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We are all greatly saddened by the death of our loved and respected State Secretary, Betty Macartney.

Following the practice of many years, Miss Macartney was spending the Christmas period with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brisbane, at Wangaratta. On Friday, 29th December, she collapsed with a cerebral haemorrhage and was taken to the Wangaratta Hospital; from there she was transferred next day to the Royal Melbourne Hospital. During the following week many of her friends and colleagues visited her and kept vigil when she lapsed into the coma from which she did not recover. She died peacefully late in the evening of Friday, 5th January.

On Wednesday, 10th January, the funeral service was conducted by the Reverend Dr. Keith Cole, at St. Hilary's Church, Kew, followed by a short service at the Springvale Crematorium. This was in accord with Miss Macartney's wishes, expressed to her Executrix, Miss Vera Fowler, as was the request that there be no flowers but that instead donations be made to the Girl Guides Association of Victoria. The Church was filled with many of Betty's friends from Guiding, Scouting and her Church. Her cousin, Miss Lynette Peterkin, was the chief mourner. The hearse departed from the church through a Guard of Honour composed of all members of the Movement present in uniform, standing at salute.

I am sure that you will all agree that it is desirable a Memorial Service be held to enable members to gather to give thanks for the life and the service of Miss Macartney. Planning is now under way for this to take place early in February, by which time most of her colleagues, acquaintances and friends will have returned from holidays. (Held at St. Paul's Cathedral, 9th February, 1973.)

Many of you will know that contributions to a retirement gift for Miss Macartney were already being made. She had discussed with me the use of this money, which she intended should be used to benefit Guiding. I suggest that this now be retained, together with any donations in lieu of flowers—or towards a memorial—until we can determine some suitable project which will benefit the Movement she loved and provide a fitting reminder of her name for future generations of Guiding in Victoria. Any such cheques should be made payable to: Girl Guides Association, Victoria, and addressed to Headquarters.

*Charlotte Roslaw Jones.*

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## From our STATE COMMISSIONER . . . .

Dear Members and Friends of the Guide  
Association of Victoria,

This is my first opportunity to say "Hello" to you all, and to tell you how very much I am looking forward to working with you.

I hope that through my letters to you each month you may get to know me and learn what I am doing as your State Commissioner. I have been very thrilled by your wonderful messages of encouragement, loyalty and support and I am sure that with your help we can make the next five years both happy and successful.

We are all very sorry to be farewelling Mrs. Renshaw-Jones as our State Commissioner. Words cannot express sufficiently our appreciation for the marvellous work done by Mrs. Renshaw-Jones and her assistants, Mrs. J. A. Hutchinson, Mrs. J. M. Kirkman and Miss M. Shaw. Mrs. Renshaw-Jones has been a wonderful friend and an inspiring leader to us all, and these four have worked together tirelessly to strengthen Guiding throughout the State.

Each one of us will have lasting memories of them as individuals, and of many happy times spent in Guide activities. I feel the greatest way in which we can show our appreciation to this excellent team is to all work together to further develop Guiding.

I hope that you have all had exciting Summer holidays and you are returning with renewed vigour to the job which lies ahead. I always consider the school holidays very precious times as these are the times when I have Rick and Martin home and the whole family is together.



—Photo by Paul Farey

**Mrs. F. (Joan) Grimwade,  
State Commissioner**

We are starting this year with many changes. After twenty years as State Secretary, Miss Betty Macartney was going to retire in January. Betty had been an integral part of our Association for so long, and it will be difficult to imagine Headquarters without her. We give thanks for everything she did for us, looking after our interests so lovingly.

I am very grateful to Miss Peg Barr, who has agreed to take on the position of State Secretary. Peg's knowledge of Guiding and the people within the Movement will be an invaluable help to me. We also have a new Treasurer, Mr. Ken Colhoun, who has taken over from Mr. R. Gregory. Mr. Colhoun has been working on the Finance Committee for some time and I know he will look after our interests well.

With a completely new team it may be a little while before we have everything running as smoothly as we would like. I do want to get out and meet you all, but I feel that first I must concentrate on learning my job. As a result, I may not get beyond Headquarters for a little while. However, I shall look forward to seeing many of you at Moomba. What an exciting time is being planned for everyone!

Hume Region had a marvellous luncheon for me recently. There were over eighty adults from all districts within the region. It was very nice to be the excuse for such an excellent "Region Get Together," and everyone, Commissioners, Guiders and L.A. Members, seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. It made me very pleased to see how the region had grown and how happy they all are.

Up until now I have had a small family of Guides in Hume Region, but we were a very close family. I hope, now that I have a much larger family, we can be just as close a family, all living up to our Guide promise and working happily in all sections of our wonderful Guide programme.

With love and best wishes to you all,

*Joan E. Grimwade*

### NEW CHIEF SCOUT

46 years old Sir (Erskine) William Gladstone, Bt., D.L., M.A., has been appointed Chief Scout of the United Kingdom and Dependent Territories by the Council of The Scout Association.

Sir William, the 7th Baronet, succeeded his father in 1968 and is the great-grandson of Gladstone, the Prime Minister.

### THE WORLD CHIEF GUIDE

You will be delighted to hear that our Life Vice-president, Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, who left for England on 30th November, presented Australia's Christmas Card to Lady Baden Powell personally. We had sent a Bank draft to Bentalls Shop for the credit of the Chief's account for "Hampers for Hampers" and here is her thank you to everyone:—

"Your letter of December 1st has come, giving me this wonderful news that YOUR KIND Guides and Guiders of Australia have AGAIN subscribed to give me this IMMENSE SURPRISE GIFT, and I CANNOT GET OVER IT! I am at a loss to find adequate words, but would ask you to let them all know how TOUCHED I am, and HOW grateful I feel, and perhaps you can have this letter circulated to the STATES.

"To all of you Guides and Guiders in Australia, I send my very warmest thanks for this further generous gift that has again come to me from you all to cheer me on over Christmas time, and into the New Year. I am touched beyond words by this sign of your friendship and consideration for me and my well-being, and the amount of money that has been sent to me, to defray the cost of 'HAMPERS' of good things that will come into my home—called 'Hampers'—will indeed be a godsend to me for months to come. It is so generous of you to have thought of giving me this big gift once more, crowning as it does what you have given me so generously before—in wonderful welcomes in your midst in years gone by, and in actual gifts of recent times.

"Though we are separated by half the world in miles of land and sea we are united and tied closely, knit together by the bonds of Guiding and I think of you all with deep gratitude at this time especially. I read about your doings and know of your constant thoughts for others, of your month by month work and play, and am so proud of the success coming from your work and busy doings of so many kinds of valuable activity. **How** I do thank you for your grand good turn to me personally again, and send with my thanks my warmest remembrances and best of good wishes for happy Guiding through 1973. Yours affectionately,

*Olave Baden-Powell*

WORLD CHIEF GUIDE."



**BETTY MACARTNEY**  
**State Secretary, Girl Guides**  
**Association, Victoria—1953-1973**

Guider—Ivanhoe and Kew Guides;  
Kew Rangers (for 18 years).  
Trainer—Ranger Training Diploma.  
Adviser—Ranger Adviser, 1948-1953.  
Awards, etc.—Beaver (for outstanding service to the Guide Movement), 1961.  
Gold (35 years) Long Service Bar.

Betty M. Macartney—a familiar signature to everyone in Victorian Guiding—on letters, documents, newsletters, from H.Q.

Betty Macartney was a warm-hearted, dedicated Guider, with a deep faith in the aims of the Guide Movement.

She was interested in her Church, and in music, in reading and in gardens—and always interested in people.

Betty gave willingly and generously of her time as a volunteer leader—Rangers of the 1940's and '50's will remember her vital leadership and the training she gave to both them and their leaders.

She followed with interest the activities of HER Guides and Rangers—and how pleased they were to receive the notes of congratulation and help she sent them.

Betty Macartney served as State Secretary with four State Commissioners—Mrs. Margaret Curtis-Otter, Mrs. Rene Fairbairn, Mrs. Joyce Price and Mrs. Charlotte Renshaw-Jones. Each one found her giving of her thought and talent, and her friendship, as they worked together for the children of the Movement.

Striving against indifferent health for some years, Betty did her best to ensure that every facet of the State Secretary's job was covered. She saw Guiding in Victoria developing greatly in the nearly twenty years of her appointment, with continually increasing numbers; Headquarters being remodelled and finally rebuilt; visits from the World Chief Guide and Royal visits also; whilst increasing contact with national and

world Guiding events brought more challenges.

Many of Betty's friends were Guides, and each one will have their own special remembrance of her personality. Betty's life was Guiding—a life given in service and thought for her Guide family in Victoria, with thought also for the wider world family.

THANK YOU, BETTY—for your work for and your faith in the Movement's future—and for your friendship over many years.

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**STATE SECRETARY**

You will all be delighted to hear that Miss Peg Barr had been appointed State Secretary to succeed Miss B. M. Macartney, who was to have retired on 31st January.

There is no need to introduce Peg; she is well known to our members as Organising Secretary, Trainer, Camp Adviser and as a wonderful campfire leader.

She has loyally served Guiding in Victoria in a voluntary capacity and as a member of Headquarters staff for a long period. In addition, at the invitation of the World Bureau, she has undertaken training commitments overseas.

To this new form of service to Guiding she will bring a wealth of experience, and the Association is indeed fortunate to have her as State Secretary.

Congratulations—good wishes—and thank you, Peg.



## WIRAKE—CAMP OF "FRIENDS"

Waking up early Thursday morning to the peaceful hush at Britannia Park, we were suddenly invaded by Early Australia. Surely the first to arrive should have been the ABO-RIGINES, but perhaps the NAVIGATORS had steered a better course. The GOVERNORS and POLITICIANS landed, closely followed by the CONVICTS under the watchful eyes of the SOLDIERS. The EXPLORERS and NATURALISTS struggled through the bush with their gear to make way for the PIONEERS and PASTORALISTS who started the first settlement. As well as terrorising the present settlement, the BUSHRANGERS were threatening the GOLDMINERS who had hidden their valuables. SOCIAL BENEFACTORS gave a helping hand where needed.

