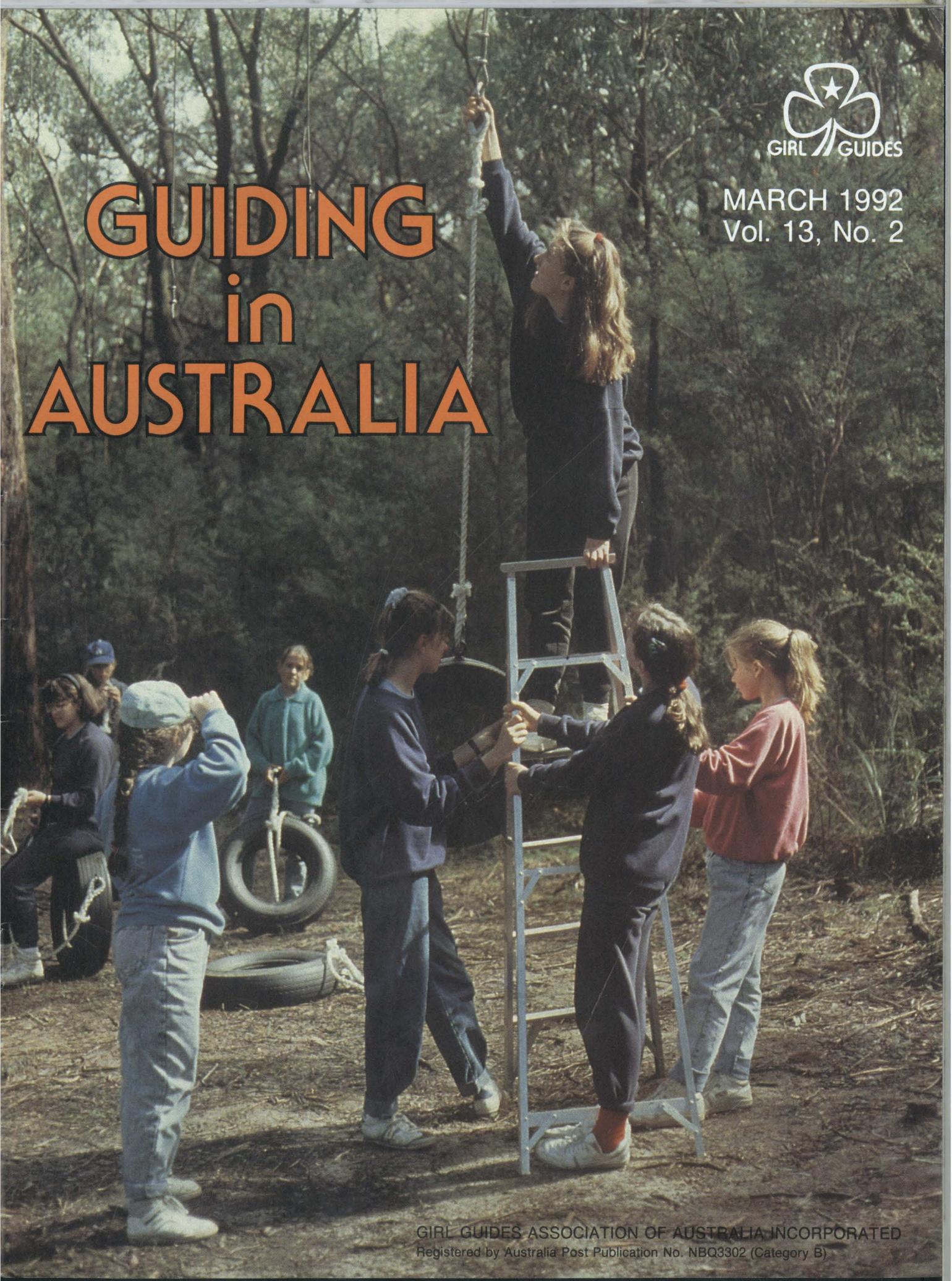




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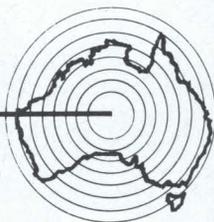
# GUIDING in AUSTRALIA





Bright and cheery group. Bridport gumnut guides, Tasmania.  
 Top: Lauren Padgett, Miranda Roozendaal, Jaci Noonan.  
 Middle: Rebecca Barnett, Jane Arens, Megan Robinson.  
 Bottom: Kate Gadd, Rebecca Mackie, Elizabeth Sattler.

GUIDING AROUND *Australia*



Learning skills at the Fellwood Region camp in South Australia.  
 Photo: Jan Forrest.



Busselton in Western Australia first gumnut guides.

Guides from Springvale Unit, ACT, held a wake-a-thon which raised more than \$130 for the RSPCA ACT. © Graham Gittins.



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North Balwyn guides setting up the project adventure ropes course at Britannia Park campsite, Yarra Junction, Victoria.

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# NATIONAL

## *The acting Chief Commissioner*

January is considered a time of renewal in the Girl Guides Association — when leaders may relax with their families and refresh for the coming year, or clean out last year's papers for a fresh start or attend conferences and gatherings with girls or other leaders and refresh their spirit of involvement.

This January in Adelaide, I was able to attend the last 24 hours of the Australian Ranger Gathering known as STARS and was uplifted by the marvellous feeling of excitement and enthusiasm that came from 350 tired young women bonded through eight days of shared activities. They arrived as state contingents by bus, car, train and plane and they departed midst a welter of tears as sisters determined to keep in touch.



I went on to attend the Australian Training Program Conferences where ideas flowed, were picked up, re-arranged, revamped or sometimes discarded and where friendships were made or re-affirmed. We too became tired, teary, extended but most definitely refreshed and encouraged by the ideas plans and results of months of hard work which culminated in a most successful conference.

During 1992 you will hear more of and receive the benefits that will come from both these gatherings and also from the Great Guide Walkabout. May you put it to good use and have a great year.

*Helen Christian  
Acting Chief Commissioner*

## ANN MILLHOUSE HONOURED

Eight South Australians were among this year's recipients of the Advance Australia Awards announced on 31 January 1992. Ann Millhouse was one of these, acknowledged for her contribution to the advancement of girls and young women through her involvement with the Girl Guides Association

As Ann would not be able to attend the state presentation at Government House on 13 February, her Excellency, Dame Roma Mitchell, the Governor of South Australia chose to visit Ann at her home on 3 February to make the presentation.

Mandy Macky, the state commissioner was present at the ceremony and reports:  
*The citation was read by the Chairman of the Advance Australia committee in South Australia, Mr Tom Chapman and then Dame Roma presented Ann with a handsome silver trophy and a badge.*

It was a particularly special occasion for Ann and Robin as their five children were all with them for the presentation. Indeed one of their daughters had arrived just that morning from the UK.

**The Girl Guides Association of Australia is a part of a worldwide voluntary organisation which promotes and encourages the development of girls and women as responsible community members through a program of activities and service and a commitment to the Guide Promise.**

# UPDATE ...

## Program and Training Conferences

How did you spend your January, relaxing in the sun, reading the books that have piled up on your shelf during the year, catching up with family and friends?

Ninety members of the Australian guiding family spent a week together in the suburb of North Adelaide. Lincoln College was the venue chosen for the Australian Training and Program Conferences held between 11-18 January.

This event occurs every two years and is a gathering of all diploma'd trainers, state section advisers and their Australian counterparts, to consider both the training for leaders and the program for the girls to ensure its relevance to the needs of the leaders and girls of today.

The South Australian hostess team made sure all our needs were met. Food was too plentiful for the fuller guiding figure, but irresistible, tea, coffee, and milo were on tap, and gentle exercise was provided by a cruise on the Torrens River and mid week trips to local tourist spots. After the initial shock, the nearby shops coped with the lunchtime and late afternoon waves of blue clad women who quickly discovered where to buy a phone card, the best ice cream, and that little, lightweight, small, yet unique gift to take home.

The conference theme was **Golden Threads** and our workshop discussions focussed on the threads that bind us, the Promise and Law, our national training program, our badge system and the sections to which our girls belong. International links with the Asia Pacific Region were highlighted with Australian representatives from events in Singapore and Sri Lanka joining our discussions. We were delighted to have two

trainers from New Zealand to share their training ideas and programs during the week. Maha Salhani, Guider in Charge at Our Chalet, shared the 60th birthday of a barn, Spycher, as part of the complex at Our Chalet. Maha's challenge of a donation of at least 60c from every member of the Association as one of the ways of realising this dream was met by the conference participants.

Recommendations from the several workshops held during the conference were discussed at a general session and certain items will be submitted to the Australian executive committee at their meeting in May.

We will let you know the outcome.

Anne Smith

## Gumnut guides

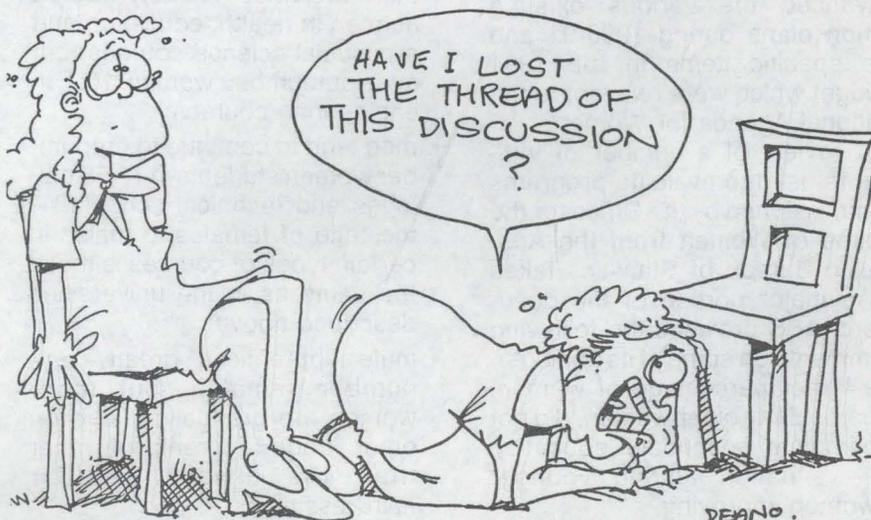
Did you know that there are now 338 gumnut guide units registered throughout Australia?

The recently appointed Australian gumnut guide adviser, Di Vernon met with gumnut guide advisers from each state as part of the Australian Program and Training Conferences during January. This was a moment in guiding history — the newest section taking its place alongside other sections and as an equal partner.

Among the many ideas and plans discussed, a badge was put forward. This was in response to

brownie guide leaders request to have a badge that could be worn on the brownie guide sash to show that the girl had been a gumnut guide.

You will hear more about other details in due course. By the way did you know that the favourite colour for gumnut guide popovers is pink, particularly when the girls are able to choose their own colour.



## The National Agenda for Women

The September 1991 issue of GiA looked at the National Agenda for Women and outlined the main areas for attention, namely:

- **a say for women**
- **a choice for women**
- **a fair go for women**
- **international co-operation**

Since its inception in 1988, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Office of the Status of Women has published an annual Implementation Report to show the progress or otherwise in these areas, leading to the year 2000 when it is intended that the goals set will be achieved.

The 1991 Report is now available. It reports a directive from the Federal Government to the Office of the Status of Women to prepare new five-year action plans, with particular emphasis on women workers, including those with family responsibilities; women with special needs; violence against women, and women and the environment.

There are details on the many activities and programs which advanced the various existing action plans during 1990-91 and the specific items in the 1991 Budget which were relevant to the National Agenda for Women.

A review of a number of indicators used to evaluate programs commissioned by the Office for the Status of Women from the Australian Bureau of Statistics takes up a major portion of the document. ABS provides the following comments on some of its findings:

- a larger percentage of women, particularly older women, did not complete secondary education — situation among younger women improving;

- women remain under-represented in people having post-secondary qualifications and degrees, but this too is improving in all female age groups;
- more girls than boys stay in school until Year 12 with the retention rate increasing for both boys and girls but at a higher rate for girls;
- the same relative increases apply to women enrolled in higher education — increasing for both males and females, but at a higher rate for females;
- women outnumber men in diploma level course, are roughly equal at the bachelor level and fall to just over 50 per cent of males enrolled at the PhD level;
- there are twice as many women as men in health, education and arts/social science courses, but men outnumber women 10:1 in engineering courses;
- men tend to continue to outnumber women students in TAFE colleges and technical schools — the ratio of females to males in certain types of courses is much the same as in the universities described above;
- male apprentices greatly outnumber females, but more women are gradually taking on other trade apprentices other than the always popular hairdressing;
- in 1986, the participation rate for women in the labour force was 47.9; in 1990 it had risen to 52.2 while the percentage for men had remained stable;
- the female unemployment rate and the youth unemployment rate are higher than for adult males;
- the unemployment rate for young females aged 20 to 24 years is less than for young men of the same age;
- only 60 per cent of employed women work full-time as compared to 90 per cent of men — this is a fairly stable comparison;
- women dominate among teachers, clerks, sales and service workers while men dominate as managers, natural scientists, building professionals, engineers, tradespersons and plant and machine operators — the ratios have not changed much in the last few years;
- the area where there has been a gain for females is in the business and social professionals such as health practitioners;
- there are fewer employers or self-employed females than males — percentages vary according to the areas of employment along the lines of those detailed above;
- the average weekly earnings overall of full-time female employees is about 80 per cent

# Women Today

of full-time male employees — a fairly constant figure since 1987. This could be attributed to domination in certain fields as much as discrimination in rates of pay in the same areas;

- superannuation coverage from women is increasing;
- more women than men are eligible for the age pension, but the rates of both have decreased slightly — possibly due to income testing for people aged 70 and over in force since 1983; assets testing of pensions since 1985; better superannuation coverage; and higher rates of return on investment in recent years;

- women live on average six years longer than men — life expectancy is increasing for both, but at the same ratio;
- this does not necessarily mean women enjoy a better quality of life since more women report physical and emotional health problems;
- in 1989-90, one in four women smoked and one in three men — a drop for both but the decrease for men is greater than for women;
- half of all women drink alcohol compared to three-quarters of all men — a small increase for women and a slight decrease for men;

- women are 50 per cent more likely to use pain killers, tranquilisers and sleeping pills than men with the study showing a slight increase for both;
- about 50 per cent of all women not working, but wishing to do so cite 'family reasons' as the stumbling block — this reason is given by only 10 per cent of men in a similar situation, representing an increase for both with a three times greater increase for men indicating, perhaps, a change in the acceptance of family responsibilities.

## A voyage on the Young Endeavour

**My first time aloft (up the mast) came at 0400 hours. Being told to relax while clinging onto a sail 30 metres above the deck at such a cold hour was not an effective order!**

The Company of Master Mariners of Australia — Sydney Branch recently became my fairy godpeople. I applied for a sponsorship for a 10-day voyage on board our national sail training ship *STS Young Endeavour*. The receipt of this sponsorship was a dream come true. For 10 days I was able to live the life of a tall-ship sailor.

