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VISIT of H.R.H. PRINCESS ANNE to Headquarters

Headquarters was very quiet and orderly on the morning of 6th April — all was in readiness, with every detail planned. Because we knew that preparations were complete, the EXCITING day was also a very HAPPY one. You will undoubtedly be interested to know some details of the planning and how so much was successfully crowded into a short time.

Credit for the first thought that H.R.H. The Princess Anne be invited to attend a Guide function in Victoria goes to the Ranger Section. An invitation, in general terms, was sent officially as soon as the dates of the Royal Visit were known, and we were delighted to receive acceptance for the afternoon of 6th April.

This must obviously be a young people's day, bringing together as many as possible to see Her Royal Highness, yet enabling her to see the girls engaged in some kind of activity and to meet and talk with girls in the 17 to 25 age group. The three Section Advisers arranged a meeting to decide upon the theme — wool — and upon the method of presenting an interesting display. Packs and Companies were asked to prepare material and to be present on the day — at work using wool. The Public Relations Subcommittee worked tirelessly to help, and Miss Wirth did a mammoth task in the preparation and collection of the exhibits — for weeks her office looked like a miniature emporium!

We are fortunate to have many talented people in the Association, and Miss Shirley Hammond (formerly of the Ranger Section) willingly accepted the responsibility of preparing the afternoon tea. Miss Hammond is a demonstrator employed by the Gas and Fuel Corporation, and, with their generous approval, and using their staff and kitchen facilities, she produced the mouth-watering

cakes, sandwiches and asparagus rolls, which were offered to Her Royal Highness, her lady-in-waiting, Miss Morrison, Guider representatives from the Regions and members of the Ranger Section. To harmonise with our Guide colourings, the tablecloths were golden-yellow with small posy-bowls centred on each table. Our blue pottery, of course, but the master stroke was the teapot! Keeping the youthful accent, it was decided not to use formal silver, and the Ranger Adviser, after much searching, purchased the most beautiful teapot — white pottery with a design of tiny blue trefoils. At first sight I thought the paper napkins were printed with the Diamond Jubilee Badge, but they were just another example of good shopping producing a very suitable replica.

The flowers throughout the building were really beautiful. Each vase was a masterpiece, and we owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Paul of the Royal Horticultural Society Floral Art Group and the ladies who assisted her, for the skill and devotion with which they performed their task. We all know how much time is required to produce worthwhile flower arrangements and the ladies were at Headquarters most of the weekend.

Margaret Jobling and Kaye Simmons, confident of the role they would play after tuition by Miss Macartney, were in readiness; Pauline Zuering, word perfect in the speech which she herself compiled, had our gift for presentation; the Brownies, Guides and Rangers were proceeding quietly in the upstairs meeting room; the guards-of-honour were in their places; the kettle was on the boil.

With the confident knowledge that all was prepared, I stepped forward proudly to greet Her Royal Highness and bid her welcome to the home of Guiding in Victoria.

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To Her Most Gracious Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II,

The Brownie Guides, Guides and Ranger
Guides of Victoria send to you their loyal
greetings on the occasion of Your Majesty's
visit to our State.

It was a great privilege for our Associa-
tion to have been invited to arrange a
gathering of young people in honour of Her
Royal Highness The Princess Anne and the
members, who were present as representa-
tives of all the Guide Regions in Victoria,
were delighted to have this opportunity of
meeting her informally.

7th April, 1970.

H.M. Yacht "Britannia"

At Sea,

10th April, 1970.

Dear Mrs. Jones,

I am commanded by the Queen to thank
you for your letter of 7th April and to ask
you to convey to the Brownie Guides,
Guides and Ranger Guides of Victoria Her
Majesty's warm thanks for their loyal greet-
ings on the occasion of her visit to Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Cook.

Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones.



I was the first hostess to be presented to Her Royal Highness during her visit to Guide Headquarters, and naturally I was very nervous. However, I was immediately struck by her natural manner, which went a long way towards putting me at ease.

Princess Anne, Mrs. Renshaw-Jones and I chatted for several minutes in the hall before I escorted the Princess upstairs. On the way she complimented us on our lovely building.

Going round the handcrafts, the Princess took great care to speak to as many of the Brownies, Guides and Rangers as she could. She was very impressed by their work and showed a great interest in all we had prepared and the display generally. She added an extra ten minutes or so to her schedule in going round.

—Margaret Jobling,
Asst. Guide Leader, 1st Ivanhoe Coy.

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"How did you feel?" "What was she like?" These were the questions—the answers—"Nervous—terrific—fantastic—marvellous."

This was how it was on 6th April, when I had the honour of being a hostess to Princess Anne at afternoon tea at Guide Headquarters.

Margaret Jobling and I had been selected from a number of young Guiders to look after Princess Anne—to be on hand to answer any questions—introduce her to people—and last, but by no means least, not allow our knees to creak when we went through the rigours of our curtsies.

The afternoon did not prove to be so formidable after all. Curtsy over (pew!) and I was introduced by Mrs. Renshaw Jones, I expressed our feelings of honour and pride that the Princess was visiting us. Then we headed towards the tea room. Princess Anne was given a great ovation by all present. I introduced her to a group of Guiders and she was very sincere and natural with everyone. The Princess asked each Guider what she did apart from Guiding, and took a keen interest in each person's reply. This interest was evident throughout the afternoon.

By now I had relaxed—we talked and laughed together. I am sure that Princess Anne enjoyed her visit and this I felt was

evident when she prolonged her time with us.

It is very hard to convey the joy, elation, pride and thrill it has meant for me—and I know you would all feel the same way and would be just as impressed with this natural, sincere and charming Princess.

—Kaye Simmons,
Asst. Guide Leader, 2nd Balwyn Coy.



Princess Anne receives the Movement's gift.

Princess Anne is a charming and delightful person to meet. We were all extremely nervous while waiting for Her Royal Highness in the room in which she would have afternoon tea, but as soon as she walked in, looking just like an "ordinary" person and not floating two feet above the ground, as we'd half expected, everyone knew that our nervousness had been unnecessary.

She wore a chocolate-brown linen coat, buttoned up to the collar, white accessories and her hair was upswept into a cute turquoise four-tiered hat with brown stripes that matched her coat.

The Princess spoke to nearly everyone in the room. She seemed shy and speaks softly with a beautiful English accent, and she is very sincere. When she speaks to you, she invariably comments on your answers—noticeably speaking to each person directly, all the while smiling with her lovely eyes, which are deep blue. Princess Anne is a lovely person to look at—her personality shines right through.

There were Guiders, all under the age of 25, representing the Regions of Victoria, and a number of Rangers. These Guiders were individually chosen within their Region, to represent that Region during the afternoon. Princess Anne's hostess at tea was Kaye Simmons.

Upstairs in the Training Room, numerous Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders took part in a demonstration round the theme of wool. The walls were covered in the most fantastic array of wool-crafts. So much imagination was strewn around the room, it was marvellous to see. Margaret Jobling hosted the Princess at this stage. Both Kaye and Margaret were good hostesses, and helped the Princess put people at ease.

The Princess noticeably relaxed over afternoon tea, even though she was there for only half an hour, but her face *really* lit up at the very end. Just as Her Royal Highness was about to step into her car, every Brownie, Guide, Ranger and Guider sang out "Bravo, bravo." Princess Anne really grinned.

—Wendy Pratt,
Brown Owl, 1st Gardiner Pack.

AND THEN....

at Government House

Leianne came out to my place and we got ready for the evening together. It was only at that time that our excitement began to mount. Government House looked lovely. The gardens were lit with coloured lights and there were policemen and security people inside the grounds, checking that all people inside the gates were guests. The atmosphere provoked a sense of excitement and anticipation.

Before we went into the ballroom we were greeted and welcomed by Frances Delacombe. We were then shown to our tables. Leianne and I were fortunate in being on the same table. Waiters brought champagne to the tables and then the big moment arrived. Prince Charles and Princess Anne came in, accompanied by Frances Delacombe, Stuart McGregor and a few other friends. The band began to play and people to dance. The party had begun.

We didn't have partners—most people had received individual invitations. We found that as the night went on we introduced ourselves to other people and consequently had lots of dances with different people. There were two bands, The Mixtures and Denis Farrington, so there was a variety of music.

We were impressed most of all by the fact that the dinner dance was so informal. After the first drinks, most girls took off their long white gloves and didn't put them on for the rest of the night. Princess Anne did not wear gloves. The Royal couple mixed freely with the guests all night, and neither seemed particularly selective as to whom they danced with. Although Leianne and I did not dance with the Prince, we both danced beside him a few times during the evening, and we felt that those who did dance with him were those who were lucky enough to be there when he was changing partners. Leianne and I were impressed with the natural manner of their Royal Highnesses.

The food was delicious, the music was great and everyone thoroughly enjoyed

themselves. Prince Charles and Princess Anne stayed until 1.20 a.m. and I think this indicated that they enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

All the guests went out through the glass doors of the ballroom into the grounds of Government House to wave and cheer as Prince Charles and Princess Anne drove away in their luxurious black car, escorted by police.

Guests then started to dwindle away reluctantly after a tremendous night.

—Sue Cooper, Boroondara Cadets.

—Leianne Borch, Colac Ranger Coy.

At Princess Anne's Luncheon

What a thrill it was to receive an invitation to attend a luncheon in honour of Her Royal Highness, the Princess Anne! It was scheduled for Wednesday, 8th April, at Le Chateau Restaurant, Queens Road, Melbourne, and I was invited, with Pauline Hutchinson, of Kew, to attend as representatives of the Movement. We were certainly feeling very excited when, finally, the big day came.

Arriving early, we stopped to chat with a Ranger who was there to open the door of the Royal car. We were served with pre-luncheon drinks and were able to spend a very pleasant hour talking to representatives of other youth organizations. In all, 110 people from 35 organizations attended and it was beaut. to learn a little about some other groups and also to see some faces we already knew.

And then Princess Anne arrived, looking very elegant in a navy-blue ensemble and a white hat with a navy band. After initial introductions to the receiving party, she was interviewed and photographed by the press and it seemed ages before she entered the luncheon room where she was very warmly welcomed.

While a delicious buffet meal was being served, the Princess proceeded around the room, stopping to speak to the people in the small groups that formed. During this time she appeared to be quite relaxed and we were wondering if we would appear the same to her when she came to speak to us.

At last she reached our group and spoke to us all individually. Personally, I was delighted that she recognized my Brown Owl's warrant badge and to hear her call to mind her days as a Brownie. I was also amazed that whilst speaking to her I had forgotten to be nervous, so charming and natural was her manner.

Before going off to her next function, she was invited to sign the visitors' book, which we also signed later.