Now that everybody had settled in, the POETS described what they thought of the Australian bush, as did the WRITERS AND PAINTERS, while the ACTORS portrayed what the COMPOSERS and MUSICIANS expressed through their works. As time moved on the SCIENTISTS made it possible for the AVIATORS to fly in, bringing the SPORTSMEN. Chief Commissioner PRICE declared the Colony open with the help of State Commissioner "PANKINA." As 600 balloons floated down the Chief Commissioner, with great strength, pulled two cords to release the "Wirake" Banner. Mid shouts of joy and laughter "Wirake" had begun.

"Wirake Wonder" made its first appearance soon after the Colony was formed. This newsheet was delivered daily to the settlements and contained challenges and told of screen printing, hikes, the excursion, swimming, sing-songs and current/local news.

On Sunday many travellers made a short stop-over at the Colony and then moved on to other pastures as the sun passed over.

Some of the camp highlights included:—

The State Commissioner being presented with her camp woggle and name, "Pankina" (to be happy).

The Aviators having special guests—Lady Casey, Freda Thompson, Esther Mather and Eileen McPherson, all well-known Australian aviatrix—to lunch. Mrs. Nan Squire, the Camp G.I.C., and Mrs. Halligan, the Guide Adviser, were present too.

The various camp entrances — at the Bushrangers you were greeted by Ned Kelly; the Musicians had used sticks and gumnuts to show the first bars of "The Wild Colonial Boy."

(Incidentally, it was coincidence that the G.I.C. and her 2.I.C. in the Musicians' Group were Gilbert and Sullivan); the writers spelt out their name in "quills."

The days on which Central Colours were held brought a special atmosphere to the camp; as did, in a different way, the menu items related to the groups, such as porridge and fish cooked in damp paper. And how colourful were the screen-printed WIRAKE T-shirts!

And the weather? A fire ban day right before the camp and one the day after—in between, for us, fine days of pleasant temperatures with just a short shower during one night.

As the womenfolk went about their chores, much laughter, fun and friendship was spread. The central meeting place was used to show the way of life of Early Australia as well as for special occasions, one such special occasion being when the State Commissioner, "PANKINA," visited the settlement to say farewell and lower Wirake's Banner. From this moment a curfew was imposed and the GOVERNORS and POLITICIANS went into Session. CONVICTS, who objected to this restriction, escaped with SOLDIERS in hot pursuit. With so much excitement the ABORIGINES went

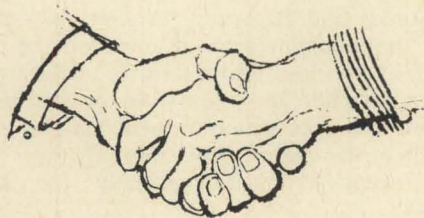


Activities at Camp Wirake

—Block by courtesy "Herald"

walkabout whilst the BUSHRANGERS took cover. To relieve the womenfolk's mind the ACTORS, WRITERS, MUSICIANS, COMPOSERS, POETS and PAINTERS combined together to entertain them whilst the SOCIAL BENEFACTORS formed a Welfare Centre to mind the children. Meanwhile, the EXPLORERS died in the desert, the SCIENTISTS went mad, the NAVIGATORS set sail and the PASTORALISTS sought pastures new. The AVIATORS then flew off; the GOLDMINERS went down a mine shaft and the SPORTSMEN played cricket whilst the NATURALISTS caught butterflies.

Once again a peaceful hush descended upon Britannia Park as Early Australia moved on—Whew!



Dear Matilda,

I attended the State Camp for the first time as a visitor instead of a member of the Camp Staff, and I would like to say what a happy and well-run camp it was to walk into.

I enjoyed my day there as a visitor and felt the camp was a credit to everyone.

I was particularly impressed how well the themes of the various camps had been taken up. A great deal of work, thought, and, I should imagine, fun had gone into designing and constructing the various gateways and camps.

The Campfire items held on Visitors' Day were well thought out, and most important of all, the Guides appeared to enjoy staging them.

Congratulations to all concerned with Camp Wirake.

Jenny Mills  
(Guide Leader—2nd Essendon)

## THIS WAS NOVEMBER

Although now well in the past, November was such an "event-full" month I thought I should share it with you.

The main item on the agenda for the meeting of the Youth Council of Victoria was discussion of the proposed new Bill to set up a Ministry of Youth, Sport and Recreation. I attended by special invitation, in addition to our two delegates, Mrs. G. Farrow and Miss J. Thompson. Implementation of any policy in regard to youth groups and to matters relating to their financing being of vital interest to our Association, I felt it necessary to keep informed of progress.

1st Upwey Guide Company decided not to submit an entry for the Ampol Competition; however, they took up my challenge to Know Your Australia and kindly invited me to attend a Company meeting to see some results of their work. I enjoyed a happy evening with them on 10th November.

Miss Margaret Shaw was present at the North Central Region Conference in Pyramid Hill when thoughts revolved round the Changing Role of Women.

Macedon Division held a Garden Party in the home of its Commissioner, Mrs. A. Blackburn, and the profit from this day was donated to the Thank-you Chalet.

The important quarterly meeting of the Region Commissioners took place on the 15th; the hours, as always, slipping quickly away as we questioned, answered, informed, during our too short time of conferring together. For the past few years it has been the custom of our State President, Lady Delacombe, to join us at the end of the day. This year, unfortunately, the date coincided with that of a country tour for His Excellency and Lady Delacombe and so we were denied the honour and pleasure of her company. This being the last meeting for Miss Shaw and me the Region Commissioners kindly took us out to dinner and organized an evening at the Lyceum Club instead of the usual get-together at my home.

Items discussed at the November Executive Committee meeting included:

The appointment of a new State Secretary; Report of the Australian Executive Committee meeting; Nominations for the appointment of Chief Commissioner for Australia to take office in August, 1973.

Suggested alterations to the kitchen in Headquarters building. (Mrs. Richards heads a Committee which has carried out an intensive survey into the best and most economical way of achieving a more efficient working arrangement.)

Letter from a member of State Council suggesting that Minutes of Executive Committee meetings be made available to State Council members at each meeting; Appointment of a new Editor/Liaison for the State Council Newsletter—Mrs. R. Molesworth undertook to fill this role.

As a wind-up to the Jubilee Year of Lones, as many members who could manage to do so—L.A., Guiders, Rangers and Guides—attended a gathering at Headquarters on 18th. Although small in number, members in this Section gain more than most from such occasions because of their infrequency.

During the last week in November I visited Regions in the west of our State. Through Otway, Western Border and Western Plains I met girls, leaders, Local Association members, parents, friends, civic dignitaries, press, radio and television folk. My first call was at Colac, where Guides and Brownies were permitted by school authorities to assemble at the Guide Hall during lunch-hour; there was time to meet each one individually before they had to return to school—I then lunched with Guiders and L.A. members.

Next I fulfilled a long-held dream and visited the Sherbrook River Campsite; Otway and Western Plains Regions are justly proud of this wonderful property which they jointly own. An imaginative scheme of alterations has enabled the best use to be made of Guide House and the recently acquired (and as yet un-named) cottage has great potential. The camping sites and cultivated areas are splendid and abound with interesting vegetation. I was honoured to plant a tree—with assistance from my fellow guests. Sherbrook River's "own" river forms a pool where it reaches the sea at a lovely, sandy beach—a favourite spot for Guides and Brownies. A short distance away the awesome, rugged splendour of the coastline provides unforgettable views. At sunset we made another trip to the cliff-tops to view the spectacular return flight of the mutton-birds—claimed by my hostesses to have been arranged especially for MY benefit!



South Western Division welcomed me next morning at Koroit when L.A. members prepared a delicious morning tea at the Guide Hall. I then had to hurry on to Portland in the Western Border Region.

Interested people were invited to lunch with the Region, Division and District Commissioners with a view to forming a Trefoil Guild and, by kind invitation of the owner, the venue was the beautiful old home, "Maritimo." Office-bearers were elected—the Guild was started!

It was my privilege to participate in ceremonies at Heywood when five Brownies and two Guides made their promises. Many parents and friends were present in the extensive garden of the Henty Division Commissioner, Mrs. Saville, and, whilst we had afternoon tea, packs and companies prepared for barbecue meals.

It was then possible to spend a little time with the District Commissioner, Merino, who was having a spell in the delightful local hospital. I hope you are now completely recovered, Mrs. Harris.

Brownies, Guides, Guiders, L.A. members and parents gathered for the sumptuous evening meal, followed by items and songs from the young people. Mrs. Matheson, Division Commissioner, was the kind hostess who ensured that I enjoyed a most comfortable rest and accompanied me next morning en route to Hamilton. Here I was afforded the honour of a Civic Reception by Councillor Peck, Mayor of the City of Hamilton; I was gratified that all the Guiders were invited to be present at this function.

Once again a number of Guides and Brownies were permitted to join us at lunch-time, in uniform; I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to meet the girls. Following their return to school, I enjoyed talking with Guiders, members of the L.A. and their guests, members of the City Council.

By making a slight detour it was possible to visit "Gazette," an historic house, now restored with great thought and affection.

A very happy gathering awaited my arrival at Macarthur—the local hall being filled to overflowing and I managed to talk with the majority during my short stay. Then it was "farewell" to Western Border and off to "Boorana," Woorndo, the home of the Region Commissioner for Western Plains, Mrs. Richardson, my next kind hostess.

The field day for Guides and Rangers at

"Boorana" was planned by the Region and a good representation came to brave the sudden cold weather and enjoy the many and varied activities. I was delighted here to meet an old friend in Tammy—the Brownie who, some three years ago, made for me a "hegehog" cake which so pleased my husband that it became known to us as "Tammy cake." Now Tammy is a Guide and the final episode of my happy day in the Region was receipt of a different "Tammy cake."



On that evening to stay with Mrs. Fairbairn at "Banongill." Just a few friends joined us for a barbecue lunch next day and then it was time to turn for Melbourne and home.

Looking at my itinerary you would imagine that I MUST have gained at least a stone—every engagement being timed for meal-breaks! Fortunately one cannot eat AND talk with people, so I actually returned a little lighter than I left! That, of course, was not the wish of my hostesses and those of you who have not attended country Guide functions have truly missed a great deal! As always, I was treated as a welcome guest, as a friend, as a representative of an organization most highly thought of in the community. I shook hands, signed autograph and visitors' books, played games, participated in ceremonies, made (usually impromptu) speeches, dried dishes, stirred pans, drove hundreds of miles—even climbed a scramble net (and I've got some magnificent bruises to prove that!). I arrived home incredibly tired, but with the happiest possible sense of "belonging."