On 19 August at 1600 hours, 24 trainees and nine staff crew motored out of Newcastle Harbour and anchoring outside the breakwater for the night, had activities to get to know and learn to trust the other 32 people on board.

Each morning was spent cleaning the ship, a one and a half hour ritual attending hygiene and safety lectures and carrying out drills to set (pull out) and furl (put away) sails.

At midday we set sail for the first time. I was the 'white watch' leader for the day. The duties involved giving orders for setting and furling the sails, nominating a person to steer the ship and one to lookout, two to check that the ship is running smoothly and to make sure that all in our watch knew where they should be. All this on our first day meant that I had to learn quickly about sails and where the



lines (ropes) were and how to set and furl them. That was a challenge as there are 10 sails and more than 170 lines.

That night we were on watch when the ship 'backed' (the wind was blowing into the sails on the wrong side, making the ship go backwards). The call went out over the PA system — 'All hands on deck' — and sleeping bodies came out with enthusiasm at 12.30 am.

My courage and co-ordination were tested when I was required to go aloft — to the very top yard to pull the sail in and tie it up. The wind was gusting up to a very strong 60 knots at this time!

The rough seas made most people sea-sick — even some of the staff didn't escape. I was not sick but I felt a little bit off.

That night I rugged up for watch duty — a thermal spencer, T-shirt, woollen jumper, jacket, smock, jeans, storm wet-weather gear, gloves, two pair of socks and a woollen head-band and I was STILL cold.

The next morning we went ashore to HMAS Creswell, Jervis Bay, and bent down to kiss the swaying ground!

Day 5. I was in the galley helping the chef — one of the advantages of being on galley duty was that you could sleep all night.

After sailing all night and day, and having dolphins with us for part of the way, we arrived at Port Stephens. This was the venue for a sports day, when we challenged the staff crew to games on the beach.

On Youth Crew Command Day we were handed the ship for 26 hours. We elected our own captain, XO second in command, navigator, watch leaders and chefs. Our task was to sail from anchor in Broken Bay, north to Bird Island near Port Stephens, and south again to Sydney to arrive at 1400 hours the following afternoon.

Just as we were approaching Sydney the wind went from a gentle six knots to gusting up to 40 knots and I was at the wheel! I thought that it was great — my new knowledge and skills were being tested well — the ship was on a big lean, people were running around the deck furling and setting sails, water was slashing over the side, half of our lunch was now on the deck of the galley, AND I was in control of it all!

Sailing into Sydney Harbour was an exhilarating experience, but the next morning was even better. We motored from where we were moored to Darling Harbour — while hanging on the yards. I was on the very top yard at the very end with a feeling of 'I wish I never had to come down', a total turn-around to my first time up there.

While on the ship, I wondered why I was willingly putting myself through the torture of lack of sleep and hard work, and whether I would be able to survive the rest of the voyage, but it was knowing that I was being pushed beyond my physical and mental limits that gave me a sense of achievement and satisfaction and enthused me to push on even further beyond my previous limits.

I would like to thank the Company of Master Mariners for this opportunity to learn so much about myself, others and sailing, and to experience many once in a lifetime opportunities.

Melissa-Ann Dunn  
New South Wales

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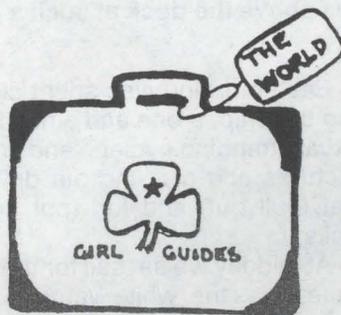
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# Sangam Silver Jubilee — Let's Celebrate

16-25 September 1991

Never has the magical spirit of Sangam been more in evidence than during the 10 days of the Sangam Silver Jubilee when the

past, present and future of our world home were celebrated in a vibrant atmosphere of joy and oneness. Participants of all ages came from 16 countries filling the house for a truly international event and as the days passed they were joined by more friends of Sangam.

Welcome day was bright — showing Sangam at its best. The grounds fresh and colourful, the house newly painted and immaculate. A heart-warming sight for those who had struggled to maintain Sangam through the lean years. The welcome ceremony conducted by Anu, the first guider-in-charge, was as moving as ever, a dignified prelude to an afternoon and evening of lively mixing activities led by the volunteer staff.

The international birthday was the first of the three days spent with the 120 guides and leaders who came to Pune from various neighbouring parts of Maharashtra State to join in the jubilee celebrations.

Through the morning the guides sampled a wide variety of international crafts, dancing, singing and activities. Then followed an hour of pure party fun. It was a truly festive birthday party to finish off a very full and rewarding day.

Then it was India day and the guides turn to present a spectacular display of Indian culture through dance, arts and crafts.

Jubilee day dawned brightly. The jubilee garden was formally inaugurated and blessed according to Hindu custom, mango and coconut trees were planted by rotarians, by former and current guiding staff and committee members of Sangam.

We were joined by the Mayor of Pune who presented Patsy Bonsal, chairman of Sangam committee, with a flame of friendship from the city. Led by the flame the officials marched behind the international flags and a local school band to the camp ground. About 25 people were present who had



At the opening ceremony — Betty Davis (Victoria), Fran Page (WA), Ros Nicholson (Victoria), Vicki Trembath (Victoria), Joan Johansson (WA), Jenny Barron (Tasmania) volunteer. Absent — Joan Stevenson (NSW) past member of Sangam committee.

been at the opening of Sangam and we heard Betty Clay recall on tape the occasion when her mother, Lady Baden-Powell had been the honoured guest and had described Sangam as a **power-house of light and love**.

Pigeons, flag-hoisting, prayers, speeches, songs and the presentation of gifts were all part of the formalities marking the inspiration and dedication of many women and countries over the past 25 years. This was relived in an hour long pageant of music, dance, mime and commentary, enacted by a cast of nearly 100. It concluded with *Let's celebrate*, the

jubilee song, sung by all and the spirit of Sangam representing youth gave the blessing for Sangam's future.

Our last night together was spent around the campfire under the stars. The final morning after an evaluation session, a closing ceremony organised by the Australians.

We will always remember our stay at Sangam. For four of us it was our first visit but we all gained so much by being present at the silver jubilee celebrations.

Betty Davis  
Victoria

# Winning the Peace



## Guide International Service

### PART 2

**Have you tried sleeping, without a mattress, on the floor in your sleeping bag for three weeks? Can you eat whatever food is put on your plate? Can you stop a bad habit? Can you drive a car and a truck, change a tyre, ride a bicycle and do repairs and ride a horse? Cut hair, handle a boat, delouse a head? How about cooking a two course meal on a bush fire in the rain? How fast can you boil half a pint of water in the bush starting with collecting the wood — under five minutes? How about teaching first aid to deaf children? Is your camping really the best you can make it?**

A tent arrives, which you must use, but no poles, what do you do? Can you get up in the middle of the night, get dressed, find handbag and keys and be out of the house in five minutes without waking anyone? Could you scrub a hospital floor and wash dishes all day without any food? Do you allow other people's bad habits to annoy you? What about YOUR bad habits, do they irritate others? We had to learn to put ourselves into the other fellow's shoes.

Miss Ward, our GIS chairman, was told by a relief worker in World War I, to **enrol only those who are prepared to specialise in the impossible**. There could be no ifs or buts — I'll do anything as long as I get a good night's sleep. A volunteer must prepare herself to be a jack-of-all-trades and a master of at least one. Experts are very useful only if they are adaptable and can get on with others. In relief work, things are done as they could be done, not as they should be done.

Some of the volunteers felt the training and testing was pointless, but how many times in Germany was I glad I could eat whatever was put on my plate, it would have offended greatly not to eat every bit! The Team in Malaya were given some very odd things to eat and had to show great pleasure in doing so. Our training was not to

toughen us but to *temper mind and spirit*. I found it very hard, as did many volunteers, to sit through a service or function for two or three hours in Polish, Ukrainian or whatever without understanding a word and still look and be truly interested. I was glad I had practised walking at night without a light, most teams had little or no electricity in the early days and had to use lamps. Even sleeping on the floor was a help, Team 131 had to

sleep on racks in a cigarette factory before they were found a billet. One of the hardest things of all was to sit and listen to a very distraught person and know we could do so little to help.

Much of the training came in handy at the first test camp held in Victoria. Thirteen volunteers from all states except Queensland attended, with five assessors. What an exhausting week it was! We were told to bring a lightweight tent each, sleeping bag, clothing for a week, and cooking utensils, all in a rucksac and a very small suitcase. Those assessors inspected our gear on the very last morning. You can imagine what it looked like by then.

We were housed in guide and scout halls around Melbourne and in one we had to cook on a tiny cor-

**What a tremendous contribution Australian guiding made to the Guide International Service. We remember with deep gratitude the invaluable service given by the 24 Australian leaders who joined British teams in Holland and Germany and the one Australian team in Malaya.**

**We can be very proud of the enormous efforts made by so many members of the Movement, both in Great Britain and Australia, who supported those volunteers over many years by raising money, collecting food and clothing and other necessities to help in the rebuilding of a war-shattered world.**

**The full story of the GIS is a thrilling one and can be read in *All Things Uncertain*, as well as information in *From a Flicker to a Flame*.**

**This series of articles is to give members of today an overall view of the GIS and to include some experiences from Australian volunteers.**

ner fireplace. Little unwelcome notes labelled **General instruction No. ...** were handed out, at short notice giving volunteers jobs to do, such as buy the food for tomorrow or move the party to such and such a place at 1530 hours. Goodness, what time is THAT? One whole day we spent at Janefield, a mental hospital. Some volunteers had to bath and feed adults, some went to the nursery. I remember children with enormous heads, of mixed ages, who could not walk, slobbering over my uniform and getting into my pockets. Most of us had never seen such a tragic group of humanity before. Another afternoon we spent at Kew Mental Hospital. Chris and I spent all afternoon playing with very mentally retarded boys. Getting them inside to wash and into the dining room for tea was a real challenge.

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One day we had to report to Victoria Barracks and be interviewed by a Colonel. Instructions to find him were given to each volunteer at the gate by an assessor who gave them **ONCE** only, and quickly at that. I was about to ask for a repeat when something stopped me, so off I went and eventually knocked on a door opposite the right one. I heard a very relieved voice of an assessor calling loudly for me to come in. The Colonel asked us how we would go about organising a camp for 500 refugees on a paddock we had found the day before using a grid reference, miles out of Melbourne.

Then came two days at Britannia Creek, the lovely guide camping centre at Yarra Junction. I had to get the party there, I had never been to the place before. I had to find out the cost of train fares, get the money from the treasurer, buy the tickets and get the party to the railway station. It was a beautiful spot, snow covered mountains all round, and it was very cold as it was July. All 13 of us were stiff with ice. I dropped my torch, it

delighted to be out in the bush and quickly got tents up, dug fireplaces and got the camp set up. Lats had to be dug and screened, store tent up and gadgets made, firewood collected, campfire built. We were all keen to show off our camping skills.

After campfire at which each one of us had to give an impromptu talk or take an item, bed was very welcome. But not for long. About 4 am we were wakened by Barbara Godson, who had been shaken out of her bed by an assessor and told a flood was coming and she was to move the whole camp to the top of the campsite. Stores had to be carried up, tent to come down, lats filled in and screening folded up. It was **SO COLD** and so dark, my feet were frozen, my fingers wouldn't stretch out. My tent was frozen

broke. I slithered up and down that hillside half a dozen times. I was told to rescue the horse. I couldn't even see him in the dark. I was not on speaking terms with any horse! I waved my arms about and went looking. I nearly collapsed when he huffed in my ear. The horse and I had to be rescued by Jean (Tommy) Tucker. At last everything was set up again as dawn broke and we were criticised for not having made a cup of tea sooner.

After those two days we went back to Melbourne, put on clean uniforms and had to be hostesses to a lot of VIPs. Volunteers from this test who went overseas were — a team to Malaya with Miss Del Hayman and Miss Manning (who had been assessors) with Barbara Godson and Pat Richards. To Germany Tommy Tucker, Des Cohen, Lysbeth Thomas, Anne Kerner and myself. Barbara Godson came on to Germany after Malaya.

Nancy Eastick

## Who was Agnes Baden-Powell?

Agnes was the only sister of the Founder of the Scout Movement.

There were five boys in the family — Warrington became a barrister; George was knighted for his services to the Colonial Service in different parts of the Empire; Frank started a career as a barrister, but took up art instead and became a painter and sculptor of some note. Robert Stephenson went on to form the Scout Movement after distinguished service in the British Army. Agnes was born on December 16, 1858, and was followed by Baden, the youngest brother who became the President of the British Aeronautical Society and a pioneer in aviation.

Their father was the Rev B. Baden-Powell, the Professor of Geometry at Oxford and their mother, the daughter of an Admiral Smyth who served under Nelson. Mrs Baden-Powell was left a widow at the age of 37 and raised the family on her own.

Agnes started the first committee to extend scouting to girls in 1910 at the request of her brother and had become Chief Guide of the growing Girl Guide Movement by 1914. She wrote the first Handbook called *How Girls Can Help to Build Up the Empire* and participated very actively in the adventurous life enjoyed by her brothers, and later, the increasing number of scouts and guides around the world.

Four of the Baden-Powell brothers, including Lord Baden-Powell, remained bachelors until they were over 50 years of age and then married women many years younger. Neither Agnes nor her youngest brother ever married.

She died in 1945, aged 86, after a long and busy life working for the Guide Movement and other organisations such as the British Red Cross.

# The future heritage of women in the Asia Pacific Region

At the World Conference in 1990, a young guide leader, Marie Yamamoto said in her keynote speech:

*We in guiding are rich in one thing above all; we are diverse in race, in religion and in ethnic origin. But we do not always understand one another. We do not always search for the human gift in each of us. While these conflicts make the newspaper headlines, it is important to remember that conflict is not the whole story. Every day, people are working for positive change.*

*As an individual, I cannot solve any one of these problems, but as a girl guide, my individual ideas can join with those of others. My Association can join with other members of the World Association of Girl Guides. Then, linking with other organisations, we CAN make a difference. Through each of our efforts, the world will benefit.*

Tragically, there now exists the power to destroy this world, to eliminate mankind and the world's flora and fauna. Nuclear, chemical, nerve and other weapons can unleash immediate and total destruction. Pollution and the wanton use of non-renewables can take a slower, but equally terminal path. Poverty and hunger still subjugate millions throughout the world — especially women and children — while nations argue about agricultural and trading policies. And people with different gods, or origins, or loyalties to one strong personality or another still commit acts of violence on themselves and on all those unfortunately close to them.

As women joined together in a common cause, we can achieve a great deal in seeking to overcome these terrible problems.