It had certainly proved to be a grand and enjoyable function and I truly felt honoured to have represented the Girl Guides' Association at it. I know it was a day in my life that shall never be forgotten.

—Lynette Woodman,

Asst. Brownie Leader, 1st Preston Pack.

. . . . At the Civic Reception

Representing the Ranger Branch at the Civic Reception for the Royal Family at the Melbourne Town Hall, were four very tense, excited and anticipating Rangers.

A vantage point on the edge of the red carpet at the end of the hall proved most advantageous as we were able to meet and speak with three members of the Royal Family.

Before moving among the guests at the Reception, Her Majesty the Queen presented to the Lord Mayor the Royal Warrant conferring new armorial bearings on the City of Melbourne.

The Duke of Edinburgh was the first to come our way. He stopped to speak to us about our Rangering and civilian lives in a most relaxed and informal way.

Some time later Her Majesty noticed our uniforms and moved to speak to us. She commented on the smartness of our uniforms and asked about the differences in our uniforms. She also asked whether we were following a new Ranger programme as the British were. We explained that we had taken advantage of all the research that Britain had done on a new programme, and had adopted and modified it to suit our Australian conditions. This seemed to interest her a great deal and she asked us many questions about our Ranger activities.

Responding to her interested questions was not difficult as she seemed to be very enthusiastic about the Guide Movement generally.

Excited about the fact that we had *actually* been speaking to the Queen *in person*, then Prince Charles caught a glimpse of us and also made a point of coming over to chat with us. As an extremely charming and intelligent conversationalist he really wowed us! Topics of conversation with the Prince ranged from a discussion of the effects of herbicides on the general environment (how did we get into that? Well, Prince Charles asked Lorraine what her occupation was. She replied that she was a research botanist and it developed from there! See?) through to Rangering and the size of Chris's biceps as a result of her rowing! He also wanted to know whether we had sailed out to greet the "Britannia" as she sailed through the Heads. Unfortunately we had to disillusion him as to our own sailing prowess.

As he chatted on to us, several guests nearby seemed to be turning greener and greener at our marvellous good fortune in speaking at such great length to members of the Royal Family.

Finally they left—leaving behind four very thrilled and thankful Rangers. We were thrilled to have spoken to most of the members of our Royal Family and thankful that we had had the opportunity of representing the Ranger Branch at such an awe-inspiring occasion. There was nothing left to do then, but tuck into hors d'oeuvres—Royal excitement makes one very hungry.

- Cheryl Steele,
Boroondara Cadet Coy.
- Lorraine Dearthcott,
Nunawading Land Ranger Coy.
- Chris Gunson,
S.R.S. "Derwent".
- Di Turner,
Yarraville Land Ranger Coy.

At Prince Charles' Reception

The day was just as we had hoped it would be—fine and sunny, and we were able to wear our Summer uniforms. We were the two fortunate Guiders chosen to accept the Junior National Trust invitation to their "At Home" for Prince Charles at "Como."

We arrived early and had an interesting time watching the fashions—and everything and anything was "in."

At last the moment we had been waiting for arrived—the Scout to open the car door was in his place and the Royal Standard of the Prince of Wales was on the flag pole. Then—the Standard was broken and the National Anthem sung—an exciting experience in the presence of a member of the Royal Family.

The Prince was shown over Como House, planted a lemon-scented gum in the native garden and walked round the garden, mingling with the crowd. We were not fortunate enough to meet Prince Charles, but we did get a good view of him as he came down the steps to plant the gum.

During the afternoon the Police Band played on the balcony upstairs and a delicious afternoon tea was served in the garden. Prince Charles left just before 5 p.m.—and we wished as we also left that more members of the Movement had been able to share our memorable experience.

- Shirley Williamson,
Brownie Leader, 1st Toorak Pack.
- Nina Netherway,
Guide Leader, 3rd Ballarat Coy.

. . . . At Portland

Tuesday, April 7th, was one of those once-in-a-lifetime days for approximately 1,000 Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs who saw the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh at Portland Aerodrome.

Guides came from Western Border and Otway Regions, and from South Australia. All had waited for at least two hours, in cold windy weather; roads to the aerodrome were to be closed to all traffic after a certain time.

Brown Owls organized games for their Brownies; Colour parties had rehearsals and last-minute instructions; others had a look around the aerodrome; many stayed in cars and buses out of the cold wind.

The Royal party was fortunately 25 minutes late. I say fortunately because at that time a shower of rain sent everyone scampering for their coats.

At last the waiting was over; the Queen's plane had landed, and no one cared any

more what the weather was like! After being welcomed by the Mayor and councillors, the Queen and Duke entered the gleaming black Rolls Royce, and drove slowly along the Guide and Scout Guard of Honour.

This was a most impressive sight—flags dipped in salute as the Queen passed; all stood to attention, no one moved out of line. The kids were really wonderful, parents watching must have felt very proud of their sons and daughters (and, perhaps for the first time, found that junior could stand still for five minutes!).

After the Royal party left the airport, there was an hour and ten minutes to wait for their return. Many Guiders took the opportunity to have a nice hot cup of tea!

Guides and Scouts again formed a guard of honour when the Queen and Duke arrived back at the airport, but this time there was much waving and cheering. It seemed to increase in volume, if that were possible, as the Royal car stopped some 50 yards from the terminal entrance, and the Queen and Duke got out and walked the rest of the way to the plane.

The crowd surged forward, cheering madly, as the Royal couple made their way through, talking to as many children as possible. All too soon it was over, and the Queen and Duke boarded their plane.

After the Royal plane had gone, Brownies and Guides outdid each other with descriptions of how close they had been to the Queen. It was like being at an angler's convention as outstretched arms told tales—instead of stretching further out, the arms crept closer in, until distance was measured between finger and thumb, a quarter of an inch exactly, according to one Guide!

You wouldn't think that anyone could get nearer to the Royal pair, but one tiny Brownie managed to do just that. With a smug little smile on her face, she swept aside all competition with—"Anyhow, I rubbed knees with Prince Philip!"

Another Brownie came racing madly over to Brown Owl, excitedly saying, "She talked to me, Brown Owl, she talked to me!" As Brown Owl queried, "What did she say?" Brownie stopped in astonishment. "I don't know! I don't know, Brown Owl! But she did say something!"

The most often asked question from Brownies, and Guides, was—"Why didn't the Queen wear her crown?" Some weird and wonderful reasons were discussed—

"She would knock it off every time she got in the car!"

"It would be too heavy on her head!"

"Perhaps Princess Anne was wearing it and the Queen couldn't get it!"

The sky became very overcast after the Queen's plane had gone, and the weather again seemed terribly cold. Then the journey home, with traffic bumper to bumper at snail's pace.

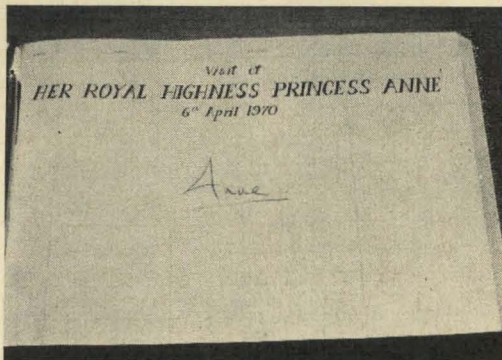
Many Guides took the opportunity to have a look at the aircraft carrier, H.M.A.S. Sydney, in Portland for the Royal visit—it's a truly magnificent ship.

It was wonderful for us all to have had the opportunity to see the Queen and Duke, the first time for many of us. The Queen looked radiant and it was well worth the effort, and the waiting in the bitter cold, to be able to enjoy such an unforgettable experience.

—D. Maconachie,
Western Border Region.



One of the Guide door-openers.



In a most dignified and exciting ceremony on 6th April, Her Majesty the Queen invested Mrs. Irene Fairbairn, Vice-President of the Girl Guides Association of Australia, with the C.B.E.

This award was made "For Services to the Girl Guide Movement".

Her Majesty was able to shake hands the Guide way — Mrs. Fairbairn had a broken right wrist.

It was a most moving ceremony, and I was very proud of our Irene Fairbairn.

—A.R.

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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

SHORTAGE OF LEADERS

The recent quarterly Region reports highlight how the shortage of leaders continues to be a matter for deep concern. There is no possibility of expansion of the Movement if we do not overcome this problem, and, in some areas, it would seem that we are actually losing ground.

B.-P. found "that boys would come eagerly in their thousands of their own accord to be trained where the training had its attractions for them . . . that hundreds of adults were willing to sacrifice time and energy in the service of training these boys".

Where are we failing today? Those who love Guiding and understand its aims and ideals know that it can be an equally great force for good to the youth of this generation. Perhaps we do not make this aspect apparent to a wide enough section of the community. Rarely does it become necessary to close down a Unit because of lack of interest from the children — unfortunately, it happens when we are unable to find a leader.

It has never been our policy to "advertise" Guiding, but perhaps we have overlooked "public relations". As you know, we have a central Committee which works hard in this field and its members are endeavouring to establish and train people to do a similar job at District level. However, each member of the Association is involved, even if unknowingly, in this vital aspect, and our "image" depends upon the individual contribution which each one of us makes.

One avenue which has not been used to full advantage is the Trefoil Guild, and I urge you all to consider the strengthening or starting of a Guild in your District. If everyone who is unable to continue in an active capacity were encouraged to join this inadequately understood section of the Movement we should have an enormous potential for both future leadership and active assistance on the many occasions when we need short-term or occasional help. These are the people who understand Guiding and they are often obliged to leave because of commitments in the very fields in which we would welcome wider participation.

If you have any suggestions as to how more new leaders can be enrolled; if you know of any way help can be given from Headquarters, will you please write to me so that we may benefit from your good ideas and pool our resources to solve this most urgent problem.