I conducted my weekly meeting at Headquarters next day, Monday, followed on Tuesday by a "day-out" as guest of the Guide Section Committee. Our destination turned out to be the home of the Guide Adviser at Koo-wee-rup. After an enjoyable lunch and tour of the property we were treated to a showing of films of "Jumbunna" in Western Australia and the visit of 4th Moorleigh Company to Perth.

Wednesday was the annual Commissioners' Open Day and many came along to learn something of the lesser-known facets of our organization and to hear a little of Dale Carnegie methods.

**Miss Shaw, Mrs. Kirkman and Mrs. Hutchinson join with me in thanking all of you for your help and your friendship during our term of office as your Central team.**

Our warmest good wishes to you all.

*Charlotte Renshaw Jones.*

The State Commissioner and her Assistants, together with the Advisers and everyone at Headquarters were most appreciative of all the kind greetings and the cards which were received at Christmas from every part of Victoria.

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As we hand over to Mrs. Grimwade and her team we do hope that 1973 and the years ahead will bring each one of you content through Guiding, and happiness in your family and general activities.

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Thank you to everyone for giving us a wonderful five years' experience of friendship and co-operation. Our good wishes and thoughts go out to you all.

—C. R. J.

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Development is more than food — but when you're hungry that's where you must start.

Development is more than education — but when you're illiterate that's not a bad place to start.

Development is more than medical care — but when you have trachoma that's not a bad place to start.

Development is more than trade too — but a fair wage for a day's work is elementary justice.

Development is more than family planning — but with the prospect of another 70,000,000 babies next year, if we don't start there we might as well not start at all.

—Action for World Development

## AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR RETIRING STATE COMMISSIONER AND HER TEAM

Dear Charlotte,

Thank you are two short words. They take no time at all to say; but they are the only ones we have to say to you now at the end of your term of office. No other words to tell you how much it has meant to us to have you there ready at all times to share our joys, our woes, our problems and our triumphs, and to help us with the wisdom of your advice.

You have given us fine leadership and warm friendship. You have set us a wonderful example of how a true leader works with and through her Team. So thank you, Charlotte, for your wise and happy choice of Assistant State Commissioners.

Thank you, Margaret, Yvonne and Della, for the wealth of experience and wisdom you have brought to the State Team, for all you have done for us, and all you have done to help Charlotte. With her, and in her stead, you have travelled to every corner of the State wherever we wanted you in the Regions which have flourished under your care.

Each State Commissioner's term seems to establish its own great peaks. What an eventful five years have been yours! We have implemented the 8-point Programme—what a tremendous undertaking! We have celebrated our Diamond Jubilee; Headquarters Holiday Activities have been established and Shoreham, beautiful Shoreham, has been secured!

Charlotte, you have given us five years of your life, five years of love and devotion to the children and grown-ups of our wonderful Movement—what can we give in return? Just that simple Thank You—from the bottom of our hearts.

From your last great State Annual Meeting may we (mis)quote you? "You came back—and we're GLAD you did!"

Yours ever in the service of the children,  
M. A.

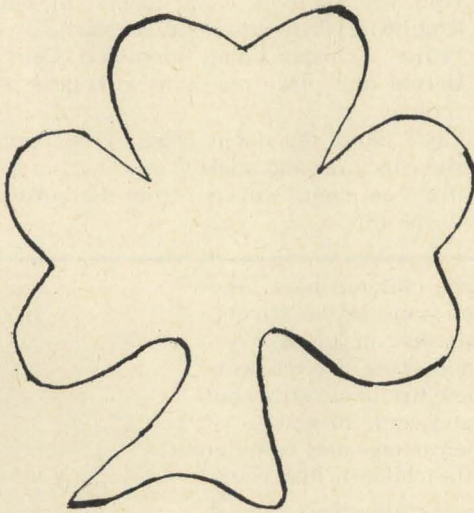


## FOR THINKING DAY

An attractive candlestick can be made by tracing this Trefoil on to three-ply wood or balsa wood  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. thick and cutting it out with a fretsaw. If using balsa wood, make sure that the stem of the Trefoil lies along the grain of the wood, not across it, or it is likely to break off easily.

Half a cotton reel — the small, thin kind — makes a good holder for a birthday cake candle. This should be fixed to the Trefoil with a strong cement or glue. If desired, the Trefoil can be decorated and then given one or two coats of clear varnish.

—Mary Lambe



### A THINKING DAY MESSAGE FROM THE VICTORIAN POST BOX

BE PREPARED for THINKING DAY, 1974, by acting on THINKING DAY, 1973.

It is usual at all trainings for the leaders to be told to think internationally as ours is a Worldwide Movement. We make the same Promise (worded differently in some countries), we obey the same Law and we all belong to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Music is one true international language as the notes of music are the same everywhere. Songs may be sung with different words but the tunes are the same. Games

from other countries are played at unit meetings and these are great fun. Stories from overseas are collected, read and sometimes parts of them are acted.

But there is another exciting possibility open to all; that is to have a pen-friend in another country. This opportunity is available to all Leaders, Brownie Guide Units, Guide Units, Ranger Units and Guides and Rangers.

Of course there have to be some conditions kept when writing to ask me to arrange a pen-friendship for you. Language is still a barrier. Brownie Guide units can only be linked with English-speaking units from Canada, United States of America, South Africa, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Ten-year-old members of a Guide unit may write to the United Kingdom only. At eleven the Guides may write to South Africa, Canada and New Zealand. At twelve the United States of America are available.

Holland and the Scandinavian countries provide very good correspondents who write in English. Sometimes there are links with Belgium. Very, very rarely there are Spanish links. The Territory of Papua and New Guinea, Fiji and France are unable to give us links. But a Guide or Ranger who is up to fifth-form standard in French may be given a French-Canadian link.

With each request sent to me I would like the date of birth of the applicant, at least three alternative choices of countries and a stamped self-addressed envelope for each request. There is no limit to the number of pen-friends a member may have.

The Australian Post Box Secretary, Mrs. Lazarides, is the one who writes to and receives mail from other countries. Every few months Mrs. Lazarides sends the State Secretaries a bulletin containing the latest information about availability or otherwise. Certain information has to be repeated from time to time because of changing personnel.

Just recently Mrs. Lazarides made a special appeal for Australian girls willing to write to England. There is a waiting list of over one thousand girls waiting to write to Australia. Many English girls have friends and relatives in our country and even though both countries speak English, climatic and industrial conditions make guiding vastly

different. South Africa is another country with hundreds of girls waiting for links here.

Soon after Thinking Day last year a Ranger Company asked for different countries to be linked with each unit in their District. This has been arranged and I imagine that the District's Thinking Day this year will have far more meaning for all members.

So, Leaders, I am asking you to do some thinking about your girls having pen-friends. If you do not pass on suggestions, information and enthusiasm to your members, then many potential pen-friendships will not be formed.

Happy Thinking Day to you all!

(Mrs.) C. M. WILLIAMSON  
6 Haines Street, Cheltenham, 3192.  
Victorian Post Box Secretary.



### SOME CHILDREN ARE . . .

Some children are brown  
like newly baked bread,  
some children are yellow  
and some are red,  
some children are white  
and some almost blue  
Their colours are different—  
the children like you!

Some children eat porridge  
and some eat figs,  
some children like ice-cream  
and some roasted pigs!  
Some eat raw fishes  
and some Irish stew—  
Their likings are different—  
the children like you!

Some children say "yes"  
and some say "oui"  
some say "ja"  
and some say "si",  
some children say "peep",  
and some say "booh—"  
Their words may be different—  
the children like you!

Some children wear sweaters  
and some rebozos,  
some children wear furs  
and some kimonos,  
some children go naked  
and wear only their queue.  
Their clothes may be different—  
the children like you!

### PINATA

Pinata is a tradition of Mexico and Central America. It is used on any festival occasion. The pinata itself may be of any shape, but basically it is a clay pot decorated with tissue paper and filled with sweets, toys or fruit. It is placed where it can be raised or lowered at will. The children take turns to hit at the pinata whilst they are blindfolded. When it is broken all may dive for the goodies.

#### Making a Pinata

1. A paper bag or a box covered with papier mache may be used instead of a clay pot. Be sure to put a split in the bag before covering with papier mache or it will be too hard to break.
2. Cut a sheet of tissue paper into four strips.
3. Fold the strip of tissue paper in half lengthwise then into four sideways.
4. Fringe the paper along the folded edge.
5. Unfold and place on table with peak to ceiling.
6. Paste along the uncut edge. Fold opposite edge over and stick.
7. Place on pinata working from the bottom to the top.

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Some children have houses  
of stone in the streets,  
some live in igloos,  
and some live on fleets.  
Some live in old straw huts  
and some in new—  
Their homes may be different—  
the children like you!

Some children are Finnish  
and some from Japan,  
some are Norwegian  
and some from Sudan.  
Oh yes, we have children  
in valley, on pike.  
Their countries are different—  
the children alike!

Oh, if they could dance  
and if they could play  
altogether together  
a wonderful day!  
Some could come sailing  
and some could just hike!  
So much would be different—  
the children alike!

—Jo Tenjford, Oslo  
(published by the National Conference  
of Christians and Jews, U.S.A.)

## UNESCO GIFT COUPON SCHEME

Perhaps you recall reading of this, not only in 1971 but in the June issue of "Matilda" this year:

"During 1971 I brought to your attention the UNESCO Gift Coupon Scheme, with the hope that Guides of all ages would feel interested to work toward one of the many projects all over the world needing support and encouragement. There was and still is a wide range of projects — from a literacy programme in Jamaica (a special Guide effort) and Tanzania, schools for the handicapped in Mexico, Brazil and Pakistan to mention just a few, and the need for equipment for schools and village centres in many parts of Africa.

The Coupon Unit requires the raising of \$4.50 Australian or any multiples of that amount. These can be purchased from:

The Secretary,  
Australian National Advisory Committee  
for UNESCO,  
Department of Education and Sciences,  
P.O.B. 826,  
Canberra City, A.C.T., 2601

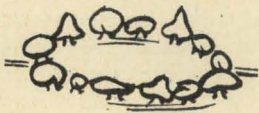
The money is then made available to the chosen project and direct correspondence begins between the recipient and donor. In this lies the real measure of interest and adventure for the Guides — that they really develop and keep up a correspondence with those they have tried to help.