The Girl Guides Association operates in 118 countries with a membership of more than eight million. It must be and is aware of

the wider world of women. The girls of today will become the women of tomorrow. We in guiding know that they face a tremendous task — we believe that as never before in human history, the future will demand of the new generation great self-discipline, positive ethics, high integrity and good citizenship. These are the values we provide in our guide training programs.

Growing up female in today's rapidly changing world means facing an ever-widening array of opportunities and challenges. Growing up has never been easy, but today with all the pressures, decisions and conflicting expectations that confront girls — it is an especially challenging process. Girls must develop the confidence to explore the best opportunities and the determination to strive to achieve their occupational goals. In so many different ways, guiding can and does help girls to see themselves as individuals of worth and with opportunity to reach their full potential.

The Girl Guides Association is an organisation for the advancement of girls and women. We are a voluntary educational organisation and are open to all girls and women, without distinction of creed, race, nationality or other circumstances.

Our aim is to provide opportunities for the development of character and responsible citizenship — and to encourage service to the community. This is achieved through a program which gives each girl the chance to:

- recognise herself as a unique and valuable person
- develop physical fitness
- develop a code of behaviour based on informal decision-making
- appreciate talents through exploring the arts
- develop friendships
- be prepared to give useful service to the community

- learn and apply practical and creative homecraft skills
- develop a practical and enduring appreciation of her natural environment

With those qualities, she can achieve anything.

Our approach to implementing these objectives is based on small group learning through games and practical activities. In this way, the girl is encouraged to develop initiative, self-esteem, qualities of leadership and an understanding of personal relationships. These learned skills enable her to take her place as a responsible member of the community in a democratic society.

One important way in which we set out to achieve such positive development is to offer the girls capable, resourceful and self-reliant women as role models as leaders throughout their guiding careers. While parents are and will remain the prime influence on self-esteem early in life, other people — teachers, guide leaders, friends, classmates and many others — all play a critical role in affecting a girl's sense of worth. In a girl guide setting, with others of her own sex and guided by female adults, a girl draws from a learning environment that recognises **HER** contribution, **HER** value, and **HER** abilities — that is **FOR** girls.

We believe that girl guiding provides a girl with unique opportunities to know herself, and to gain proper self-respect and inner peace. This is achieved by undertaking independent projects appropriate to her development level; and by identifying with a group.

These opportunities can counteract the sense of alienation that young people often experience today — with families in which both parents work, increasing numbers of single parent homes, and other factors that cause children to feel lost and

alone. Every individual in this world is unique, both in genetic influence and in the experiences of their particular environment.

Every individual has the potential for dignity, happiness and a purposeful and fulfilled life, including the physically and mentally disabled. The very basis of dignity and purpose is individual self-esteem. This with suitable encouragement is the mainspring of motivation, the inner force which impels the individual to try, to strive, to aim a little higher.

Guiding is an international organisation whose object is to promote unity of purpose and common understanding of the fundamental principles of the girl guide/girl scout movements throughout the world and to encourage friendship among girls and women of all nations within frontiers and beyond. Membership is drawn from diverse faiths, ideologies, classes and cultures; by breaking down barriers we can foster real world harmony. We recognise that girls and women are girls and women whatever their nationality or background. It is our hope that through girl guiding, bridges of unity and understanding can be built between them.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

*Based on a speech given by Lady Carrick (Angela), former Chief Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Australia, to the International Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Conference.*



## Thanks brownies

A group of Victoria Park brownie guides in Western Australia were treated to a Parliament House lunch by a grateful government minister.

The excited group of youngsters were the guests of seniors' minister Judyth Watson, a former girl guide, in return for doing a favour for the Office of Seniors.

Community service is the most reputed role of brownie guides usually called a 'good turn' and depicted as helping old ladies across the road.

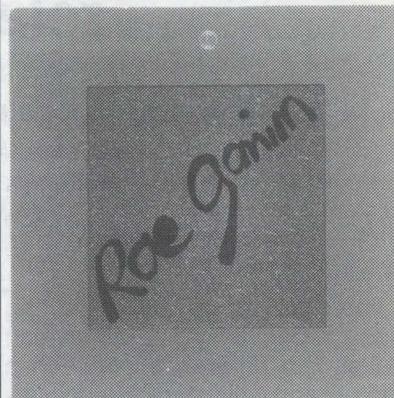
Modern service is more varied and usually spiced with plenty of fun.

The girls were photographed with senior citizens during a tai chi lesson to assist the seniors office compile a series of posters to advertise the seniors' card, seniors' week and seniors' information line.

Apart from enjoying the photo session and making some new friends, the girls were delighted to be rewarded for their community service.

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*Third Victoria Park brownie guides chat with Judyth Watson on the steps of Parliament House.*



## RAE GANIM FASHION PRESENTATIONS

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# Photographs and public relations

'A picture is worth a thousand words' — Chinese proverb

Photographs are an effective way to communicate our message of fun, friendship, challenge, adventure and service.

There is an art to capturing those special moments which makes the difference between a photograph which looks very average and one which looks professional. Let us look at the various ways that photographs can be used in a public relations context.

- For visual displays promoting guiding, for example in shopping centres, community spaces and at expos or exhibitions.
- For 'in-house' visual displays to promote or inform on special events or projects at your guide headquarters, guide shop, events, meetings and conferences.
- For illustrating promotional publications such as leaflets, posters, annual reports or the guide calendar.
- For submitting to *Guiding in Australia* for the front or inside covers.
- To illustrate articles printed in *Guiding in Australia*.
- To accompany feature articles in magazines and newsletters.
- For audio-visual presentations on guiding.
- To supply with a media release.

## Practical hints for better shots

Be familiar with your camera and know its capabilities. Check that it is loaded with the most suitable film for the job. Check that your flash and any other accessories are working.

Take your camera to events as an opportunity for a great shot may present itself unexpectedly.

- Try to take action shots, not posed.

- Get sharp and clear images by having uncluttered backgrounds.
- Have small compact groups — avoid uninteresting rows of people or shots which are too busy.
- Think about the composition. Experiment a little — you may have to take several shots to get one good one. Move around your subject, or move the subject to get an interesting angle with correct light and suitable background.
- Develop an awareness of light and what effect it will have on the subject. The intensity of the light, its direction, the shadow it casts, its harshness, softness and colour all have a bearing on the result.
- Talk with your subjects to help them relax especially if you are going to take close-ups. The best shots for publicity are taken when the subjects are relaxed and **doing something**.

For public relations purposes we need a combination of candid, action and set up shots.

**Candid shots** are those taken when the subject is unaware or unconcerned about the presence of the camera. The photographer has no direct control over what is happening, so must anticipate well, be quick and spontaneous with the camera.

**Action shots.** Check that your equipment is ready to go. Try to pre-focus on the point where the subject will be. Be prepared to take lots of shots to get the one you want. Fill the frame for the best impact.

**Set up shots.** Organise the people, location and necessary equipment in advance. Concentrate on getting the shot which



conveys your message. Have the subjects doing something active and looking happy and relaxed. Check that uniform is correct **before** taking the shot if it is being used for publicity.

## Submitting photographs for Guiding in Australia

All photographs should be of a high standard. Please do not send out of focus shots or negatives. Photographs to be considered for a front cover should be taken vertically on transparency film. Clear colour prints may be used but black and white prints are preferred.

Send photos to your **state contributing editor**. They should be carefully packaged, clearly named (so they can be returned), captioned and attached to your article with hinged sticky tape. Photos will be damaged if you use paperclips or write on the back.

**Photographs for the 1993 guide calendar should be sent to your state public relations adviser before 15 April. The theme is 'Guiding in Action'. Ten Tips for Better Photographs was printed GiA November 1990.**

# GUIDING IS FOR ALL

## Extensions abolished

The Girl Guides Association frequently has been the leader in educational practice and community thought. We recognised the value in learning by doing and of giving girls similar opportunities in challenging activities. We pioneered the idea of taking children away on camps and of an international sisterhood. We were the first 'greenies' and we showed that young people respond positively if given responsibility.

We were leaders in the acceptance of girls with disabilities. We recognised that each girl has abilities and has a contribution to make. At a time when people with disabilities were shut away in institutions or in their own homes away from public sight, the Girl Guides Association saw that these people were people first.

As a consequence of that belief, Extensions were formed. In this way girls with disabilities living mostly in institutions were able to experience and enjoy challenges and fun similar to other girls.

Fortunately society has grown in understanding and community attitudes towards people with disabilities have changed. Today, society acknowledges that people with disabilities have the same rights to a normal life as everyone else.

People are no longer shut away in institutions but accepted as part of the community. Help for people with disabilities now concentrates on ways to enable them to live and work in circumstances and in an environment similar to everyone else.

**In fact, it is contrary to modern welfare philosophy for guiding to provide exclusive units or activities for girls with disabilities. Extension guiding is now an anachronism and has outlived its usefulness.**

That is not to say that we are ignoring the needs of girls with disabilities.

Guiding provides the opportunity for girls to participate in a wide and varied recreational program. Guiding is open to all and does not discriminate on the grounds of race, creed, politics, ability, or disability. The program places emphasis on the individual and encourages each girl to meet a wide variety of challenges to the best of her ability.

Each member of the Association is valued for herself. The guiding program is adaptable and flexible to suit the individual needs of each member. What one girl finds challenging another girl will find easy. The leader adapts the activity and the expectation to suit each person whatever her ability or disability.

**Each girl in a unit is valued equally. Those with recognised disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as other girls to take part in any guiding event, activity or camp.**

Guiding has much to offer. For the girl with a disability guiding gives an opportunity to mix with and learn from other girls. Many children with disabilities spend a great deal of time with adults. Often they have only a limited amount of time and opportunity to do 'kids' things' in 'kids' company.



**No member of the Association should be able to use disability, financial difficulty, social or intellectual superiority as an excuse for non-participation in duties, adventurous activities, or obedience to the rules of a game.**

Adult members of the Association also have rights and no leader is obligated to accept any girl into her unit. For a leader who feels unsure of her ability to integrate a prospective member into the unit there is a support network of guiding partners, district leaders, and the resources of trained personal help.

## Extensions abolished

Western Australia has accepted, as state policy, that a girl with a disability is to be valued, and seen to be valued, for her own qualities. This has led to the abolishment of a special 'Extensions' section and adviser. This change has been applauded by other organisations as a positive step towards community acceptance of people with disabilities.

Guiding is still a leader in community thought — this time in its valuation and normalisation of people with disabilities.

*Judith Amey  
Ex-Extension Adviser  
Western Australia*

# KILLER ZITS!

Acne, by whatever name, is a distressing problem for many people

- Acne is basically unavoidable
- Acne is a condition that affects mostly teenagers - 3 out of every 4 teenagers will experience acne to a greater or lesser extent
- Acne is a problem which some adults do not take seriously, including unfortunately, some doctors
- The good news is that it only lasts for one or two years in typical cases. However, the worse your acne is, the longer it lasts

**IF YOUR ACNE IS SEVERE OR CAUSES YOU EMOTIONAL DISTRESS,  
FIND A DOCTOR WHO IS WILLING TO LISTEN AND HELP**

## **THE FACTS :**

### **What is Acne ?**

The first signs of acne usually occur at the onset of puberty. This seems to indicate that acne is caused to some extent by hormonal changes in the body. The hormones *testosterone* (the male sex hormone which is also produced in small amounts in women) and *progesterone* (produced in women in preparation for menstruation) are believed to be responsible for stimulating sebaceous glands to produce excessive amounts of sebum (fats and oils). Sebaceous glands are most numerous in your face, back and chest.

Hormones also bring about increased keratinisation ( the skin is made of keratin). This means that the sebum which would normally travel up a hair follicle to the surface of the skin is blocked by the extra keratin which acts as a plug. The build-up of sebum which cannot get out is acne.

Acne tends to run in families so if your parents had bad acne, chances are you may too.

**Acne can be divided into 2 basic types:**

1. **non-inflammatory or mild acne** which are the usual whiteheads or blackheads
2. **Inflammatory or severe acne** where bacteria has taken advantage of the situation to infect the area and cause inflammation and pustular eruptions of the skin

### **Acne is NOT:**

1. caused by dirt or pollution - blackheads are not dirt but impacted sebum
2. an infectious disease - it cannot be caught from someone else

### **How Can You Make Acne Worse ?**

- by wearing rough tight clothes to irritate the sebaceous glands on your back or chest
- by resting your head on your hands and touching your face often
- by humidity and prolonged sweating which promotes gland activity
- by using cosmetics or hair preparations which contain oils, fats or waxes
- perhaps by using cosmetics or eating foods such as chocolate or high fat foods to which you may be oversensitive - this used to be thought to be a prime factor in causing acne along with stress, but today many doctors believe too much emphasis has been put on this one factor
- by washing your face too often
- by rubbing your face or picking at your pimples so that you actually damage the hair follicles

### **How Can You Make Acne Better ?**

Special lotions, cleansers, moisturizers, and special medicated or anti-bacterial soaps which are supposed to make women more "beautiful" can be effective in some ways, but they are very expensive.

***THE SIMPLEST , MOST EFFECTIVE AND CHEAPEST PLAN  
IS TO FOLLOW THE ACNE PLAN BELOW***

#### **THE ACNE PLAN**

- **keep healthy**
- **eat a well-balanced diet**
- **wash your face twice daily only, using ordinary soap**

#### **In severe cases:**

- **doctors may prescribe hormonal therapy with extra *estrogen* (the female sex hormone)**
- **being on the Pill can therefore, help to clear up acne**

# Brownsea Island Sea Wall

While spending a day on Brownsea Island, it was easy to see why B-P chose the site for his first experimental camp in 1907.

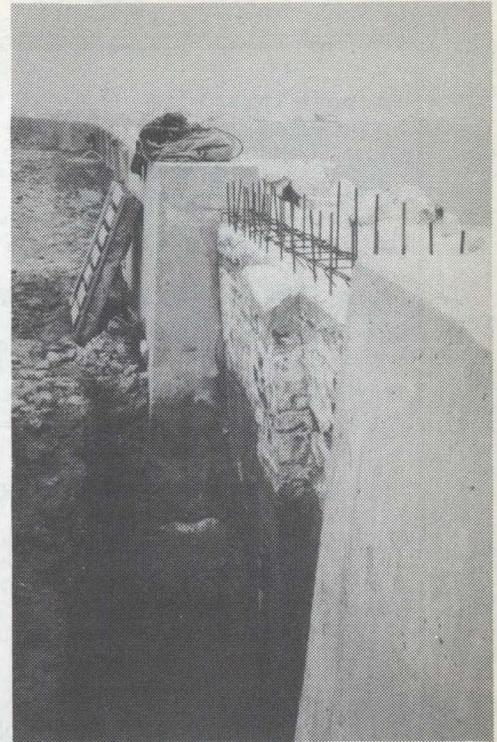
Jean Sutton, author of *Brownsea Island — A History* describes it as a 'deceptively tranquil picture to the visitor approaching across Poole Harbour in Dorset. From its position dominating this vast, historic waterway the island has witnessed many stirring events. For 400 years, right up to World War II, it played its role in the defence of the south coast. As a beautiful and peaceful retreat, the island has attracted many owners, the rich, the famous, and frequently, the eccentric. These threads combine to form the rich fabric of the Brownsea story.

