

**GIRL GUIDES
ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA**
Incorporated

**ANNUAL
REPORT
1990**



STATE HIGHLIGHTS



Bike Muster

Queensland

QUEENSLAND

- 3,500 brownie guides attended a birthday party in Toowoomba in October 1989 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the brownie guide section.
- The ranger section is helping with a 'Bike Muster' which involves the police, transport department and service clubs. Children are encouraged to take their bicycles for inspection and repairs, and to improve their riding skills.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- To celebrate Thinking Day and 80 years of guiding, a special service was held in St Peter's Cathedral. After a parade through the streets of Adelaide, members packed the cathedral to participate in a memorable service of worship and thanksgiving.

NEW SOUTH WALES

- A team of rangers walked from Melbourne to Sydney and raised \$47,000 for the NSW Cancer Council. It took a year to plan and 23 days to walk over 1000 km.
- Let's Make Music was a special live-in weekend attended by 60 brownies. The 1990 theme was 'Simply Music' and a delightful concert was produced as a finale.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

- Mrs Margaret Muirhead, wife of the new Administrator, is the president of the Northern Territory Association. She invited brownies, guides, rangers and leaders to Government House to make their Promise with her.
- The Bougainvillea festival is a community activity held in Darwin in the dry season. It is an opportunity for local guiding to be involved and be seen. Each year a float is entered in the grand parade.



Let's Make Music

New South Wales



Thinking Day celebrations

South Australia

- 'Go Girl Guides' was the theme of an exciting promotion sponsored by Foundation South Australia. A lyrical jingle is being broadcast on television and radio with matching posters in buses.



State Camp

Northern Territory

TASMANIA

- '8 Million and Me' was a state international activity day held in March at City Park Launceston to help all members appreciate the value of belonging to a very large worldwide organisation.
- Tasmanian brownie guides held three huge birthday parties and sleepovers one weekend last November. 'Mullala' means 'little sister' and was the name of the project that enabled 1700 younger members to get together and have fun.

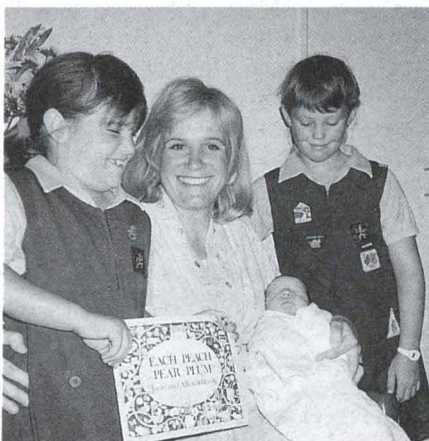
VICTORIA

- Two books were produced with the assistance of state government funding. The International Activities Book is a collection of crafts, stories, songs, dances and games that can be used in the unit program. The Junior Sparkit Kit provides easy to use program ideas for 9-12 year olds.
- Earthkeepers camps have been held for children in years 5 and 6 at the Donvale guide property. There are three days of activities related to understanding how our Earth functions and how it must be looked after.



Mullala

Tasmania



Books for Babies

Western Australia

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Activity programs for brownies and their friends are being held at guide house during the school holidays.
- Books for Babies is an imaginative guiding project for the International Literacy Year. A book is being presented to every baby born at the King Edward Memorial Hospital during 1990.



Earthkeepers

Victoria

THE PROGRAM IN ACTION



At the beginning of March 1990 one program committee retired and a new one took office. The Association is fortunate to have the services of such committed and skilled volunteers who meet regularly to advise and assist all who are responsible for delivering a program for girls that is up-to-date, fun, adventurous and valuable for their future development.



Gumnut guides have proved to be very popular with the nation's six year olds. The program is interesting, fun and an exciting introduction to guiding for these girls. Many adults who have not previously been involved in guiding are enjoying the challenge of leadership with this age group.

In 1989 brownie guides celebrated the anniversary of their beginnings 75 years ago. Special gatherings and birthday parties were held all around Australia. Many units worked hard to give a special present of \$27,000 to the Australian Koala Foundation.

Guide units are divided into patrols, each with a leader chosen by the girls. The patrol system enables the girls to be responsible for their own decision making. To assist patrol leaders many states produce a magazine which provides the girls with ideas, activities and information about events and special badges.



The ranger section has introduced Social Awareness certificates and eight certificates are now available to encourage these older girls to learn more about the world around them. A special focus has been the raising of funds to support teenage cancer patients by selling badges designed by Ken Done.