Since presenting the Scheme to the Guides of Australia in 1971, reports have come to me from Tasmania, telling of money raised for coupons and sent to various projects via the Australian Advisory Council for Unesco.

I would be very interested to hear from other States, Companies or Packs who have participated in this scheme.

If you require further information about the scheme, please apply to your own State Headquarters or your State International Adviser.

—Nancy Kirsner  
"Australian Guide Representative  
on the UNESCO Panel of Women"



Buckingham Palace

Dear Miss Macartney,

I am commanded by The Queen to ask you to convey her sincere thanks to the Girl Guides of Victoria for their kind and loyal message of greetings, which Her Majesty received with much pleasure.

Yours sincerely,

W. Heseltine

Ashburton Girl Guides have their ups and their downs

As happens in every sphere,  
But October-Seven-Two provided an "Up" —  
A Queen's Guide did appear.

'Twas a happy occasion when everyone met  
To hear Judy acclaimed as Queen's G.,  
The Guiders, the Brownies, the testers and  
Guides

All joined in the festivity.

One talented lass had made Judy a cake  
That was worthy of top guiding skill,  
Then on Saturday morning to Government  
House

Went Judy with Guide Captain "Gil".

by Barbara Douglas for  
Judy Maplestone, 2nd Ashburton Cō.



## ROTARY AWARD

Geelong Rotary Club's first Vocational Service award has been bestowed on Marjorie Taylor (Mrs. Walkowski).

She spent three years in the Guide International Service as a nursing officer in the British zone of West Germany after World War II, in which she served in the R.A.A.F. Nursing Service. She has been an active Guide since her schooldays, and has been district and division commissioner.

At present she is director of nursing at Geelong Hospital. She was also a foundation member of the Geelong Soroptimist Club.

## URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

This seems a very suitable time of the year to thank all the people who have helped me over the past few months as I started working on the National Development Project in Victoria.

As you know, the Development Scheme has been under way for some time in the more remote parts of Australia. This year the Scheme was widened to include the fast-growing areas of Melbourne and Sydney.

There are so many people to thank I can't mention them all by name, but without their help I would not have been able to achieve nearly as much. Whole Districts have worked together to raise money; people have collected uniforms, some have been sent quite anonymously, or else left at Headquarters; others have given their time and talents to help.

I would especially like to mention here all the people who gave up their day to take part in the Open Air Display held in Fitzroy in October. This was a tremendous example of what Guiding is all about, not only in



—Photo by G. Thomopoulos

the display put on but in the enthusiasm and friendliness shown by the people who took part.

Thanks to all these people, there are now Brownies and Guides enjoying the benefits of Guiding whose chances of ever belonging to a unit were very slim this time last year. Whole new Districts have been opened up, migrant children who could not attend evening meetings now have the chance to attend meetings on Saturdays. Perhaps the best way I can let you all know how much this all means is to quote what a Brownie mother said to me one day when I met her in the street, "I didn't know much about the Guides before, but as far as my family is concerned it's one of the best things that ever happened."

SHIRLEY MCPHEE,  
National Development Project  
Leader.

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## THE OLAVE BADEN POWELL ROSE

At a press reception at C.H.Q. Mr. Harry Wheatcroft, the famous rose grower, presented his new rose. The Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Parker Bowles, C.B.E., welcomed Mr. Wheatcroft, together with The Lord Baden Powell, who attended on behalf of his grandmother.

One order received was from the Superintendent of Royal Parks and Gardens for 100 bushes. These will be planted at Hampton Court Palace, home of the World Chief Guide.

When we saw Mr. Wheatcroft's own garden, it was, as could be expected, ablaze with roses and some unusual shrubs and trees. Harry started 50 years ago, growing roses on an acre of land and now with his two sons, Christopher and David, grows 1½ million trees a year.

Much of his time is spent in the rose fields, cutting for shows and selecting novelties. He travels extensively, lecturing about roses, seeking new varieties and meeting the finest rose growers of the world. He was guest of honour of the American Rose Society in Pittsburgh, then went on to Hawaii and to the Rose Gardens of India. He will, we hope, carry everywhere news of OUR ROSE, which will most certainly spread like wildfire through the Guiding community.

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# TRAINING PAGES

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## LAST YEAR WAS —

Last year was Conservation Year and Brownies throughout Australia spent a happy and busy year learning about their local environment and enjoying finding out what part they can play in the conservation of their environment.

Did your Brownies take part in a conservation venture? If they didn't what a lot of enjoyment they missed but, if they did, what has happened this year? Have the badges gone from their sleeves and thoughts of conservation from their minds.

Although it is not the special project theme for the present year conservation could still be a challenging avenue to explore. There is no doubt that conservation is still a major issue in our society and every Brownie Guide who becomes interested in conservation is a potential adult who will care about and care for their environment. What could be a more challenging thought to you as their leader than this?

You might by now be asking "Yes but what can we do?" Perhaps the ideas suggested for Conservation Year could give you a start. I am sure that you could not have

tackled all of them. Is there nothing else your Brownies could discover about the bird or animal life in their area, their types of homes or the things they need for survival?

Did you record a whole year's season changes for your local area, changes in trees and weather and temperature along with all the changing moods of nature?

In one Brownie Pack the children became dissatisfied with charts for recording all the information on the seasons' changes and kept their record by tape recording. They now have a fascinating spoken story of a year in their district. Could this have appeal for your Brownies?

Perhaps last year you discovered about bird life disappearing from an area, about parklands which were losing their beauty or some other evidence of nature losing her charms through man's carelessness. If you did is this the beginning of a project for this year to help nature to recover?

Don't let Conservation Year be the "year that was", let it be the "year that is" in your Pack. I am sure your Brownies will have a wealth of ideas of projects they would like to undertake, things they would like to do in the area of conservation. Perhaps all that is needed is a reminder of what they discovered last year to set rolling another fruitful year of service.



The time has come for us to assess what we have learned and done and to decide if this was to be a "Flash in the Pan Thing" or a "Continuing Thing".

### What have we learned?

That: — The Terms Conservation, Preservation, Environment, Pollution, Ecology, Quality of Life, Finite Resources, Eco system, Population explosion, are important, perhaps vital to the world; though they were rarely heard prior to 1969.

That: — Earth is a Planet in space, proven by the picture taken of Earth from the voyage to the Moon in 1969. It is all we have; and we need to know, understand, and take care, of our Earth and its resources.

That: — There is an increasing awareness of the environmental damage which has been done throughout the World because, "You can't stand in the way of PROGRESS". Many discoveries hailed as a boon to mankind have later been found to have alarming side effects.

That: — Considerable damage is done where people live: in country, towns, cities and suburbs.

Land in its natural state is beautiful. It is a thrill when land is set aside for the recreation and enjoyment of the people in a particular area, but how often it is made ugly with a conglomeration of buildings and made bare and eroded by people and cars, when with a little thought and planning — and less cost ultimately — all interests could be catered for and the beauty of the area maintained.

We need trees to give shade in the hot summer months and to give charm to ordinary streets. Trees and plants help absorb the harmful pollutants given off by cars and return to the air oxygen vital to our well being.

We need trees down the centre of divided highways where they can grow freely without being mutilated because of power lines and other services. In some areas trees have been planted to replace those removed for road widening but on the whole there is little evidence of this being done.

**Roadside verges should be cherished, for often these are the only place where pockets of the original vegetation and small creatures of the areas are retained.** We need trees to hide ugly railway lines, fences, and buildings; our forebears were rather good at this but much has gradually disappeared and should be replaced.

Many of our beaches have been almost ruined by the removal of natural protection, the grasses and plants which held the dunes together. The detrimental effects of filling small bays and estuaries and the destruction of mangroves are now being stressed. **We have been ignorant, unobservant and unthinking.** Cars, bikes and people with unlimited access have destroyed much of the vegetation, the habitat of many small creatures and also been responsible for much erosion.

Limited access to beaches, rivers, lakes and streams by people, cars, bikes and domestic stock should help keep these places, "Fit for Man". Today many people are considering the effect of their activities and a great deal of money and effort is to be extended to try and restore the damage.

Australian gardens, which require much less water, are now being developed around many homes and so bringing back many of the native birds. What beautiful plants and trees we have and how lovely it would be to see them surrounding more of our homes, Guide halls and campsites.

### What have we done?

Have the Guides been made aware and interested? They can do only so much themselves, it is for the Leaders and particularly the Commissioners to follow on and take action outside the scope of the children.

Have you joined the Australian Conservation Foundation? A subscription of \$5 per year includes publications written by experts in various conservation fields, not emotional or sensational but FACTS.

Have you read "Victoria's Resources" the Natural Resources Conservation League magazine published four times per year? There are many items that would interest you and the Guides. A visit to the League at Springvale is well worth while.

Have you read and talked about the many books such as "Pollution and Conservation in Australia" by Dr. Angus Martin, "What Can I Do" Guidelines for Citizen Action on Environmental Problems produced by the Australian Conservation Foundation in conjunction with its special Conservation Kit for Youth Leaders. Are you thinking and



talking about talks you have heard, and films you have seen, which have improved your knowledge and understanding of Conservation; and of the action you can take?

**One day each year 23rd September is Earth Day. Have your Guides considered special programmes to make this day meaningful to them and to the community?**

Here are extracts from a writing by Mr. Morton Leeds to mark Earth Day in the United States of America:—

“Thou art one with the Tissue of Life, a seamless web that encircles the Earth — Thou shalt repair a tear in it whenever it occurs.

Thou shalt forever remember that Earth is the Oasis of Life in the Desert of Space; Thou must NEVER turn Earth into Moon.

Thou shalt pay the Tomorrow Tithe that thy Children and thy Children's Children may continue the privilege of living on Earth.

Thou shalt further remember; the Wants of Man are Infinite the Resources of the Earth are not.”

Continued awareness and caring for our Heritage is our Thanks to God for this wonderful World.

**Was last year's Conservation Year a “Flash in the Pan” or is it a “Continuing Thing?”**

**What a question to ask of Guides!**



## **“DOING IT OUR WAY” — WITH THE WARRIMOO RANGERS**

### **Conservation**

Jess had been rather quiet and not quite “with us” during our opening activity — obviously something was on her mind. At last Phyl could stand it no longer.

“What's up, Jess?” accusingly, “that's the fourth cue you've missed already!”

Jess responded absently, “Sorry”. Then, in explanation, “When I crossed the creek just out of town on my way here tonight, it was a mass of whitish foam right up to the bridge!”