Brownsea Island is a little gem, not only in the history of scouting and guiding, but also in the wealth of its own history and the abundance of bird life. It is now in the good care of the National Trust after the last private owner of the island passed it over in lieu of death duties in 1961.

My main purpose in making the journey to the island was to inspect the sea wall. The National Trust

staff at the wharf were amazed to hear that the Tasmanian Girl Guides Association had made fundraising for the restoration of the sea wall a project in conjunction with the Tasmanian National Trust. The chief warden, Barry Guest, was called up on the radio to meet us, he took us to see the wall, an area which is out of bounds to the public.

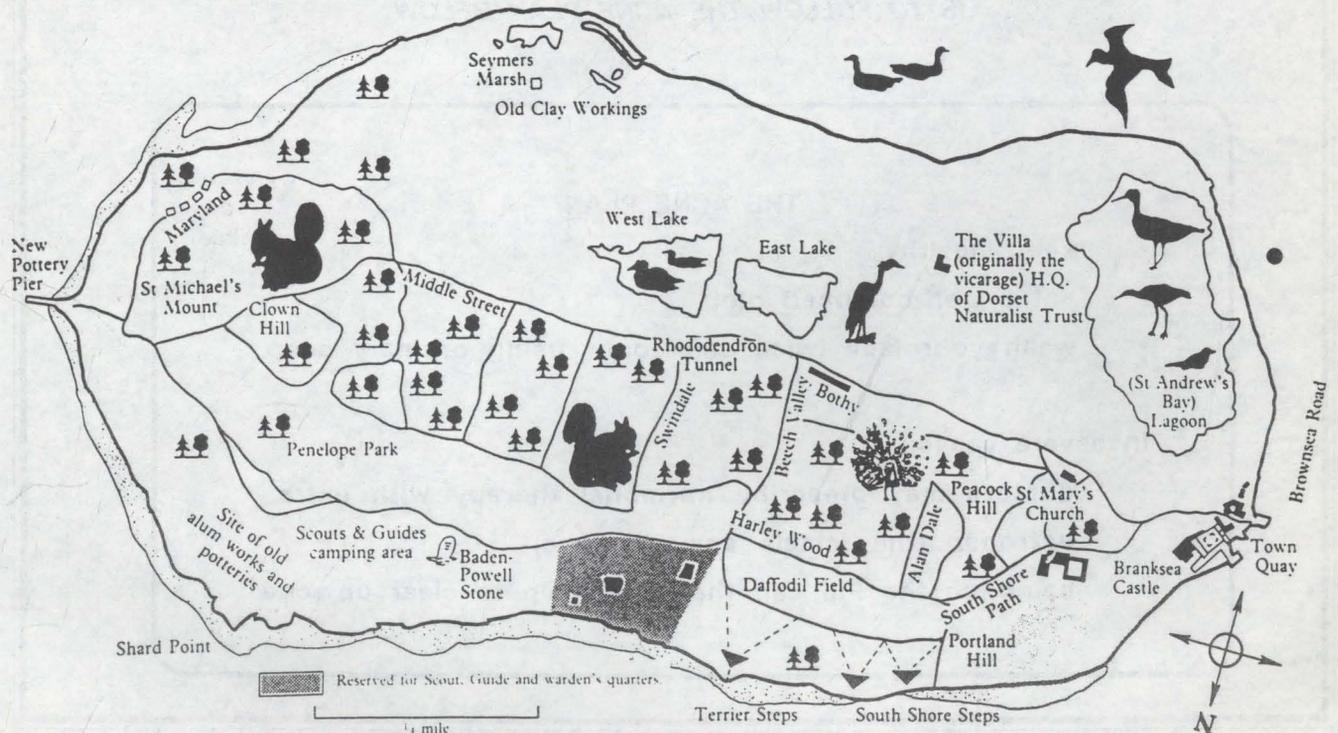
The sea wall encloses a brackish lagoon, St Andrew's bay. Its beginnings were in the 1770s when part of the bay was dyked for agriculture. In the 1850s a brick wall was built to enclose the whole of St Andrew's Bay and a windmill which is still in use was erected to pump out the water. The sea wall protects the extensive bird life of the lagoon and the low lying parts of the island from salt water flooding during frequent Force 8 gales. There are many indications that the sea level has risen over time. Information at the Poole museum verifies this. The restoration work which is long overdue has involved the building of an access road inside the wall and a sloping buffer wall of rock on the seaward side.



Section of the wall where the layered heather was discovered. Photos: J. Allan.

The rock for this was obtained cheaply from excavations for a new wharf in Poole harbour and brought to the island on a barge. With the restoration the sea wall is to be raised 30 cm.

We met the two workmen who had just recommenced after a



necessary suspension of this activity during the bird nesting season. They showed us where they have dug down 2½ metres to the foundations. This has uncovered some early history in terms of the construction method; the possible use of heather to bind the mortar and previous wall additions made as the sea level rose. The work, however, is not enjoyable when working in these holes at high tide.

Jan Allan  
Tasmania

### Some of the fundraising which has taken place:

- The Deloraine Brownie Guide Unit and their families visited the White House at Westbury to raise money for the Brownsea Island Sea Wall Appeal. The White House was originally a general store and bakery and is one of the national Trust properties. Nowadays it features a toy museum, a coach house full of old carriages, vintage cars and even an old icecream cart in addition to the original store and garden.
- The Longford guides went to Entally House, situated 18 km from Launceston. This lovely old house was built in 1819 and has a magnificent collection of Regency furniture and fine silverware as well as a green house, chapel, coach house and stables — all open to the public.

Suzanne Stebbings

Lynne Watson

Warden Barry Guest explains the need for restoration.



## On my honour I will try

'And Teresa has chosen to finish the evening with a campfire.'  
'That's a surprise for your unit!'  
'Well, as you know, I can't sing a note but the girls often go to camps and events and return home with a song or two to teach the other girls.'



What an evening it was. One girl made her Promise, a number of interest badges were presented by the division commissioner, patrol leader and second stripes were given out and the girls and their leaders had put a lot of thought and time into preparing for Teresa's B-P presentation. As well as each badge Teresa had earned being symbolised by cakes, rope, bandages, gardening glove, toys, and so on. The other guides testified as to the caring support Teresa had given recruits and younger and older guides alike.

Then we broke the horseshoe and all the visitors joined the campfire. Teresa's first choice was *On My Honour*. Well you could say we either massacred it or we sang it in parts as a round, until the leader said, 'I think we had better try again don't you?' She counted one, two and we all sang in harmony, and that is, except the leader who was beaming with pride and confidence in her girls and with encouragement for the girls, the visiting brownie guides and their leader, the parents, brothers, sisters, grandmas, aunties and visitors.

After that, our songs joyfully echoed round the hall.

Anne Brown  
Tasmania

# IMAGINE YOU ARE LOST!

You're in the bush, when suddenly it clouds up. Before you know it, you're in the middle of a downpour. Everything becomes dark and bleak. And when you turn around to head back, everything looks different.

## YOU'RE LOST!

It can happen that easily.

How would you find your way out? Would you look for moss growing on trees? Would you wait until dark and search for the brightest star? Or would you simply wait for the rescue party to arrive?

Or would you have taken some sensible precautions and at least carried a good quality liquid filled luminous compass like the very popular Silva brand made in Sweden.

## HISTORY OF THE COMPASS

The first form of compass probably was made from a piece of magnetised ore-bearing rock suspended from a thong or vine. This was many thousands of years ago and there do not seem to be any historical records of who first discovered that such a piece of rock always pointed in the same direction, that is north, but the Chinese are known to have used such a method at least 4000 years ago.

In 1260 AD, the great explorer Marco Polo — undoubtedly the world's first orienteer — brought back the secrets of this phenomena to Europe from one of his several land treks which took him from Italy to China and back again. Until then, European explorers had to use the sun and the North Star for their navigation.

From Marco Polo's Chinese secret the Europeans eventually produced a compass needle to swing in any direction. When one end of the needle settled, pointing to north, the other end obviously pointed to south.



*SILVA 1STD, one of many compasses from the SILVA range available in Australia.*

After the invention of the compass needle the next advance in compass design was to enclose it in an air-filled brass case with the housing marked off in 32 points. This became known as the mariner's compass. Subsequently this graduation was later changed to 360° around the full circumference of the housing, and today this is the standard graduation used on most compasses. The simple air-filled type compass is still around today but is considered to be more a toy than a useful instrument as the needle takes too long to settle to be of any practical use.

The modern compass was born in the 1930s when the Swedish Silva compass was produced by the Kjellstrom brothers in co-operation with its inventor, Gunnar Tillander. The Silva invention revolutionised the compass system and was based on the principle of the compass housing being mounted on a transparent base plate, which acted as a protractor and direction finder. This Silva system has taken the guess work out of direction finding and has made the use of map and compass extremely easy, simple and accurate. It is now the most popular direction finding method used all over the world by surveyors, explorers, foresters, and scouts.

In recent years the Silva system compasses have been adopted by competitors in the sport of orienteering and has proved to be so accurate that the Orienteering Federation of Australia endorses no other brand but Silva for orienteering.

Silva compasses manufactured in Sweden are now being exported to over one hundred countries throughout the world. Their range of models include not only compasses for orienteering and general map use but also special models for underwater diving, cross-country skiing, car rallying, hunting, fishing and military use as well as prismatic type optical sight models, Braille compasses for the blind, and a full range of marine models.

## EASY TO USE

For over half a century, Silva has shown bushwalkers, hikers, adventurers and explorers how to get where they're going and how to get back. With the Silva System of direction-finding, it's as easy as 1-2-3. It's so simple, even a child can learn. It's a system that's used world wide and has been adopted by armies. It's a proven system that works. Silva compasses are available in guide shops throughout Australia.

# Better to be SAFE than sorry!

**When in a boat** (based on advice from the Victoria State Emergency Service)

● **BEFORE** going sailing anywhere,

- learn the rules of the road and basic navigational signs
  - give way to all vessels on starboard (right) side to avoid a collision with a vessel approaching 'head on'
  - always turn your boat to the starboard (right)
  - all RED lights or markers must be on your port (left) side when going upstream
  - all GREEN lights or black markers must be on your starboard (right) side when going upstream
  - at night, you must display navigational lights
  - power boats must always give way to sailing vessels
  - always tell someone where you are planning to go and when you expect to return
  - find out about and observe any local regulations

● **BEFORE** each sail,

- know how to handle that particular boat and go through your check list
  - boat seaworthiness
  - life jackets for all
  - can all in boat swim?

- boat evenly loaded
- weather forecasts
- local hazards
- sufficient fuel for planned trip and extra
- correct type of fire extinguisher
- chart and maps
- torch
- first aid kit
- bucket for bailing
- pairs of oars
- sunburn cream

- shut off fuel supplies and isolate fuel tanks immediately if possible
- make a distress signal and prepare to abandon ship

**Cold weather**

- wear a woollen jumper
- wear waterproof jacket and trousers and a separate hat rather than a hood which restricts vision
- watch for signs of hypothermia

**Hot weather**

- wear a good protective hat which will stay on
- always use sunburn cream wisely
- drink ample water

**Always watch out for**

- changes in weather
- floating logs or debris
- weeds
- shallow water
- unlit marker poles at night
- overhead power lines
- swimming from the boat — is it a safe spot? Is the boat properly anchored?
- distress signals from other people — red flares, both hands raised above the head from a person in the water, shirt or a oar held aloft.

## HOW TO HANDLE EMERGENCIES

### Man overboard

- turn the boat towards the person in the water to keep him or her in sight and away from the propeller
- throw a lifejacket to the person immediately
- when attempting a pickup, approach from downwind or into the sea
- assist the person on board, being careful to avoid capsizing the boat or getting too near the propeller

### Fire on board

- have a plan for such an event and make sure all on board know it

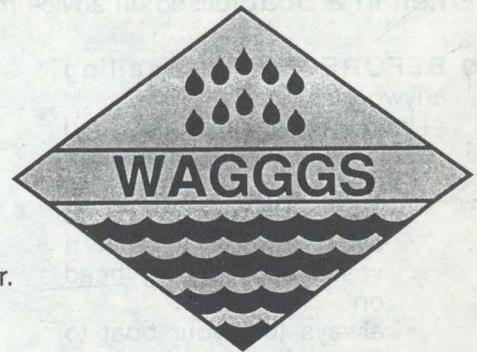
## We use MORE WATER than we think

- 13 litres to flush a normal toilet
- 60 to 180 litres to take a bath
- 80 to 250 litres to take an 8 minute shower
- 18 litres to wash dishes by hand
- up to 60 litres to do a dishwasher load
- 265 litres to use an automatic clothes washer
- 40 litres to use a twin tub washer
- 30 litres a day for a garbage disposal unit
- 5 litres to wash your hands
- 5 litres to clean your teeth under running water
- 8 litres per day for cooking and making tea or coffee
- 300 litres to wash a car
- 1,500 litres per hour to use the sprinkler
- 55,000 litres to fill a swimming pool .....and.....
- 7000 litres a year for a one  per second leaky tap!

# IT'S NEW FOR 1992

## Ranger Section Individual Challenges

- a) Organise a water conservation day in your school, in your community or in your district. Either organise a film show or slide show on a water related subject **Or** invite an expert to speak on a water related issue.
- b) Either organise a poster drawing contest amongst rangers in your district. Choose your own theme in relation to water. Hold an exhibition of the posters.
- c) (i) make a simple rain gauge. Know how to use it to obtain reasonably reliable/accurate results. Explain to your unit how it is used.  
(ii) keep daily weather records for a month (clouds, rain, wind, hours of sunlight, etc)
- d) **Either**  
Find out what acid rain is. How can it affect plant and bird life? What can be done to correct this problem in the short and long term?  
**Or**  
Find out how sewerage is disposed of in your area. What different origins are there and what is the best control of each type?
- e) make an aquarium or a small pond and introduce plants and animals. Explain what lives and grows there successfully and why.



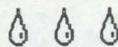
## Ranger Unit Challenge

### Either

- a) Find out how to construct a well or a water pump and make a working model. Try to interest the community in building a real one.

### Or

- b) Adopt a stream, river or pool for a period of one year. Keep it clean and stock it with fish. Keep a diary of your activities and involve the community in the project.



## Guide Individual Challenges

- a) (i) Find out the main causes of water pollution in your area  
(ii) Find out water pollutants from domestic use, agriculture and industries and talk about it to your tester. What are the adverse effects of such polluted water?
- b) Find out the sources of water in your area and how it is being purified for drinking. Suggest three ways for: (i) improving the water supply, (ii) the water quality in your country.
- c) Find out about the leisure time uses of water in your area. What health and safety rules should be observed for these activities? Tell your unit all about these and any harmful effects that these leisure activities may have on the environment.



