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ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING of the

GIRL GUIDES
ASSOCIATION

- DATE: Monday, 30th October, 1972
- PLACE: KEW CITY HALL
(Cotham Road, Kew)
note change of venue
- TIME: 8 p.m.

“The Guide Movement this night
Will surely show
That a Guide is a GIRL
With get up and go!”

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FROM OUR STATE COMMISSIONER

An interesting new sign may now be seen by travellers along the Ballarat Road — this hangs outside "Guide House" in Ballan, a building which I had the privilege of declaring "open" at a well-organised ceremony on 1st July; congratulations to this small, but active, District upon achieving their own home.

There was lively discussion and much food for thought engendered at the July meeting of the State Council, following the report by Mrs. Kirkman, Chairman of the sub-committee set up to consider the role of the Council. Subsequently a special meeting of State Council was convened to receive and evaluate findings from the questionnaires circulated to all members. It is heartening to note the desire to strengthen the role and purpose of this body.

Following a brief outline of successes and difficulties of the eight-point programme prepared by the Advisers from the three sections, questions were posed by members and it was invaluable to have answers from the folk actively engaged in bringing the training programme to the girls.

The Council received with regret the resignations of Mrs. J. S. Carr and Miss F. Christian and recorded to both deep appreciation for their interest over many years.

We learned that the playing of the Lady Delacombe Cup this year resulted in raising the sum of \$750; the Association is grateful to Mrs. T. S. Carlyon and her Committee for this helpful contribution to its finances.

Sunraysia arranged its L.A. Conference at Murrayville and the Region is to be congratulated upon such good attendance — a great boost to a District which is rather remote. It was an especial pleasure to welcome also an L.A. member from Pinnaroo, just over the border in South Australia. The Region has accepted my challenge to Know Your Australia and there was evidence of its being used in the programme with great effect. Our own Mrs. Agnes Hilton kindly invited me to stay with her at Mungala, Hopetoun, for two nights during my visit to the north-west of the State and she arranged for local Guides and Brownie Guides to have tea with us — a very happy occasion.

I was sorry to miss meeting the new Commissioners at the training that busy weekend — what an essential role Commissioner Training plays in our Association!



It was my unenviable task to help select two nominees from applicants to attend an International Training at Sangam. Although a wonderful opportunity to know and appreciate the qualities of these members of our Training Teams, it was difficult to make a choice from such splendid people.

Mrs. Hutchinson and Miss Barr were the Headquarters team at the Barwon Region Conference when again skilful use was made of the Know Your Australia theme. A background of native plants created the mood for the "national" atmosphere of the Conference.

The team from Headquarters for the Ballarat Region L.A. Conference comprised Miss Shaw and Mrs. Lane — here "Know Your Australia" was highlighted by beautiful arrangements of Australian flowers.

We welcomed our State Commissioner-Elect, Mrs. F. H. Grimwade, to the Advisers' meeting on the 13th; I know that she, too, will find these quarterly gatherings vitally helpful in the administration of her office.

Time for carriages to deliver members and friends of the Ranger Section to the St. Kilda Town Hall for the Ranger Ball was 8.30 p.m. and the Colonial theme was evidenced by the variety of costumes — hired, borrowed or made by the girls and their partners. As always, the debutantes performed their part with grace and their escorts lent support and encouragement with dignity. The music and dancing were anything but Colonial — but there is no doubt that the evening was enjoyed greatly by all who participated.

Members of the Brownie Section Committee, some of whom meet usually by post, gathered for the annual week-end at the Mayfield Centre. After lunch on Saturday we were instructed in the art of lino-cut printing. Although not all very talented in our execution, we learned how this craft may be used in numerous ways at Pack level.

I was obliged to miss the reunion of the girls who attended Capricorn Servari, but have read the interesting account furnished by Miss Heather Beedel, Chairman of the Planning Committee, of the event. I hope to have personal contact with Victorian participants in the near future.



The following are some of the matters dealt with by the Executive Committee in July:

Acceptance of the resignation of our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Gregory as from the date of the next annual meeting of the Association. Nomination of his successor. Ratification of the appointment of Miss W. Clisby as Assistant Extension Adviser. A decision that Victoria should have a State Commissioner's standard for use on appropriate occasions.

Miss M. Shaw appointed as chairman of the N.Y.C.A. liaison Committee for 12 months; six members have been approached to serve on this Committee.

Granting of a sum to the Trefoil Guild Adviser for purposes of promotion.

Ranger/Rover Seminar, 1973, financial arrangements re surplus or deficit for this event.

Appointment of Miss H. Cathcart as Chairman, Tapestry Committee.

Discussion of plans for the alteration of kitchen facilities at Headquarters.

Report from Mrs. Winchester, leader of the special committee convening the children's display, 1973.

A decision to ask Mrs. Norma Sturrock to look into ways and means of making an improved "Matilda" available automatically to every unit.

I hope to see most of the girls wearing the Know Your Australia badge — confirmation that they are learning new things about their own country. Time is rapidly running out for entries to be made in the Ampol Competition — avoid disappointments by reminding the girls to send them to me before the end of September.

Good Guiding,

Charlotte Renshaw Jones



Buckingham Palace,

Dear Mrs. Renshaw Jones,

I am commanded by The Queen to ask you to convey her sincere thanks to The Queen's Guides of Victoria for their kind message of loyal greetings.

Her Majesty much appreciated the terms of this message.

Yours sincerely,

Philip I. Thorn

THE WORLD CONFERENCE — CANADA

— A FINAL WORD . . .

Dear Folks — Back Home,

(Down under to most of our companions here.)

The most exciting event today was that after delegates had a two-hour closed session we all assembled to receive and congratulate those countries admitted to membership of the W.A.G.G.S. New full member countries are: Barbados, Kuwait, Sierra Leone, Rhodesia, Singapore, Malta, Thailand, Zaire. Great jubilation and much congratulation; those admitted as Associate member countries are Upper Volta, Surinam, Burundi, Camerouns, Turkey.

(Now — how many of you have to turn to your atlases?)

This morning was spent on the Promise and Law discussion and as we all expected it is proving hard to find the right words to be acceptable to all faiths and creeds. Voting on this is not until tomorrow — we expect many amendments.

After dinner we returned to the Conference Hall and worked late (to almost 10 p.m.) discussing full and Associate members or the possibility of just one Status of membership. Some very impassioned speakers for one status (maybe their hearts were ruling their heads) and some very calm logical discussions of pros and cons by some of the more seasoned members of the W.A.G.G.S. community. All very interesting to the likes of myself who just has to sit and listen and learn.

Visitors and observers enjoyed films, from several countries, on Guiding matters while the new members were being "voted in" by the delegates. One from Greece showing Company camps developed into service projects to remote villages was very well presented — and the message in it of service to others was very clear.

The World Association Constitution and By-Laws have been duly pulled to pieces and put together again. Thinking Day fund raising has received some care and attention, and future events planned by the World Committee and Bureau have received our

gracious approval! So much for the business of the Conference.

Canadian gifts and courtesy and interest and hospitality have been quite overwhelming. One is left with the feeling that every member of the Movement in Canada, down to the smallest Brownie (and that is fairly small!) is personally glad you are here. Last night we visited Canadian homes for the evening meal. Mary Lambie, with another delegate, was collected here, driven 60 miles, and in due course returned in good order. My hostess lived at Scarborough, the other side of Toronto, at least 20 miles away. When she heard we had seen little of the city she called up another guide leader to act as navigator and company on the return journey and gave a Swedish Guider and myself the grand tour of downtown Toronto. We were admiring their most spectacular new city hall, at this stage on foot, at roughly midnight. It was all most impressive. Never send anybody to a world conference who needs more than about five hours' sleep. A very bleary-eyed U.K. visitor greeted me this morning with the remark "There is no doubt the nights are getting shorter!" I agreed.

Relays of Canadian ladies (L.A. members, etc.) have kept decorated the dining room we use. Tonight when we went in there were hundreds of small Canadian flags on little plastic stands — one for each of us — and arrangements of strawberries among leaves. We were invited to eat the decorations! It was no trouble at all — in fact it was a pleasure.

