout Victoria.

KNITTED TEDDY BEARS

A thank you to all those who knitted teddy bears for last year's Christmas donations to the organisations who distribute to needy families.

If anyone feels like knitting bears for the '95 Christmas, they can obtain patterns from headquarters upon request.

PR PAT ON THE BACK

To Judy Chatto, South Eastern Region Commissioner and the 60 plus girls and leaders who wrapped gifts at Chadstone Shopping Centre for the two weeks prior to Christmas. They raised over \$11,000.00 for the Association for the Blind, increased public awareness about the Girl Guides and did the job so well they have been invited back for 1995.

The Association for the Blind praised the Girl Guides for "fantastic effort, superb organisation and enthusiasm" and said those involved were "a credit to your organisation".

Bravo, very well done!

PR MATERIALS

A new portable display designed for use in libraries is now ready. Phone Pat to make a booking - first in best dressed! (Please note that the display is quite heavy to lift).

Stickers - "Girl Guides Go Places" are still available at 50 cents each.

Strings of bunting (triangular variety) are available for sale at \$25.00 for 3 metres.

COMMUNITY AID ABROAD WALK AGAINST WANT

This will take place on Sunday 26 March, in the city and 32 suburban and country locations. Walkers, joggers, cyclists, aerobicists and rollerbladers are invited to participate, to raise money for projects in developing communities. Call CAA on 1 800 034 034 for information. A great PR and service opportunity.

PROGRAM

COME ALIVE IN '95 HOP INTO THE RESOURCE CENTRE

If you are stuck for ideas, or looking for help on a specific topic, why not check out the Resource Centre, it's brimming with ideas to make your unit program zing along.

Open every business day until 4.00pm and until 7.30pm on Wednesdays. It's a great place to browse through the contents and plan your program.

PROGRAM COMPENDIUM

Out soon, this lifeline for leaders in the brownie guide and guide section is full of information and ideas to make your programming easier. Designed especially for new leaders but useful for any leader with a busy schedule, the compendium contains a diary, weekly program suggestions and a wealth of resource material and information in the one publication. The handy A5 sized pages will be ready for you to pop into any A5 sized, two hole binder.

As a special 'one off' promotion, one copy of this exciting new resource, covering the first two terms of 1995, will be given free to each registered brownie guide unit and guide unit in the state. Additional copies will be available for sale in the guide shop. Terms

three and four of the compendium will be available in the guide shop later this year.

VISA '95

Available soon from your district leader, VISA '95 will be produced in a slightly different format this year. Designed as a companion to the new program compendium, activities will be listed by the term, and the size will change from A4 to A5 so that it can be stored in the same A5 two hole binder.

Old favourites and exciting new activities are listed so share them with the girls in your units as soon as possible. Please don't forget to mention the Childcare Cash Rebate Scheme to parents, as this applies to some of these opportunities.

HEADQUARTERS UNIT MEETINGS

You may like to hold a unit meeting at headquarters on a Wednesday evening. This could include a cut tea, visit to the shop and an activity tour of the building. The tour is a "do it yourself" exploration of some of the history and highlights of guiding in Victoria. Meetings must conclude promptly at 7.30pm and bookings are essential.

WATTLE WOMBAT

Our environmental mascot, is featured as part of the tour, but she is also available to go on pack holidays and other adventures. She especially likes being with brownie guide units.

If you would like to take 'Wattle' on your next adventure please contact the Program Department.

EARTHKEEPERS CAMP BOOKINGS 1995

Now is the time to secure your place for an Earthkeepers Camp in 1995.

These exciting camps put young people in touch with the natural world through a

series of secrets and surprises as they learn the secrets of E.M.

Designed for grades five and six, each camp is open to 15 to 24 girls from any one district, division or region who are accompanied by three to four leaders of their own. Program and catering staff are provided.

The following seven weekend camps are being offered and bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

28-30 April, 19-21 May, 26-28 May, 13-15 October, 27-29 October, 3-5 November and 10-12 November. All camps will be held at Donvale

For further information or bookings contact the Program Department at headquarters.

RECRUITMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

STORM WARNING

As a result of the leadership drive held in Acheron during October and November last, there will be a workshop on leader recruitment at headquarters on Sunday 14 May.

This is the Sunday after "Brunch with the Bunch" so country regions can come for "Brunch" and stay for "Kicking up a Storm" Mk II.