“Huh! Looks as though the Warrimoo housewives and their ‘whiter-than-white’ detergents have finally exhausted the capacity of the Sewerage & Drainage Authority's treatment works to cope!” rejoined Phyl somewhat flippantly.

Ann frowned reprovingly. “It must have been building up for some time — it's a wonder someone hasn't done something about it before now.”

Barbie chipped in “That creek goes through our farm, and Dad had a sample from it analysed a couple of years ago because a green algae kept blocking up the inlet pipe for the pumping plant”.

“Where did he send it and what were the results?”

"It was the State Laboratories and they said it was caused by chemical wastes (probably from the factory), and that the water was quite suitable for stock and pastures and garden and for laundry purposes, but it was not fit for human consumption unless chlorinated. They also suggested something to add to the waterhole to discourage the algae, but I don't think it helped much."

"You know", said Ann thoughtfully, "that creek also borders our Division campsite — it's a good job we've got a tank holding the catchment from our shelter and store. We'd be in trouble if we relied on the creek for water!"

"Yes", chimed in Barbie, "a neighbour of ours recokons the creek water's poisonous, boiled or unboiled!"

Jess looked indignant, "It's a shame the natural environment has to be spoilt in the name of so-called progress! I believe even the bio-degradable detergents aren't the complete answer. We all ought to go back to using good old-fashioned bar soap!"

Phyl said soberly (for once!) "Ann remarked before that someone ought to do something. Well, it's got to start somewhere! Why not us?"

Judy looked up, "What on earth could we do?"

"Well, for a start we could stop using coloured tissues and toilet paper — the dyes in them are permanent pollutants — and we could try and encourage our own families and friends to soft-pedal on the detergents."

"Let's organise a 'Back-to-Bar-Soap Campaign'!" came gaily from Faye.

Barbie volunteered seriously, "my Grandma used to make her own soap — I'll see if Mum still has the recipe. Perhaps we could make some up and distribute it around as a gentle hint."

Lindy suggested. "Why don't we hike down each side of the creek, say — from here to the campsite and make a critical survey. We could list all the pollution we notice."

"Yes", agreed Ginie, "if we did it thoroughly and systematically we could present our findings to the Council and perhaps get

them published in the local paper. It just might make other people more aware of what is happening."

Ann said thoughtfully. "Did any of you see the **Environmental Protection Authority's reports on pollution in Bayside Streams** in the "Age" on 16th October, 1972. It was a lift-out section for schools. On page 4 it gave detailed suggestions for '**Surveying Your Own Stream**', and described the kinds of animal life likely to be found in waters in varying stages of pollution. They even suggested a report form for recording the findings — I'm sure they'd appreciate anything we could find out."

"I remember that!" exclaimed Jess, "I'll see if I can find it. It would give us a good basis to start on. We could take samples and test them at various points. Perhaps later we could do trips to the creek's source and to where it enters the sea and compare our findings in those places with what we find here."

"H'm", commented Phyl, "might prove rather revealing!"

#### **It did!**

The Rangers are still engaged on their "stream survey" project — they are becoming increasingly involved and deeply interested in their progressive findings and their implications.

Barbie produced Grandma's recipe for **home-made soap**. If you would like to try it too — here it is:

"Boil together for 20 minutes 4 lb. fat (clean and salt-free — it's a good idea to clarify it), 9 pts. water, ¼ lb. caustic soda, 10 oz. resin.

Then add 1 teaspoon borax, 1 teaspoon carbonate of soda.

If you would like a nice clean smell, add a little citronella.

Set the mixture in a suitably-sized square or oblong tin lined with a clean unpicked calico flour-bag. Leave it for about two days and then cut it into bars. It can be used immediately, but it is more economical to let it harden for a month before use."

Suggested helpful reading:

"A Dirty Story", Pollution in Australia by Derek Whitelock; "Australia — a Continent in Danger" by Vincent Serventy; "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson.



At the Editors' Conference — L-R, Mrs. B. Holmes (Chairman), Mrs. H. Darling (Waratah, N.S.W.), Mrs. E. Godfrey (Platypus, Tas.), Mrs. B. Nicholson (Courier, W.A.), Miss M. Shaw (Matilda, Vic.), Miss D. Greenwood (Te Rama, N.Z.), Mrs. J. Hossack (The Drum, Papua/N.G.), Mrs. N. Beard (Adventuring, S.A.). In front, Mrs. S. Martin (Editor-elect, Platypus, Tas.).

### AN EDITORS' CONFERENCE

November, 1972, in Hobart saw the gathering of a small group of walkers. We walked round Hobart and learnt much of its history, we walked round printing firms and learnt of new developments in printing and binding.

In addition the group talked—of ways and means of getting news, information and ideas to Guide leaders; of making State magazines more attractive and eye-catching; of cutting down time between event and reporting; of finding ways in which so much more could be done with no more money available.

We learnt with and from each other—about publicity and public relations—about copyright, and how Guide and Scout magazines in other parts of the world do the same job for their countries as we try to do for ours—about illustrations, drawings and blocks—and all that goes to making a magazine readable and interesting.

In the last few years developments and new methods in printing have been many and varied—machinery can become obsolete very quickly and it is extremely expensive to buy and house—there is so much for editors to learn. It is all the harder to absorb when it is done as an "extra" job—and all the more challenging because it is so interesting.

The 1972 Editors' conference became an Australasian one when Miss Daphne Greenwood, Editor of New Zealand's "Te Rama," was able to join us, and we look forward to having "Te Rama" with us at future conferences also.

Representative editors came from Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania (who chaired the conference and treated us so very hospitably and generously), Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Papua/New Guinea and New Zealand.



### KNOWLEDGE OF THE MOVEMENT?

Our first Queen's Guide ceremony was in the form of a pageant depicting a brief but interesting history of Guiding in Victoria.

All our Guides had a part to play, enjoyed doing it and did it to the best of their ability. It included the little Guide dressed as one of the Guides tending Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's horses at the first Scout World Jamboree in the Southern Hemisphere at Frankston, January, 1935.

Lord B.P.'s horse bowed ever so gracefully to the audience!

As Ruth Frearson, our Queen's Guide, had enjoyed learning about the Guide Movement for her 1st Class badge (now obsolete) this pageant meant quite a bit to her, and those present went home wiser about our marvellous movement. With our eight-point programme it seems there is now no need to be interested in our history. Why? Aren't we proud of it? It makes such interesting reading: Its personalities like Mrs. Juliette Low, our own Mrs. Fairbairn and **each** member of the movement that gives Guiding its character. So why not include "Knowledge of the Movement" as part of the Queen's Guide test? We will all realise how strongly our movement ticks.

—Rosie McNab,  
Capt., 1st Keilor Coy.

# MATILDA NOTICES . . .

## GUIDING IS COMING TO MOOMBA

at the  
BADMINTON CENTRE  
ALBERT PARK LAKE

on  
**Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 10th, 11th,  
12th March**

Join in the activities and look at the displays. Something for every member of the family.

PLAN now TO BE THERE.

## UNIFORM

### P.O. & R. Rule 34, Part 1 Adult Uniform — Para. 6

By a majority vote throughout Australia, this Rule will now read:

“Warrant or Appointment Badge  
On Left breast”

You will note that the alternative words “or Jacket lapel” have been omitted, which means that on all uniforms the Warrant or Appointment Badge will be worn on the left breast level with the World Badge on the right breast.

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND January 24th - February 2nd, 1974

New Zealand National Headquarters offers accommodation for overseas visitors coming to the Commonwealth Games. Accommodation is available in a hostel, hall or camp, with cooking facilities.

Accommodation for individuals in private homes may also be arranged if requested.

Charges will be made according to type of accommodation, but will be reasonable.

When applying please state approximate numbers, and type of accommodation required.

Applications should be made before April 1st, 1973, to:—

The Executive Director,  
Girl Guides Association, New Zealand  
P.O. Box 13-143, Armagh,  
CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Would you please note that, as from 1st March, 1973, the office hours for secretarial staff (General Office, Training, Camping and Publicity) will be:

**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, instead of 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

It was agreed that a change should be made in view of the fact that more enquiries (both telephone and personal) for the staff in these Departments are made between 9 and 9.30 a.m. than between 5 and 5.30 p.m.

## REMINDER

### International Brotherhood Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Members of the Movement taking part in the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MASS on SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, at 1 p.m. are asked to assemble at the Fitzroy Gardens in Lansdowne Street NOT LATER THAN 12.15 p.m.

National Flags, World Flags, and Company Colours are welcome. On arrival report to the Marshall at the assembly point.

Leaders are requested to check uniforms of members taking part in the Procession.

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Next meeting of the Catholic Guiders' Council will be held at Girl Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, on Saturday, 31st March at 2 p.m.

## LOST PROPERTY

### Left at Guiders' Conference:

- 1 pair black Vinyl gloves.
- 1 pair horn-rimmed glasses.
- 1 pair Navy woollen gloves—coloured embroidery in the top.
- 1 pair Navy Vinyl gloves.
- 1 white serviette with pink border.
- 1 Mulga wood serviette ring.

These may be collected from the reception desk, Guide H.Q.



It's a bird?



It's a plane?



It's **TALKORROBOREE!**  
Yes! Talkorroboree is coming—  
14th July, 1973

### **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LEADER**

Want to see Queensland?  
Looking for a Challenge?  
A job with a difference?  
Want to Promote Guiding?  
Need satisfaction in your work?  
Then **this** position could be for  
you!

#### **WANTED:**

A Project Leader for Development work in North Queensland's Mining Areas to promote Guiding, find Leaders and establish Units for a period of approximately six months. It is envisaged that the Project Leader would be based at Mt. Isa and/or Townsville.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- knowledge of Guiding . . .
- like speaking to people . . .
- interested in Youth and Youth Training . . .
- organising ability . . .
- good educational background . . .
- awareness of the value of Guiding and a desire to promote Guiding
- be prepared to travel . . .

**Salary and Expenses:** Negotiable.

**Applications:** Confidential — in writing to:

The Australian Secretary, Girl Guides Association, Box 675 G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W., 2001.

**Please state:** Educational particulars employment history and experience; age and Guiding experience.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE:**  
**30th MARCH, 1973.**

# MATILDA NOTICES . . .

## **GANG SHOW**

The 1973 Gang Show — which was to have been held next May — has had to be scheduled for later in the year.