Each of our rooms has a dried arrangement specially prepared for us, and the offer has been made that they will be boxed for us if we wish to take them home. We are beginning to pack and are certain we will not have room for even a spare postage stamp.

May I say **thank you very much** to Australia in general for allowing me to come. The great experience of a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Enid Bunning



KOOKABURRAS DYING OUT

The Kookaburra — Australia's unofficial national bird — is dying out in many areas . . . and the evidence points to the use of persistent pesticides like DDT, a leading Australian authority on birds said in Melbourne recently.

Mr. Roy Wheeler, past president and secretary of the Bird Observers' Club, a vice-president of the Gould League and Fellow of the Royal Australian Ornithologists' Union, has studied birds in Australia for 50 years.

"I think pesticides like DDT could be affecting kookaburras' reproduction", Mr. Wheeler said. "DDT has a big effect on wildlife. The Americans haven't pulled it out just because of its effects on humans. It's because of what it does to wildlife as well."

Mr. Wheeler asked Australians: "When did you last hear a kookaburra laugh?"

"In some districts in Victoria — particularly parts of the western districts — the kookaburra is very rarely seen now compared with the past.

"The bird is definitely going back in a lot of areas — and that includes New South Wales and particularly the northern and western parts of Victoria. The kookaburra is nowhere near as common as it was.

"The kookaburra is regarded as our national bird. It's very popular because it's a really typical rollicking Australian. It was one of the first birds to appear on our stamps.

"We often used to hear them around the suburbs. You never hear them from one year's end to another now. And the trees are still here in most cases.

"DDT is always there. You can't get rid of it. It's even in animals in the Antarctic. There's no place free of it. I think a ban on it would be one of the greatest things we could have here in Australia."

Mr. Wheeler — he says other birds, including hawks, are also suffering from pesticide

build-up in the food chain — published a joint pamphlet in August, 1967, with Barbara Salter pointing to the pesticide threat to birds. They published Part 2 in February, 1968, and distributed 20,000.

He said Australia had been using more pesticides proportionately than any other country. Some \$16 million worth had been dispersed here in 1965.

Some time ago he drove 600 miles up to Lascelles in the Mallee and back through some of the best bird country and saw only one kookaburra.

Five people participating in an international bird-spotting challenge contest against the U.S. on the Bellarine Peninsula in bushland last December took seven-and-a-half hours to see a kookaburra.

—From the article by John Messer, Environment Writer from the "Age"

RE-CYCLING OUR RESOURCES

In this affluent society we are threatened with eventual submersion by our own "disposable, expendable consumer goods". What can the average household do to reduce the quantity of national waste: to re-cycle all possible materials: to keep the environment as litter-free as possible? An analysis of normal household waste yields the following proportions:—

(a) Paper, rags and putrescibles	62%
(b) Brush and garden waste	10%
(c) Ashes and dust	7%
(d) Miscellaneous (plastics, rubber, paint, oils)	4%
(e) Metals	7%
(f) Bottles and glass	10%

Those items in section A not already collected for charity can be returned to the soil in the form of compost. Those in section D are best dealt with by the municipal garbage collector, since some of the items make good land-fill. According to the Victorian Plastics Institute, plastic causes worse pollution when attempts are made to burn it in domestic incinerators. Research into the re-cycling of plastic is taking place in the U.S.A., so far with encouraging results.

It seems that an environment-conscious public must expect, in the future, to have to bear the cost of elaborate municipal destructors to deal with "problem" waste.

Which brings us to sections E and F, only a small proportion of the whole but consisting of unsightly and often dangerous articles which only require a little effort to dispose of correctly.

Food and drink cans — The Steel Can People have a re-cycling scheme with collection centres at Brooklyn, Brunswick, Coburg, Dandenong, Fitzroy, Northcote, Preston, West Footscray and Shepparton. These centres are, in most cases, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For details, write to the Steel Can People at Box 49, P.O. Carlton South, Victoria, 3053, for their publication "Litter, solid waste disposal and cans: your questions answered". Briefly, food and drink cans are the only type required at this experimental stage but the success of the scheme depends on US, the public, because the process cannot be developed without the materials. Cans need to be rinsed free of particles: stripped of paper wrappers: sorted into (a) aluminium and (b) all-steel, along with bi-metal (steel with aluminium tops). A small degree of rust does not matter. For easier transport, cans can be crushed. At present, re-cycled metal is used in copper cementation; also as an alloying addition agent in cast irons and cast steels.

Any groups contemplating a large scale can drive can contact the Steel Can People for special collection bags.

Bottles and Glass — Through the co-operation of Victorian bottle dealers, it is possible to dispose of ALL unwanted glass through your normal bottle collector, whether for charity or otherwise. Make sure any broken glass is wrapped to protect the collector from injury. Your surplus jars could eventually reappear in building materials, road surfacing, or new glass products. For more information write to Australian Consolidated Industries Ltd. for their publication "Environmental Aspects of Glass Packaging".

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COMMENT from "Fur, Feathers and Fins" — magazine of the Fisheries and Wildlife Department, Victoria . . .

"Widespread confusion exists as to the difference between preservation and conservation . . ."

What do YOU think . . . ?



FERNTREE GULLY TREFOIL GUILD

Ferntree Gully Trefoil members are having an extremely busy but very rewarding year.

As a special project they decided to knit 8 x 8 inch squares for the "Save the Children" Fund. The L.A., Brownies and Guides were asked to help and to date some 200 squares have been sent off to be made into warm rugs for needy children. When there is enough wool of one colour then jumpers have been made for toddlers. Guides and Brownies have been able to do part of their Knitters' badges because of assisting with this project.

Members are saving Lan-choo tea labels which will be exchanged for a suitable gift to be donated to the new Guide hall in the district. A trade table is organised for each monthly meeting, and members pay a small fine if not wearing their Trefoil badge. With this money and some from a special fund a big radiator has been purchased for the Guide Hall to ensure cosy winter meetings.

Members are named as welfare stewards, and each steward looks after a section of waste products collection and is responsible for sending off goods to their particular charity.

Members arrange social evenings (wig demonstrations, puppet evening, etc.) offer their services for supper arrangements, then hand over to Guides or L.A. to run. This way profits are divided, and Guides can in some instances gain the hostess badge. This Trefoil group has a very happy relationship with the Guiding family of Ferntree Gully, and their meetings are full of fun and merriment.

(Extracts from notes sent by Secretary.)



Mainly for Commissioners

Now who would be dropping in at 9.45 at night? Car lights coming up the road and I am surrounded by papers and files and typewriter, and in my dressing gown!

Pam and Maureen, both Guiders, walked in and plopped themselves on the nearest chairs, and Pam started straight in.

"How's this for a story? We had just started Guides tonight when Mrs. Brown, Joan's mother, came rushing in from the Repertory Club. They're in the middle of a dress rehearsal down there right at this moment — monthly concert tomorrow night. Two of their items have fallen through at the last moment — can the Guides do a campfire item to help them out? She was panting — had to go straight back to tell them yes or no. It's an emergency!"

"Tomorrow night! Ye gods!"

(Well, I thought, I know **anything** can happen in a Repertory Club!)

"Yes — what do you think?"

I (stalling): "Well, what did you say?"

"I didn't know what to say. Finally told her we couldn't possibly decide before tomorrow morning. I'm to ring her by nine. The girls were all for it, so we scrapped our programme and chose songs, and we've been practising all night. They said they'd come after school tomorrow, too. I'm sorry to come at this hour but we have to decide by morning!"

"How were they?"

"Not too bad, were they, Maureen? Perhaps not as good as last time, but then we haven't practised as much."

Last time was very good — all in camp uniform and we spent hours on the stage setting and lighting effects. They sang beautifully — we had time to prepare.

"You know, Pam, that's why they've asked us again. In the interests of good public relations we've always tried to do the very best we're capable of, when we're asked to do something in public. I'd hate to see a poor effort go on this time. This seems pretty unreasonable, don't you think?"