I consider this matter of such pressing importance that I have used my "Matilda" space to bring it to your notice. However, for your interest, I should like to report briefly upon the activities during March in which the Headquarters "team" was involved:—

- 1st — Jubilee Reunion at Headquarters — organised by Mrs. P. G. Heard.
- 2nd — State Council Meeting.
- 3rd — Visit of H.R.H. Crown Princess Sonja of Norway and ladies attached to the Norwegian Trade Delegation to Britannia Park, where they lunched with some personnel from Headquarters and members of the Britannia Park Committee.
- 4th — Region Commissioners' Meeting.
- 6th — Meeting of Advisers and representatives from Brownie, Guide, Ranger Sections, and Commissioners for preliminary discussion of the religious policy to be printed in the next copy of P.O.&R.
- 10th — Country Women's Association's reception for their World President, Mrs. Dutt of India. Our Association was represented by Mrs. K. Turnbull.
- 11th to 13th — Australian Executive Meeting, Sydney, attended by the State Commissioner.
- 14th — Selection from Region representatives for two Guiders under 25 years of age to act as hostesses during the visit to Headquarters of H.R.H. The Princess Anne. Miss Margaret Jobling, Yarra Valley, and Miss Kaye Simmons, East Metropolitan, were chosen.
- 17th to 18th — Visit of the State Commissioner to Brogie Park and Burnet Park Campsites in Baw Baw Region.
- 21st — Annual Youth Garden Party at Government House. (HOW it rained!)
- 23rd — The Lady Delacombe Cup — golf day at Metropolitan Golf Club. Organised

by Mrs. T. S. Carlyon, with Mrs. J. L. Pearson in charge of the stall. Winners: Mrs. W. McGregor and Mrs. V. Fitcher; Runners-Up, Mrs. Gaunt and Mrs. Fiske. Long Drive, Mrs. M. Dwyer. Nearest the Pin, Miss Bettine Burgess.

A most successful day, both socially and financially.



The Winners of the 1970 Lady Delacombe Cup.

—Photo Mr. V. Fitcher.

27th to 30th — Ranger Camp Koornkoo at Britannia Park. Misses E. E. Moran, B. M. Macartney and C. Broadhurst attended as ex-Ranger Advisers. Camp opened by the State Commissioner. Miss M. Shaw, and many other ex-Rangers, in residence.

Best wishes for good Guiding in your area.

Charlotte Perslow Jones

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A WINNING FLOAT

Terang Guides entered a float in the Australia Day procession. A family of several sisters took part, but a small terrier pet refused to part company. "Nip" became part of the scene, and added her excited yapping to the general interest and delight of the applauding public.

(Paw Note: Float won prize as Best Children's Float.)

POST BOX

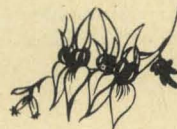
The following letter has been received from Mrs. Howard F. Katzenberg, International Commissioner, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. It is hoped you will do all you can to strengthen the links between our two countries, by encouraging the Guides to apply for pen friends in America:—

"Thinking Day and our own International Friendship Day this month have brought to our International Post Box a great many requests from Girl Scouts and Leaders for pen friends in other countries. Although Miss Laidlaw, and her successor, has sent us wonderfully long lists of names of Australian Guides who want links with U.S.A. Girl Scouts, we still have a very long waiting list of girls who have selected Australia as their first choice of a country in which they would like to find a pen friend. We wonder if it would be possible for you and the Post Box Secretary to help us by publicising the situation among girls and leaders in your country.

"We hope that we will be able to establish many new links within the next few months so that the friendships will be well established by next Thinking Day. Most of our requests are from 12, 13 and 14-year-old Girl Scouts. We also have a number of requests from Brownie Troop Leaders for links with Leaders of Brownie Troops in other lands.

"We will be very grateful if you will pass this word along wherever it might be helpful — at meetings, at trainings, in your publications, everywhere! We are so anxious that as many girls as possible have the unique Guide/Scout experience of corresponding with sister Guides and Scouts overseas. . . ."

Following Camp Southern Cross, we are sure many more Australian Guides will be interested in corresponding with Guides/Scouts overseas! APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH YOUR STATE POST BOX SECRETARY, MRS. S. WILLIAMSON, 6 HAINES STREET, CHELTENHAM, VIC.



New Appointments

We are delighted to report the following new appointments in the Headquarters team of Advisers:—

TRAINING ADVISER: Mrs. K. Grandin from 1st August, 1970.

Mrs. Grandin is already well known, having served the Movement as Guide Adviser since June, 1968, and formerly as District and Division Commissioner in the metropolitan area.

GUIDE ADVISER: Mrs. H. Halligan from 15th June, 1970.

Mrs. Halligan is an experienced Guide Captain, a qualified Trainer and, under Mrs. Grandin, has been a member of the Guide Section Committee.

(You will note the difference in the dates of takeover — Mrs. Grandin is having a well-earned holiday before taking up the reins of her new form of service to Guiding.)

TREFOIL GUILD ADVISER: Mrs. E. Lister — from a date to be announced.

Mrs. Lister has been District Commissioner for Moorabbin for the past five years and is currently a member of the Commissioners' Conference Committee.

In making this announcement, **WE PAY TRIBUTE TO —**

- Miss P. Barr, who, in addition to her normal duties as Organising Secretary at Headquarters, has so expertly and willingly carried on as Acting Training Adviser since the death of Lady Rylah.
- Mrs. K. Grandin, who, with enthusiasm and efficiency, has administered the Guide Section for two years.
- Mrs. J. H. May, who, during her five-year term of office, has worked tirelessly to promote interest in Trefoil Guilds in this State.

HEADQUARTERS STAFF

From time to time we have vacancies at Headquarters in our different departments—Shop, Accounts and Secretarial — and it was thought that if older Guides, Ranger Guides and Guiders knew of this they may care to make enquiries.

Could we ask you to make this known to the members in your area and suggest that, if the idea appeals to them, they get in touch with Miss Carter, Headquarters Secretary, for further information? It would be grand if we could have a "pool" of interested Guide people whom we

could approach when a vacancy occurs to see if the particular position concerned would appeal to them.

I know that all present members of staff would give us a good "reference", as it were, as all are tremendously interested in their work and agree that the facilities offered are excellent.

We will have a vacancy for a Stenographer within the next few weeks, and we would be particularly pleased to engage a Guide person — either Junior or Senior may apply. **PLEASE DO PASS THIS MESSAGE ON — WE WOULD WELCOME ENQUIRIES.**

RISK-TAKING

Some people are extremely cautious. They prefer to stay in well-trodden ruts rather than strike out into unfamiliar territory. They stick to what they know and are disinclined to attempt anything out of the ordinary. They refuse to put their necks out. Consequently they often stand still.

Others are at the opposite extreme. They are reckless to the point of foolhardiness. They live for the day, giving little thought for the morrow. Some are prepared to stake all on a wild gamble. Because they put their necks out too far they often get them chopped off.

Nevertheless, it remains true that progress can be made only if we are prepared to venture out and face the cold winds of risk.

No matter how thorough the preliminary calculations, no matter how well and carefully plans are laid, there will still remain an element of chance. There is always the unforeseeable, the unknown in the equation.

Life has a habit of playing tricks; it doesn't provide iron-clad guarantees of success for the enterprising or, for that matter, of security for the ultra-cautious.

This doesn't mean that the prospects of success of any new project should not be soberly assessed. Only a fool will take a leap in the dark, with no idea where he is going to land.

Many people have opened up new worlds for themselves, have found a new interest in living, because they have been prepared to step out of accustomed ruts. The big prizes are, in the main, reserved for the adventurous.

Those who win rich rewards because of their willingness to take risks, often, in the process, provide great benefits for society.

(From "Facts," published by the Institute of Public Affairs.)



Whate'er your labours all along
May they be gladdened with a song.
Where'er you wander may there be
Graciousness and courtesy.

SERVICE

There have been a large number of queries on Service for the Service Flash. I thought a list of **some** of the Service already being given could be of help.

When thinking of **SERVICE**, there are a few points which need bearing in mind:

- (a) Guides are encouraged to find their own Service — obtaining approval from the District Commissioner **before** commencing.
- (b) Service must be useful — not just for the sake of a Badge.
- (c) Be careful that you do not disappoint someone. When a Guide has given as much time as she has, and the need is really there, someone else should take it from there. (It is most distressing to hear that a blind lady, whom a Guide was visiting, was upset when a Guide stopped coming, as she had completed four months. Surely another could have taken over?)
- (d) Do not confine Service to one part of the year, e.g., Christmas. Try to spread it over a longer period.

A wide amount of Service is being given to organisations:—Visiting and helping at hospitals, homes for the aged, children's orphanages, handicapped children and adults, etc.; assisting with wheelchairs at paraplegic sports; collecting sheets to make bandages for leprosy missions; clothes, toys, parcels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc., for Aboriginal children, missions in New Guinea and Northern Territory; knitting rugs for elderly folk and for Korean children; making marmalade, etc., to distribute to elderly folk; helping at Elderly Citizens' Clubs—washing up, providing afternoon tea, plants for gardens, etc.; repairing toys and equipment for kindergartens; running concerts, stalls, etc., to raise money for various organisations; endowing two cots at a Bush Nursing Hospital; making cards for cribs of new babies at maternity hospitals (this has been done for 17 years); visiting people in their homes (sick, lonely or elderly) — one Guide tells of the games of Scrabble she enjoyed with a lady of 90 — doing messages, gardening, cleaning windows, ironing, writing letters for the blind or sick, etc.; assisting at large hospitals, giving directions to wards, etc.; minding children in the play area; delivering

messages, phoning for taxis, etc.; sponsoring a girl, aged nine, in South Vietnam, paying \$11 per month towards her education; making scrap books for Children's Hospital and Red Cross.

These are some ideas to give you food for thought.

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CONSERVATION — YOU CAN HELP!

Guides, I have a service plan for your people at three levels. I want to justify the choices of activity now and in the following issues of "Matilda" give you samples of the sort of work that can be done by small, active groups.

In the light of the increasing worry whether we will eventually have any "out of doors" at all, I would recommend the following proposals for your attention:—

1. Brownies:

Small children have great difficulty in rapidly identifying and recognising fast-flying birds and the smaller super-abundant insects. Most native animals are nocturnal and rarely seen. However, plants do stay still for children. In any case, adults about most neighbourhoods are reasonably adept at naming garden trees.

It is possible, therefore, for a Brownie Pack, with Leader help, to adequately describe a setting for a "place study" — just by asking about.

One of the most valuable observation skills which many of us never master is the ability to recognise small changes in a familiar area. "What is new or different since I was last here?" By recording the new things that happen in their backyards or front gardens, individual Brownies can build a very interesting nature calendar.

These may be duplicated over a larger area (and thus reinforced in authority) by pooling the observations of a whole Pack of Brownies. An event separately and spontaneously recorded several times in different places within the district hints at large-scale movements or changes. The same procedure repeated in following years would progressively double the value of these pooled observations and an authoritative time-line could be built up for the local area.

Imagine what value such a time-line

would be to a realistic Local Council which timed its operations according to season!

This, then, is the basis of my recommendation — a **time-line report by a Brownie Pack to be filed with the Local Council and local library each year.** The Council would be duty-bound to acknowledge these. In a later issue I will give time-line examples built up by other children.