# WAGGGS INTRODUCES A WATER BADGE

- 💧 to create a greater awareness about the importance of water in everyday life and its conservation
- 💧 to help girl guides and girl scouts to enjoy this natural resource through water related activities

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- d) Recognise a total of twelve plants and animals, birds or insects that live for part of their lives, at least, near or in a stream, river, pond, lake or the sea. make notes on their life cycles and indicate how they rely on water to complete them.

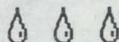
## Guide Unit Challenge

### Either

- a) With your patrol, plan and carry out a water site cleaning campaign. Share your experiences with your unit and with your tester.

### Or

- b) Adopt a pond, river or well for a period of six months. Look after it, keep a record of your work and submit a report at the end. You may include photographs, sketches, publicity notes, newspaper articles, etc.



## Brownie Guide Individual Challenges

- a) Find out six ways of using water and at least one way of purifying it. How can we make best use of water (i) at home and (ii) at school?
- b) Give three health reasons why we should try to purify water in our homes and schools.
- c) Learn or make up a water game to show your pack something about the importance of water. Teach it to your pack and play it with them.
- d) Write a story or poem or draw a picture story on *The journey of a raindrop*.
- e) **Either**
- (i) Make a scrap book of stamps, drawings of flowers, plants and insects living and depending on water. Name as many as you can.
- Or**
- (ii) Take your leader and your six and show them 20 (in total) plants, flowers and insects which live in or near water. Name as many as you can.



## Brownie Guide Unit Challenge

### Either

- a) Organise a poster or collage exhibition on a theme related to water. Invite your parents and friends to the exhibition.

### Or

- b) Act out a play **OR** mime on a theme related to water. Invite your parents and friends to watch it.

# APRIL 1992

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
** - Asia Pacific Regional Conference, Korea			1	2	3	4
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5	6	7 World Health Day	8	9	10 Croatian National Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Good Friday	18 Pesach 1st Day
19 ** Easter Sunday	20 Easter Monday	21 Bank Holiday Tas & Vic	22	23 ## St Georges Day England	24 **	25 Anzac Day  Pesach 5th Day
26 ## Orthodox Easter	27 Holiday WA	28	29	30 Dutch Festival Day	NSW - GUIDE AWARENESS MONTH GUIDE JOB MONTH	

## BOOKS for consideration ...

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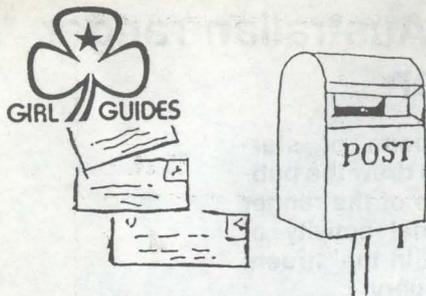
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## Post Box Bulletin

Did you all have wonderful celebrations for THINKING DAY, wherever you happened to be, whether you celebrated with your unit, district, division or region? I wonder if any units tried a Post Box meeting, with activities suggested in last month's *GiA*?

Perhaps, as a result, some requests for links have already found their way to state post box secretaries, and new friendships will soon be made. I do hope so, for there are many, many girls waiting for Australian penfriends — and these are mostly in the 13-18 year age group. There are girls waiting in the Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and Western Hemisphere Regions.

Leaders, please remind the girls in the units that it sometimes takes time to find links in countries where English is not taught in the schools — *unless* the Australian girls can either write in another language, or have someone who can translate for them. This applies particularly in the younger age groups, and occasionally brownies asking for links in non-English-speaking countries are disappointed, or have to wait a long time.

Another point is that it is not always possible to find links in a particular town or state in another country; girls making these requests must be prepared to wait a very long time or accept another part of the country of their choice.

**Interstate links for brownies** are being re-organised, and this should make for quicker and more efficient contacts, when the system gets under way. More about this in a later issue. In the meantime interstate links are being arranged as quickly as possible.

In the last bulletin I mentioned that I would soon be meeting yet

another post box secretary. In December I had the privilege of spending many very pleasant hours with Mrs Letitia Tam, Hong Kong's Post Box Secretary. I had met Letitia when she visited Sydney, so we were 'old' friends. I have been very lucky to have met four of the post box secretaries with whom I have frequent contact by mail, so I can well imagine how exciting it is when penfriends made through Post Box meet at international camps or on private visits.

Yes, to quote from an earlier bulletin —

*'It's truly beautiful, I think —  
The friendship sprung from pen  
and ink!'*

Next bulletin will deal with the link (there's that word again!) between Post Box and interest badges and certificates.

Until then, we at Post Box are waiting to hear from you.

Joan Burch  
Australian post box secretary

### Got a minute?

That's about all it will take to read this.

Our earth was formed about 15 billion years ago. On a 24-hour time scale, the solar system appeared around 6 pm. The dinosaurs roamed the surface between 11.35 pm and 11.55 pm; man appeared just about 10 seconds ago.

Modern life as we know it, and all of its accompanying 'advances' in technology (and pollution), has lasted for less than one thousandth of a second. The clock ticks on.

Before you add to the destruction and havoc which our children will inherit, consult your guide Law — it helps to make the difference. The children of the world will thank you.

Pat James  
Queensland

## From 17-year-old ranger guide, Sarah Gaunt

Communicating with a penfriend opens many new doors. The fun of writing to someone you have never met — but perhaps someday will! Learning about them, their country, guiding in their country and even some words of another language, and they accept you for what you are.

I've been writing to penfriends overseas since 1987. It started with Emma from England and it's grown and grown to cover countries from South Africa to Trinidad and Singapore. You can exchange photos, gifts, souvenirs and a lot of fun times.

One of the greatest moments is when you actually meet someone you have only ever written to. I met Rebecca from New Zealand. We had the greatest day together. It was as if we had known each other for years.

The biggest possible bonus is travelling to meet your friend in her own country! Vickie who lives in Canada suggested a cultural exchange between our two units to learn about guiding in each other's country and also to teach others about it. This is planned for 1992 and we agreed it's an excellent idea and are currently working on it.

All this just from writing to a friend overseas. Interested? Get in contact with your state post box secretary today and you can enjoy post box too!

### CLASSIFIED

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## Sparkle together — Australian ranger section

More than 300 pairs of star-studded red shorts drew the public eye to members of the ranger section as the final activity of STARS took place in the streets of Adelaide in January.

The fifth Australian Ranger Section Gathering involved members from all states in a program packed with expeditions, activities, fun and friendship. Ranger guides, rangers, junior leaders and leaders were invited to 'sparkle together' at an opening ceremony on New Year's Eve featuring 400 four-minute sparklers. Expedition groups then left for 14 sites around South Australia to spend three days touring, caving, cycling, waterskiing, canoeing, flying, hiking, enjoying beach activities, sail training or exploring Kangaroo Island.

A star shaped campsite appeared on the main arena of the Adelaide Showgrounds to accommodate the rangers as they returned to tackle three more days of action and variety. Offsite options included snorkelling, rockclimbing, pistol shooting, horseriding, sports, seaside activities and touring with mystery story themes. Among the challenges offered on site were a Star Wars invitational course, skincare and relaxation sessions, social issues displays, car maintenance, star crafts and shorts making. Many bead earrings, printed shirts, stress balls and friendship items were added to the list of achievement — and the luggage. Some chose to spend two days concentrating on boating, first aid, leadership, rock climbing, child care or porcelain doll making.

At night the whole group gathered for campfire, swimming carnival and dance before facing the choice of supper venue — the Celestial Tea Rooms or the Karaoke Coffee Shop.

National events generate a great deal of enthusiasm for rangers. Activities at STARS were offered which could support unit programs when the participants returned home. A forum discussion and



Rangers out and about in Adelaide made a starry sight in their red shorts made at the event.

Guides' Own were organised by the expedition units in council as would occur for smaller camps. The brilliant stars of STARS represented one in five members of the section — this will surely lead to a sparkling future.

The closing formal dinner, surrounded by the photographs of the Gallery of the Stars, acknowledged the success of this event and the endeavours of nearly one hundred staff, leaders and helpers. Figurine awards dubbed 'the Ozstars' and certificates earned at STARS were presented.

At dawn, the farewell ceremony echoed the Litany of the Stars used at the opening:

*O Lord, giver of the stars and the light and life, give us thoughts higher than our own thoughts, dreams better than our own dreams and powers beyond our own powers, that we may each work to make our visions become reality.*

Fiona Thomson  
Dubbed Star Queen, now retired



# 40 years as 1st Hampton's Leader

We all know that guides do not need an excuse to get together and enjoy each other's company. However, on 11 August 1991 the guides and former guides of 1st Hampton, together with their families and friends had an excellent reason to join together and celebrate a very special event.

## Yvonne James

Yvonne 'Cap' James celebrated her 40th year as the leader of 1st Hampton Guide Unit. Yvonne is well known in guiding circles for her great contribution to the Association. She has been both Victorian and Australian guide adviser and for many years a diploma'd trainer, she has been awarded the Red Kangaroo and the Order of Australia for her services to guiding, but to all at 1st Hampton she is just 'Cap'.

Yvonne comes from a scouting and guiding family. Her father, Norm 'Boss' James had a life-time commitment to scouting. Both her brothers have either been or are still involved in scouting.

At the get-together Yvonne spoke about her own interest in guiding which, she explained, developed at an early age after she had read about all the wonderful things guides did — like saving people from burning buildings! Mrs James had reservations about allowing her daughter to join the guides, perhaps she worried about those buildings, and it was only after persistent badgering that she finally relented. By that time Yvonne was 12 years old. From then on she has never looked back and has never regretted joining the girl guides.

For our part we are grateful that Mrs James who was present at the reunion, finally relented. Our gratitude to Yvonne was evident by the large numbers at the gathering. This brought people from as far afield as Warrnambool and Sydney as well as distant Melbourne suburbs. Former guides now inter-



Yvonne James (left) with Barbara Stefanides.

state and overseas sent greetings. Much of the afternoon was spent catching up with old friends and reliving old times. The most remarkable thing was the genuine feeling of satisfaction and achievement people felt about their guiding exploits.

Whatever Yvonne may have gained from guiding has been repaid two-fold. For those of us privileged to have been her guides, her dedication and enthusiasm is inspiring. We have always been encouraged by example to do and to be, our best. Yvonne sets high standards for herself and her guides, but at the same time she has always made an effort to know each of us as individuals. She recognised our strengths and encouraged us to work on them. We have never been made to feel inadequate or weak. We are fortunate to have had Yvonne as a leader for she has certainly brought the true meaning of guiding to us. We are all better people for her dedication and her contribution to our lives.

Barbara Stefanides  
Victoria



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Northern Territory

## From the State Commissioner

The year has certainly started positively. We are invited to participate in the flag raising services held in the major towns throughout the Territory on Australia Day. Guides will also provide colour parties at the very special Citizenship Ceremonies held on the day. Fifty of our members will form a guard of honour at the commemorative activities for the fiftieth anniversary of the bombing of Darwin on 19 February. Other girls will usher official guests to their seats.

The contingents who went to STARS and the Great Guide Walkabout had a marvellous time. A stopover in Alice Springs gave the brownie adviser, Dani Thompson and myself a chance to go to

the airport to wish the STARS group well. The girls were bubbling with excitement.

As we plan and organise for 1992, there are four questions about guiding which could be asked and thus need to be answered:

- is it practical and will it fill a vital human need?
- can it be done beautifully?
- can it be done differently enough so that it will stand out from all others?
- can it receive the stamp of excellence and be a little better than anything else that is being offered?

**Tough Times Never Last, but  
Tough Leaders Do!**

*Sue Ride*

## Introducing Chris Walker - Public Relations Adviser

Christine Walker has lived in the Northern Territory for 17 years, mostly in Tennant Creek. her husband works for Telecom and they have three children.

Chris has been involved with community work for many years - school councils, Mrs NT, Keep Australia Beautiful, the Territory Anti-Litter Campaign and the Tennant Creek Rodeo, Nursing Mothers and chairperson of the Bicentennial Committee. Chris was crowned Mrs NT herself in 1990. She has helped to raise over \$125,000 for the Handicapped Persons Association and the Mrs NT Awards.

She ran a gift and souvenir shop as well and still finds time for guiding. She started as a local association member about eight years ago when her children became involved with guiding and scouting and 'graduated' to be an assistant leader two years ago. She has now moved to Darwin where she is working with 1st Alawa Guides and taken on the PR job for the Northern Territory.



Welcome to the team, Chris!

## Save the Koala

A big thank you to those units who participated in **Save the Koala Week** and to the others who made and sold Koala biscuits and Koala badges. A colouring-in competition was held in Alice Springs with a good response and certificates awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners.

We raised more than \$1,500 which, for our first year, is really great. From all reports, the brownies enjoyed helping to **Save the Koala** and many asked if they can do it again this year.

*Dani Thompson  
State brownie adviser*

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## 2nd Sanderson Guides

On 24 September 1991, the first Promise ceremony for the unit took place with five girls making their promise. Rachael Gomez, Kellie Price, Candice McCough, Nicole Passmore and Kerith Boyer each recited a law and then made her Promise before lighting a candle. They were all very excited about the night and enjoyed the party which followed with a cake made especially for the occasion.

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## Lones in Northern Territory

*Alone but not lonely  
Isolated but not inactive!*

With less than six months behind us, lones in the Territory is up and running. We have two small units - three brownies and three guides.

One and a half hours travel by road separate the closest of us while it would take two full days to travel to the furthest. We operate with unit logs that have a similar layout to a unit meeting. The log books pass from girl to girl and offer challenges, games, quizzes, badge work and some articles just for fun. The girls are all encouraged to contribute to their meetings.

Our aim for 1992 is to double our lone membership.

*Karen Byrne  
Lone leader*

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**Are you ready for ... ABLE 1992  
Alice Springs  
6 - 10 July**

### From the State Commissioner

The focus of the 1992 budget year will be the retention of members. Everything we do in guiding, be it administration, training, or the activities included in the weekly program, has to be judged by its effectiveness in achieving the aim of the Association. The development of character based on the values as expressed in the Promise and Law, to foster a love of country, and to promote a sense of citizenship and international goodwill is of prime importance.

The decision whether young people stay in the Movement or leave is totally dependent upon whether we as leaders are skilful in retaining their interest. Using the patrol system effectively, girls having chosen the activities in which they are interested, will take greater ownership of such ideas and so work towards achieving success. Sisterhood and friendliness, words used to describe and promote guiding, perhaps are not accorded to new members as freely as might be expected, leaving newly recruited members feeling lonely and often abandoned.

Unit, district meetings and trainings should be friendly and welcoming, ensuring all are comfortable and engendering a feeling of belonging. Could we all focus on these aspects in 1992?