"It surely is! Who else but the Rep. would ask it? But I keep thinking of the Testers they've provided for Entertainer and Campfire Pennant. And of the time the whole Company went to see a dress rehearsal — and they invited us all backstage to watch the production from their end. And they helped with the make-up for our last concert

— didn't even charge us anything for the grease paint they used either. It wouldn't be very good public relations if we refused would it?"

"Mmm . . . It's not very easy. I can see what you mean.

"There's no time to dress the stage. The lanterns are still painted though, and I've still got the artificial campfire here I think. Uniforms will be O.K. No moon or stars or shrubbery. Could ask them to fix the same lighting effects I suppose. Seems to boil down to whether the singing is good enough!"

"Well — the girls are breaking their necks to do it. We've chosen songs they know well and Suzanne and Terri can be there — they usually carry the thing. I think, with an hour's work tomorrow afternoon, we can give a fairly creditable item — not as good as last time perhaps. But I think we can do it."

Well, they did it, bless them. Not quite as good as last time, but earning more than polite applause.

Now what point did you put that under I wondered? Creative ability? Character? Service to others? Or relationships? I sighed. At least our community knows they have us!

—From the "Courier"



Brown Owl took us to Ferntree Gully National Park for a barbecue. On the train was a Pack from Reservoir who were coming with us. We all jumped in with them and off we went.

The Brown Owls made a lovely fire and when it died down we all did our cooking on Brown Owl's wire.

While at Ferntree Gully I passed my House Orderly Badge. The other Brown Owl tested four of us and we all passed.

Our Brown Owl took some of us up to the lookout and we climbed lots of steps.

We played on the swings and slides. I fell in some mud.

We came home by train and tram.

—1st Richmond Pack

TRAINING PAGES

WHY NOT TRY?

The meeting had just finished and the last of the Brownies had run off home full of the exciting news of the things they had been doing. Susan, the Leader, and her helpers were about to settle down to some planning of their next month's programme. During their meeting the Brownies had talked over the things they would like to do in the coming few months and in among requests for their favourite games and a picnic to the gardens had been a request to learn something about First Aid for the Highway Challenge, to do some cooking from some budding housekeepers, and two little Brownies who had received bicycles for their birthday wanted someone to help them learn some road safety rules.

Susan and her helpers settled down to try and work out how they could help their Brownies to learn these skills. "Well", said Pack Guide, "I love cooking and I think that if I bring down a fry pan and ask the Brownies to bring along a mixing bowl and spoon and things we could make pikelets right here in the hall during one of the meetings. The Brownies said that that was what they would like, to learn to cook. We could write out a recipe on a piece of cardboard and then they could start to learn about following recipes." "And as well as that", said Susan, "they would be learning such skills as measuring ingredients and beating batter and all those sort of things".

It would also be good training for them to remember the things they had to bring along", said Julie the Assistant Leader.

"But what about the First Aid?" A deadly silence fell, none of the Leaders had ever had any First Aid training themselves. "The Brownie Handbook has some good clear instructions on basic First Aid", said Julie, "and Jenny's mother used to be a nurse, maybe she would come along to meetings for a few weeks and help with things like learning to put on slings. If she did we might learn about it too. Perhaps we could also work this into some sort of challenge situations in which the girls could use the skills they're learning." "I think that would be a very good idea" commented Pack Guide. "Perhaps during one meeting we could have some Brownies act as patients and those who have been learning First Aid skills could be the First Aider and mend their imaginary hurts. Perhaps we could also have the Brownies work out a simple roster for those who are learning First Aid to take turns at being First Aider at meetings", said Julie. "They could check and make sure that our First Aid equipment in the cupboard is all tidy and ready for use and look after any grazed knees we might get and things like that." "Yes", said Susan, "I think that is a good idea. I think the more we can turn skills the Brownies are learning into games and teach these skills through games, and



the more ideas we can give the Brownies for using the things they learn, the more fun it is for them."

"Road safety would probably be a really good opportunity to ask the local police station to give us some help. I am sure one of their officers would only be too pleased to come down and talk to the Brownies about road safety rules."

"It is amazing how easy it really is", said Julie. "I was worried when the Brownies started asking to learn all these things. I did not think we would be able to cope but by the time we get the help from what the Handbook says and from a few mothers and call on other people in the district we seem to have all the help we need."

"I think we should really have a lot of fun during the next month and I know the Brownies will."



How long is it since you last —

- tried to light a fire in the open with only two matches?
- tried to build, light and cook on a type of fire that you've seen illustrated in a book?
- baked a fish in the hot ashes?

Why not try?

When did you last —

- cover a mile by doing "Scout Pace"? Do you remember it . . . 20 run, 20 walk? If a mile seems to be too far, why not Scout Pace around the block before, or during, each Ranger meeting during the next month?

How long is it since —

- you whipped, or re-whipped if necessary, the ends of the ropes on your tents or any other equipment?
 - practised tying some of the knots that you need for safe and successful camping and boating, e.g. a reef knot, bowline, and some of the hitches that you would use?
 - learned a new "Useful" knot, how to tie it, why, when, and with what?
 - learned a decorative knot and then used it in making a macrame belt or bag, a fringe for a poncho; or a doormat?
- Is it very long since you —
- sang together?
 - learned a new song, perhaps a folk song, traditional or modern, that is currently popular, or topical, or just pleasant to sing?

Why not try? Why not discover what talent lies within yourself and the Rangers?

Why miss out on the joy of singing and making music together?

How long ago did you last —

- tell a yarn, or listen to one told by somebody else?
- made up a story or yarn to tell, for fun or for a special purpose?

Why not try out your story telling ability?

It may be easier for you, or more fun, to use aids to story telling such as pictures, photographs, puppets, story outlines, or plots; and perhaps to work in pairs.

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When did you last —

- use a flag, the Australian flag or the Guide World flag, in a ceremony?
- take part in a ceremony when a flag was used by someone else?

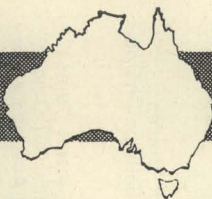
Did you know just what to do? Why not try to find out how much flag ceremonial should be carried out?

Is it long since —

- simple, elementary First Aid was revised, or taught, or practised in your Unit?
- you or the Rangers were grateful for some knowledge of First Aid?
- your Unit First Aid kit and/or the Ranger's personal First Aid kits were checked?
- you made yourself familiar with the most modern method of dealing with burns and snakebite?

Why not try to keep these things up to date?

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TWO N.S.W. CAMPSITES KUM-BA-YAH CAMPSITE

This Ranger, Guide and Brownie camp is now open and available for bookings. It is situated in bushland surroundings, off Mt. Keira, one and a half miles from Wollongong. The canvas campsite is not equipped but WANGI HOUSE (for Brownies) is fully equipped and will accommodate 18 including staff. The camping site is divided into eight sections and can take Patrol Camps, Company Camps or the whole site can take a Division or Regional Camp. There is a lodge nearby, and a wet weather cooking shelter plus brick fireplaces. The Ranger Den will accommodate 14. Sleeping and eating equipment must be brought to the Ranger Den.

A cleaning deposit of \$5 is charged for each camp and will be returnable by Committee on presentation of a form signed by the caretaker after inspection at conclusion of camp.

All enquiries and bookings to be made in writing to the Region Camp Adviser:—

Mrs. S. A. prout,
144 Farmborough Road, Unanderra, 2526.

"TARA"

The campsites are now named and signs will be erected alongside the four species planted and named for the site: They are *Telopea*, *Banksia*, *Kurrajong*, *Jacaranda*, *Bangalay*, *Tallowood*, *Bellbowrie* and *Angophora*. Four clumps of six shade trees have been planted on each site; these are *Bangalay*, *Red Blook Argyle Apple*, *Small Leaved Peppermint*, *Willow Leaf Peppermint*, *Swamp Oak*, *Turpentine* and *Monterey Pine*.