2. Guides:

These older children have easier access to reference information — there are many excellent identification field guides now on the market, and it is relatively easy to identify most organisms at family level. The guides are more mobile than Brownies, although many mothers may not agree. Their increased ability to move safely about the neighbourhood allows you to organise team activity in the form of Patrols or half-Patrols with Leader and Second. These small teams, each with a job that suits them, can go out making lists of the things they see in a special area—perhaps a remnant of natural cover. These lists should be actual counts over a given time in a given area. The children will enjoy the stop-watch element and the measuring jobs involved.

Many of these lists put together as before will reveal number changes and help to map distributions and concentrations of plants and animals about the district. Samples of this type of report — mammal map, butterfly concentrations, etc. — will be shown in the next issue.

3. Rangers:

Individually capable now of understanding associations between plants and animals, the Rangers are able to make reliable diaries of their excursions to interesting places. Places in danger studies, before and after studies, animal behaviour notes, food-web studies and feeding experiments are all ecology work that we can describe in a later issue.

You see, what we are really doing is mapping the "whereabouts" and the "whenabouts" of all sorts of plants and animals in our own districts. This knowledge, once recorded, can help to conserve them.

—Alan J. Reid, Education Officer,
Australian Conservation Foundation.



DO YOU HAVE A WORRY?

Do you have a headache or worry? These are some that have come into the Guide Adviser. Perhaps you, too, would like to air your worries and, in so doing, help other people.

Question 1: Can a Guide Interest or Service Badge qualify for more than one collective emblem?

Answer: A badge may only be used once unless it is a requirement to which there is no alternative; for example, Child Nurse in both Little House and Service Emblems.

Question 2: Can Guiders test for the Guide Challenge Interest Badge?

Answer: At the discretion of the District Commissioner, a Guider may assess her own Guides for any clause where she has had experience with similar testing.

Question 3: Can a Guider holding a Guiders' Camp Permit test her own Guides for the Camp Preparation Pennant?

Answer: No, but she may assess other Guides.

Question 4: Can an extension of time be granted to a Guide who has fulfilled seven points of the Eight-Point Badge, or must she be assessed over another 12 months?

Answer: No. It is advisable for P.L. Council to see that Guides are aware of their progress at about nine months so they have the opportunity of completing all eight points within the twelve-month period.

Question 5: How should lanyards be worn?

Answer: (a) Put lanyard round neck and cross above the loop (woggle); (b) put scarf around neck and through loop; (c) cross lanyard over and under scarf. Knot is now under scarf ends and the cross over the badge; (d) attach end of lanyard to right side of belt.

Question 6: Is there any instruction as to how fold the Guide tie, as my Company ties look terrible!

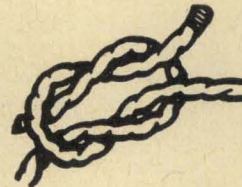
Answer: There is a chart obtainable in the Guide Shop which gives correct measure-

ments and folding. If these are followed and the tie **pressed** firmly, the tie looks very smart.

Question 7: How are challenges set: (a) For the recruit; (b) for the Company?

Answer: Each challenge is an individual one which is arrived at by discussion between P.L. and Recruit. At 10 to 11 years these would be simple to fit in with the age group and be something that the girl is not consistently doing at present. For example, making the bed, walking to school, reading a book, or finding out about a famous person.

As the Guide progresses in age and understanding of the eight points and her Law and Promise, so should she progress in knowledge and effort towards her challenges.



The discoverer of Australia, Captain James Cook, said: "The great tragedy is never to have felt the urge to rise above oneself, to be satisfied to go through life at ground level, to have no purpose beyond the satisfaction of everyday needs."

One very great man, previously Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjöld, obviously felt that urge very strongly. He epitomised it in his writing: "When the morning's freshness has been replaced by the weariness of mid-day, when the leg muscles quiver under the strain, the climb seems endless and, suddenly, nothing will go quite as you wish — it is then that you must not stop."

THE PROMISE AND THE LAW

Summary of a Discussion Group at the 20th World Conference

This report of the discussion groups on the Promise and Law does not make any pretence of saying or even of summarising all that has been said during these meetings. We all know that group discussions are extremely rich and useful: each one expresses herself freely and shares with others her experience and the fruits of her research. But we know, too, that even the most able and faithful recorder cannot reproduce in full all the debates: it would be necessary to have tape recordings and perhaps even films in order to enable us to grasp the feelings reflected on the faces of the participants; in short, the life of the group.

I have tried to show the main viewpoints expressed and in particular to extract the general lines which will make it possible for us to pursue this work in the future. At times it was possible for me to distinguish the opinions of the majority from among those which were expressed only by one or two delegates. In other cases this was not easy: the same view expressed in several groups might be that of only one delegation. However, on a subject like this, we are not interested only in the opinions of the majority and we must pay attention to all the views even if they are not approved by us all.

My first remark concerns the studies already made or being made concerning the Promise and Law. These studies are very numerous and some of them have already resulted in changes being made, which we shall return to later. The deep thought put into these studies which have been entrusted to adult members of the Movement and at times to young leaders, or even to Guides and Rangers, and finally to educational specialists, should be stressed. On occasion, several countries have been able to take advantage of research made by one country with which they have a special affinity. Some delegates made it clear that they had to show great care in their explanations since the study undertaken in their country was unfinished and one could not pre-judge the results nor of the later decisions which might arise as a result.

Second general remark: There were three general trends of opinion as regards the need or not to modify certain aspects of the Law and Promise.

Some people felt that the Law and Promise should remain in their present form, that the use which has been made of them up to the present is satisfactory and answers the needs of young people. A few are even afraid of the thought that certain national organisations are thinking of changing them. This would be to injure the most vital aspect of our Movement and imperil the unity of the World Association.

Some felt the need for some changes which should bear mainly on the wording of the Promise and Law in order to render our texts more modern, more youthful, more intelligible, and such changes have already been adopted in national organisations.

Finally, some are contemplating more radical changes which would bear not only on the wording, but on the content of the Law and Promise and their place in Guide education. They stressed the urgency of these transformations and felt that these were essential in order to continue to promote the ideal of Guiding among the ever-increasing number of young people in their countries.

A third general remark: On the whole, the reports expressed a very high idea of the importance of the Promise and Law. There is no question of lowering the level of the demands which are proposed by our Movement. On this point the view expressed was unanimous, and in nearly all cases it was felt that the Law and Promise should be lived not only in the active life of Guiding (meetings, camps), but also in the life of the individual Guide/Girl Scout. Guiding was not something that could be practised only during certain hours of the day or of the week. More than ever before the young people require their life to be deeply significant, and the Guide/Scout Movement must be a means of meeting this requirement.

Fourth general remark: The discussions brought to light the very close connection which exists between the Law and the Promise on the one hand, the training of Leaders and activity programmes on the other. It is difficult, finally, to separate the wording of the Law and Promise from the whole system, in our research. We should keep very

present in our minds the breadth and complexity of our reflection on the Promise and Law if we decide to pursue our study after this Conference. A number of countries are of the opinion that altering the wording will not make them more accessible and useful for youth; this will be done by giving them more currency, by presenting them through new programmes.

Remarks on the Wording of the Law and Promise

Many changes have been made in order to make these texts more intelligible to the young.

One must also note with interest the very numerous translations which have been made within the same country into different tongues and dialects.

Finally, some people expressed the view that our fundamental texts and, in particular the Law, are too long. They propose to formulate our demands in a more concise fashion in order to highlight the essential factors.

Should we be attached in some intangible fashion to the ten articles of the Law or should we consider that an abbreviation, a shorter wording of it, would be more helpful in the understanding of the fundamental principles?

It should also be noted that several delegates said that their researches were being made jointly or in co-operation with the Scouts and that they would like to see these lead to a joint decision by the two national Scout/Guide organisations of their country.

(To be continued)

The Leader of each overseas contingent at Camp Southern Cross was presented with a doorknocker in wood in the shape of the Australian Friendship Badge, and many comments were received, summed up, I think, in this extract:—

“By this time it is at our National Centre. Every year girls from all over the country, including international participants, visit this centre. It is surely visible proof of the existing link between our two associations. Australia is many miles away but we feel that this symbol of friendship will make such distance insignificant.

“THAT LETTER”

“Have you written that letter yet?”

Lynne looked a bit startled. “What letter?” she asked going a little red in the face.

“You know very well,” said her mother; “your ‘Bread and Butter’ letter, of course!”

“Oh, you mean the one to Mary’s mother thanking her for having me to stay! I’m sorry, Mum, I will do it after tea. I did thank her when I got into the train, of course, but I expect she’ll like to hear that I arrived home safely!”

“Of course she will! You know, Lynne, Bread and Butter letters should always be sent as soon as possible after a visit where you have stayed for a night or longer. Unless you write very soon it loses its impact, like sending a Birthday Card two days after a birthday — it gives one a sort of flat feeling!”

Lynne grinned, “Oh, Mum, don’t go on; you sound just like Miss Addams at school!”

Mum laughed, “Oh well, so long as you realise it’s courteous and the right thing to do. I’ll go and get some tea, while you get it done.”

Lynne chose a notelet from her favourite packet. She took a great deal of care over her letters and set them out neatly and in her best handwriting because she hated to receive an untidy letter herself, and agreed with her mother that it was ill-mannered not to send one. First putting her address in the top right-hand corner with the date just below, she began:

“Dear Mrs. Smith,

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that I arrived home safely just before 9 o’clock. Mum and Dad were glad to see me and I told them all about my holiday and what a lovely time I’d had.

Thank you very much for taking so much trouble to give me a really happy time. Mum and Dad send their best wishes to you and Mr. Smith and Mary and hope they will meet you again one day soon.

With my love to you all,

LYNNE”.

She thought to herself, “I wonder why they are called ‘Bread and Butter’ letters?”

There is a story that this custom began many years ago in the old coaching days. Travellers had then to be up at the crack of dawn in order to board the coaches, and

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MAKING THINGS —

Have you got an "Anything Box" at Brownies? It's very easy to start because you can start one with — anything! Scraps of wool, material, matchboxes, cottonwool, cardboard. Brownies will love using the contents and their imaginations to make table decorations, presents, ornaments, toys and a mess. Be prepared for the last state of affairs in advance by spreading newspapers over the working area.

Something you probably won't be able to make from the contents of your "anything box", but which is simple and useful for stalls as well as a Christmas gift, is a "kitchen donkey". For each donkey you will need—

- 1 kitchen sponge (the ones about ½in. thick).
- 4 plastic clothes pegs (preferably matching the sponge in colour).
- 2 pieces of steel wool.
- 1 small square of felt (about 3in. x 3in.).
- 1 piece of ribbon (about 8in. to 10in.) adhesive tape.