If you are concerned about lack of leaders you cannot afford to miss this opportunity to learn -

Where to look?

How to approach?

What do you say?

More details next month - start making plans NOW to come and weather the storm!

85th BIRTHDAY

Did you know that the Girl Guides Association is 85 years old this year? That's something to be proud of!

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

ENVIRONMENT

1995 is a special year for Wattle Wombat. She will be celebrating 50 years of Caring for the Environment and because it is a golden year Wattle's badge is gold.

This special badge may be worn on uniform during the year and the entitlement to wear it will be participating in one of three outdoor events.

These are:

1. by participating in Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 5 March.
2. by participating in your region event on World Environment Day, Sunday 4 June.
3. by participating in the Spring Tree Planting festival events held in your area during the month of September. Sites will be advertised at a later date.

The new Wattle Wombat badge will cost 50 cents and will be available through Pat at headquarters if you participate in Clean Up Australia Day or a Spring Tree Planting event. Your region representative will have badges available when you attend your region World Environment Day event.

Should your girls wish to do two or three of these days, other new environment badges can be purchased from the guide shop but cannot be worn on uniform.

Highlights of the Girl Guides of Victoria 50 Years of Caring for the Environment will be sent to leaders as well as all media outlets and help with materials for PR displays will be available by booking through headquarters.

During 1995 we will be putting out a message that Girl Guides have had a long association with the environment and we care about it.

FREE GUIDE ADVERTISING PAGE

Don't forget to use this page:-

- *If you are selling something
- *To promote your program
- *To publicise a promising purpose

This is a service we're offering free of charge so that we may support you in what you are doing.

Send your copy to:
The Editor
Communicating
Girl Guides Association
of Victoria
20 Russell Street,
Melbourne Vic 3000

by the 6th day of the month for the next month's publication.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDE SHOP

OUR BEST KEPT SECRET IS OUT!!!

"FREE MAIL ORDER SERVICE"

That's right. The Guide Shop offers a free mail order service for books, badges, uniform and gifts. In fact, all your guiding needs can be ordered by mail.

You'll save time and travel costs by using our fast and efficient mail order service.

Easy to order.

Simply mail, fax or phone your order to the Guide Shop and we'll despatch your order within 48 hours.

Next day delivery.

For just a small fee your order can be sent by express mail. Great for when you just haven't got time to get to the Guide Shop for a few urgent items.

Let everyone know!

Mail order is an easy way for busy parents to buy uniform, books and badges for their daughter's promise ceremony.

So, come on. Save yourself some time and give the Guide Shop mail order service a try.

Orders to: Guide Shop
 Mail Order Department
 20 Russell Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000
 Phone: (03)654 7911 Fax: (03)650 2436

RAGE 1995

18-19 MARCH

RAGE (Ranger and Guide Event) is the weekend activity for guides (13+) and ranger guides held each year at Tapestry, Strathewen. The idea of the weekend is to give guides an introduction to the ranger section through a relaxed, fun filled weekend.

RAGE will be held on 18-19 March from 11.00am Saturday to 3.00pm Sunday. Cost will be \$15.00 per person.

Activities for the weekend will include getting to know Tapestry activities, a wide game type activity, a disco on the Saturday night, a "pamper yourself" morning, and an auction of mystery parcels (as a fundraiser for the new building at Tapestry).

To apply for RAGE, fill out the attached slip (or fill out a Ranger Fixture form - available from your local ranger guide unit) and send it with a cheque for \$15.00 per participant (cheques payable to Girl Guides Association - Friends of Tapestry) to:-

Mrs Jenny Beales
21 Murray Street,
WARRNAMBOOL VIC 3280

For enquiries ring (055)62 4353.

Please include a stamped, self addressed manila size envelope for return of health form, kit list and map.

Closing date: Friday 3 March.

Name: _____

Name of unit _____ Guide/Ranger Guide Unit

I wish to apply for RAGE '95 to be held at Tapestry from 18-19 March. I enclose a cheque for \$15.00 (payable to Girl Guides Association - Friends of Tapestry) and a stamped, self addressed manila envelope for return of kit list, health form and map.

Please list here any medical concerns or special dietary needs which our first aider/QM should be aware of (NB a detailed health form will be sent in the return mail).

SUPPORT GROUP INFORMATION PAGE

PARENT ASSISTANCE FORM:

A form is now available from headquarters for parents to complete. The form will give information to the district leader and support group which will be of assistance to the district. It will also let the district leader know that a new family has joined the district.