Retention of members was certainly not a topic raised at the Building Bridges weekend held at Pax Brae. Pioneers, rangers, guides, brownies and gumnuts shared a wonderful weekend exchanging ideas on the past and present of guiding, all gaining insight into the others' period of time and the motivation urging them forward. Let us all work together to help today's leaders and girls to fulfil their expectations of guiding and to achieve Baden-Powell's goal of members high ideals and strong self esteem being well equipped to be leaders of society.

June Mathews



**Bette Hassan** - we record the recent death of Bette Hassan known affectionately by many past rangers and leaders as *Missusaitch*.

Bette was until 1962 a non-guiding person and then she heeded the call for new leaders and founded Pittwater Land Rangers. The level and style of adventure expected by rangers may have changed through the years, but Missusaitch was always in step with the youth of any particular time. She always participated with enthusiasm and dedication until her resignation as an active leader in 1976. She remained a great support to the guiding community of Mona Vale until her death. Her concern for and involvement with other people in the community was always paramount; there are many people who will miss her wisdom, advice, love and friendship.

#### **FIRM BE THE BOND THAT BINDS US FAST**

A group of trees in her memory will be planted at Glengary on 4 April at 10am. You are invited to join us and stay for morning tea. If you would like to participate by funding a tree, please call Monica on (02) 997 2146 or Marcia on (02) 997 2681.

**1st Inverell Brownies** are older than they thought! They intended to celebrate their 60th birthday in 1991, but found instead that they had really begun meeting in July 1924, even though they had not registered with HQ until 1931. Mrs Nell Eddy, one of the original members, produced her enrollment form to prove the point. She said she had been a brownie for four years and it had not changed that much. She and all the other past and present brownies who attended the birthday party were delighted to see a display of old uniforms and other memorabilia.

### DIARY NOTES

#### • **Karingal Training Centre Gala**

A gala day with a dolls show, outdoor activities and a variety of stalls has been organised at Karingal for Saturday 21 March from 11am. Girls and leaders who have camped or trained at this centre since 1948 are invited to attend. A booklet *Karingal Origin and History* will be launched at 11:30am. Proceeds from the day to centre costs and the various guide activities of the stall holders.

#### • **Ranger Wish Ride**

Calling all members from gumnut guides to support groups! You are invited to participate in the Ranger Wish Ride to be held at Centennial Park, Sydney on Saturday 2 May from 9am to 4pm. This event will be a great way to help the rangers raise funds for the Starlight Foundation which tried to grant a wish to children who are very ill. They will be endeavouring to cycle around the Grand Drive of the park for more than 1000 sponsored laps. Enquiries to the Ranger Section, Guide House.

### AROUND THE STATE

**Model Farms Division** ranger guides have been in existence for just two years, but they recently held a dinner for 80 guests at Castle Hill in honour of Kerrie Wallace and Lynda Wolstenholme, two of their members who were presented with the Queen's Guide award. The presentation was the culmination of the hard work, dedication and meeting great challenges required to become a Queen's Guide. Kerrie and Lynda tackled abseiling, canoeing, sailing, crafts as well as service to others with great enthusiasm. Their parents, friends and ranger guide colleagues were immensely proud of their achievement.

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Since 1962, **Dorrigo** support group has provided Christmas dinners to local senior citizens and this wonder service has been recognised by the community with the presentation of a thanks plaque to the group. At the same time, members of the support group were presented with long service awards: Hilda Simpson-60 years, Mrs G Cameron and Mrs B Turnbull - 30 years, Mrs N Murden and Mrs D Whittaker - 20 years and Mrs R Frederichs - 10 years, an aggregate of 170 years between them!

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**Queanbeyan district** from gumnut guides to support group members, celebrated International Peace Day over a week. The highlight was a visit from one of the Russian children visiting Australia from Chernobyl. She did not speak English, but was intrigued by all the activities. T-shirts, pillow cases and bags were screen printed with the Peace Day badge, a Peace Square with the dove motif was made to add to the Peace quilt and activities giving the girls an insight into other cultures were tackled. Peter Cochran, State member for Eden/Monaro attended the guide meeting and joined in the fun, screen printing his own Peace Badge.

# Pioneers — Building Bridges

In January 1933 *The Kiama Independent* newspaper reported the visit to the first All Australian Training Camp of Lady Isaacs, wife of the Governor-General and Federal President of the Movement.

Lady Isaacs had 'motored over especially' from Canberra to make a tour of inspection to Jamberoo near Kiama NSW and was greeted by a guard of honour of some 230 commissioners and leaders formed along the banks of the Minnamurra River. Her Excellency praised the precision of the double ranks and their formation, comprising representatives from all states including five state secretaries, three New Zealanders and one visiting trainer from Scotland.

In acknowledging their welcome, Lady Isaacs said: *'The camp itself and all its arrangements were excellent, being most proficient in its thorough program of training and instruction. There was no finer organisation anywhere today than the Girl Guide Movement which was inspired not only by the spirit of friendliness but also by the spirit of social service for the common good.'*

The training was divided into sections of rangers, guides and brownies and included a commissioner's conference. Contemporary reports tell of a camp with tents in horseshoe formation divided into groups, each with the name of characteristic Australian trees and a high pole in the centre of the camp which was saluted with due ceremony each morning.

Miss Elsie Smith, honorary State Secretary of NSW, was commandant and everything at the camp was reported as 'going with clockwork precision'.

The press of the day made no mention of a fierce storm and the bolt of lightning which killed an errant dairycow in the middle of that orderly horseshoe of tents. Nor was the feeling of disquiet among the campers present



reported, when the rest of the herd arrived and started to circle their dead companion in what appeared to be some form of ceremonial wake. These beasts created havoc with the tent guy ropes and left some officers, as the leaders were called, feeling that they were perhaps not so intrepid.

(Incidentally doesn't this tale give a whole new meaning to the second verse of 'The Guide March Song' where 'their leader always vows, that they're never afraid of wasps, and hardly ever afraid of cows'.)

No mention was made either of one group of leaders who while en route to a church service and feeling rather warm in their uniforms which incorporated long black woollen stockings, decided to indulge in a clandestine dip in the river. To their horror they were discovered by the camp commandant 'Smithy'. Chastened and with their woollen stockings pulled hastily over wet legs they resumed a hurried journey to the church — to be greeted on arrival by the hymn 'Shall We Gather At The River'.

What of the first aider at that camp who reached for the citronella to repel the mosquitoes during the night and awoke the next morning to find the occupants of



NSW Pioneer Olga Wood still active in guiding.

the tent with yellow faces and pillowslips, the result of liberally applied pitric acid, an antiseptic in use at that time.

## Early memories

The Pioneers of NSW guiding had gathered for a weekend at Glengarry and the anecdotes of early days were flooding out. An appreciative audience of present day brownies and guides armed with questions and tape recorders tried their hand at gathering an oral history of the early years of camping, pack meetings, badge work and more.

To qualify for membership of this illustrious Pioneers group, one had to have been an adult leader by January 1933, the date of the All Australian Training Camp at Jamberoo, known simply as the 'AA' to these pioneers.

## A ranger venture

Several rangers accepted an early ranger uniform from a former ranger adviser who told of the very first time a group of Australian rangers ventured overseas in 1937.

These rangers were selected by their divisions to be their represen-

tatives. The divisions then set about raising the £220 needed to finance the great adventure. Opposition to this venture, even from within the Movement, was considerable. Women and girls were not supposed to be capable of such an undertaking nor should they be involved. Initially 30 girls expressed the desire to take part, five finally made the trip.

International travel was not as universal then as it is today. Some of the country girls had never seen the ocean before arriving at the dock. Even the ship which was to transport them via South Africa to London was the first of many cultural shocks. The vessel flew a Norwegian flag and all signs aboard were written in that language!

In London they queued for sixpenny seats at the cinema, another first for some of them, they sampled theatre and even opera. They travelled the countryside with caravan and tents, everywhere meeting their guiding sisters.

Their planned five month tour stretched to nine months when they experienced difficulties in securing passage home from a Europe slipping towards war. The vessel which they eventually boarded for the homeward journey was described as little more than a launch. Never the less it survived fierce storms at sea to arrive in Sydney in March 1938. A sum of £25 was refunded to each ranger at the end of the journey, they had come in under budget! even after extending the trip by four months!

The flow of similar tales continued unabated. These pioneers just didn't seem to flag.

### Wonderful for the archivist

Memorabilia too came to light, many long held treasures were produced to the delight of all but especially the state archivist!

The camp booklet, aptly named the 'Jamberooster' from that AA camp in '33 was eagerly read. One can only speculate now, as the question which elicited the following advice in the **Answers to Correspondents** section — to PQ of



*Catherine from 1st South Turramurra brownie unit enjoys lunch with Pioneer Marie Clark.*

Queensland, 'You must ask at the hospital tent. They hardly would recommend brandy in your case'.

Campfire with the pioneers also brought forth some dimly remembered songs. 'Derby Ram', does anyone sing it now? We were enthralled during campfire as one pioneer who had been Lady Baden-Powell's secretary during an early Australian visit, shared her insights into the Chief Guide. Some revelations, we were told, were not for publication in *GiA!*

As with all other activities the brownies and guides took part in the Guides' Own. A poem 'Bridges' by Wilhelmina Stitch, published in 1932 was read, lending poignancy to the theme chosen for the weekend 'Building Bridges'. The poem begins by urging brownies and guides to build strong bridges — 'with arches of bright laughter, with beams and smiles besides' — and concludes, 'There's a bridge that leads to beauty and a bridge that leads to truth and it's a girl guide's sacred duty to build them in her youth. The world will then be fairer for these bridges 'neath the sun; for happiness will use them, reaching out to everyone.'

For those pioneers of guiding who have seen the trams come

and go on Sydney streets, the ideals of guiding have never dimmed. They may from time to time express concerns at some changes that have occurred when at times the baby has seemingly been thrown out with the bath water and although modern attitudes and the 'me generation' may be difficult to embrace, they remain optimistic that guiding is and will still be great; provided that we maintain that vital underpinning of the Promise and the Law, in all we do. The Movement that they helped start on its way, the bridge that they started to build so long ago will continue to be strong.

A delightful presentation of a puppet show by gumnuts concluded a memorable weekend.

A brownie asked after the oral history session for her thoughts on the weekend said, 'It was really good! Indeed it was, in fact, it was magic'.

TS  
NSW

## TAKE NOTE

### • From the PR adviser

bookings for the Annual Dinner may be made until 17 March - please send cheque payable to the Girl Guides Association, cost \$24 per head. If you want to book a table, tell us the number attending and the name of the party, for example Smith District or Jones Division. See you there!

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### • State Church Parade

keep Sunday 5 April free and join us at St John's Cathedral, Brisbane. Details in *Queensland on the Go*.

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### • Kindilan's Ruby Jubilee

mark your diaries for 13 September for this event. There will be plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy. Further information will appear in *Queensland on the Go* as September draws closer.

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### • International tips

- introduction cards verifying membership of the Association are available for members travelling overseas at a cost of \$2 which includes an Australian Flag Badge. Please apply well before departure and note that form BL 7 has replaced A. INT FORM 1.

- if you are moving overseas for 12 months or more and would like to be involved with a unit, apply for an international transfer well before your departure date please

- the state international adviser can supply a list with one address for each of the WAGGGS member countries or a list with European member countries for those travellers visiting Europe. Write c/- headquarters.

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• from the environmental committee - judging for the 1991 Hilda John Memorial Cup for Environmental Activities took place at Headquarters in October with Mrs Melva Hobson, Education Officer from the Department of Primary Industries, officiating. The topic this year was 'land care' and entries from brownie units varied from posters to project books to board games. Mrs Hobson was most impressed, particularly with the standard of practical work and experiments. In 1992, guides will be asked to work on the same topic of land care with details to be made available soon.

## Queensland

# COO - EE

### From the State Commissioner

It is going to be another busy and exciting year. We will be wearing the new uniforms which will hopefully cause comment and give us a good opportunity to promote guiding. There will be a biennial support group conference in March, an adventure camp in June, a farewell to Sir Walter and Lady Campbell, Kindilan's fortieth birthday and preparations for our first guide 'show' to name just a few of the events to come.

Guiding's for you in '92 - perhaps this could be our slogan. We must challenge ourselves to increase membership. We should make girls and women realise that guiding can give them so much: friendship, skills, self esteem.

The gumnut guides will celebrate their birthday on Thinking Day. They are our future members and leaders. We should encourage and promote this new section to grow.

I am looking forward to hearing from our participants in STARS and the Great Guide Walkabout and also the advisers and trainers who attended the conferences in Adelaide. It is from these events and experiences that we take our direction for the future of guiding. We learn from our mistakes and successes about the likes and dislikes of the girls who participate in our programs. These events also foster new friendships and cement old ones; they show the public what guiding is all about.

I am planning another trip with the shop in July and hope to get to Mt Isa and Weipa this time. I shall also be doing other trips around the state and look forward to meeting more leaders and girls wherever I go. Don't forget to say "Hi, Lanena" if you see me around.

Ann Fletcher



### AROUND THE STATE

- guiding was represented with rangers, guides and brownies on a float in the annual Lions Harvest Festival Parade in Proserpine.
- 3rd Buderim Brownie Pack, seen above enjoying lunch with the pigeons, enjoyed a pack holiday in Brisbane prior to Christmas, staying in a motel and enjoying all the sights and fun of the big city for the weekend.

### From the State Commissioner

The joys and Family Barbeque Day at Ninedathana was a most pleasant way to make my first visit to our northern campsite. It was a beautiful sunny day and there were lots of stalls set up on the veranda of the camp house and in the grounds. I thoroughly enjoyed exploring, and browsing and buying some mementoes of a delightful day. I am looking forward to return visits during the year. There is a lovely feeling about our guide house set in the bush overlooking the Tamar River.

There was quite a squeeze at the opening of the Sunshine Hall. It was tremendous to finally open the doors and take a good look inside the very smart hall which is the new home for Clarence and Howrah Tramere guides and brownies.

I was invited to witness another moment in our history when I attended the final meeting of the Headquarters Premises Committee. They first met forty years

ago and each time Guide Headquarters has moved, this committee had made sure that Headquarters has been a fitting hospitable state home for guiding in Tasmania. A special presentation was made to Mrs McDougall who was one of the first chairmen and I would like to express the thanks of all for the work the members of this committee has done over the past forty years.

I also want to share with you this month, something which I found really great. Trowena Lone Guides had their first BP presentation and I was asked to present Anne with her BP Emblem at Trowena and Carrina Lone Guides camp at Orana. Anne had a display which included a game from recycled materials which was a jumbled up version of snakes and ladders and monopoly. I was challenged to play the game by Laura. Each time either of us landed on a coloured square, the other would pick up a card and ask a question written on it. The great thing was that

many of the answers were written on a poster Anne must have made for a badge. Every now and again the card would say "The person on the right is to ask you a question about guiding." Laura found out I had been a brownie and I discovered that she hadn't and in fact, she had been a guide for one month and six days. It was really exciting to see both the success of Anne's game and the enthusiastic way in which Laura was picking up on our guiding history. I know it is just another example of self government, but I always find it exciting to see self government working. I recall another lone guide who wrote "I am a lone, but I am not alone".