Dates for the Show are now 31st August, 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th September, with matinees on 1st and 8th September. Bookings will open on 19th July.

Put the dates in your diary now and plan to have your unit at the Palais Theatre when Gang Show Comes of Age. The closing date for applications has now been extended to 15th February.

## **TRAINING DEPARTMENT**

Our heartiest congratulations to the following on becoming members of their Region Training Teams:

Mrs. Gillian Barralet, Mrs. Mary Drew, Mrs. Barbara Herbert, Mrs. Beryl Llewellyn, Mrs. Thelma McKenzie, Mrs. Jean Phillips, Mrs. Lorna Virgo, Mrs. Pat Webster, Mrs. Betty Widdis, Mrs Esther Yarwood; and to Miss Denise Hargreaves on gaining her Training Diploma.

Dear Matilda,

1st Perth (see page 124, December "Matilda") is the oldest continuous Company in Australia but it most certainly was not the second to be formed.

We, especially in Victoria, know about 1st Hawthorn and about Miss Gipps' warrant in 1912, which makes two, and Tasmania had several from 1911 onwards. It was in May of that year that Lady Barron formed a committee and changed existing units from New Zealand affiliated Girl Peace Scouts to recognized Girl Guides, Baden-Powell Girl Guides. South Australia had at least two from 1912 onwards with a general secretary and some adults who discussed with Baden-Powell during his 1912 visit whether they would be a branch of the Association in Great Britain or form a separate National Association.

The meeting to form 1st Perth was on 28th June, 1915.

This is a very brief summary of facts gathered to try and sort out the details.

—G. SWINBURNE.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**Praise and Thanksgiving**, by Christian Howard. Girl Guides' Association, \$2.

Every Unit Guider and Commissioner will find this new book about worship inspiring and of immediate value in their work with young people.

Its purpose — to help Guiders in the understanding of prayer and worship and to help their Brownies, Guides and Rangers to plan and carry through acts of worship — is most certainly achieved.

Take this book to camp along with one or two others recommended in its exceptionally helpful bibliography and Guides and Rangers will happily create a Guides' Own Service of worship without the frustration of endless searching and worry.

"What shall we include?" and "How can prayers be made to mean more for each group?" are interestingly dealt with in the chapter on prayers at weekly meetings.

If you have not done so already and experimented with media other than singing and prayers then **Praise and Thanksgiving** offers wise guide lines to the use of drama and movement in worship so much enjoyed by young people today.

The spoken word, readings, prayers and talks receive excellent coverage with a whole chapter on themes and their development, with suggestions for very simple services as well as ones using many media.

Commissioners will welcome the ideas for the blessing of new flags and the organising and carrying through of services of a more formal kind, often held in Church and frequently led by many clergy and ministers.

We all know the importance of involving each girl in the creation of an act of worship and this book certainly shows the leader how to find something for just everyone to do. There are helpful notes on visual aids and material for acts of worship indicating how to beautify a room or place of worship, use of pictures, collage, posters, etc., either as focal points or as illustrative wall coverings.

In a personal postscript Miss Howard offers advice to anyone who feels confused about worship and religious experience.

To read through this book is in itself a rewarding experience.

To read just the chapter or chapters relevant to the needs of the moment is easily possible.

To use this book with groups of young people or adults can have powerful results as thoughts and hearts are turned towards God through the expression of this in words, music and action.

—J.T.

**The Quartermaster in Camp**, by E. Robertson. CHQ, 45 cents.

This is a completely new and up-to-date edition of an old friend, and still pocket sized.

An emphasis is laid on Patrol camping, with additional help for those who prefer to cook at least some meals centrally. Suggestions for simple menus are given which are well within the capabilities of the average Guide Patrol, and throughout the book there are references which indicate clearly the necessity for consultation with and planning by the Patrols themselves.

In her description of the QM's job the author stresses "a realisation that the programme of the camp has top priority and that meals should fit in with the programme and not vice-versa". She makes a point later that of course the cooking of a special meal could be the programme, but for the main part simplicity is the keynote to produce quick, well-balanced meals. This is a useful little partner to Miss Robertson's other book **Camps and Holidays** (also available from H.Q., cost \$1.20), and will surely find a place in most store-tents or the QM's pocket.

—E.C.H.

(from the "Guider")

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For details ring: 560 0050 O.H., or 560 0850 A.H.

## "IF IT ISN'T FUN— IT ISN'T GUIDING!"

Many of you will already know Lady Rylah's "Australian Adventure—Girl Guiding under the Southern Cross," for it was first published in 1963. Now the Guide Shop is selling this comprehensive and beautiful book for \$1. One dollar! Even at its original price of \$3.95 it would have been a fine acquisition. My patrol-leader daughter has promptly bought the review copy—and I am having great difficulty in separating her from it long enough to write this review!

Because this book was published before the introduction of the new programme, some information is out of date. But the spirit of Guiding remains unaltered. The stories the author tells of the friendship she found among Guides all over the world, and the courage and determination she witnessed among handicapped Guides, remain as true to-day as ten years ago. The aims of service and self-reliance, of trust in God and love of fellow men, remain of vital importance in our materialistic and affluent society. And, in the words of the World Chief Guide, it's still true that "if it isn't fun, it isn't Guiding!"

For many girls, Guiding means camping. Ann Rylah's stories about camping could only have been written by someone who had camped often and loved it—and learnt from her mistakes! She is thoroughly practical, and often vastly amusing. The newest Guide on her first camp and the most experienced Ranger will both find a myriad of good ideas to improve their camping skills and bushcraft. Erecting a tent, preparing a menu, organizing camp chores, disposing of refuse, creating camp gadgets, packing for lightweight camping, avoiding hazards, lighting fires—all this and much else is discussed, some in great detail.

The chapters on "Natural Hazards" and "Fire" can be particularly recommended to all who love the outdoor life. Snakes ("'Cap, what do you do if someone is bitten on the face?' . . . You proceed as for snakebite anywhere else, except that you do **not**—repeat **NOT**—apply a ligature!"), heat, insects and other "wobbegongs," swimming, hiking trips through difficult country, fires—all are potential dangers to the camper. But the advice given here is sensible and competent, and could well mean the difference between a safe and happy experience and a tragedy.

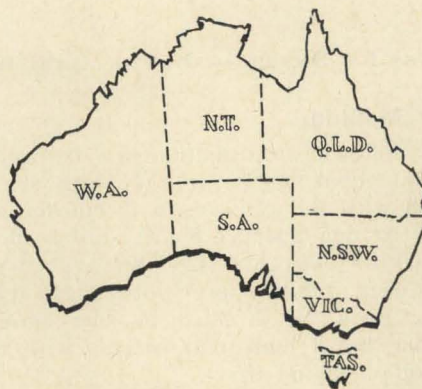
When the author shares some of her "glorious treasury" of camping memories the magic spills right over. "The little penguin at Phillip Island . . . found I was sleeping across its usual route from the sea to its nest and in an absent-minded sort of way tried persistently to climb over the obstacle. He ended up putting one cold, yet, sandy foot right on my mouth, and after that I helped him politely on his way. . . ."

"Australian Adventure" is a book with very wide appeal, written with beauty and a gentle humour. It is illustrated throughout with delightful photographs, and packed with facts and ideas. (Do you know why B.-P. chose to call his girls' movement "Guides"? Could you cook an egg à la safety pin? How would you make a camp safe in an 80 m.p.h. wind? Have you ever seen a mugwump?—there's a photo of one on page 5. What would you pack if you were camping "light"?)

Guide parents would find it informative and reassuring. It would be an inspiration to a new Guide, and full of nostalgic memories for an old Guide. It should be in all Company libraries, on all Guiders' and Patrol Leaders' shelves.

("Australian Adventure—Girl Guiding under the Southern Cross" by Ann Rylah. Published by Lansdowne Press Pty. Ltd. Special price at Guide Shop, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne—\$1.)

—M. W. W.



## CENTS FOR SERVICE

**Now is the Time for:—**

**PREPARING** the 1973 Campaign.

**LOOKING** at ALL the LITERATURE we have sent and deciding how best to use it.

**ASKING** your Brownie Guides, Guides and Ranger Guides what THEY would like to do.

**NUTTING** out suggestions, and

**NOTING** the target.

**INCENTIVE** — you believe in Guiding — put that belief to work.

**NEW** and **NOVEL** ways of earning Cents for Service.

**GETTING** the message to the Public.

Remember the three "P's": Plan — Publicise — Put into action.

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WHY do we eat hens' eggs instead of ducks' eggs? Because a hen advertises and a duck does not! That's the story anyway.

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HAVE you held a painting competition on any facet of Guiding and displayed these? Or a poster competition?

HAVE you been building up good Public Relations during the past year so that the public feels you have earned support?

COULD you prepare a display of "What Guiding Is" for a shop window, etc., BEFORE the campaign opens?

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**Cents for Service — 7th-15th April, 1973.**

**Dear Matilda,**

The following information may be useful: If group bookings for country trips are required with the railways it is quicker and easier to ring Spencer Street station direct and ask for extension 2126. You will, if you apply to the information number given in the phone book, be directed to ring another number, but I had great success with this method of ringing direct.

—Noelene Barker, Ranger Guider

## GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA Challenge and Adventure

Papua New Guinea is looking for AN EXPERIENCED YOUNG GUIDER to work as a TRAINER for 1973 with its three newly-graduated Trainers.

Fares, all equipment necessary, a car for training purposes will be provided, and salary paid.

THIS JOB NEEDS AN EXPERIENCED YOUNG GUIDER, WITH ENTHUSIASM, INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH PEOPLE, AND WHO LIKES TRAVELLING.

IT IS A CHALLENGING JOB—to bring Guiding to remote areas and to help consolidate Guiding in established units in more urban areas.

THE APPOINTMENT IS FOR 1973, RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA EARLY IN DECEMBER.

**Applications.**—To be sent to your State Training Adviser, enclosing a reference from your Commissioner.

## POSITION VACANT New Zealand National Headquarters Trainer/Field Officer

This is an interesting position if you are free to travel, enjoy working with people and have an overall general knowledge of the Guide Movement.

Salary is according to experience; car and uniform provided.

For further information write to

The Executive Director,  
Girl Guides Association, New Zealand,  
P.O. Box 13-143, Armagh,  
CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

# GUIDING IS COMING TO MOOMBA



## an annual meeting . . .

Families and friends of Terang Guides and Brownies travelled by bus and private car to Sherbrook River Guide campsite where the meeting was held in perfect weather.