Windbreaks on cross fences are *Pink Tipped White Bottle Brush*, *Red Flowering Paper Bark*, *Woolly Tea Tree*, and *Willow Leaved Hakea*. On the southern and northern boundaries, three rows of trees were planted. First row near the fences, *Spotted Gums* 30 feet apart, and in between *Honey Myrtle*. Second row, *ross Honey Myrtles* and third row, *Spotted Gums* every 30 feet. One thousand, three hundred and seventy-five trees have been donated and planted. A record of tree donors will be kept in book form at "Tara".

I'm sure you all know we are very lucky to have two ponies at "Tara" which may be used by Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

In the past, members have been able to ride the ponies when there has been a person available who can handle the horses. Sometimes there has been disappointment when there was no-one available to be in charge.

The "Tara" Committee has made arrangements for instruction to be given on catching, saddling, handling and riding the ponies. There will be a charge of \$5 per unit for a 1½-hour session of instruction. Some of this fee will be paid to Miss Harrison for giving the instruction and part of it will defray the expenses of equipping and caring for the horses. The sessions will be given on Saturday afternoons and/or Sunday mornings and **Guiders should contact Miss Harrison direct well before their camp or Pack Holiday to book their session.** (Miss J. Harrison, "Bon-Gra-Joy", Bents Basin Road, Wallacia — phone Wallacia 83.)

—From the "Waratah"

A PARTY for Miss Jean Mitchell was given by the Local Association of Armadale District as a delightful tribute when Miss Mitchell "retired" as a District Commissioner for Armadale.

Enrolled in Armadale as a Guide — then Patrol Leader, Ranger, Lieutenant, Captain of 1st Armadale and 1st Toorak, District Commissioner of Prahran — then Armadale,

and now District Commissioner of Collingwood.

A splendid gathering of L.A. members, Leaders, Guides and Brownies assembled to pay tribute to Miss Mitchell and to meet Mrs. Hawkins, the new District Commissioner.

A visitors' book, signed by everyone present, will be a permanent record of the occasion for the guest of honour.

GIRL GUIDES' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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Page 7 — delete — design and wording "The Brownie World Badge".

Rule 27, **Organisation and Administration**

Page 26 — clause 7 — add another sentence to last paragraph — "It is her responsibility to see that satisfactory arrangements are made for handling of all Unit moneys."

Rule 29 (7), 30 (9), and 31 (9) **Sections. The Unit Helper.**

Pages 29, 30 and 31 — add another sentence "Insignia: a metal bar".

Rule 34. **Uniform**

Page 35 — clause 2 (h) — delete and substitute — "No more than two metal badges, in addition to the Promise, **World and State** badges, should be worn at the one time by a **Guider.**"

Page 35 — add clause 2 (i) — "Adaptations of uniform may be made to cater for variations in climatic conditions."

Page 36 — clause 3 **Camps and Informal Occasions:** add "or a dress*" after "blouse" and add at foot of this section "States are free to design own style of dress".

Page 42 — clause 1 **The Guide Uniform** — delete "scarf" and insert "tie".

Page 42 — clause 2 **Camps and Informal Occasions:** — add at foot of this section — "Cloth trefoil may be worn as an alternative to the metal trefoil and is worn on left breast or above pocket on left breast."

Page 43 — clause 7 **Positioning of Badges:** — delete "centre of woggle" and insert "on cross over of tie" also alter on drawing

Page 44.

Page 45 — **The Brownie Guide Uniform** — delete — "Brownie World Badge, worn only by Brownies — two-fingered Brownie sign in gold on a blue background" and insert — "*World Badge — Gilt trefoil on blue background".

Page 47 — delete — "The Brownie Badge is the two-finger sign in gold on a blue background" and insert "World Badge".

Page 49 Distinguishing Marks. 3. Trainers — delete "Non endorsed" and insert "Associate" add at foot under Section Colours — "Pack Holiday, brown with green zigzag stitching."

Rule 35. **Training**

Page 52 Australian Training Committee: add a final paragraph — "Members of the Australian Training Committee may wear the Australian Beret Badge and Australia Headquarters Bar when attending an event as members of the Committee."

Page 52 Diploma Candidate Assessments (iii) insert "Australian" before the words "Training Adviser".

Page 53 The Training Diploma — insert a new paragraph after ". . . extended." and before "If a Diploma . . ." to read "Associate Diploma: The Diploma may be endorsed as an Associate Diploma if a Diploma'd Guider has special training ability but has not fulfilled the Warrant requirements of her Section or Camping for approximately two years. She is qualified to

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train according to her special ability and at the discretion of the State Training Authorities."

Rule 36. **Camps and Holidays.**

Page 58 — 1. General, clause (e) — delete "Section Adviser and from the local Commissioner" and insert "District Commissioner".

Page 65 The Camp Licence. — delete "three" and insert "two" before "consecutive nights." in first paragraph on this page.

Page 65 The Holiday Permit. Qualifications: (i) delete and insert "Have attained the age of 19 years."

Page 65 The Guider's Camp Permit. Qualifications: (i) delete and insert "Have attained the age of 18 years."

Rule 39. **Sea Safety: Bathing.**

Page 73 1. The Guider-in-Charge. (a) insert at end of sentence "and must be in attendance at the bathing period".

Page 74 3. Grading — Surf Bathing — add another paragraph — "Patrolled Beaches: The Bathers are under the control of the R.L.S.S.A. lifesaver on duty, stationed on the beach and must adhere to the rules applying to that beach, which are displayed on beach notice-boards. The Guider responsible for organising the bathing parade must be present."

Page 74 4. The Endurance Test. — insert "or" between sections (a) and (b) of clause 1.

Rule 40. **Boating.**

Pages 78, 79 and 80 — delete the paragraph "For Guides . . ." for the Boating Permit, Sailing Permit and Sailing Charge Certificates.

Rule 42. **International Relations.**

Page 86 (a) For all those travelling overseas: — insert "dress" after "suit" and before "and blouse" under 'Australia Girl Guides' Flashes: (b) **Only to be worn by those representing Australia at an Overseas Event.** delete and insert — "Australian Beret Badge: Worn only by Guider members of a delegation or a Ranger Guide representing Australia, for the period of the particular event. Woven Australian Map Badge: Worn on the back of the tie by a Guide chosen to represent Australia at an overseas event."

6. Transfers. For Guides and Guiders transferring overseas: delete "in conjunction with Overseas Travel Forms" and "together" in first paragraph.

Delete Rule 48 of P.O. & R. 1970 Edition and insert—**"AWARDS**

'The only standard that counts is the amount of effort on the part of the individual.'

Rule 48.**APPLICATION.**

An application for an award for gallantry, life-saving, fortitude or good service should be made without the knowledge of the recipient.

The award must be recommended by the State Commissioner and approved by the State Executive Committee, or in the case of service

for the Australian Association, recommended by the Chief Commissioner and approved by the Australian Executive Committee.

The Red Kangaroo, Bronze, Silver and Gilt Crosses must be recommended by the Australian Awards Sub-Committee to the Chief Commissioner and approved by the Australian Executive Committee.

The Emu and Wattle awards may be approved by either — the Australian Awards Sub-Committee with the Chief Commissioner, or by the State.

The Good Service Award is approved by the State Commissioner.

A service award is normally made only to a **Guider** who has held a Warrant or Appointment within six months of the application being made.

(A holder of the Silver Fish, Red Kangaroo, Emu or Wattle Award when no longer entitled to wear uniform may wear the award in plain clothes, but only at Guide functions; the ribbon is made into a bow and the award hung from it.)

The Silver Fish is awarded by the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Girl Guides Association; the recommendation is made by the Australian Awards Sub-Committee to the Chief Commissioner who submits it to the Chief Commissioner Commonwealth Headquarters.

SERVICE

The Silver Fish — (light blue ribbon with navy blue edges). The highest award for exceptionally good service to the Guide Movement as a whole, usually for more than one country and in more than one capacity.

The Red Kangaroo — (navy blue ribbon with light blue edges). An award for outstanding service to the Movement.