The type of information that this form will provide is name, address, telephone number, sporting and other interests, other committee interests, and special skills. It also asks them to list ways in which they are willing to help the district and lists various activities in which they may be willing to give occasional help. The availability and type of transportation is also listed on the form and we also ask that parents sign this form indicating that they understand they have a responsibility to support the activities of their daughter's unit and local district.

This form will be given by leaders to the new parents at the same time as the form for information about their daughter. On return, leaders will pass the 'Parent Assistance' form directly to the district leader.

I also recommend that each district ask parents of the girls currently in the units to complete the form. I believe that the use of this form will have several advantages. It will let parents know as soon as their daughter joins guiding that their support is needed, and there are many ways they can help, that there is a support group; and it will let the district leader know that a new family has joined the district and give her a chance to welcome them.

If you have any queries regarding this form please do not hesitate to give me a call.

SUPPORT GROUP PROMISE BADGE

There is now a Promise badge available for girl guides support group members. The badge is the Promise badge filled with purple and is available from the guide shop. Maybe those of us who have already made our Promise would like to renew it and at the same time change to the new Promise badge.

SUPPORT GROUP FACT AND FUN DAY

This annual information day will be held at guide headquarters on Saturday 27 May, commencing at 10.30am (10.00am for a cup of tea) until approximately 3.00pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person which will include lunch.

This day is open to all support group members and district leaders, so district leaders please come along and bring at least one support group member with you.

Come and meet other support group members, discuss the particular problems you may have in your district, gain new ideas from other support groups, take part in discussions and share your ideas with others.

Overnight accommodation can be arranged for those who would like to come from the country.

For bookings for this day please telephone me on (03)386 3962 AH or (03)379 1555 BH.

PLANNING AND BUDGETING FOR THE YEAR

Have you held the all important planning meeting with your leaders? It is important that this meeting be held so that you as a support group can plan your fundraising, your work requirements around the hall, the support your leaders may need for transport to camps, help on meeting nights, when they have got camps planned so that a family meal can be arranged for them on their return, and all the other ways in which we can help to make the leaders' load a little lighter. Once this meeting has been held you will be in a better position to prepare your budget for the year. You will know of training requirements, uniform requirements for new leaders and don't forget the annual subscription to GiA.

Have a good year and I look forward to hearing from you all and meeting with many of you.

Margaret Fitzgerald
Support Group Adviser
(03)386 3962 AH or (03)379 1555 BH

1995 STATE EVENTS CALENDAR

February

- 11 Otway Region Conference
- 11-12 Training for Trainers
- 19 Donvale Fair
- 17-19 Junior Leader Training
- 24-26 Region Outdoor Activities Co-ordinators Weekend
- 28 Region Commissioners Meeting/
Region PR Co-ordinators Day

March

- 4 Blue for a Day
- 5 BP Co-ordinators Workshop
- 18-19 RAGE
- 19 Gumnic

April

- 1 Region International Co-ordinators Meeting
- 1-2 Brownie Guides Horseriding Camp
- 16-21 Adventure '95
- 21-23 Sunship III
- 28-30 Earthkeepers
- 29 Launch of Guide Month

May

- 10 Region Commissioners Meeting
- 13 Brunch with the Bunch
- 19-21 Earthkeepers
- 19-21 Junior Leader Training
- 20 Gumnut Guide Air and Share Day
- 20 Sunraysia Region Conference
- 21 BP Presentation
- 26-28 Earthkeepers
- 26-28 Trainers Weekend
- 27 Support Group Information Day

June

- 3 North Central Region Conference
- 4 World Environment Day
- 16-18 East Metropolitan Leaders Weekend
- 17-18 Ranger Section Leaders Weekend
- 23-25 Patrol Leaders Weekend
- 24 Maroondah Region Conference
- 25 Junior Leader Presentation

July

- 2-7 Camp Canggella

- 8 Region Training Co-ordinators Meeting
- 10-14 At Home with the Gnomes
- 12 Trefoil Guild AGM
- 19 Rev Up to Reality - Ranger Section
- 22 Junior Leader Reunion

August

- 3 Region Commissioners Meeting
- 5 Ranger Conference
- 19 Hume, Goulburn, Barree Region Conference
- 25-27 Outdoor Activities Conference
- 25-27 Ranger Ski Weekend