1. Fold sponge in half (so that it is almost square, not long and thin), and hold in position with adhesive tape.
2. Take one piece of steel wool and pull it until it is long and thin.
3. Attach long pieces of steel wool inside folded sponge at one end, and the other piece of steel wool at the other — these represent head and tail. It may be necessary to use a little adhesive tape, especially with the head.
4. Place the square of felt over the donkey's "back" as a saddle.

5. Place the ribbon firmly around the sponge to hold the felt in place, and tie with a bow.
6. Place one clothes peg at each corner of the sponge and, voila, your donkey has legs.

These same sponges can be made into butterflies by pinching them in tightly in the middle, so that they fan out on each side, and tying around the middle with string or ribbon. Feelers can be made from the long pins with coloured heads and spots can be made from circles of coloured gummed paper.

Next Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas L.A. Stall, let your Brownies think of their own ideas, or choose for themselves from "make-it" books. Given responsibility such as this they will usually choose wisely, and don't worry if not everyone wants to make the same thing. If each chooses her own effort it may take longer, but it will be more fun.

"THAT LETTER"

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possibly the hostess would not even be awake. As one could not say goodbye and thank you when leaving, it therefore became the tradition to write a thank you letter as soon as the traveller reached home. Thus, thank you letters became "thank you for my bread and butter" (and cake and bacon and eggs!) letter.

—By Rita John (from the "Guide").



BALLARAT REGION RALLY

Left to right:
Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw,
Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones,
and Mrs. Bucknall.

—Block by courtesy
"Ballarat Courier".

Ballarat Region held a Diamond Jubilee Rally at the Ballarat Divisional campsite, "Lingbogol", North Creswick. Members of the Movement, parents and friends gathered from places as widely scattered as Bacchus Marsh, Grenville, Avoca, Daylesford, Dunolly and Maryborough as well as Ballarat proper. Special guests at the rally were the State Commissioner, Mrs. Renshaw Jones; Assistant State Commissioner, Miss Shaw; the Creswick Shire President, Mr. Bradshaw, and Mrs. Bradshaw.

The rally commenced with a march past of Colours followed by Guides, Rangers and Guiders, who formed a Horseshoe. The salute was taken by the State Commissioner. The Brownies then formed into place inside the Horseshoe. Music for the march past and National Anthem was provided by the Creswick Municipal Brass Band.

Our Region Commissioner, Mrs. Bucknall, introduced the Shire President, who welcomed everybody to Creswick, and said how honoured he was that Mrs. Renshaw Jones, a distinguished member of a Movement which does so much for today's youth, was making a visit to the shire.

Mrs. Renshaw Jones said how pleased she was to have been invited to Ballarat Region's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and asked every member present to take time after the rally to remember that they are members of a world-wide sisterhood which

might even, some time in the future, spread to other planets!

After lunch, an hour was devoted to Brownie activities connected with the eight points of the programme. Brownies could be seen so busily concentrating on making all sorts of things—from pikelets and chocolate crackles, to puppets, jewel tins and pictures of natural materials; others had fun learning to walk on stilts, or to clean silver, or to render simple first aid.

At the end of this hour the Guides presented a pageant showing highlights in the life of our Founder, Baden-Powell, followed by an interpretation of Guiding as it is today under the Eight-Point Programme. B-P. would have recognised points from the programme, but I'm sure he wouldn't have recognised himself. And where, oh where, did they find that gorgeous hat for the wedding scene; the "lovely" horse; the "Zulu"; the crystal ball and ALL the properties — so completely satisfying in all scenes?

The Rangers gave their impressions of the days when their uniforms were "maxi" and trek cart racing was a favourite activity. (Space was limited, so wheelbarrows were used as a substitute.) The international aspect of Guiding was shown, too, in pageant form, followed by a most impressive closing ceremony, in which our Promises were renewed before the singing of Taps.

—Barbara Grove.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER IN ACTION

Chief Commissioner and Australian Secretary entertained the Scottish Chief Commissioner and her husband in Melbourne.

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Australian Citizenship Convention in Canberra — Chief Commissioner was the Association's delegate.

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Late afternoon party arranged by Pan-Pacific and South-East Asian Association (Vic.) for Asian delegates to International Conference of Medical Women — attended by Chief Commissioner.

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Chief Commissioner present at a luncheon given by the Zonta Club (Vic.) to meet Mrs. Helvi Sipila, Chief Commissioner for Finland at the time of the World Conference. We sent her a bouquet of blue and gold flowers with Australia's Thinking Day greetings.

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Trefoil Advisers' Conference and Meeting of National Joint Council of State Trefoil Advisers and B.P. Guild Masters in Victoria to discuss plans for the ninth General Assembly World Gathering to be held in Australia in September, 1971 — attended by Chief Commissioner.

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Official opening N.Y.C.A. Council Meeting in Melbourne — attended by Chief Commissioner.

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Official launching of "Film of National Importance on Litter" arranged by "Keep Australia Beautiful" Council in Victoria — Chief Commissioner represented.

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The President of the N.S.W. Hellenic Girl Guides Council, Mrs. M. Boetas, invited the Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Price; N.S.W. State Commissioner, Lady Wyndham; Assistant Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Barwick; Australian Secretary, Miss Mitchell; and Australian International Commissioner, Mrs. Steche, to a buffet dinner party to meet members of the Greek community interested in Guides and Scouts.

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STAMPS

Proceeds from sales of used stamps will be allocated, for the present, towards the "Thank You" Chalet funds — \$5 has already been handed to the Treasurer.

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Australian stamps issued from January to April, 1970, are: 5c Standard Gauge Rail Link Sydney to Perth (referred to as Indian-Pacific on a T.V. newsreel), issued 11/2/70; 5c and 20c Expo '70 (Osaka, Japan), issued 16/3/70; 5c and 30c Royal Visit, 1970, issued 31/3/70; 5c International Grassland Congress, issued 13/4/70; new coil stamps (from stamp vending machines at some Post Offices); 4c Sturt's Desert Rose, and 5c Golden Wattle, on issue 27/4/70 to mark the Australian National Philatelic Exhibition at Wentworth Hotel, Sydney; 5c and 30c Cook Bi-Centenary, issuing 20/4/70.

The 5c Cook stamps are interesting in that a set of five stamps across a sheet forms a "mural", although each stamp looks complete in itself when separated from the others and will be used singly. A complete "mural" set will be much sort after by collectors, so watch for these and send in as many as you can spare for our "Thank You" funds.

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Norfolk Island also has new stamps for the Cook anniversary. The 5c shows a portrait of Cook with a map of Australia and the 30c shows the "Endeavour" sailing towards land on which an Aborigine stands with a long spear. The date of issue is 20/4/70.

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Free philatelic literature, obtainable from the P.M.G.'s Department is:

1. "Philatelic Bulletin" (bi-monthly).
 2. "Stamp News Copy" (issued irregularly).
- They are obtainable by writing to Philatelic Mailing List, P.O. Box 259, South Melbourne, Victoria, 3205.

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Address packets of used stamps to:

Miss L. E. Cuzens,
12 Cowderoy Street,
St. Kilda, 3182.



Lilydale Guides at Britannia Park.

—Courtesy Mr. F. Bates.

• BRITANNIA PARK •

Britannia Park was honoured, early in March, by a visit from Crown Princess Sonja of Norway. Knowing her interest in Guides, our State Commissioner, Mrs. Renshaw Jones, brought the Princess and her entourage to see our beautiful camping property. Members of the Britannia Park Committee provided a buffet luncheon—the highlight of which for the Norwegians, were the grapes, which are a great luxury in Norway. Brownies and Guides from Yarra Junction, with permission from their schools, gathered in front of Guide House and the Princess was delighted to be able to move amongst them and talk to them. I doubt if Britannia Park has ever had a more charming or attractive visitor. We were very proud of the Guides and Brownies who were so friendly and yet so courteous to our visitor.

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Three Local Associations visited the property during March; a big thank you to Blackburn and Bennettswood for all the window cleaning and gardening they did for us. We hope that those who had the misfortune to strike bad weather will come again later in the year to see the place under more cheerful circumstances.

No need to say how sorry we are that the Ranger Jubilee Camp at Easter time was such a damp one. Congratulations, girls, on sticking, or should I say swimming, it out!

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At last we have found, thanks to the I.C.I., calcium tetrachloritate which keeps our swimming pool clear and clean. Very expensive, of course, but it's a great relief to be rid of all that revolting-looking slime, and to be able to see right down to the bottom. Heavers of bricks, tins, logs and odd bits of clothing, take note . . . we can now see all the ghastly things you throw into the pool. As the pool will not be used now until the Christmas holidays, we will have, for economy's sake, to stop using the calcium during the off-season. Besides, we have to breed all those thousands of tadpoles for the Brownies.

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You will, I know, be wanting a list of things we want up there. Here are a few items:—

An electric iron for Guide House. (Last one a Morphy Richards and not mendable.)

More azaleas. Others doing very well, but

there is room now under all the maple trees which we planted.

Of course we wouldn't say no to a few rhododendrons, too. . . .

Some pampas grass. Has anyone a great big clump of it? Perhaps you would be prepared to break off a clump for us. Wouldn't it look magnificent at the top of the swimming pool?

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Our very sincere thanks to the following who maintained Britannia Park on the days during the month of March:—

1st—Mrs. Norma Clark

3rd—Hawthorn L.A.

4th—1st Mirboo North Pack.

5th—Hawthorn L.A.

19th—North Balwyn L.A.

20th—Blackburn L.A.

21st—4th Glen Waverley Pack.

22nd—Blackburn L.A.

25th—1st Melbourne (1st Greek) Rangers.

26th—Heatherdale L.A.

27th—2nd Mount Eliza Coy.

28th—1st Heyfield Pack.

30th—2nd Mount Eliza Coy.

Also previously omitted:

26th February—Northcote East L.A.

25th November, 1969—1st Euroa Coy.

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THE THANK YOU CHALET

Joy, oh joy, Mrs. Shave has just handed me a cheque for \$470, which is the money donated by those who came to the Re-union on March 1st and also by those who could not be present at the Re-union but who wished to contribute to the Fund. Wasn't that a marvellous amount of money? Last month I did thank Mrs. Alma Heard who organized it, and now I would especially like to thank Mrs. Sue Shave who acted as Treasurer for that function and who, I know, wrote so many many letters of thanks to the donors. We should now be over the \$3,000 mark. Surely this, now, is the spark we needed to make it all go with a bang this year! I think that probably there are many

L.A.'s who are planning some special function to raise money for this project. Wouldn't you feel frightful if we built the Chalet and you found you hadn't contributed to it? You wouldn't really feel you had a share in it, would you?