The Emu — (navy blue ribbon with white edges). An award for unusually good service to the Movement.

The Wattle — (sapphire blue ribbon with two green stripes). An award for very meritorious service.

The Good Service Award — (certificate and green and white ribbon). Awarded by a State Commissioner to a **Guider** for excellent service in her area.

GALLANTRY AND LIFE-SAVING

The Bronze Cross (red ribbon). The highest award for gallantry for a member of the Movement over the age of 18.

The Silver Cross (blue ribbon). The highest award for gallantry for a member of the Movement under the age of 18.

These two awards are given only for an act of the greatest heroism, where considerable risk of life has been faced.

The Gilt Cross (green ribbon). An award given to any member of the Movement for an act of gallantry where the risk of life has been less.

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

The Star of Merit (navy blue ribbon with gold edges). An award given to any member of the Association, who without risk of her own life, has shown initiative and devotion to duty, or has displayed great courage or fortitude often under suffering.

Certificate of Merit or Letter of Commendation. When it is considered appropriate a Certificate of Merit or a Letter of Commendation may be awarded for gallantry or meritorious conduct.

LONG SERVICE

The Long Service Ribbon (navy blue ribbon with white knot design). A **Guider** who has given 15 years' service to the Association is entitled to the Long Service Ribbon.

Qualifications:

(a) The **Guider** must have held a Warrant or Warrants for one or more appointments; or have held a recognised uniformed appointment or appointments for which a Warrant is not issued, for example Section Advisers.

NOTE: This recognition will not be made retrospectively to members who no longer hold a uniformed appointment.

(b) Years of service necessary for the qualifying period need not be given consecutively, nor wholly while holding the same Warrant or appointment.

(c) Qualifying period shall commence from the date on which the applicant joined a Unit as a **Guider**, not necessarily then holding a warrant.

(d) Qualifying period shall include the length of service given as a **Guider** in another country or in other countries whether or not the applicant was Warranted in such country or countries.

NOTE: Long Service Ribbons are embossed with a Silver Knot for 25 years' service and with a Gold Knot for 35 years' service. A metal badge is available, which may be worn out of uniform.

Local Association Long Service Badge. A Local Association member who has given 15 years' active service, not necessarily continuously, is entitled to the Local Association Long Service Badge.

Combined Long Service Brooch. A member of the Association who has given combined service of 15 years in two or three of the following categories — Local Association Member, Trefoil Guild Member and in a uniformed capacity — is entitled to the Combined Long Service Brooch. Years of service necessary for the qualifying period need not be given consecutively.

Trefoil Guild Long Service Bar. (Bar attached to a Trefoil Guild Badge.) A Trefoil Guild member who has given 15 years' service.

NOTE: The candidate applies for the Long Service Ribbon, Badge or Bar through the usual channels to the State Secretary.

THANKS BADGE

The Thanks Badge. It is the privilege of any member of the Association, with the approval of her Commissioner, to seek approval for the presentation of a Thanks Badge to a supporter who is not a member of the Movement but has given exceptional service to Guiding. In special circumstances it may also be given to an enrolled member of the Movement who does not hold a Warrant. It entitles the wearer to make use of the services of the members of the Association at all times, but does not confer membership. The badge is not worn in uniform.

A plaque bearing a Thanks badge inset may be presented to a Local Association or to an outside organisation which has done a good turn to Guiding.

**Dear Matilda,
GUIDES HOLD A "DISASTER DAY"**

Sometime ago a Guide leader from Thomastown had an idea which, it seemed to her, would offer an ideal opportunity of enabling her Guides, and others from neighbouring districts, to obtain more experience in First Aid — so began her dream of a "Disaster Day".

She knew it would be too large an activity for one small district to handle so Guides and leaders from sister districts of Lalor and Epping participated with us. With enthusiasm running high detailed copies of First Aid information were distributed to all Guides, testers were sought out and Epping Guides offered the use of their hall and grounds for the actual day.

It wasn't too long before it became obvious that it would be impossible to cover both the theory and practical aspects of the First Aid and Emergency Helper badges on one day, so it was decided to invite testers to the respective company meetings beforehand for theory testing and the practical testing to be kept for the "Day" itself. This proved most satisfactory and the Guiders who passed their theory then attended the Disaster Day for their practical tests.

Members of St. John's Ambulance Association did a realistic job of "making up" our patients for burns, sprains, car accident, wounds and electrical accident.

Ten Guides qualified for their badges and it was generally considered that the day had been a great success as well as the means of our Guides obtaining a greater knowledge of, and experience in, FIRST AID.

—1st Epping, Lalor, and
Thomastown Guides

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A BROWNIE HAPPENING . . .

Brownies of the Fawkner District had a Brownie Happening. Our guests for the day were 1st North Fawkner and Craigieburn packs. We had a lovely day together, learning lots of crafts — dippity glass, paper flowers, painting, wall hangings, rope figures, and we finished with Scottish dancing.

Julie Ward — Correspondent, 4th Fawkner Pack.

Brownie Guiders from Fawkner and Fawkner North assisted by Fawkner Guides, Rangers and L.A. members organised and conducted the activities.

Dear Matilda,

I am writing to tell you about the lovely weekend 1st Vermont pack had at Toole Pate, Launching Place, for pack holiday.

During "free time" on Saturday Brown Owl, Cook and First-Aider had been working on some leather bags. When we went inside we stitched the bags up and now we all have beautiful leather bags to put our books in when we go to Brownies.

After lunch, we all went on a hike and saw a brownish-rust coloured rabbit. We walked 3½ miles. Then we had "rest time".

On Sunday morning we had a church service and in the afternoon we went for a walk. On the walk we saw a blue wren. Then we stopped and built a fire and toasted marshmallows. In the night we had a concert. Each group did some miming then we did some good shows.

It was a lovely weekend and we all loved it.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Bendixen,
1st Vermont Pack

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DEAR MATILDA,

Nearly 300 Guides and Brownie Guides from Goulburn, Hume and Barea regions came together to meet the State Commissioner, Mrs. Renshaw Jones, and Mrs. Grimwade, the State Commissioner designate and other Guiders.

After the girls sang a specially written welcome song, Mrs. Renshaw Jones moved among the girls meeting and chatting to them. The girls were involved with hand-crafts, hobbies, kames and international displays.

Our company, 1st Violet Town, were specially interested in our town's history. We dressed in period costumes and depicted the history. The Brownies of Violet Town dressed as sheep and piccaninnies to help us show the story.

In the evening we all had a wonderful campfire.

—Veronica Crocker, Heather Chanter,
1st Violet Town Company



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If any of these basic skills are new to you, why not try to learn more about them. And then try them out for yourself!

There is help available for you, from books, charts, and from people. Have a look at the books in your Ranger cupboard or box; have a look in magazines. Ask the Rangers to help, too!

If it is at all possible, pay a visit to a Guide or Scout Shop.

Ask for assistance or advice from other Guiders; ask other friends. Why not try?



A SAD TALE

Once upon a time in a far away land there lived a Guide Leader called ALEXANDRA THE GRATE, and in her company there was a Patrol Leader whose name was GORDIA THE GUIDE.

Now this Guide Company was in a great state of excitement because Alexandra the Grate had promised to take them to camp. For several weeks the Patrol Leaders and Guides had been preparing menus, issuing lists of duties, illustrating lovely notices and packing all their belongings.

At last the long awaited day had arrived, and Alexandra the Grate, Gordia the Guide, the other Patrol Leaders and all the other Guides arrived at the campsite.

After the fashion of Guide Leaders, Alexandra the Grate soon became very busy supervising, so Gordia the Guide, with undaunted enthusiasm, set about being helpful. She led her patrol in erecting a beautiful flagpole. She instructed another pack of Guides in the mysteries of screening, and finally culminated her efforts by pitching her own sleeping tent.