September

- 1-3 Passport to the Movies
- 2 BP Presentation
- 8-10 CANDLE
- 9-10 Ranger Leaders Re-activate
- 22-24 RYLAH Pennant
- 22-24 Junior Leader Training
- 14-24 Royal Show
- 24-29 Camp Iluka
- 24-29 Sunship Earth

October

- 1-6 Camp Iluka
- 1-6 African Safari Camp
- 7 Queens Guide Presentation
- 7-8 Training for Trainers
- 9 State Annual General Meeting
- 13-15 Earthkeepers
- 18 Region Commissioners Meeting
- 22 Multicultural Day
- 23-27 Youth '95
- 27-29 Earthkeepers

November

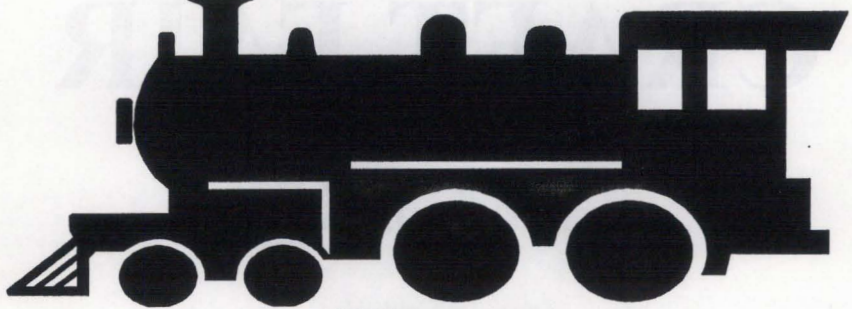
- 3-5 Earthkeepers
- 10-12 Earthkeepers
- 19 Gumnut Guides Air and Share Day
- 25-26 Ranger Shindig

December

- 2 BP Presentation
- 3 Junior Leaders Presentation
- 3 Carols in the Bush
- 8-10 Sunship III

GUMNIC
1995

IT'S OUR
5TH
BIRTHDAY!



GUMNIC 1995

Sunday 19 March 1995 - 11.00am-3.00pm

Eltham Park - Melway map 21 H 10

Miniature Steam Train

Cost \$1.30 train ride and 30 cents badge

Need to bring: Each girl needs to bring a grocery size box - 30cmx45cm (not waxed fruit box). Also an empty ice cream container. BYO lunch, drink, coat, hat.

Leaders please bring: Scissors, paste and name tag with train theme for each girl.

RSVP 27:2:95 to: Gaie Maddock
96 Whittens Lane, Doncaster 3105
(Please send \$1.30 for train and 30cents for badge per girl)

Name of Unit

Number of Gumnut Guides Enclosed \$.....

Number of Leaders

Number of Family members

Signed

**Camp Carnegie
McGowan's Road
Donvale Mel 48 J1**

CRAFT FAIR

**Sunday 19 February 1995
10.00am - 3.00pm**

**CELEBRATING: 85 years of World Guiding
50 years of Caring for the
Environment and
Thinking Day**

Bring your unit or come with family and friends.

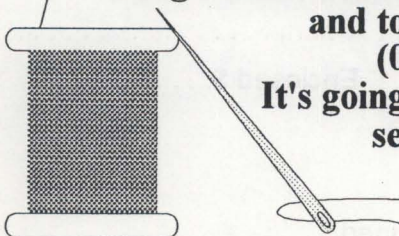
**GATE CHARGES: \$1.00 per person with free
activities and challenges plus
food and craft stalls.**

Would you like to set up a stall and sell your crafts?

**Ring PAT at headquarters for the scale of fees
and to book a site on:**

(03)654 7911

**It's going to be a great day-
see you there!**



★ GUIDE BISCUITS ★

Attention all Commissioners, District Leaders, Leaders, Support Groups, Trefoil Guilds, etc...

IT'S GUIDE BISCUIT TIME AGAIN!!

The first bake for 1995 is fast approaching. As well as our "regular" Guide biscuits, our new "Half Coated Choc Guide Biscuits" will be available again. We also have our new line of 2 Pack PLAIN Biscuits — 2 plain biscuits individually packed in a cellophane bag — These are ideal for sale to bowling and other sporting groups, hospitals, local businesses, councils, etc., and a wonderful promotional tool. Cost is \$11.01 per box of 100 packets . . . Recommended Sale Price is \$15 per Box. These **MUST** be sold by the box and **NOT** by the single packets due to marketing laws.