That is one of the great things about guiding. None of us is alone. Each one is responsible to routine self government. The results will be amazing.

*Anne Brown*

## PLATY PATTERN

### ORANA MARKET DAY 1991

A fall of snow on the mountain - what a start for this annual event. As the stall holders began to arrive and erect their tents and stalls, some favoured going indoors because of the cold. Gradually the weather improved and the people started to arrive. The camp site looked a picture - the grass well mowed - the trees looking their best - guides and brownies dashing about everywhere - a happy sight. The market day was up and away with the stalls all encouraging business. Hot dogs, hamburgers, damper and billy tea proved very popular. Many enjoyed having their face painted. A friendly atmosphere prevailed.

Tables were set up in Mullunna, the main camp house, for the art and craft display. The theme was May Gibbs and the gumnuts. Three brownie packs made very interesting and imaginative displays of gumnut villages - two from natural materials and one from felt. All had gumnut figures while a log book showed much initiative and skill. There was also a delightful tree of painted eggs - a lovely decoration featuring eggs painted by each brownie in the pack. It was a difficult job selecting a winner of the various sections as all deserved a prize.

### THE DIARY OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

when the 1st Sorell Brownies celebrated the coming of Christmas with a holiday at Orana, little did they know how their tree would provide the focal point for so many activities to follow. From its vantage point high in the barn, the tree overlooked a special BP ceremony for a Rokeby Ralphs Bay guide. There was an end of year division picnic and farewell presentation. The 1st Sanford brownies came to Orana for their special pack holiday. As the tree looked down over the angels gathered below, it must have been so proud to be present at the re-enactment of the coming of the Christ child. Finally it was there to oversee the high jinx and festive excitement as the Sandford Scout Group entertained families and guiding friends at another end of year gathering. Fond memories.

### BRIDPORT GUMNUT GUIDES

the unit was established in May 1990 as the first group to be registered in Tasmania. Nine girls have since moved onto brownies. We have an average enrolment of ten gumnut guides - a nice number and not bad when there are only about 15 six year olds in Bridport. The girls have always been enthusiastic and love all the activities provided. They have shared and cared for Rosie, our little bear mascot. The

girls and Rosie wear a red popover depicting the red flowering gum around Bridport. They have also planted their own red flowering gums, thanks to help from the APPM.

### FAREWELL TO CHERYL WILSON

After five years as division commissioner for the South East Division, a funn day was held to bid farewell to a fun lady - farewell but not lost as Cheryl is now the state gumnut guide adviser. All the units in the division combined to give Cheryl an inlaid parquetry picture made up of various timbers - the picture, of course, was of gumnuts!

## RESOURCE CENTRE

The Resource Centre wishes to advise that the following boxes are available for borrowing:

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# An irreplaceable memory

I've just returned from the Trillium Friendship Camp in Ontario, Canada. It was a week long and enjoyed by 600 brownies, guides, pathfinders and rangers aged from eight-18.

The sun shone every day, the only rain came early in the camp testing our ability to waterproof our tents and equipment. The opening ceremony brought together guides from all corners of the world. The band played as we paraded in our groups, and I was very proud to be representing Caloundra, Queensland, and Australia. I thought we looked really great with our distinguishable Akubras.

This camp was certainly a friendship camp, every day we met new people and gained new friendships.

The highlight for me was the day spent at the spectacular Niagara Falls. I took so many photos. The Falls were so grand, so much bigger than I expected.

Other activities included a day at the water slides. I am just learning how to drive and I really enjoyed the time at the Go-Karts. It was a thrilling place to practice.

Every night brought a different form of entertainment; a talent quest, a concert and a campfire. I have a tiny bottle of ashes with my souvenirs. One night we had a scavenger hunt, we had to take photos with a Polaroid camera. Just imagine squeezing 100 girls into a marquee just to get points in a competition.

The camp was brought to a perfect end with the lowering of the flags. The contingent from Australia consisted of two leaders and five girls. Our first day together was spent in the magical world of Disneyland in Los Angeles, and a visit to Universal Studios resulted in another hectic day.

After arriving in Toronto we travelled the two hour journey to London (there is more than one) where we met our host families. I loved



mine, I stayed with them before and after camp. The Davidsons took me to the Great Lakes which were so huge they looked like an ocean.

Before returning to Australia, the Canadian Rockies were our home for a week. The snow capped mountains, lakes and rivers all lived up to their reputation of beauty. A nervous group climbed into rafts for an exciting trip of white water rafting — we all managed to survive.

Our last day was spent in Vancouver where we disposed of the last of our dollars before returning to the great 'Downunder'.

Trillium Friendship Camp was a truly irreplaceable experience.

Alex Pratt  
Queensland

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# INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

PLACE	EVENT	DATES	PARTICIPANTS	COST	AUSTRALIAN CLOSING DATE
Japan	Today's challenge — our future. Young leaders symposium.	20-24 August, symposium. 24-31 August, home hospitality. 31 Aug-3 Sep, visit Kyoto.	Two active young leaders aged 18 to 30 years.	Approx \$1100. Includes tour to Kyoto, insurance, event fee and rail pass. The girl scouts of Japan will pay airfares, meals and accommodation.	28 February
Rowallan Camp, Jamhuri Park, Kenya	International camp. Celebrate 70 years of guiding in Kenya.	3-9 August, camp. 9-11 August, home hospitality. 12-14 August, tour.	Two leaders and a patrol of girls aged 16 to 21 years at the time of camp.	Approx \$5500. Includes fares, accommodation, polo top and jumper, insurance, camp fees, administration, cultural activities and short safari to B-P's grave.	31 March
Osaka, Japan	Osaka 45th Anniversary camp.	28-31 July, home hospitality. 31 July-5 August, camp. 5-10 August, home hospitality.	Four girls aged 15 to 18 at time of camp. One leader.	Approx \$2500. Includes fares, insurance, administration, accommodation.	30 April
Japan	Chiba International camp.	3-5 August, home hospitality. 6-9 August, camp. 9-12 August, home hospitality. 12-15 August, visit Kyoto.	Five girls aged 14 to 18 at time of camp. One leader.	Approx \$3500. Includes fares, insurance, administration, accommodation.	30 April
Sangam, India	Women in Today's World followed by camp for Indian children.	8-20 November, event. 23-27 November, children's camp.	Leaders over 18 years.	Approx \$2500. Includes fares, accommodation, event fees, insurance, Singapore accommodation, administration.	31 May
Tonga	Asia Pacific Event for rangers/senior guides.	5-15 December.	Three members aged 16 to 19 years at time of event.	\$2000 includes fares, event fees, insurance, administration.	31 May
1993 Toronto, Canada	Guelph 93, Canada	30 June-6 July, tour. 7-12 July, home hospitality. 12-22 July, camp.	20 girls aged 14 to 16 at time of camp. Leaders born in 1976 or before.	Approx. \$4500 includes fares, accommodation, insurance, administration, tour of Disneyland or Rocky Mountains.	31 October

Please check with the state international adviser for the state's closing dates — usually a month before the national date.

## Four World Centres Tour

The Australian international commissioner is planning a tour of the four world centres in September 1993. Join adult members of the Association (husbands welcome) and find out what makes our World Association so special.

For further information contact the international commissioner, 7 Belhaven Avenue, Taroom, Tasmania 7053. Phone (002) 27 9005.

## International Catholic Conference for Guiding

The International Catholic Conference for guiding will be holding their world gathering in Bolivia in July 1992. If you will be in Bolivia at that time and you are Roman Catholic please contact the state international adviser.

Bea Lawrence  
Australian international commissioner

## Guide Section

### REGION PATROL LEADER TRAINING

- all regions will by now have received their book. When planning for this activity, why not try to include some practical skills as well and spread the training over a whole weekend. Good luck - I know it will be fun.

**CWA AWARD 1991** - congratulations to 2nd Carlisle Guides on winning the CWA Service Award for 1991.

All units are eligible to apply for this award - guidelines and application forms available from Gill at Guide House.

**B-P PRESENTATION** - closing date for the May ceremony is 3 April. All applications received after that date will be placed on the list for the November ceremony.

*Cheryl Murray  
Guide adviser*

### Heard on the Grapevine.....

- heard Diana Hewison was holidaying here over Christmas - looking relaxed and happy and thoroughly enjoying her work at Pax Lodge.
- Did you see the feature article in the West's Big Weekender on former state commissioner Pat Goodheart? It was an excellent coverage and well written. However I'd suspect camping people would take her up on her sweeping description of their tents as "frightful huge tents with poles and things". Might even give her a challenge to try them out - modern style!
- PR committee people have become used to their chairman providing yummy home made cookies for their cuppa each meeting, so their expectations were high for the end of the year celebration - imagine their surprise when she trotted them off to the Sanitarium for a night of wholesome healthy food!

### TIME TO MOVE ON .....

Well, it's thirteen years since I was accepted for this position. The wages have always been bad, but the people I work with are pretty good. I certainly didn't realise in the beginning that there would be phone calls 24 hours a day and that I would be expected to mind children and patch hurts and take on public speaking, cake decorating and numerous other things in addition to the nominated duties.

I guess I have seen about a hundred people pass through in my time, but I have stayed on. I have put in resignations, but they never seem to get read. I decided finally that it was time to throw in the towel and move on. After all, I had so many talents picked up along the way that I was sure there would be a better place to use them. On Wednesday, I went to work as usual after making up my mind that "this was it!"

That was the night I received a lump sum payment. A little girl came up to me and said "Nardu, you have helped me so much. Thank you for being here and being my leader."

The towel has not yet been thrown; it sometimes looks a bit tatty around the edges. However, for a job which offers such long term rewards, I may have to buy a new towel to see out the job.

*Margie Lawton, 1st Rivervale Guide Unit*

## From the State Commissioner

Do you remember the Card Shuffle? As I write this, my feet are resting on a huge carton full of your pieces of paper - now under my desk until I can decide what to do with it all. The survey may have seemed a bit confusing and even a bit of a nuisance as you shoe-horned it into your busy program, but it has provided us all with plenty to think about as we consider the recommendations from the 1991 National Forum and perhaps, even more importantly, as we plan our weekly guiding program.

The information from the girls will be the basis for discussion at the meeting of region commissioners, but I thought you might be interested in some of the findings.

Good things - camping, camping and more camping so long as there weren't too many rules and restrictions; almost anything outdoors which provided something of a challenge and which was fun such as horse-riding, bike riding, hiking, abseiling, canoeing, swimming, bushwalking, cooking or playing games; friends made and extending friendships within guiding with parties, discos, cooking and eating. Perhaps it is the age group, but food and eating seemed to be mentioned a lot.

What was encouraging was that the bad things were all well within our powers to change or already had been addressed. Like hats which now need only be worn for sun protection, or fawn socks which are no longer part of the uniform. They want clothing to be appropriate for the activities and we have the flexibility for this. They want to have responsibility for the program and for their decisions; the patrol system gives them this. They want friendly, approachable leaders and they want clean comfortable meeting places in which they can have a sense of pride.

**In short, they want flexibility in uniform and program, freedom of choice, friendship and above all, FUN. B-P once said: If it's not fun, it's not guiding.**

**Our girls agree 100%!  
Have fun in 1992 and enjoy everything you do.**

*Marion Nairn*

# ADVENTURING

South Australia

From the State Commissioner

## The Cockatoos

1st Minlaton is a small girl guide unit, fluctuating between six and twelve girls. To overcome the problem of constantly changing patrol badges, the girls decided to form a single patrol to be known as the Cockatoos.

Each girl chose a particular species of cockatoo, and using her own choice of material and method, created her own individual patrol badge. There are pink and grey galahs, sulphur crested and black cockatoos, and green, red and blue rosellas. Some are embroidered, others are appliqued felt and some are hand painted on paper and worn in a plastic name tag pin.

*Marie Campbell  
district support leader  
Minlaton, SA*

## A Visit to Olave House

In September 1991, on my way to the 19th General Assembly in Greece, I visited the newly opened Olave House and World Centre near Hampstead Heath in London.

After taking a bus from Oxford Street, followed by an uphill walk to the centre, I was shown around the accommodation area by a volunteer South American senior guide. The small sitting room is called the Rose Room in remembrance of an English group who sold roses to make money to furnish the room in a lovely dusty pink. Australia furnished a bedroom for four, with an appropriate pattern of Australian animals on the bed covers. There was a beautiful tapestry portraying Australian wildflowers and from South Australia, a toy koala and inscribed boomerang. I was proud to see a painting of Devil's Peak, sent by the Quorn guides of South Australia too. Other countries have furnished a family room and a twin bedroom. A bright airy 'camp' kitchen allows guests to cook for themselves if desired. There is also a well-equipped lounge and library. I was invited to stay for a delicious reasonably priced lunch which that day was prepared by a Cornish guide. The evening meal was to feature a native corn dish prepared by an African guide.

Then I was asked to put a pin on my home town on a world map. Around the map are many donated cloth badges.

*Elaine Miller  
Northern Trefoil Guild*

Somehow my letter for February's issue didn't reach the editor, so this is a very belated Happy 1992 to you all, a happy Thinking Day and a happy 2nd Birthday to the gumnut guides.

We certainly got off to a busy start to 1992 with STARS well underway on the first day of the year and followed quickly by the Australian Program and Training Conferences. Both events were most successful and participants appreciated South Australia's organisation and hospitality. Even the weather co-operated, although we could have done with a little more sunshine for STARS according to those doing the water activities. My warmest appreciation to all those who so generously shared their time, energy and skills either before or during the events - we couldn't have done it without such a wonderful team effort from around the state. Thank you all.

We celebrated the 50th year of Edna Ayers camps in January; I wonder just how many people have been involved in these camps over this time. A great many came to the Open Day on Sunday 19th and reminisced about their experiences - it was heartwarming to listen to their anecdotes. Many now have their own daughters in camp as junior staff. We are grateful to the members of the Mt Compass Buffalo Lodge whose generous donation helps this camp continue.

What a wonderful opportunity for learning this camp provides for our younger members; they learn so much about team effort, sharing responsibilities and coping with many different and sometimes difficult situations. So many have found this to be a very special and positive part of their guiding experiences and have learned skills which benefit them in the future. Thank you, once again, to all who took part in the 1992 camps.

Last year was the **Year of the District** and was wonderfully well supported. This year we are asking everyone to help promote guiding and bring in new members. We can all talk about the things we enjoy in guiding and encourage others to come and share them. Please encourage support for this promotion throughout the year.