The day wore on with great fun for everyone, and only a few minor irritations. Of course the flag wouldn't break when the VERY IMPORTANT PERSON arrived and for some unknown reason it remained firmly fastened only half-way up the flagpole. However warm baths were most enjoyable, followed by the evening meal and a campfire, and Gordia the Guide and the other Patrol Leaders and Guides were soon snugly tucked in their camp beds.

At the end of a weary day of supervising, Alexandra the Grate gathered her toilet bag and towel, prepared her bath and sank into the tub, only to find that the screening had sagged to an embarrassing degree. Completing her ablutions with spartan forbearance Alexandra the Grate retired to bed, but not before uttering her heartfelt thanks for the enthusiastic helpfulness of Gordia the Guide.

Alexandra the Grate, Gordia the Guide, the other Patrol Leaders and all the Guides slept. The wind rose and the tents blew; but alas — the wind dropped and the rain fell. Reliable as ever Alexandra the Grate struggled out of bed, leapt into her gumboots, wrapped herself in a raincoat and ventured out to battle the elements. A tentative tug at Gordia the Guide's guy rope achieved nought. Alexandra the Grate tugged and pulled, pommeled and poked but all to no avail; so with Alexandrian enlightenment she swung her tomahawk. The knot fell assunder, the rope parted, the tent collapsed and Gordia the Guide, the other Patrol Leaders and all the Guides were drenched.

A HAPPY TALE

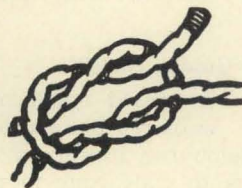
Once upon a time, in a far away land, there lived a Guide Leader called ALEXANDRA THE GREAT, and in her company there was a Patrol Leader whose name was GLORIA THE GUIDE.

Now this Guide Company was in a great state of excitement because Alexandra the Great had promised to take them to camp. For several weeks the Patrol Leaders and Guides had been preparing menus, issuing lists of duties, illustrating lovely notices, packing all their belongings and LEARNING AND PRACTISING THEIR KNOTS.

They all lived happily ever after.

Footnote:

Gordius King of Gordium in Phrygia, tied an intricate knot. An oracle declared that whoever loosed it should rule Asia. Alexander the Great, unable to undo it, cut it with his sword.



ARE YOUR GIRLS GUIDES?

A retrospective look at the 1972 Guiders' Conference.

"Are Your Girls Guides?" revealed itself as a diamond of many facets and tantalising colours, with a brilliant heart of fire: the fire of the enthusiastic Guider. For whatever else is needed to provide the environment for our girls to be Guides, there must be enthusiasm and love for our part in Guiding. The organising committee possesses this, and in its wisdom put this jewel of a theme in a variety of settings, all presented in a provocative manner.

"Guider, are **You** a leader?"

"Are **Your** girls becoming Guides Because of **Your** leadership?"

Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones, the State Commissioner, wants you to ask yourself . . . "Are you seeking the knowledge, developing the patience, learning the KNOW-HOW to give the help that is required of you as a leader?"

And, after listening to Miss Margaret Shaw, Assistant State Commissioner, in her opening talk, you'd want to ask yourself whether your individual leadership is being strengthened by your ability to be one of a team, and to bring leadership and help to each one in the team you're working with, in your aim to make EACH GIRL A GUIDE.

"What Makes A Girl A Guide?"

The Panel flashed many guiding lights before us:

"Set a good example at all times in all ways;

Be involved deeply enough with your Guides to be aware of the background of each Guide, the essential circumstances in which she moves, so as to know when and how she needs help;

Be aware if she is getting fellowship and friendship in the unit — look at her social relationships;

Encourage her to extend herself on her own level;

Let her do badges if she's keen to do so, for then she will be thinking more about Guiding between meetings."

Those are some of the things that I remember.

"Are Your Guides Girls?"

This question caused much mirth when asked by Dr. Margaret Blackwood, a geneticist from Melbourne University. She went on to tell us to endeavour to provide the

right setting to ensure that our Guides are given the opportunity to develop in their own way, at their own pace. "Guiders must provide the right environment to get the best out of the girl", she said. "The girl is 'there' and in order to approach the Greek ideal in body, mind and soul, she needs the right physical, mental and spiritual environment in which to extend herself. You need to listen when she speaks to you, and make sure that when you answer, your words are comprehensible." She supported the view of the panel in that Guiders should become knowledgeable about each girl's background and individual characteristics, and be involved in her progress. "You have SOMETHING to give each girl in Guiding", she concluded, "and you should make time to find out what that something is for each different girl, and especially for the 'different' girl".

Miss Yvonne James, Australian Guide Adviser, sparkled in another setting, when she spoke about "The Different Ones", and how remedial education approaches problems from different angles. She pointed out that the 8-Point Programme provides the perfect environment for the "different" ones to be extended, if there is present the enthusiasm, understanding and love of their Guider.

Each new setting of the theme brought out, for me, these highlights: the individuality of each girl, the provision of the right environment for her, and the desirability for the Guider to bring these together in Guiding for the best development of the girl as an individual and as a member of her unit, and so, of course, for life in the community.

Mrs. Ritchie, Dramatic Art teacher at Brighton Technical School, gave the Brownie Guiders ideas for Environmental Drama, showing how the encouragement of individual acting within a group gives another approach to the physical, mental and social development of the Brownie Guide within the Pack. Miss Jenny Hammond, of the Gas and Fuel Corporation, and a Guider, followed with much Food for Thought and for the Environment of Pack Holidays! Meanwhile, the Guide Guiders were treated to an ideal (?) Guide meeting.

Mrs. E. Lane, Public Relations Adviser, concluded the afternoon session, by suggesting that we take a look at ourselves in Guiding, and at the image we are projecting.

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MATILDA NOTICES . . .



CHRISTMAS CARD FOR THE CHIEF GUIDE, 1972

It was wonderful, last year, to know that more than \$600 was paid into the Chief Guide's hospitality fund to provide "Hampers for Hampers", sent with the hundreds and hundreds of signatures of friends, old and new, to remind her that here in Australia she is so warmly remembered.

Would you like to repeat your generous gesture? No effort is involved beyond sending in to your State Co-ordinator (Mrs. J. S. Cooke, c/- Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne) the amount you would otherwise spend on a Christmas Card, together with your signature. This should be done **before mid-October** so that your State Co-ordinator can paste the names to quarto and send them on to Australian Headquarters by the **end of October** (last year the sheets of name-covered paper made a "book" two inches thick!) so that everything can be sent in time for Christmas.

This is not a competition, or a high-powered money-raising venture: just a means of translating our thought for the Chief into a practical gesture, one which, hopefully, will bring pleasure to her, and perhaps memories of her visits to our down-under land.

CORRECTION . . .

God of concrete, God of steel —
page 41, August, 1972—

Last verse should read . . .

God whose glory fills the earth,
Gave the universe its birth,
Loosed the Christ with Easter's might,
Saves the world from evil's blight,
Claims mankind by grace divine,
All the world of love is Thine.

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SCOUT AND GUIDE "BROTHERHOOD SERVICE"

SUNDAY, 29th OCTOBER, at 3 p.m.
SIDNEY MYER MUSIC BOWL

You will have heard from your Commissioner that members of the Guide Association have been invited to participate in this special service which is being arranged by the Scout Religious Panel. We have been advised that plans are in hand for a similar service for Jewish members and details of this will be circularised when received.

MARK THE ABOVE DATE NOW IN YOUR UNIT'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS WHICH SHOULD NOT BE MISSED.

The service will be one of ACTIVE participation—

It will be preceded, whilst members are arriving and being seated, by musical items and a song service.

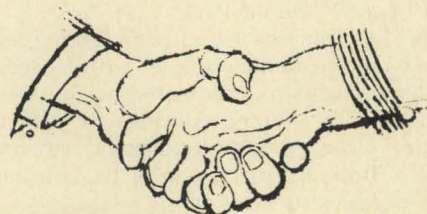
There will be an appropriate dramatic presentation given by a group from the "Gang Show".

The Guide Choir will sing a special contemporary item.

A Ranger Guide and a Rover will respectively read a Thanksgiving and the Intercession.