The junior leader program continues to attract girls who are interested in leadership training within the Association. As well as a self development program, they receive specific training by assisting at gumnut guide, brownie guide and guide unit meetings.



Training of adult leaders is essential if the programs provided are to continue to meet the individual needs of each girl. The training committee is responsible for developing and maintaining an effective team who willingly give their time and expertise to ensure high standards of leadership.

Outdoor and adventurous activities are an important part of the program. High safety standards are essential and in May this year state advisers and the national consultant met to ensure continued development in these areas.



GETTING TOGETHER AUSTRALIA WIDE

AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM CONFERENCE – Hobart – January 1990

National and state advisers meet every two years to consider the program and ensure its relevance to the needs of the girls of today. This conference met at the same venue as the Training Conference so that they could share some activities. The joint theme was 'We all have a place in the world of tomorrow'.

AUSTRALIAN TRAINING CONFERENCE – Hobart – January 1990

The national and state office-bearers concerned with training, along with holders of the Association's training diploma, discussed and helped formulate the new 'Australian Leadership Training Program'. This development will assist new and experienced leaders to perform better as adult leaders in the Association.

AUSTRALIAN PATROL LEADERS GATHERING – JUMBUNNA – Hobart – January 1990

This special guide section event is held in a different state every three years. Two hundred girls from all over Australia worked and played together for a week spent under canvas at Orana, the Tasmanian guide property.

JOTA (Jamboree-on-the-Air) 1989

This event is held on the third weekend in October every year. It is a Scout Association event and an increasing number of girls and leaders have fun linking up by radio with groups around



Jamboree-on-the-Air

Australia and overseas. This year there were over 9000 guide participants.

EVERY AUSTRALIAN GUIDE LEADERS EVENT (EAGLE) – Sydney – May 1990

Held at Glengarry, the NSW guide property, EAGLE was attended by 80 leaders from around Australia and 14 from eight overseas countries. This was a time for participants to share ideas and experiences while enjoying fun and fellowship.

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONERS EVENT (ACE) – Adelaide – August 1989

This was an exciting new event. The 139 participants from all states and New Zealand enjoyed the program of workshops, guest speakers and entertainment. It is planned to hold the event again.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP – Melbourne – March 1990

This gathering enabled the state and national associations to get together with an experienced facilitator to clarify, define and document the responsibilities and functions of state and national associations. Progress was made to develop strategies in decision making, accountability, national merchandising and developing a corporate image.

The Australian Girl Guides Foundation funded this event.



Naming of the Baden-Powell aircraft



Jumbunna

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP



Australian delegation at the World Conference

International understanding is concerned with the acceptance of the differences between people, the appreciation of such differences and the awareness of even deeper similarities. Guiding provides opportunities for the development of such understanding and friendship. The Australian Association as a member of a World Association with 118 member countries, has many links with cultures different from our own.

Attendance at events overseas and international visitors to gatherings in this country provide opportunities for members to learn at first hand about working together, regardless of race or religion. During the past twelve months members have visited: Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, England, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Thailand, Singapore, Switzerland and USA.

Many overseas visitors make private visits to this country and also take the opportunity to meet guiding friends while they are here. There were also two special friendship groups who visited Australia – one from Thailand to Victoria and another from Japan to Western Australia.

The Irene Fairbairn Fund, the international travel fund and special state funds give some financial assistance to members attending overseas events. Post Box enables members to be linked by correspondence with guiding friends overseas. It continues to be a popular pastime with nearly 1000 links made annually.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

27TH WORLD CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE – June 1990

Member countries of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts met together to review the past three years and make plans for the future. The most important agenda items were concerned with the constitutional changes and strategies for the advancement of girls and women.

27TH WORLD CONFERENCE DELEGATION

Mrs A Millhouse AM Miss A Brown
Mrs J Scarlett Mrs J Forrest
Mrs S Van der Werff

COMMONWEALTH CHIEF COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE – June 1990

The chief commissioners of 51 Commonwealth countries met together in Kuala Lumpur to learn more about each other and discuss matters of mutual concern. This very practical conference concentrated on the exchange of ideas, and activities that helped tackle current issues such as the environment, drugs and relationships with the Scout Association.

BANGLADESH AUSTRALIA CHILD HEALTH PROJECT

This program is now in its fifth year. Over the past twelve months 26 young adults have been members of the two combined Guide Scout teams which have worked hard to train themselves and raise money for their trip to Bangladesh. They work alongside the

Bangladeshi rangers and rovers to assist in making life healthier for people living in the villages.