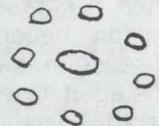
Thank you to those who generously contributed to Teddycare 1991. This special project of collecting teddybears for children who come under the care of Victims of Crime team was very well supported. On 23 December a group of brownie guides and gumnut guides presented two large baskets of teddybears to four representatives from Victims of Crime. We were assured that these would be a great comfort to distressed children.

*Mandy Mackay*

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## Gwen Overall

Friends of Gwen Overall were saddened to hear of her sudden death in January. She started her guiding in Broken Hill as a brownie guide leader and on coming to Adelaide, as a guide leader, district leader, region commissioner and most recently, assistant guide adviser and region support leader. Gwen will be remembered most particularly for her work with guides as a wonderful leader, encouraging the girls to work towards reaching their potential in every possible aspect of the program. She considered the needs of each guide and built a strong and caring unit. She encouraged camping and outdoor skills and was very involved in state camps and state patrol camps. She will be remembered with respect and affection.



## 'Casualties of Change' revisited

*Based on a article written by Richard Eckersley from the Australian Commission for the Future for the 1991 Conference of the Youth Affairs Congress of Australia.*

***'The health and well-being of young people is a critical measure of a society for two reasons: in moral terms, how well a society looks after its weak and vulnerable is a measure of how 'civilised' it is; in more pragmatic terms, a society that fails to cherish its young, fails itself. It's as simple as that.'***

*Richard Eckersley*

'Casualties of Change' was published in 1988. It is interesting and instructive to compare the view of young people depicted then with the present day.

- In 1988, the prime concern of young people was the threat of nuclear war. In 1991, this fear had faded considerably with the thawing of the cold war and recent dramatic political changes. However, new fears have been raised with a heightened realisation of the serious environmental problems facing the world today.
- Suicide for young people has continued to rise, particularly among young men. We must also remember that attempted suicides by overdose survive because of better intensive care technology and this could affect the female statistics as more women use this method than men. Depression seems to be rapidly becoming a significant disease in the young as well as the aged. One suggestion is that rapid social changes lead to fundamental shifts in the perception of life and its meaning.

- Overall drug use, both legal and illegal, seems to have declined, but serious drug abuse is a major problem worldwide. In Australia, a recent NSW survey of drug use among students aged 12 to 16 years found that weekly alcohol use had dropped for both boys and girls, but serious drinking remained a problem for boys despite a decline for girls. There also appears to be evidence to support a rising incidence of death due to narcotic abuse.
- Rates of crimes against property seem to be levelling off, except for fraud, but crimes of violence are increasing, except for murder.
- Changes in family life continue to have significant effect on young people. There are about 40 000 divorces in Australia each year, involving about 45 000 children.

Evidence suggests children from a family background where divorce has been acrimonious and difficult experience a disproportionately greater number of social, academic and psychological adjustment problems.

- Over the past 18 months, unemployment has risen sharply. There have also been important changes in the nature of jobs as well as the number of jobs available. Jobs for women and part-time or casual jobs grew more quickly than full-time permanent jobs for men. Evidence also suggests that structural and technological forces make it more difficult to create enough satisfying and well-paying jobs in future.

A 1989 study of Australian young people by Mackay Research makes the following points:

- personally optimistic about achieving their own goals, but generally pessimistic about society;
- accustomed to rapid change;
- always looking for the 'latest' with short commitment;
- materialistic with expensive items symbolising security and 'love';
- have a strong need to 'belong', but relate more to their own peer group than the community which they tend to think is declining in morality;
- 'FUN' is the antidote to pessimism, boredom and all things negative.

A similar survey carried out by Time magazine in 1990 among young American adults came to many of the same conclusions showing a culture which is very fragile.

***'It may be, however, that the greatest wrong we have done to our children is not the fractured families or the scarcity of jobs, but the creation of a culture that gives them nothing greater than themselves to believe in — no god, no king, no country — and no cause for hope or optimism. It is a culture whose main effect appears to be demoralisation.***

***I fear that this loss of faith — this lack of a belief in something bigger than ourselves — may undermine our resilience, our ability to cope with more personal difficulties and hardships.'***

*'The problems affecting young people in Australia, and, more broadly, the failings and the fragilities of the culture of modern youth, stem from a complex mix of economic, social and cultural influences. While there are policies and programs we can implement to address some of the specific problems we have, I don't believe we can achieve the degree of change required to solve these problems without first getting our culture fundamentals sorted out.'*

On the one hand, Mr Eckersley agrees with the 'conservative' view that there needs to be more emphasis on individual responsibilities, not just individual

rights and that as much as possible, individuals should take responsibility for their own lives. But he also supports the 'liberal' point that there is an obligation on

society to ensure that individuals are equipped with the capability to take that responsibility, and they have the opportunity to exercise that capability.

He feels we need to determine how society can better meet human needs, and what, as part of that has the right to expect of its citizens.

*'For the first time in our history, we need to systematically establish broad, long-term objectives for our society — not just economic or environmental or social objectives, but goals that define, in broad terms, the totality of how we want to live — and manage change towards those ends. We need to relate these to basic, human psycho-social needs which include a sense of personal involvement, purpose, belonging, responsibility, interest, excitement, challenge, satisfaction, comradeship and love, enjoyment, confidence and security. For more and more people, modern life no longer offers these qualities.'*



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When Gutenberg invented the printing press, the demand for paper skyrocketed and it was soon found that there were not enough rags and the old hand-forming method was too slow.

The first successful continuous paper machine was made in France in 1799. In England, an engineer named Donkin developed a commercial model of a papermaking machine but ran out of

money. Two brothers named Fourdrinier provide funding and the machine has been called the Fourdrinier machine ever since. Basically this machine has not changed since its invention, but it has certainly evolved into a more efficient production unit. The width of the paper which can be made has increased from 1 metre to 10 metres and the speed of the machine from producing two metres per minute to more than 1500 metres a minute. In the 1830's a French chemist identified cellulose as a separate entity in wood and wood fibres have become the major papermaking raw material. The papermaking industry is currently looking at other materials and other procedures to meet the increasing demand for paper, to keep costs at an acceptable level and to contain its use of finite natural resources.

# MATILDA

Victoria

## From the State Commissioner

I still seem to be catching up with 1991 functions.

The 'thank you' cocktail party was once again a most successful function, giving us the opportunity to show our appreciation to many of our supporters and suppliers.

The carolling on the GPO steps was just wonderful, with tremendous response from our members. The addition of a small but effective instrumental group added an extra dimension.

During January the team went in all directions - Anne Scott attended STARS in Adelaide, Ann McNamara attended the training conference, Glenda was off and away for four weeks to a training event at Sangam and Anne, Jill and I attended the Great Guide Walkabout.

All that, before we even had our planning weekend. This will be a follow-up to the state Association planning weekend three years ago and the training department weekend two years ago.

We trust that with the team, all the advisers, a variety of members plus the findings from the national Forum, combined with a great deal of discussion, debate and good solid work, we will achieve plans, goals and directions for the next three to five years.

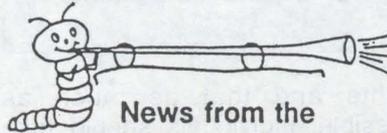
How many of you are making this a Two year? See my February letter. I am sure if we all work at it, we will succeed in retaining and increasing our membership

*Dorothy Woolley*

### Thought for the Month

How often do we cross oceans seeking something different, when the only thing which needs a change is our own outlook on life? Far from home, we gladly exchange the quiet sophistication of the casino for the quiet of our own fireside, or the pointless association of the globe trotter for the warm friendship of those back home. Let's have our castles in Spain, let anticipation bring a spice into our lives, but not to the extent that we mistake the shadow for the substance.

*From: Thoughts for everyday living*



## News from the P.R. department

Now is the time to plan your event for May - Guide Month.. The aim is to increase public awareness, to let the world see we are alive and very well. The launch this year will take place in Melbourne on Saturday 2 May and your region commissioner is the person to contact if you want to attend. It will be an interesting and exciting day. You could also plan a district, division or region event somewhere in a public place. Try to emphasise the life skills we teach. Your region public relations co-ordinator may be able to help with ideas and promotional material or contact the PR department. Remember to invite your local media.

*Jennie Powles, PR adviser*



**Box Hill District** celebrated its 60th Jubilee at the end of 1991. There was a dinner at the Box Hill Town Hall attended by the state commissioner, the region commissioner, the district commissioner for scouts and the Mayor and Mayoress of Box Hill. Among the 100 people who also attended were some of the guides enrolled in the first unit in 1931. There was also a church service and a lasting reminder of the occasion with a tree planted in the town hall grounds.

Souvenir items can be obtained from Betty Darbyshire (03) 898 1996.

## AROUND THE STATE

At the Blessing of the Fleet at the Guide Scout Sailing Centre in October, four generations of the Thomson family were present.

Jean Thomson  
Moorabbin East Trefoil Guide - mother  
Jacquie Weekes  
Old uniform booking secretary - daughter  
Karen Denedick  
leader Eltham District - Grand-daughter  
Hannah Denedick  
18 months - Great grand-daughter  
A truly guiding family!

Hawthorn guides and brownies were asked to assist at World Animal Day which was sponsored by Mars and Uncle Ben. The girls had a fantastic day - handing out showbags, blowing up balloons, dressing up in M and M costumes and leading ponies around for pony rides. It was a great PR exercise.

**The Lorikeet Trefoil Guild** turned their AGM for 1991 into a very special occasion by inviting Her Majesty Queen Victoria as guest of honour along with Sgt Robinson of Prince Albert's Own 11th Hussars and Lady in Waiting, Lady Iris Margaret Robinson. All, of course, wore beautiful evening clothes of the Victorian period. Members of the guild were presented as debutantes and their 'gentlemen' and the subsequent dancing was enjoyed by all.

## Good news from Ravenshoe

In recent times we have seen and heard of conservationists chaining themselves to trees, and politicians making decisions which affect the livelihood of many families.

Protecting the rainforest is a positive thing; our environment is decaying around us and we do need to control the destruction.

World Heritage listing is preserving areas of Australia for future generations to enjoy. Sadly though, there is often a negative effect of such listing, especially in communities whose living has been made from harvesting timber.

Ravenshoe, Queensland, is one such community and things are somewhat gloomy and negative (as you would expect when the main source of employment disappears). Sharyn Caspar, of 1st Ravenshoe Brownie Guide Unit, wrote to tell us of a cause for celebration recently.

Since World Heritage listing of the surrounding rainforest, and the subsequent closure of the district's major employer (sawmills), any news from the far northern town of Ravenshoe has

been very bleak. Unemployment is high, businesses are owed money and the outlook is generally dismal. In the midst of all this doom and gloom a light is shining forth — Ravenshoe brownies and guides have reopened, and gumnut guides have commenced.

The first meeting of the brownie pack was held in early July with seven girls. Three of the girls were ten and hoped that guides would soon start. Brownie numbers increased to 10, the older girls moved on to guides and all had a part to play in a joint Promise ceremony. The new district leader made her Promise, the guide leader from the 1980s renewed hers and the guests included parents, grandparents and local teachers.

What fun it was to see everyone, from pre-schoolers to grandparents, sitting on the floor playing (or trying to play) the 'Dutch Shoe' game. The night was a tremendous success.

At last, some good and positive news from Ravenshoe where guiding is playing a part.

*Sharyn Caspar  
Ravenshoe District*

## An international theme — Australia!

When a leader moves from one country to another sooner or later she is going to be called upon to co-ordinate a meeting using her homeland as the focal point for



that meeting. So it came about that a brownie guide unit in Japan sat down to an afternoon tea of lamingtons and other Australian delights. But why not let Rachael Wilson of Troop 71, Tokyo tell the story in her own words.

'We cooked lamingtons and it was a great success. We worked in groups of about seven and I ran between them all.

This is what we did:

Melt butter in microwave, added sugar and mixed, added eggs and mixed, added flour and milk all at once and it went yuk (or Japanese equivalent) as it curdled. We poured it into the pans and cooked it. Then we put into the freezer for 20 minutes.'

'The brownies had a wonderful time icing the cake with their fingers. We had them for afternoon tea with Kocho (what the Japanese call western tea bags), Tasmanian girl guide biscuits (made in New



Zealand)!, twisties, caramello bears and apple and yoghurt pie. We also learnt the Australian brownie guide song in English and its meaning in Japanese.'

The behind-the-scenes activity is revealed by Rachael's long suffering mum. 'This activity required two reverse-charge phone calls home to Hobart. First for the recipe which included much discussion on different types of flours. The recipe required self-raising flour — in Tokyo there is only *flour* — although they did have baking powder! The second phone call was to say that cocoa was available but not icing sugar or dessicated coconut.' Once again mum came to the rescue: posting the required item air mail. She did wonder what Japanese Customs made of the bag of fine white powder.

*With thanks to Rachael and  
Cheryl Wilson Tasmania*



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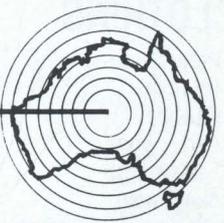
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All manner of craft were used by members of Sunraysia Region during the canoe training week in Mildura, Victoria.



Joyce Price (left), trefoil guild adviser, and Shirley Suriano, president Murdoch trefoil guild, pictured at the Trefoil Guild Thinking Day ceremony in Western Australia. Photo courtesy Community Newspapers.



GUIDING AROUND *Australia* 

Waterside fun at the 'come dressed to get wet' day in Darwin, NT.



The faces say it all at the first Hobart Gang Show in more than 20 years.

Gumnut guide Jodie Cocks trying on a brownie campfire shirt for size with help from Connor Rider and Ann Fletcher. Photo courtesy of the Maryborough Chronicle, Queensland.



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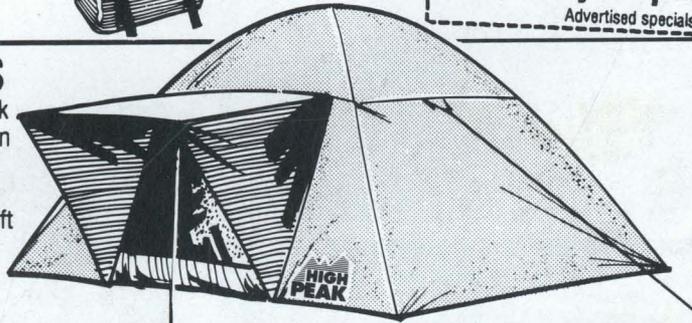
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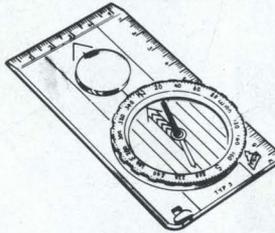
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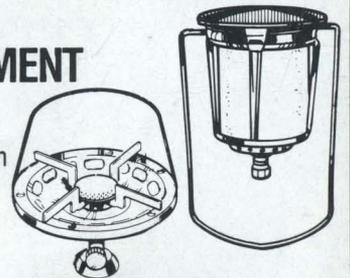
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