All hymns, to be led by a Musical Group assisted by the Guide Choir and a group from the "Gang Show", will be contemporary.

DON'T FORGET — 29th OCTOBER AT 3 p.m. — SIDNEY MYER MUSIC BOWL.



INTERNATIONAL

Please Note . . .

These countries have changed their names:
EAST PAKISTAN is now BANGLADESH.
CEYLON is SRI LANKA.
CAMBODIA is KHYMER REPUBLIC.
MADAGASCAR is MALAGASY.

BRITANNIA PARK



Now the school holidays are over and many of you have been camping or living-in at Britannia Park. The Committee and I hope you have all had a very happy time. Some of you will have read the Notice Board and perhaps had time to help with some of the maintenance jobs during any free time you may have had whilst in camp.

This is a new idea which will be very helpful to us, and we hope will give you a great deal of satisfaction and enjoyment, knowing that you are helping to look after OUR country property.

For those of you who have not been to BRITANNIA PARK recently, we have made a list of jobs that have to be attended to regularly, which do not require special skills, which any of us can tackle, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Leaders, Parents, Friends and Relations, in fact anyone who has a "soft spot" for Britannia Park.

The type of jobs listed are: Raking leaves and twigs from lawns and paths; weeding gardens and paths (remembering buttercups are weeds); keeping all gutters and road drains clear; sweeping around swimming pool. These are just a few of the continuous jobs needing to be done.

The committee will welcome any comments you have to make.

We already have many L.A.'s and Companies and Packs helping us in this way, and we are extremely grateful.

To those of you who have maintained Britannia Park for a day we give a BIG THANK YOU:

May—

- 1st — Mitcham L.A.
- 5th — 1st Belgrave Guides
- 6th — Greythorn L.A.
- 7th — 1st, 2nd and 3rd Shepparton Coys.
- 8th — Canterbury L.A.
- 11th — 3rd Blackburn Coy.
- 12th — Tatura L.A.
- 13th — Eastern Suburbs Trefoil Guild
- 14th — Elsterwick and District L.A. (Mother's Day)
- 14th — Gisborne L.A. Coy. and Pack
- 16th — Clunes Division
- 18th — Preston L.A.
- 19th — Balwyn L.A.
- 22nd — Mrs. R. E. Gregory
- 24th — Horsham L.A.
- 27th — Murrumbidgee-Carnegie L.A.
- 28th — 4th Malvern Pack
- 29th — 2nd Bellfield Coy.
- 30th — Central Doncaster L.A.
- 31st — Leongatha L.A.

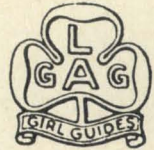
June—

- 2nd — Lakes Entrance L.A.
- 4th — 1st Morwell Coy.
- 6th — 1st Belgrave Guides
- 7th — Kew L.A.
- 11th — Yarraville L.A. — Mrs. Dalziel
- 12th — Caulfield District Brownies
- 13th — Caulfield District Guides
- 14th — Caulfield District Rangers
- 15th, 16th, 17th — Camberwell/Hartwell L.A.
- 18th — Caulfield L.A.
- 19th — North Kew L.A.
- 20th — Rye L.A.
- 27th — 2nd Tatura Guide Coy.
- 30th — Mrs. S. A. Hopwood in memory of Mrs. B. Rodwell
- 30th — Nhill L.A.

In the next report I hope to be able to tell you of the "big jobs" that you kind folk have helped to pay for.

—Margaret Tucker, Convenor

THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE



S.O.S. — SAVE OUR SECRETARY!

Probably the hardest working person in the L.A. is the President's trusty right hand woman, the Secretary. She is the one who gets our innermost hopes and plans on to the agenda, and she will probably have a great deal to do with putting them into effect once they have become resolutions and been passed at the meeting.

We have been asking secretaries, past and present, about their work, and have come up with the following points:

We all know the sort of meeting where someone suggests that a number of letters of thanks to be sent out — or invitations, or requests for help towards a fete. This can add up to several hours extra work for the secretary. So before anyone sees a look of resignation or despair settling on her face, please offer to help. Some L.A.'s have a special Correspondence Secretary to help out in times like that.

Perhaps the secretary finds it hard to keep her eye on what is going on at a meeting if she has to take the minutes at the same time. To overcome this problem, try appointing a "minute" secretary who frees the "real" secretary to help the president with the meeting.

We know of one L.A. with a special Social Secretary. Others simply appoint an Assistant Secretary to help out when the going is rough.

If the L.A. is asked to provide a Badge Secretary for the District, don't choose the L.A. Secretary for the job. She has enough to do.

Time and work can be saved by having an Attendance Book. Each member present at a meeting signs the book and the secretary merely records in the minutes, "Members present as per Attendance Book".

One very successful secretary tells us that her key-word was "Delegate". "See that jobs are spread around", she says, "And make certain that each helper is QUITE CLEAR as to what she is to do". Far from breeding

resentment, this secretary found that members were only too pleased to have a specific, necessary job to do for Guiding.

If a member has something she wants to bring up at a meeting let the Secretary know before that Agenda is prepared that time for discussion will be needed.

Members can be given a copy of the Agenda at the beginning of the meetings and it can be prominently displayed, say, on a blackboard. This acts as a guide to speakers as to the length of time available.

These are just a few ideas. Perhaps **your** L.A. would like to share some others with us.

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WONDERFUL COLLINGWOOD L.A. MEMBER

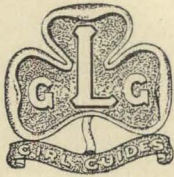
Wednesday, 28th June, 1972, was a very significant date in the District of Collingwood, because after some months of planning, an event of great interest was going to take place, a testimonial evening to be given to a grand, old lady of 86, who was associated with the Collingwood District as treasurer of the Local Association for approximately 20 years. The lady concerned was Mrs. Maher.

The evening was arranged by the Scout Group Committee, with the help of the Guide L.A. members.

Many tributes were paid to Mrs. Maher and all spoke of her work over the years for the youth of Collingwood and Clifton Hill, Congratulations, Mrs. Maher!

1st Hastings Pack went to see the police horses in Melbourne. We went to Frankston and caught the train to Melbourne. Then we made our way to the police barracks. We fed the horses apples and saw some training. We saw the famous drummer horse "Gendarme", and he is a very big horse. We then went to Alexandra Gardens and ate our lunch. After that we went to Headquarters and finally caught the train home.

—Margaret Briggs, 1st Hastings Pack



The annual meeting of the Lone L.A. was held at Guide Headquarters. An apology was received from Mrs. Renshaw Jones who was unable to be present owing to another Guiding commitment.

The President, Mrs. Thake, in her report spoke on how the L.A. supported the units and mentioned the catering effort for the day tour of Melbourne prior to Camp Noonameena. Mrs. Davidson, the treasurer and badge secretary, also gave her report.

Miss Alma Cockerell gave a report on behalf of Lone Guides. Joanne Henderson of 4th Victorian Lone Guides has earned her Queen's Guide Badge and she, in company with Erica Howlett, will attend the Patrol Leaders' Camp in Western Australia in August.

Miss Helen Goodes presented the report of all Lone Ranger activities for the year. Heather Colyer of 3rd Victorian Lone Rangers will be one of the lucky ones on the Ranger trip to Fiji at the end of the year.

Mrs. Heard, the Lone Adviser, gave a comprehensive summing up on Lone Guiding, and mentioned the work done by Guiders in both sections and the ability of all age groups to work together in the common interest of Guiding.

Our guest speaker, Miss Margaret Mellor, Captain, 2nd Victorian Lone Rangers, spoke about the planning of Camp Noonameena, and then showed slides and a film of this. Mrs. Heard also showed a film of this camp. This film has been donated to the Lone Section and may be borrowed by contacting the Lone Adviser.

Sales tables were well stocked, and proceeds will help with the L.A.'s fund raising efforts.

The meeting concluded with a most enjoyable afternoon tea.

—Mrs. A. K. Nicholls,
3rd Lone Ranger Coy.