Have you put October 17th in your diary? That's the date of the Garden Party-cum-Fete at Britannia Park. Do you remember I had dreams of that being our final effort at raising money for the Chalet? . . . We were asked if there would be buses running from H.Q.'s that day. I'm quite sure if enough people want them, it can easily be arranged. I haven't broken the news to my husband yet that I shall be spending our 40th Wedding Anniversary at a fete at Britannia Park!!!



CENTS FOR SERVICE

Koala Patrol of 2nd Balwyn Guide Coy. do a co-operative job of washing the Editor's car during their Cents for Service car wash.



We would like to have reports of what YOUR Patrols, or Sixes, or Units did for Cents for Service, 1970.

RANGER KOORNKOO

Weatherwise, the Ranger Jubilee Camp had a good beginning and ending, but in between it **POURED!** Yet the memories that linger are not of rain and mud, but rather of friends, fun and laughter.

On Friday we had, as our special guest, Mrs. Renshaw Jones, and three previous Ranger Advisers — Miss Moran, Miss Macartney and Mrs. Woollacott — to tell us something of the highlights from their particular term of office. Mrs. Renshaw Jones cut **THE** sash and this was the signal for four busy, fun-packed days.

On Friday evening, Kerry McDonald, an Australian folk singer, entertained us with songs made most meaningful by the beautiful bush setting.

Saturday and Sunday were busy with elective activities such as archery, fencing, paper-flower making, soap carving, enamelling, cane work, pottery and finger painting. While to test our courage (?), Rovers and Scouters had created "Challenge Valley" and "Monkey Business".

Sunday was memorable for our special Church Services and a Rangers' Own. The campfires each evening had to be experienced to realise their atmosphere and success.

All too soon Monday arrived, and Mrs. Price, Chief Commissioner for Australia, performed our closing ceremony. While five Brownie Guides and five Guides held the camp sash, Mrs. Price tied the knot to "make the bond firm" again, and we handed Rangering on to the Brownie Guides and Guiders for the **next** 50 years.

A most moving ceremony, especially as we had to say goodbye to our special guests from New Guinea and to Isa Choangulia from Thailand and to all the ex-Rangers who had braved the elements.

Britannia Park may be the only place where the Easter Bunny called on water skis, but for the 500 Rangers who attended Ranger Koornkoo the last few lines of our new song are most appropriate—

"The friends we found all along the way,
The sound of singing at end of day,
These mem'ries that live in our hearts will
always say—
That life is good for a Ranger."

—D.H

ROVERS IN RESIDENCE

Would you believe that Rovers would volunteer to work over their Easter holidays instead of racing off to parts remote for a few carefree days?

Well, that is what seven of us did when the attractions were the 500 Rangers of Camp Koornkoo. However, little did we know what we had let ourselves in for!

The work seemed to come from all directions—one moment we were up to our knees in mud with rain running down our necks, constructing a flying fox, and the next we were dodging the stray arrows when assisting with the archery.

Our talents (?) were always in demand—making toast, pitching tents, leading Rangers up the creek, stapling the daily "rag," or climbing trees—never did we let up.

But when the sounds of Cookhouse rent the air we were quick to down tools and invade the warmth and comfort of Guide House, where appetizing meals awaited us, together with the lively conversation of the H.Q. staff.

Despite the rain and mud the Rangers of Koornkoo were always cheerful and participated in all the activities, including the rigours of Challenge Valley and Monkey Business, where all their pioneering ability and determination were demanded. In fact next time we think we will produce some even more devious exercises to tax the Ranger cunning.

The evening campfires in the B.P. Hut were tremendous, and the talented campfire leaders managed to find many a song to test the linguistic aptitude of the Rovers.

Being of true Scouting nature, we decided that a Rover-style skit was called for at the campfires. With limited props, we took to the stage and gave our impression of a Guiders' Camp Activities meeting. Judging by the Rangers' reaction, it must have been nearer reality than we envisaged!

Came Monday afternoon, the rain stopped and with it, we suddenly realized, did the hard work — and the contact with the Rangers which had made Camp Koornkoo so much fun.

Thanks for a great time, and congratulations on your fiftieth.

—From the Rovers of Koornkoo.

MATILDA NOTICES....

PARTICIPATION IN AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Trainer or experienced Guider needed for full-time employment under this Scheme to promote Guiding in the rapidly-developing areas of north and north-west Queensland, Northern Territory and north-west Western Australia.

Initial plan covers a four months' period from June, 1970.

Two people are required—one has already been engaged.

Salary to be negotiated.

Travelling and other expenses will be paid by Australian Headquarters.

This could be an on-going Scheme for a period of two years or longer.

If you are interested in the first period from June, 1970, or any future date, please apply as soon as possible to—

The Australian Secretary,
Girl Guides' Association of Australia,
G.P.O. Box 675,
SYDNEY, 2001.

Any enquiries will be treated in confidence.

Your assistance is urgently needed! We have the funds, now need the personnel.

JUBILEE REUNION, BENDIGO

BENDIGO GUIDE HALL,
Howard Place

SUNDAY, 31st MAY, 1970
2.30 to 5.30 p.m.

All former members and present adult members of the Movement welcome.

Tea provided.

Bring your own snack.

No. R.S.V.P. — Just turn up!

Local Associations!

A Girl Guide Biscuit Scheme as a fund-raising project!

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If so, ask your Commissioner for full details which will be published in the next Commissioners' Newsletter.

VICTORIAN GUIDERS' CONFERENCE



**SATURDAY,
6th JUNE, 1970**

COME PREPARED to make new friends... as well as to renew old acquaintances.

HELP to make this the largest State gathering of Guiders ever known.

ENJOY the privilege of meeting in new and elegant surroundings at the

**DALLAS BROOKS HALL,
MASONIC CENTRE,
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10 a.m. until 9.30 p.m.

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

Full details and Order Forms for meals available from all District Commissioners.

12th JAMBOREE—ON-THE-AIR OCTOBER, 1969

To those not involved actively in the organization of this activity it may seem rather late to be reporting on it—some six months after. But the processing of some three hundred log sheets by the Victorian Boy Scout Branch Organizer to ensure that no unit, whether they lodged a log sheet or not, misses out, I can assure you takes many long, tedious hours of work; especially as some log sheets, like all reports, have a habit of arriving in quite late!

The result of this processing has proved most encouraging; in all, 214 Scout Groups and 100 Guide Units participated. This was only possible by the courtesy of 182 amateur radio operators who worked from their own shacks or manned stations at Scout and Guide Halls and links camps. The co-operation of these people, as always, was a credit to their great international organization. Of the Guide units that participated 40 were linked by me with Scout Groups or operators, the remainder being invited by their local Scout Group to join in. Each Guide unit which participated has been sent a Participation Card from the Boy Scouts World Bureau and each radio amateur has been sent a thank you card and a letter of appreciation.

All Australian States, A.C.T. and King Island were contacted. New Zealand, Japan and the United States of America accounted for about 50% of the overseas contacts, although 33 other countries were also contacted. The contacts included six with the U.S.S.R., and one of the Russian operators has indicated his intention of corresponding with a Scout Troop and Guide Company contacted during the hook-up. Another interesting contact recorded by some Scouts was with an ex-Scouter now with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mildura and Dimboola Scouts and Guiders set up stations with Guide and Scout displays at their local showgrounds during the Annual Show.

Following along the idea mooted for the 10th Jamboree-on-the-Air when "Link Camps" were set up to coincide with the World Scout Jamboree in Idaho, U.S.A., several link camps were once again organized this year. One of the largest was at the "Pines" Scout Camp at Altona, where a pioneering activity by 100 Guides added interest to the week-end.

I would like to pay tribute to the wonderful support received from Mr. Jack Nicholson, Victorian Branch Boy Scout organizer, and to express sincere thanks to those Scout Groups who so generously asked their local Guide Company to join with them.

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At the suggestion of a Country Commissioner, "Council Fire" and "Matilda" are being used to publicize possible re-unions with Camp Southern Cross friends per medium 13th J.O.T.A.:—

"Did any of your Guides attend Camp Southern Cross in January of this year? How would they like to explore the possibility of a re-union with those they met or their guests? Quite impossible, you say? Not really, for you MAY be able to organize a re-union per medium of the Boy Scouts World Wide Jamboree-on-the-Air. This activity is held annually and many thousands of Boy Scouts across the world participate through the generosity of amateur radio operators in their own countries, wireless regulations permitting. What is more exciting for we Guides in Australia is that we are officially invited to participate also by our Brother Scouts.

"If you would like to organize to speak to your camp friends contact the amateur radio operator with whom you worked last year; he will explain the need to make a 'sched,' that is, time and place on the dial during the special week-end to meet your camp friends. Of course you MUST write to your overseas camp friends at once, and advise them of the 'sched' and suggest that they contact the Boy Scouts' Association Headquarters in their own countries (if they have not participated before) and seek help to be linked with a Scout Troop who participate. Guides in other Australian States could contact their local Scout Group. If Victorian Guide companies require help, please contact the Victorian Liaison Guider, Mrs. L. De Marchi, 2 Keogh Street, Burwood.

"WHEN IS THE RE-UNION TO BE?—Jamboree-on-the-Air week-end, 17th and 18th October, 1970.

"Of course weather conditions and the strength of the radio station being used will play a big part in success. Even so we do hope to hear of many happy re-unions per medium of modern-day radio."

I am hopeful that this will boost our Victorian Guide participation even further in 1970, and foster international friendship and understanding.



THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE

Please send all material for this page to Mrs. J. M. Kirkman, 161 Charman Road, Mentone, 3194.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of a District Local Association should be an opportunity to put Guiding before a large section of the public. Is this so in your District?

What is the Annual Meeting for? First, to elect new office-bearers and, second, to present reports on the Local Association activities, the progress of the Guide and Brownie Units and the award of badges. Above all, it is Guiding's opportunity for good public relations.

Who is invited to attend? The Mayoress, who will usually chair the meeting, Region and Division Commissioners, members of other Local Associations and, most important of all, the parents of all Guides and Brownies in your own District.

There are other people, not directly involved in Guiding, to invite to your Annual Meeting. Have you thought of asking leaders of other Youth Groups? The headmaster of the school might know nothing of Guiding — you could impress him.

But, you say, we send out notices and few are interested enough to come.

Do you make them want to come by presenting an appealing programme?

Start planning early and carefully choose a speaker, not always on a Guiding subject. Get nominations for office-bearers so that mothers will not be afraid to come and be "landed" with a job. Besides, there is nothing so embarrassing as an election meeting when no one will come forward to fill a vacancy. So, do your urging beforehand.