A barbecue and picnic lunch was enjoyed prior to the visitors witnessing a Promise Ceremony.

The Guides arrived at the site on Thursday evening and spent the weekend in campcraft and pioneering activities. It was the first camp for eleven of the girls.

A highlight of camp was a dawn breakfast hike to Loch Ard Gorge.

The hike found them preparing to leave at 5.30 a.m. (4.30 daylight saving time).

Difficulty in crossing a small stream caused Captain to seek an easier crossing downstream, resulting in Captain becoming slightly hung up in a tree.

After some rather agile footwork and considerable effort Cap managed to unhook herself.

Breakfast was enjoyed sitting high on sun-soaked rocks at the Gorge and the girls gathered drinking water seeping from the rocky cave walls.

Friday night's campfire was held on the "upsairs" site but on Saturday night a floating campfire was anchored in the river and the Guides sang by the river side.

Buried treasure (a tin of biscuits) had to be recovered for afternoon tea on Saturday, and a Patrol was dispatched with compass and spade to recover the cache.

Plaster casts of animal tracks were made by another patrol who brought home casts of rabbit, fox, bandicoot, lizard and snake.

Other animals in camp included ringtail possums and a fox which was heard yapping close to the site.

A rope bridge across the river provided a challenging activity for the girls.

Several Brownie visitors, under parental supervision, also successfully negotiated the bridge.

## YARRA GLEN BROWNIES VISIT ELDERLIES

After many weeks of busy preparation, Brownies of the Yarra Glen Pack visited the elderly folk at "Le Chateau", Healesville.

Under the guidance of Brown Owl and Tawny, they had made tidy bags, wastepaper baskets, table mats, and draught boards, and one fine morning parents drove them to Healesville to present their gifts.

At the next Pack meeting Brown Owl suggested they might like to write something about their visit, and here are some extracts:

"Last Saturday all the Brownies went to the old people's home, and all the Brownies gave them presents. I gave a lady a dilly bag with a cat on it."

"Last Saturday all the Brownies went to the old people's home and the Brownies sang a song to the old people — and I gave the people some presents."

"We went by car — it is right up in the hills at Healesville even if you can't see it. The people liked the presents."

"I made a mat and gave it to a lady who was asleep."

"The Brownies gave presents to some of the people and we talked to them and sang songs and then we went back to Yarra Glen."

"I gave a mat to an old lady. The way I made the mat was I got a piece of cloth, folded the edges and tacked it, then sewed it and embroidered it."

We haven't the patients' impressions of the visit, but hope they had at least as much pleasure as the Brownies had.

## DEAR MATILDA,

One Friday 2nd Beaumaris went to Guide House, at Britannia Park for three days. The following morning we went to help Mr. Gard at one of the new sites. We helped to cultivate the soil and cover the sown seed with hay to keep the ground moist. Mr. Gard hoped it would be ready for the State Camp.

—2nd Beaumaris

## TO THE BADMINTON CENTRE AT ALBERT PARK LAKE

**HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE MANY TOWNS, CITIES, SUBURBS IN VICTORIA?  
THIS QUIZ IS DESIGNED TO TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

e.g. A tin stream . . . Cann River.

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. A drink; boat                          | 19. Start of a day; a heavy weight   |
| 2. An English jail                        | 20. Why do you wear glasses          |
| 3. A graceful bird; billiards             | 21. A member of the Police Force     |
| 4. A container; mountain                  | 22. Sell out                         |
| 5. It is measured in degrees; ocean       | 23. Exclamation; a girl's name       |
| 6. Where horses are kept                  | 24. A child's valley                 |
| 7. A type of grain                        | 25. To slay — greater amounts        |
| 8. Marks; timber                          | 26. Wide river crossing              |
| 9. A geometric proportion and a mountain  | 27. A pot of gold at end of it       |
| 10. Where Adam and Eve lived; expectation | 28. Carve; ocean                     |
| 11. A famous comic strip duck             | 29. Prince's name — land in the sea  |
| 12. Shiny                                 | 30. Male paddock                     |
| 13. A type of signal; paddock             | 31. Type of liqueur; earth           |
| 14. Gem Stream                            | 32. Opposite of Nay                  |
| 15. Early Australian comedian             | 33. A well dressed idiot             |
| 16. Nothing                               | 34. A Greek God — inlet              |
| 17. Evidence of women on broomsticks      | 35. A wild flower; garment           |
| 18. Half a horse; yearn for               | 36. A narrow valley; part of the eye |

COME AND VISIT US AT THE BADMINTON CENTRE DURING MOOMBA —  
THERE WILL BE MORE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR  
YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN.

The Beckett Park tower is included in the design because it is the highest point in metropolitan Melbourne, and the Maranoa Gardens trees because they are Australian flora.

Both Beckett Park and Maranoa Gardens are in Camberwell North Division. The badge was designed by Mr. Carl Anjou and Mrs. Jo Bennett from suggestions by Guides.



**FROZEN WORDS**

The Corning Glass Company was hit by floodwaters that inundated upstate New York earlier this year. About 6,000 books in its library on glass craft were water damaged. Following the advice of an expert on book conservation, they put the books in freezers. Freezing prevents mold from forming and the ink from smudging, and mold is what destroys water-soaked books. The defrosting, drying and restoring of a book are said to take some twenty hours.

# THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE



## AN ANNUAL MEETING IDEA

GLENHUNTLY/ORMOND Local Association have sent us a report of a Recruiting Annual Meeting.

"After the general business, they had Brownie Guide and Guide activities. The Brownie Guides played 'Hands Down' on the stage, and had great fun performing in front of their parents.

The Brownies from the four packs in the District then formed into lines below the stage, the Guides into lines at the back of the stage, and then they started 'campaigning for L.A. members'.

While the Guides and Brownie Guides were singing, a dance team of six Guides dressed in black leotards, gay pantyhose (green, yellow and red) with matching tulle tails, went into a dance routine.

Song — tune: 'Feed Us Now' sung at the St. George's Day Service:—

The L.A. are the mothers  
And the fathers of our Guides  
They are very few in number  
But they help us with great pride

Join them now, oh Mums and Dads and help  
your Girl Guides

The L.A. buys our badges  
They help finance us too  
With books and camps and outings  
Without them we'd never get through

Join them now, oh Mums and Dads and help  
your Brownies too

The Leaders are our backbone  
And they don't get paid at all  
The uniforms are expensive  
But the L.A. meets the call

Join them now, oh Mums and Dads and help  
your Girl Guides

At 7.45 bi-monthly  
The L.A. meets at this hall  
When you come along to join them  
You'll see they have a ball

Join them now, oh Mums and Dads and help  
your Brownies too

Do you know much about Guiding  
In the L.A. you'll learn more

You can talk to your girls about Guides  
And you'll understand for sure

Join them now, oh Mums and Dads and help  
your Girl Guides

Join them now, oh Mums and Dads and help  
your Brownies too.

After an encore from the dancers, a debating team of three-a-side presented the argument 'Parents should join the L.A.' The negative team had black Ned Kelly helmets to hide their identity!

For the closing item, five Guides contributed the following:—

Our family in Australia is quite a size: over 100,000 members. It is made up of Brownie Guides, Guides, Ranger Guides and Guiders. All these Australian Guides of whatever age are linked by many things, by love and loyalty to God and to our Queen; by pride and affection for B.P., our Founder and Lady Baden Powell, our Chief and by the wonderful standards of service set through the years by countless Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders.

A great deal of good can be done in the world if one is not too careful about who gets the credit.

Gratitude takes three forms, feeling in heart, expression in words and giving in return.

An ambitious young man asked a rich merchant for the secret of his success. 'There's no easy secret. You must jump at your opportunity.' 'But how can I tell when my opportunity comes?' asked the young man. 'You can't', agreed the merchant, 'you've just got to keep on jumping'.

Walk tall, walk tall, look the world right  
in the eye."

Congratulations, Glenhuntly/Ormond!

## FASHION PARADE WITH A DIFFERENCE!

The changing styles of wedding gowns from 1909 to the present day were a highlight at a fashion parade held by the WAAIA Local Association. A gemstone display and competitions were also included in the programme.

For his many years of help and support, Mr. S. Barlow was presented with a Thank You badge by the Division Commissioner. The new Guide hall is one step closer to reality as a result of the money raised from this function.

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## DEAR MATILDA,

I have written an account on "Understanding yourself and your Patrol", from a session at "Jumbunna".

One session was on understanding yourself and your patrol. Miss Y. James, Australian Guide Adviser, explained to us about her job and how we as P.L.'s of Australia could help her. She told us that communication between a P.L. and her patrol involves a two-way process, giving and receiving friendship and information. We were shown two acts of a new recruit being introduced to her patrol.

In the first the P.L. was bossy and laid down the law. She frightened both the recruit and her patrol. Think! are you like this? Or are you the P.L. in the second act where the P.L. introduced everyone, explained about the patrol functions and the girls discussed their hobbies together. We learned from this that you must listen as well as talk.

Then in discussion groups we talked about girls who are different — and worked out ways of helping them.

Our discussion group findings — You shouldn't let a girl feel that she is different or behind. Give her the feeling that she must go on, challenge her and boost her confidence. You must think, listen and work out why there is a problem in and for a girl.

You must cope with problems, try to understand the girls in your patrol and ask others how they would like things done.

Miss James left us with this thought: The individual is more important than the organisation.

—Clare Barbetti, 1st Warracknabeal,  
Wimmera Region

## at EUMERALLA

Approximately 35 Rangers, Guides and Guiders representing Barwon Region camped overnight at Eumeralla Scout Camp, Anglesea, as guests of Geelong Area Scouts. During the weekend scout troops from the Geelong area competed for the Toby Henry Shield, involving camping and other outdoor activities. In conjunction with this event, Eumeralla Day, the area's open day was held and the Queen's Scouts for the year were presented to His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir Rohan Delacombe. The Guides set up camp with their own tents from the region campsite at Tallawalla.

Sunday began with an inspiring Family Service in the camp's beautiful open air chapel, overlooking the coast, and was attended by campers and visitors. We then participated in various activities: in one area the Guides held a simulated first aid display, which proved very popular as many Guides and Brownies were later seen moving around the camp with life-like wounds; a homemaker's area was set up with a camp oven made from an ammunition box, and this was used to cook numerous scones. Fruit tins were also adapted for cooking pancakes. Many visitors sampled and enjoyed the results, including a number of the V.I.P. party . . .