BROWNIE FRIENDS . . .

Two years ago I was a Brownie in the 2nd Wantirna South Brownie Pack. At the Golden Jubilee we were asked by Mrs. Glanville (Brown Owl) if we would take a Brownie from interstate overnight, as we were to be host to the Barham district. All the interstate Brownies were in one line and we were in another and as the lines came together we paired up and Lee Adlington was my partner. She was very tired after her trip. Now we have been writing to one another for two years. When last Christmas came around I was asked to go to Lee's farm at Barham in New South Wales for a fortnight. It was the first time I had been on a cattle farm, and also the longest bus trip I had taken by myself. The Adlingtons were there to meet me, but I could not recognise Lee for it had been a long time since we had seen each other. The family was very nice. I soon learnt how to milk the cows and we went swimming every day. The day before I left to go home the family took me to the Swan Hill Folk Museum. I feel I have made a lifetime friend.

—Debra Sinclair,
2nd Wantirna South Brownie Unit

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SURPRISE NIGHT

A surprise night was given to Mrs. Flora Hodder at the Guide Hall, Pascoe Vale, recently.

The District Commissioner, Mrs. M. Lawrence, presented her with a 15-year service bar. The Brownies recognised her service with a gift.

All Mrs. Hodder's past and present Brownies were invited and about 80 girls, parents and friends attended.

—From "The Courier", Pascoe Vale

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Sandra Henry, of 1st Boronia Brownie Pack, made a donation to the L.A. Building Fund by selling three baby rabbits to other members of her unit.

Dear "Matilda",

What a wonderful camp 1st Terang had. Sherbrook River site, near Port Campbell, was beautiful and everything went so well for us.

However my note concerns Grace at meal times! Most of us, it seems, sing or say a variety of Graces during Guide functions when meals are involved.

Suddenly, one of our guides has declared "Aren't we hypocrites? We say Grace while in camp, then go home and most of us don't say Grace at our home meals."

"But we **always** have Grace in camp", was my reply, "It's only proper that we should". To which the guide replied "Perhaps then, we shouldn't, as we are encouraging the guides to be hypocrites".



Do we, with duty to God and the Guide Law forever in our thoughts, give thanks for camp meals then skip the duty and law theme when we reach home?

In fact, should we ask the girls to decide whether they will have meal prayers at camp as the majority do not have Grace at home?

Are we encouraging the girls in a form of pseudo-Christianity with our part-time graces? Would it be better to skip Grace altogether?

This is only a tiny matter, but time and again indecision can be seen, even at adult functions, when no-one is sure whether Grace should or should not be included.

On the other hand, our Guides' Own Service has a very definite value — from my point of view, anyway. Even if a child is not church orientated at home, the Guides' Own brings her closer to God through its simplicity. The very existence of a camp in the outdoors brings us nearer to the things that matter, and the guides feel and sense the nearness of God and nature.

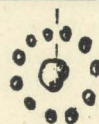
Preparing a service enables the girl to seek out her inner feelings, she finds words for what she sees about her.

For example, possums and kangaroos were nocturnal visitors to our camp, and once over their initial fears of these creatures, the girls were fascinated by them. They wanted to learn more about them and understand them. It was not strange then that our service was woven around the theme of kindness to animals. And a prayer of thanks for kind weather obviously came from the hearts of the children without words from books to prompt them.

While I see a definite need for and great value in Guides' Own, and morning and evening prayers, I am not at all sure of meal time Graces.

What are other Guiders' views on this?

(Mrs.) Anne L. Fraser,
1st Terang Coy.



The many friends of Marion Alison Urquhart will be sorry to learn of her death on 24th July.

Marion became a Guide in Marion Sinclair's company at Toorak College, when it was in Malvern. On leaving school she became captain of 1st Richmond Guide company, where she had Gladys Onians (now Mrs. Hartley-Watson) as Lieutenant.

As time went on Marion left 1st Richmond with Gladys as captain, and started 3rd Richmond in the Presbyterian Church hall in Lennox Street. She was captain here for several years until her job as an almoner left her little time for Guiding.

Marion joined the Red Cross during the war and was active there for many years. She was a fine woman and an outstanding personality.

THE IRENE FAIRBAIRN FUND — Part 2

Of course you read, in last month's "Matilda", how this fund began . . . ? All States were asked to contribute and the Federal Council warmly recommended that the fund be fully and continuously supported by all members of the Movement.

Mrs. Fairbairn was the first Chairman of Trustees, of which there were three — the others being Mrs. B. V. Stacy and Miss May Douglas. In 1963 Mrs. Stacy resigned and Miss Clare Broadhurst was elected to fill the vacancy. In 1969 Mrs. M. A. Buntine re-

placed Miss Douglas. This committee invites all States to submit projects for which the fund can be used and their aim is that the fund should be built up to the stage where only the interest need be used for any project.

The first grants were made in 1959 — for four promising trainers from Western and South Australia to attend interstate trainings and other events in order to gain experience. Another grant was for two patrol leaders from the north-west of Western Australia and two from the Northern Territory to attend a P.L.'s conference in New South Wales in 1965.

Grants have been made over the years to assist young members of the Movement to attend trainings, camps and conferences, and in 1969 it was announced that through this fund Australia would be able to invite an overseas visitor to attend the international camp to be held in Victoria in January, 1970 (Camp Southern Cross). The awardee was Miss Peggy Chan, from Singapore, a Guide captain and camp adviser, and, while she was travelling in Australia, Peggy was able to attend training sessions, giving and gaining all the way.

Dianne McWhirter from Western Australia was chosen to attend the All-Australian Lone Camp held in January, 1972, and was helped by the Fund, and this year Patricia Bower from Tasmania has flown off to the U.S.A. as the Australian representative to "Smoke Signals from Outer Space", jointly sponsored by the Irene Fairbairn Fund and the U.S.A.'s Juliette Low Fund.

What next . . . ?

MORE NEXT MONTH

RESIGNATIONS — Continued from page 71

Mrs. G. J. Bray, 1st Mildura; Mrs. L. J. Plum, 2nd North Ringwood; Mrs. R. E. Day, 2nd Croydon West; Mrs. M. Stevens, 10th Ballarat; Mrs. H. W. Cooke, 2nd Upwey; Mrs. W. Kortlang, 2nd Strathmore; Mrs. G. J. Davis, 1st Eaglehawk.

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TRAINING — Continued from page 64

What are our own social relationships like? . . . Inside the Movement? . . . Outside? Are we involving our "mums" in the Movement? "If 'mums' are not involved in the Movement", Mrs. Lane said, "they are missing out on one of the greatest activities of our time".

"Open House At Headquarters" in the evening was the extension at so many levels of what had gone before; the displays of bushcraft, handcraft, badges, maps and campcraft together with films and the wonderful spirit of the campfire, were a revelation of what leadership and individual skills can achieve when co-ordinated in a team of Guiders dedicated to making OUR GIRLS GUIDES.

Thank you, Guiders' Conference Committee, 1972.

—Juinanne Webb, Brownie Guider



The Hume Region camp badge is based on a design by Dale Sawers, of 1st Benalla Co. It was submitted to a competition held at the first Region Rally in November, 1970.

Black and gold portray night and day — with the principles of Guiding with us all the time.

The eight rays represent the eight-point programme, as the Region was born in the year of the introduction of the new programme.

And surely a campfire is an integral part of any and every camp.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:—

Guider Long Service (15 years):

Mrs. C. Francis (Shepparton); Mrs. M. I. Marshall (Springvale North); Mrs. O. Robson (Newport).

Local Association Long Service (15 years):

Mrs. A. Cook (Yallourn North); Mrs. I. Gorman (Yallourn North); Mrs. M. Laurie (Box Hill).

Thanks Badge:

Mrs. R. M. Romney (Barwon Region).

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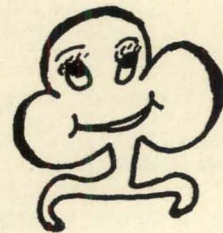
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