Reports are sometimes a bare recital of facts and figures. Make them interesting and informative. Guides and Brownies work hard and deserve more than a passing

mention. Six Camper Badges doesn't mean very much until the Badge Secretary gives an outline of what the test involves.

Have you thought of giving a copy of your Annual Reports to each member present, thus shortening the business side of the meeting and giving more time for friendly discussions.

The morning, afternoon tea or supper should be more than the usual tea and biscuit, so appoint hostesses to supply and serve it, and also to welcome and introduce guests and parents who do not usually come to meetings.

Don't rely on a notice to entice people to the meeting. Contact personally all mothers and arrange transport if necessary. If your usual meeting is day time, try changing to the evening. A private home is a pleasant change from the Guide Hall, or perhaps your Council has a meeting room you may use.

This is a big chance to put Guiding before the public, ask people to come and tell them as attractively as possible what Guiding means in their community.

We offer you these thoughts on Annual Meetings and will be pleased to receive any suggestions on the subject.

OUR MALAYSIAN GIRLS

"We were going to be honoured by having two Malaysian Guides stay with us, in our home at Black Rock, for 10 days after Christmas. We were looking forward to their visit until we received two large official pages of instructions from Headquarters.

"Our hearts sank! Oh dear, we'll never be able to do it — all the things we had never thought about. Their diet, their religion, the climate change, etc. What would we do?"

"However, it was too late to turn back now. On the appointed day we went off to Essendon to meet our unknown quantities, hoping that all would go well.

"Why did we ever worry? When we first met them our fears disappeared. They were two dear little girls, quiet, a little shy and very tired, with great big brown eyes trying to take everything in at once.

"Lucy was our gentle, reserved and scholarly Chinese Catholic from a convent in Batu Gajah, and Sharifah, our bubbly, laughing tomboy Moslem from a co-ed school in Kangar. What a pair and what joy they brought us!

"Never have we seen so much gear packed into a medium-sized suitcase. Admittedly, they had only summer clothes, as the temperature never falls below the mid-70's in their home towns, but everything was so carefully and daintily packed. Like the girls themselves and their rooms, so neat, clean and tidy.

"At home the girls settled in wonderfully, happy and interested in everything around them. Their one difficulty was using a knife and fork, but we overcame that by Lucy teaching us to make fried rice which only needed a spoon. At home they use a spoon, chopsticks or fingers.

"They had some lovely outings and saw many sights that were strange to them. As they both came from tin mining and rubber plantation areas they were fascinated with sheep and fruit trees and large open paddocks.

"On a trip to a farm they handled wool, saw haystacks and thousands of chickens. Lucy was fascinated by apples growing on trees.

"They drank spa water, saw thick fog, visited Luna Park with its fairy floss and popcorn, and played Blindman's Buff. This was a game they had never heard of and thought hilarious.

"Our sad moment came when we had to wave them off to camp. We all gained tremendously from their visit, and if you ever have the opportunity to have Malaysian Guides stay with you, don't hesitate — it is an experience never to be forgotten."

—Audrey Powell,
Secretary, Black Rock L.A."

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA — Annual Conference

While many Rangers basked in the sun and cheered for their crews at the recent "Row-in" I relaxed, sipping coffee, in the air-conditioned comfort of the fabulous Panorama Room at the Melbourne Town House. I was lucky in representing the Movement as an observer at the National Youth Council of Australia's 15th Annual Conference.

The Girl Guides' Association of Australia is one of 33 Australian Youth Organizations forming N.Y.C.A., and Miss Marjorie Beaumont (a former Guide Captain, Ranger Captain and Commissioner) has been the Movement's Delegate on the Council. Each year an observer is welcome to attend the Conference, and I found the week-end very stimulating and educational, and it was a great "eye-opener."

Hon. Philip Lynch, M.P., Minister for Immigration, gave the official opening address on Friday evening and set the meeting going.

Session 1 was concerned with forming a National Youth Policy on four topics that affect the total development of young people and their place in society: Education, Young Workers, Community Development and Funding of Youth Work. I chose to join the group studying "Young Workers" and found the guest speakers, Mr. Ken Stone, Secretary of the Trades Hall Council, and Mr. George Polites, Director of the Australian Council of Employers' Federation, very interesting. Several hours were devoted to discussion and preparation of reports.

An informal Smorgasbord beside the swimming pool followed by the screening of an Expo '70 film wound up a hectic day.

On Sunday, Session II dealt with the formation of the N.Y.C.A., and the Freedom from Hunger Campaign Partnership Project. Every year F.F.H.C. makes a special appeal and uses a new slogan; for 1970 it has selected YOUTH. There could not be a better way than this to form an agreement between N.Y.C.A. and F.F.H.C. to promote education of the appeal to Australians through the Youth of Australia. The agreement of this partnership project has set the ball rolling for an appeal which we will all hear a lot about throughout the 1970's.

N.Y.C.A. plays a vital role in the concern of Youth to-day, and my eyes were certainly opened when I observed their Annual Conference. —Chris Gunson S.R.S. "Derwent."

WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

Registrations:

4th Epping-Lalor Pack; 1st Toolamba Pack; Toolamba Local Association; Nepean Division Ranger Coy.; Spotswood Ranger Coy.; Diamond Valley Ranger Coy.; 2nd Springvale Coy.; Braybrook-North Sunshine Extension Ranger Coy.; Thomastown Local Association; 5th Shepparton Pack; 1st Wallington Pack.

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. N. B. Welsh, Mornington Peninsula.

Division Commissioner:

Mrs. W. F. Sadler, North-Eastern (Acting).

District Commissioners:

Mrs. G. W. Start, Crowlands; Mrs. D. H. Hutton, Stawell; Mrs. J. H. Hooke, Beaufort; Mrs. D. T. Ward, Thomastown; Mrs. J. N. Cowan, Templestowe; Mrs. C. P. Burke, Bennettswood; Mrs. C. M. S. Scarborough, Wonthaggi; Mrs. L. W. Martin, Leigh River; Mrs. H. A. Rooksby, Caulfield; Mrs. R. D. Huppert, West Heidelberg; Mrs. R. A. Davidson, Shepparton; Mrs. M. Wallbridge, Assistant, Forest Hill.

Guide Leaders:

Mrs. D. M. Douglas, 1st Ivanhoe; Mrs. J. Whiting, 3rd Vermont; Mrs. P. I. Browne, 1st South Shepparton; Miss J. Tomlinson, 6th Brunswick; Miss M. H. Cheong, 1st Stanhope; Miss J. Phillips, 2nd Macleod; Miss R. Shaw, 1st Daylesford Ranger Coy.

Assistant Guide Leaders:

Miss J. M. Black, 1st Frankston; Miss P. M. Trewin, 1st Frankston; Miss C. Dennis, 1st Gardenvale; Mrs. J. R. Demo, 1st Wonthaggi; Miss J. S. O'Malley, Korumburra Ranger Coy.; Mrs. H. Spencer, 2nd Burwood; Miss R. Kane, 2nd Edithvale; Miss G. M. Harford, 6th Hawthorn; Mrs. A. T. Davies, 2nd Syndal North; Mrs. J. Roache, 1st Corangamite South; Miss M. B. Hill, 1st Orrvale.

Brownie Guiders:

Miss E. M. Houghton, 1st Solway; Mrs. F. C. Middleton, 2nd Foster; Mrs. K. Ellis, 4th Wattle Park; Mrs. J. B. Lavery, 2nd Stanhope; Miss C. M. Flynn, 2nd Hawthorn; Miss M. A. Wortley, 2nd Ivanhoe; Mrs. C. Sutton, 1st Berwick; Mrs. M. H. McBride, 1st Syndal North; Mrs. R. H. R. MacKenzie, 1st Bairnsdale.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. J. Parkin, 1st Sorrento; Mrs. K. L. Shaw, 2nd South Croydon; Mrs. P. J. Winyard, 2nd Ferntree Gully; Miss V. M. Bloom, 1st Burwood; Mrs. A. W. Todd, 1st Stanhope; Mrs. J. Hepburn, 2nd Stanhope; Mrs. A. J. Darbyshire, 2nd Box Hill; Miss C. Masterman, 2nd Box Hill; Miss J. F. Worrall, 2nd Hawthorn; Miss S. Nilsen, 2nd Ivanhoe; Mrs. M. Heal, 1st Boronia; Mrs. W. W. Robinson, 1st Syndal North; Mrs. A. K. Tree, 1st Mirboo North; Miss C. Courtney, 2nd Ascot Vale.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

We acknowledge with gratitude the services given by the following whose Warrants have been returned:—

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. J. N. Gunnis, Waverley; Mrs. N. J. Silverwood, Assistant, West Waverley.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. J. R. Cook, Ringwood; Mrs. A. B. Seales, Syndal North; Mrs. W. P. Dawson, Clayton East; Mrs. G. Twist, Mt. Waverley; Mrs. W. A. Gilmour, Pascoe Vale South; Mrs. D. W. Moore, Mooropna; Mrs. L. Gibb, Moorabbin South; Mrs. F. D. Heffernan, Bentleigh East; Mrs. A. S. Abraham, Wonthaggi; Mrs. G. T. Exell, Beaufort; Mrs. G. J. Anderson, Derrinallum; Mrs. T. A. Westerman, Wendouree; Mrs. W. H. Thornton, Leigh River; Mrs. J. Morcom, Broadmeadows; Mrs. D. I. McClelland, Birchip.

Guide Leaders:

Mrs. J. Latta, 1st Ararat Ranger Coy.; Mrs. A. S. Bonsack, 2nd Ararat; Miss H. Place, 1st Trentham; Mrs. H. S. Hull, 1st Burwood; Mrs. R. J. Milnes, 1st Gunbower; Miss S. Russell, 2nd Springvale North; Miss R. Lewis, 5th Brighton; Mrs. G. Jackson, 1st Park Orchards; Mrs. C. Austin, 1st Corio; Mrs. J. Dunbar, 1st Sale; Mrs. L. F. Hill, 2nd Numurkah; Mrs. R. L. Muddyman, 1st Diamond Creek; Miss P. Sherring, 2nd Greensborough; Miss Z. Martin, 7th Ballarat; Mrs. J. L. Hawke, 1st Berwick; Mrs. S. Kosinski, 7th Preston; Miss B. Alba, 2nd Bentleigh; Mrs. A. Pickin, 1st Ocean Grove; Miss J. Cole, 1st Dandenong.

Assistant Guide Leaders:

Miss R. E. Wilson, 1st Box Hill; Miss M. M. Fincher, 1st Burwood; Mrs. D. E. McKenna, 1st Shepparton; Miss E. Fisk, 9th Geelong; Miss B. P. Coad, 1st Camperdown; Mrs. R. E. Thomas, 1st Bentleigh; Miss E. Heathcote, 1st Dandenong; Miss L. Collier, 2nd Oakleigh.

Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. A. D. Bailey, 1st Gisborne; Mrs. W. H. Fry, 2nd Burwood; Mrs. E. Mills, 1st Foster; Mrs. P. Lawson, 2nd Maryvale; Mrs. W. J. Morris, 3rd Shepparton; Mrs. N. Holyroyd, 11th Geelong; Miss H. Morris, 3rd North Balwyn; Mrs. H. Elliot, 1st Syndal North; Mrs. V. S. Mudge, 2nd Edithvale; Mrs. H. G. Elliott, 4th Brunswick; Mrs. A. F. Randall, 2nd Springfield; Mrs. D. M. Silva, 1st Springfield; Mrs. B. A. Luxford, 1st Berwick; Mrs. S. G. Lawrence, 3rd Ferntree Gully; Mrs. H. J. Hope, 1st Marysville.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. N. Buckler, 2nd Ashburton; Mrs. M. McRae, 1st Yallourn; Mrs. F. Davies, 3rd Yallourn; Mrs. J. Tye, 1st Bright; Mrs. W. McDonald, 3rd Shepparton; Mrs. K. L. Shaw, 1st South Croydon; Mrs. D. Walker, 1st Syndal North; Miss M. Irvine, 2nd Newborough; Mrs. D. R. Gould, 1st Edithvale; Miss M. A. Wortley, 1st Ivanhoe; Miss P. Ruggles, 4th Moorleigh; Mrs. R. C. Lever, 3rd Ferntree Gully; Mrs. R. H. R. MacKenzie, 1st Bairnsdale.

UNIFORM

Length of Guide and Brownie Socks:

All States have agreed to Victoria's suggestion that fawn knee length or ankle socks be official uniform for Brownies and Guides.

In the case of official functions the Guide and/or Brownie Adviser will decide which socks should be worn by all taking part.

The Guide Shop now has stocks of fawn socks.

Title Tapes:

It has been agreed that for both Brownie Guides and Guides, both Unit and Region Title Tapes are to be sewn across the left shoulder. The bottom edge of the Region tape is to touch the armhole seam and the bottom edge of the Unit tape is to touch the top edge of the Region tape. Both Title Tapes are to be sewn on all round.

Guide Service Stars (Old Programme):

Guides who have Service Stars, and are wearing the old-style blouse with pockets, may leave the Star on the pocket. Those who have removed the pockets or have a new style blouse should wear the Service Star on their belt with their Camp Badges.

Brownie Service Star:

The new cloth Service Star should now be worn on the left shoulder immediately above the Title Tapes.

Guide Belts:

Would all please note that Guide belts may now be purchased without written authority. It is most important to remember, however, that **WRITTEN AUTHORITY IS STILL REQUIRED FOR ALL PROMISE, INVESTITURE (THIS APPLIES TO RANGER GUIDES) AND WORLD BADGES.**

Brownie Guider Warrant Badge:

Because of the change to the Eight-Point Programme it was necessary for Australia to consider re-designing this particular Warrant Badge. However, this has been delayed as a suggestion from one State as to a possible change in warrant insignia is at present under discussion by Guiders and Commissioners throughout Australia.

As this will take some time to finalise, Victoria has decided, as an interim measure, to introduce a Warrant Badge for Brownie Guiders similar to that worn by Guiders of other Sections. These are now available.

Buttons on Guide Skirts:

From now on, Guide skirts on sale in the Guide Shop will have no buttons on the pockets. The buttons have been deleted to bring Victoria's skirt into line with the Australian official pattern for the Guide skirt.

Pale Blue Skivvies and T-Shirts for Wear Under Guide Blouses:

As the neck of the new style Guide blouse is cut lower than that of the old style, it has been agreed that for Company meetings a pale blue skivvie or a pale blue T-shirt may be worn under the blouse for extra warmth in winter.

These are now available in the Guide Shop.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following Awards:—

Thanks Badge:

Mrs. P. Morton, Bayswater.
Mr. I. Barber, Bayswater.
Mrs. M. Shennan, Beechworth.
Sister B. Ridd, Beechworth.
Mr. K. Duffey, Beechworth.
Dr. E. B. Collins, Beechworth.

Long Service (Uniformed Personnel):

White Ribbon (15 years)—
Mrs. E. Evans, Newport.
Mrs. M. Owen, Moorabbin.
Mrs. I. Toms, Moorabbin.
Mrs. J. Anjou, Balwyn.
Mrs. L. Clarke, Ashburton.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER IN ACTION

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Chief Commissioner, State Commissioners and Australian Office-Bearers at Australian Headquarters for Executive Meeting.

Advantage was taken of the State Commissioners being in Sydney for the Australian Executive Meeting to present the Red Kangaroo Award to Australian International Commissioner, Mrs. Steche.

Victoria extends congratulations to Australia's International Commissioner, Mrs. I. Steche, and to Immediate Past State Commissioner, South Australia, Mrs. M. Black, on the award to them of the Red Kangaroo.



YOUR GUIDE SHOP



Socks — Knee High (Fawn)

Sizes—	
9 to 12	69c
13 to 3	79c
2 to 8	89c

Socks — Ankle (Fawn)

Sizes—	
9 to 12	59c
13 to 3	65c
2 to 8	69c

RANGER GUIDE UNIFORM

Uniform (Frock and Jackets)

Sizes — Bust 32in., 34in., 36in., 38in., 40in.	\$20.00
Forage Cap (with pale blue piping)	\$2.40
Ranger Guide Cap Badge	18c
Ranger Guide Investiture Badge (Wattle Yellow)	28c

Pale Blue T-Shirts

Size—	
30	\$1.05
32	1.05
34	1.25
S.W.	1.55

Pale Blue Skivvies

Sizes—	
30in., 32in.	\$2.10
Small (approximately 34in.) ..	2.70
Medium (approximately 36in.)	2.70
Large (approximately 38in-40in.) ..	2.70

Ranger Guide Shoulder Bag

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Slacks (Aywon)

Sizes — 24in., 26in., 28in., 30in., 32in.	9.00
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Queensland have formed this year a Lone Trefoil Guild—and its name? The Diamond Jubilee Guild.

ALSO AVAILABLE

New Additions to the Australian Nature Series:

Pond Life at Home	48c
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Wildflowers of South-East Australia	\$1.50
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Australian Stamp Catalogue for 1970	25c
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Gold Laminated Stick-On Guide World and Brownie Guide Promise Badges (suitable for decoration or chart purposes)

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Belt Pouches	Now 60c
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God made my parents,
God made all I see,
God made everything,
And God made me.
We thank you, Lord,
On bended knee
For everything we do and see.

—Elizabeth Bentley,
7th Preston Pack.



I love mankind—it's people I can't stand!

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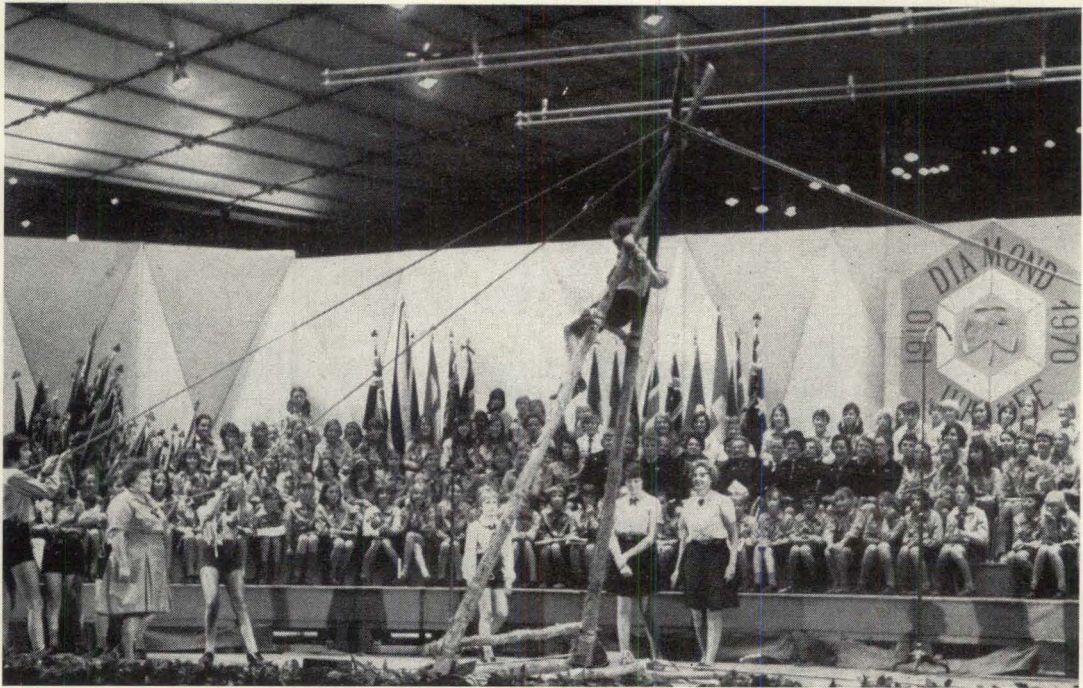
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At Guiderama.

—Photo by Mr. G. Thomopoulos.

a lone Ranger....

A Lone Ranger, I left on the bus — destination Melbourne. I had never met my Captain or any of the others in 1st Victorian Lone Ranger Unit, but in the city I was met by Captain. After tea I met one of my fellow-Lones. An interesting evening at H.Q.'s and home to Captain's ended Friday. On Saturday we got to know each other and late afternoon set out for the important part of the weekend — Guiderama. Margaret and I were to be programme sellers and were quite excited. After being issued with instructions we all (200 of us) went to our various areas. Each section of the Movement took part, and everyone sang the songs. At the end the flame of Guiding was lit and everyone lit their candles. The night WAS spectacular. We went home on the bus with Captain's Guides, who were still singing.

Next day, Sunday — Thinking Day — we travelled to the Ranger Sailing School at Sandringham for a Thinking Day celebration. After an enjoyable time seeing so

many Rangers, I had to say goodbye and leave for home. As a Lone it was a wonderful experience to meet people whom I knew through the post, for the first time face to face and realise how exciting it is to be a Ranger.

—Janette Knight, Coleraine.



Thanks are extended to units such as 1st South Dandenong Guide Company for reports received concerning Guiderama.

Contributors to "Matilda" are reminded that stories should be sent in as soon as possible after an event — "Matilda" takes approximately six weeks from preparation to publication and if you delay further by sending in late reports you could be TOO late.