Perhaps the highlight of the weekend was the visit of the Governor to our campsite. He was very interested in all we were doing and spent quite some time talking to the girls. His genuine interest in the Guide and Scout movements was most noticeable. A number of Cubs will not forget the day quickly. If the Governor found any near his car when he moved from location to location they were told to "jump in" and were let out at the next stop. During the ride they pressed some of the knobs in the car, much to their great delight.

As it was promotion month for the Guides, two Commissioners from the Region set up an information tent, with items of interest relating to the movement on display.

We thank the Guiders who arranged and organised the weekend, as we all had a wonderful time and were honoured to represent our Region.

—Gail Pavia, 17th Geelong

## BLACKBURN DISTRICT GUIDES "HOLIDAY IN HISTORY"

For Christine Hall, completing her Queen's Guide Badge was crowned by a wonderful "Holiday in History" in Tasmania, along with 32 other Blackburn and Forest Hill Guides and staff.

As T.A.A. Charter Flight No. 2841 flew from Tullamarine 33 very excited girls started on their special holiday, the culmination of 15 months of planning, hard work, and raising money to help finance the tour.

The choice of the title "Holiday in History" proved to be a significant one. In particular it gave us a chance to take up the Challenge of our State Commissioner to "Know Your Australia" — here was the chance to learn at first hand something of the history of Australia in possibly the most historical State in the Commonwealth, and at the same time to meet other Guides.

We landed at Wynyard after being diverted from Devonport because of fog — this was lucky for us, as the piece of coast our planned tour missed was Devonport to Wynyard. By the time we arrived back at Wynyard a week later we had been right around the Island and clocked over 1000 miles on our Tour bus.

Highlights of our trip included visits to the Marakoopa Limestone Caves at Mole Creek, Punchbowl Wildlife Sanctuary, and Cataract Gorge where many of the Guides had their first ride on a chair lift.

On our way down the east coast we visited the historical Buckland Church with its beautiful stained glass window and interesting old tomb stones.

Our stay in Hobart was very pleasant as we had the use of the Guide Association training centre "Orana", a delightful place in a beautiful spot right on the coast at Reches Beach.

Port Arthur was a real highlight and we were lucky enough to have delightful weather. On the same day we visited the rock formations Devil's Kitchen, Tasman's Arch, the Blowhole and Tesselated Pavement.

The day most folk waited eagerly for was the visit to Cadbury's factory — but the end of the day was not quite so good for some!

From Cadbury's back to Hobart, then up Mt. Wellington and much fun was had by all, playing in the snow, tobogganning down the

slopes; on to Kingston to visit the model Tudor village, a replica in miniature of a Tudor town, built by a handicapped man from matches — a wonderful achievement.

Thursday saw us on our way up the west coast via the lush Derwent Valley, New Norfolk and the hydro electric installations of the Central Highlands; then via Lake St. Claire and the Lyall Highway to Queenstown, with an evening inspection of the Mt. Lyell Reduction plant on the day the very last explosion in the open cut took place and a return to underground mining was recommenced.

Our last day dawned — we packed once more, boarded the bus with our cheery Coach Captain Maurice Atkinson, and set off for Zeehan and the Pioneers' Mines Museum, then via the Murchison Highway and the rugged Hellyer Gorge to Wynyard.

Our long awaited trip had finished, we boarded our special T.A.A. flight for home, all feeling a little sad but very satisfied with what we had achieved, all going back with a wealth of knowledge about "our Australia".



### TREFOIL GUILD LAUNCHED

At a most rewarding evening, McKay Division launched a new Trefoil Guild with nineteen members.

It was decided to choose an Aboriginal name which will be done at the next meeting on February 20th, 1973, when it is hoped to have all members enrolled and the Guild registered.

The first project chosen to get us under way is to learn to crochet and then to make rugs for the aged in hospitals and homes.

As we love collecting things we have chosen panty hose, old ones and laundered, of course, to send to the leper hospitals. These are used to cover their bandages to keep them clean.

So, Trefoil Guilds everywhere, we are very pleased to join your ranks. . . . Hello!

—M. TOWNSEND.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the recipients of the following:

**LONG SERVICE — GUIDERS:**

**15 years—**

Mrs. D. Nash (Corio); Mrs. D. Walker (Jordanville); Mrs. M. J. Masters (Laburnum); Mrs. M. M. O'Connor (Clayton West); Mrs. E. E. Campbell (Newtown); Mrs. M. Lee-Archer (Seaford); Mrs. M. Looker (Melton South); Mrs. M. Rawlinson (Melton South).

**25 years—**

Mrs. C. F. Barrie (Melton).

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Mrs. M. Cawood (Apollo Bay); Mrs. M. Fleming (Mildura Trefoil); Mrs. J. Robbins (Mildura Trefoil); Mrs. L. Robson (Mildura Trefoil); Mrs. B. Johnston (Mildura Trefoil); Mrs. P. Kinleyside (Mildura Trefoil); Mrs. Morag Mills (Mildura Trefoil); Mrs. Meg Mills (Mildura Trefoil); Mrs. C. Ramsay (Mildura Trefoil); Mrs. E. Nightingale (Belgrave); Mrs. J. Downward (Mornington).

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Mrs. B. Job (Dareton).

**THANKS BADGE:**

Cr. J. H. MacGregor Dowsett (Geelong); Mrs. M. Bain (Templestowe); Belgrave Local Association; Mr. W. M. Erbs (Willow Grove).

**APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS**

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

**REGION COMMISSIONER:**

Mrs. P. C. Miles, Barree (April, 1973).

**DIVISION COMMISSIONER:**

Mrs. G. D. Maddock, Manningham Road.

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## TALK given by Julie Ralston (18 years) at Balwyn District Annual Meeting's Guide's Own conducted by Balwyn Rangers, during Promotion Week

I feel that it is appropriate to ask ourselves just what it is we are promoting. What has guiding to offer us, and others? What must we give in return?

By tracing a girl's progress through the movement, one can see how the programme and opportunities expand with her capabilities, age and maturity.

From the moment we enter Brownies we hear the broad ideals and aims of the Movement mentioned. We hear that we are being aided in our development as future citizens by acquiring useful skills and a sense of responsibility and that we all belong to a Worldwide Sisterhood of Guiding, united as one despite the differences of race and creed.

It all sounds very impressive but it doesn't really mean much to an eight-year-old, at this stage, it does not really matter that it doesn't.

In Brownies, the basis is laid for future development. We work and play together, learning to co-operate and share. There are wider experiences to be had than otherwise would be available and the Pack serves as an extension of social contact to the young child. Skills are acquired, and a girl has her first introduction to the concept of service by the emphasis that is placed on helping others within and outside the family. We also have an introduction to the idea of leading and being led, and above all, Brownies is interesting and it's fun.

As we move on to Guides, there is a further widening of opportunities which are, once again, varied and novel. More new skills are acquired, and many learn to love the out-of-doors. Service is taken a bit further and is carried out within the Movement as a whole. The Patrol System is more widely used, and there is, therefore, greater emphasis on leadership and co-operation. We learn the frustrations, the pitfalls and the essence of a good leader. Communication is the key to the whole system of patrols, as indeed it is to the wider social system within any community, and we come to realise that breakdowns in communication inevitably lead to breakdowns in the system.

It is still difficult to come to grips with the aims and ideals of the Movement, and one does not see guiding as an integral part of

one's life, but rather as one separate section of it. Through attending Australia-wide or International camps and viewing such spectacles as the lighting of the candle flames of the Guiderama, one can come to the full realisation of the warm and companionship that can be found as a member of something as meaningful as the Worldwide Sisterhood of Guiding.

One of the main aims of Rangers is to take service out into the wider community, and it is the knowledge and experience gained as you moved up through the Movement which can now help you in realising this aim. Further lessons are learned in relating to other people, and there are opportunities to meet a wider range of people through community activities, central fixtures and Ranger/Rover activities. The Ranger is faced with more responsibility, a freer programme which the girls must organise for themselves, and she is treated as an adult. All of this gives a girl the opportunity to put the skills, leadership qualities and the general sense of responsibility — all of which she has been accumulating over the years — into practice.

In general, and this is largely a personal view, guiding offers tremendous companionship and fun. There are great lessons to be learnt in relating to others and working as a team, and after all, it is these relationships with other people which are so important in life and really give life its meaning.

I have also discovered what it means, when trying to organise activities, to know that if you don't know where to begin, there will always be someone ready to help. With the endless expertise available and the wonderful sense of friendship and readiness to help, the Guiding Movement provides endless opportunities for a wide variety of activities and experiences.

There are also excellent opportunities of giving service and with it, the subsequent wonderful feeling that you have done something useful. It is only as one grows older that one begins to see the ways in which the Movement has aided in your development as an individual.

However, one must realise that in this Movement, as with anything else, giving is as important as receiving. It is only if we are willing to work at it and enjoy it, that

we will gain anything. Our Local Associations and Guiders are authorities on this subject — they know all about giving and working hard. Why do they do it? I'm sure that we would find, if we asked them, that each gains something though that something may differ widely from person to person.

It must be emphasised that we should not feel that we OWE something in return for what we have gained. We only gain if we give at the same time as we receive. It is not necessary that we have great things to offer either. To be able to give one's enthusiasm, a sense of humour and a willingness to help, is all that is required.

Guiding is as much or as little as we make it.

I should like to conclude with a small verse of Russ Tyson's which seems to sum it all up so well:

#### **Give Lavishly — Live Abundantly**

The more you give, the more you get,  
The more you laugh, the less you fret,  
The more you do UNSELFISHLY, the more  
you live ABUNDANTLY,  
The more of everything you share,  
The more you'll always have to spare,  
The more you love, the more you'll find  
That life is good and friends are kind,  
For only what we give away,  
Enriches us from day to day.

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#### **BRITANNIA PARK**

During November our Warden and his wife were able to have a holiday.

Mrs. N. Lock, who, with her husband, is now owner of the property opposite Britannia Park in Guide House Road, held the fort for us.

My committee and I are extremely grateful to her, and also to our previous Britannia Park convenor, Mrs. Pat Gray, for minding and looking after our property while Mr. and Mrs. Gard were away.

—Margaret Tucker

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