● make marketing easier, the choc coated biscuits are packed in 200 gm packets — regulars are 250 gm — but both will cost the same, so you can sell **ALL GUIDE BISCUITS AT THE SAME PRICE.** i.e. \$1.60 or up to \$1.70 per pkt.

There are still 20 packets of biscuits per carton, and minimum orders will remain at 10 cartons. (You may have a combination of choc and regular and 2-packs to make 10 cartons.)

PLEASE NOTE: Biscuits can **NO LONGER** be collected at Arnott's. This service is no longer available, so you **MUST** order and collect through a local district or group.

ORDERS FOR BOTH BISCUITS CLOSE: **FRIDAY, 17th MARCH, 1995**

. . . and stock should be delivered within 7 to 8 weeks of orders being received. As the biscuits are now baked interstate, the whole process takes longer, however, you **MAY** receive your order in less than 6 weeks, depending on stocks available. Therefore, the earlier you send in your order, the earlier you will receive your biscuits.

If you have a Special Event for which you require Biscuits, **mark your order clearly** with the date, but allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery. **DO** try and promote biscuits in your area, **TAKE COURAGE**, be **AMBITIOUS**, and order **PLENTY**, as last bake stocks ran out very early, and many people were disappointed.

Once again, Headquarters **WILL NOT** and **CANNOT** hold stock for you to draw on, so you **MUST** order plenty locally.

A fair guide as to what to order is to work out what you think you can sell, and then **DOUBLE IT** — you'll find that you'll have no trouble selling them all. And **REMEMBER**. . . **it helps YOU financially**, but it also Promotes Guiding in your area at the same time . . . **AND** they're really nice biscuits!

Good luck & happy biscuiting.

Sally Alston
Guide Biscuit Co-ordinator

ARNOTT'S BISCUITS LIMITED
* GIRL GUIDE BISCUITS *
ORDER FORM — VICTORIA

CLOSING DATE FOR ORDERS: FRIDAY 17th MARCH, 1995

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Customer No. (on your last invoice):..... Date:.....
(If you don't know your Customer Number, please ring me on 333 1514 for assistance.)
WORDING MUST BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS PREVIOUS ORDERS.

Account to be charged to (Unit/District/Division/Region/Support Group).....

If you have a special event or show, you must order early and mark CLEARLY the date required. You must allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.

Mr/ Mrs/ Ms/ Miss:.....

Address:.....

Postcode.....

**NOTE: Cost price per case is \$22.20 (approx. \$1.11 per packet), including sales tax.
Cost price per case of 2 packs is \$11.01, including sales tax.
Recommended Selling Price is \$1.60 or up to \$1.70 per Pkt..
Recommended Selling Price is \$15.00 per CASE of 2 Packs.**

**PAYMENT IS
NETT 30 DAYS.**

Number of REGULAR GUIDE BISCUIT cases required:..... (20 X 250 gm pks each case)

Number of HALF COATED CHOC BISCUIT cases required:..... (20 X 200 gm pks each case)

Number of 2 PACK PLAIN BISCUIT cases required:..... (100 X 2 biscuits each case)

TOTAL CASES.....

**MINIMUM DELIVERY ORDER IS TEN (10) CASES, which may include a combination of Both types of biscuit.
(Smaller orders can NO LONGER be picked up at Arnott's. This service is no longer available. . .Biscuits MUST be ordered
and collected through a local district, group, etc.**

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Date Required for Special Events, Shows, etc.....
(*Allow at least 6 to 7 weeks for delivery.) **(DELIVERY AT NO COST TO YOU!)**

ATTENTION: Mr/ Mrs/ Ms/ Miss:.....

Address:.....

Postcode.....

Phone number for contact: Area Code (.....)

NOTE: Please indicate exact address for delivery. Not RMB, PO Box Number, as all deliveries have to be signed for.

PLEASE RETURN THIS ORDER FORM TO:

Miss Gabriella Trevisan, Sales Department, Arnott's Biscuits Limited, 53 Huntingdale Road, BURWOOD VIC 3125
Telephone: (03) 805 1305 Facsimile: (03) 88 88 305

**DAMAGED STOCK: Claims for stock received in poor condition should be notified to Miss Gabriella Trevisan by Phone AND in Writing within 24 hours
of receipt of goods.**