MUTUAL AID PROJECT

Australia's special focus for 1990 is to assist the Girl Guides Association of Tonga. They have been building a new headquarters and the money raised in Australia will help with the further development of guiding there.

THE OLAVE BADEN-POWELL SOCIETY

Twenty-six members of the society met in Melbourne last September. Her Royal Highness Princess Benedikte of Denmark presented certificates to the new members who had pledged themselves to strengthen the services and facilities of the World Association by making a substantial financial contribution. There are now 182 members, six of them Australians.

WORLD ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FORUM – August 1989

This event, held in England, was attended by the Australian training adviser. It was an opportunity to discuss policy, evaluate training schemes and share ideas and resources.

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ADVISERS CONFERENCE – Adelaide – November 1989

This national gathering is one of the regular conferences held to enable national and state advisers to meet, share experiences and resources and make plans for the future.



Bangladesh Australia Child Health Project

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE – ACTIVITIES FOR THE PAST YEAR

- Style guidelines and copyright information made available
- Cards and certificates updated
- Procedures for revision and creation of handbooks revised
- Set of three guide activity books prepared for publication
- Gumnut guide leader starter kit distributed
- Junior leader handbook and information booklet edited
- Representing Your Country revised
- Authors for Policy, Organisation and Rules (new edition) appointed

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

As a result of the on-site analysis workshop held in August 1989 a number of changes have been made to ensure that the Association has an effective and efficient system of administration. These include:

- Computerisation of the accounting system
- A new subscription procedure for Guiding in Australia (national magazine)
- Three year financial planning and budgeting
- Updating of the administration procedures manual
- A new orientation program for all new Australian officebearers
- Preparation of a manual for state secretaries, outlining their responsibilities in conjunction with Australian headquarters

GOVERNMENT GRANT

A grant of \$3000 was received from the Federal Office of the Status of Women to produce ten facts sheets which will provide information to young women on current health issues.

AWARDS NOVEMBER 1989 – MAY 1990

Guide Awards

Red Kangaroo Miss T Giles
Red Kangaroo Mrs M O'Donnell

Irene Fairbairn Fund Challenge Awards

Miss J Macky
Miss K McCasker

Eleanor Manning Memorial Award

Mrs J Allitt (First recipient)

Amy Bush Bursary

Mrs A Swaffield

Amy Bush Fund for Leaders

Mrs B Cox

Civil Awards

Mrs S Adams (NSW) OAM
Mrs F Bisby (Vic) OAM
Mrs Y Herbert OBE (Qld) CBE
Mrs P Moorhouse (NSW) OAM
Miss G Pritchard (NSW) OAM
Miss M Russell (NSW) OAM

Supporters Badge

Mr M Dunn (Australian Treasurer)
Mr B Nash (Publications Chairman)



Her Excellency Mrs Hayden at the national launch of the gumnut guides – Canberra 1990

AUSTRALIAN OFFICE-BEARERS

President	Her Excellency Mrs Hayden
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Public Relations Adviser	Mrs M Taylor
Training Adviser	Mrs E Davies
Treasurer	Mr M Dunn

AUSTRALIAN OFFICE-BEARERS

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Overseas Publications Correspondent	Mrs E Smitheram
Post Box Secretary	Mrs J Burch
Public Officer	Mrs J Griffin
Radio Activities Consultant	Miss S Wyatt
Ranger Adviser	Mrs H Barton
Superannuation Chairman	Mr H Carter
Trefoil Guild Adviser	Mrs M Grigg
Uniform Review Committee Chairman	Mrs C Duthie
United Nations Liaison	Miss W Swift

AUSTRALIAN COMMITTEES

Awards Committee
Mrs M Chandler (Chairman)
Mrs N Brazier
Mrs J Lockhart Gibson

Irene Fairbairn Fund Committee
Mrs J Grimwade OBE (Chairman)
Mrs B Lawrence
Senator K Patterson

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Miss J Stacy OAM

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Mr M Nolan
Mrs D Wiles

Training Committee
Mrs E Davies
Mrs A Fyfe
Miss R McPhee

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Asia Pacific Committee	Lady Carrick AO
Asia Pacific Training Pool Member	Mrs V Trembath
Constitutions Committee – substitute member	Miss B Neill
Pax Lodge Committee Member	Mrs P Goodheart AM
Olave Baden-Powell Society Vice President	Lady Price CMG OBE

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