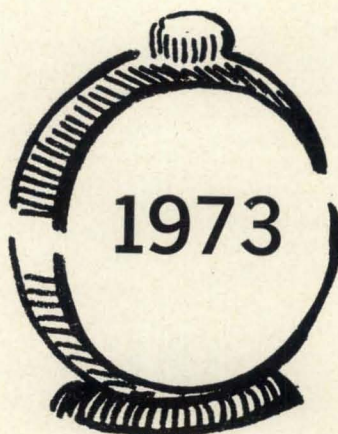


# MATILDA



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## From our STATE COMMISSIONER



Dear Members and Friends,

I have particularly enjoyed this last month as I have managed to get out into some of the Regions and begin to meet you all.

Queen's Birthday weekend, Fred, Ann and I went to Swan Hill to celebrate 50 years of Guiding. Beth Chamberlain, former Ranger Adviser, came with us which was fun.

I was honoured to be extended a combined Civic and Shire Reception on Saturday evening where I was able to meet the Councillors and their wives and many friends of Guiding. Saturday night was a wonderful party, with fun for everyone, games, songs, dancing, and of course supper!

On Sunday afternoon I spoke at a Guides Own. Those returning were able to see some of the work being done in units in 1973. My visit finished with the planting of a tree at the Guide Hall amidst much helpful advice and practical assistance! I came away feeling what a happy and enthusiastic Division Swan Hill was.

I represented the Girl Guides at the Annual Meeting of the C.W.A. where the Hon. Alan Hunt was the guest speaker. Although I have been a member of C.W.A. for many years this was the first time I had been to the Annual Meeting.

The day after this was our Region Commissioners' Meeting, with, as usual, plenty of discussion. These days go far too quickly as each Commissioner can learn much from the others.

I managed to spend a couple of hours at the Ranger Guide Conference. This was the first time I had been able to meet with the Rangers and it was fun to be with them, and learn what they were thinking and what they wanted to do this year.

I spent a very happy night at Sherbrook River Campsite with Guiders and Commissioners from Western Plains, Otway and Western Border. It is a beautiful spot and I can understand how everyone loves it. It is good to spend time with people in their own territory as this way I can get a much better feel of a Region. In usual Guide fashion we

ate very well — even to the extent of plum pudding for Sunday lunch.

The L.A. Conference was an excellent day and it was very thrilling that Lady Delacombe could open the Conference and stay for part of the morning session. Question time saw many questions answered by the Advisers and during open forum there was much discussion on such topics as how to attract more members and finance. Our Treasurer, Mr. K. Colhoun, was present to help with this topic.

After hearing Miss Bunning speak on the World Conference and Mr. Gorton talk about "Natural Resources" I am sure everyone went home feeling they had benefitted greatly from the day.

Zonta International invited members from other women's groups and Service organisations to their monthly meeting and I found this a very stimulating night. The Club has members from many professions and it was very interesting to meet them and learn more of the work of Zonta as well as tell them more about the Guide Movement.

At our last Executive Meeting we welcomed Mrs. J. F. Williams as a member, filling the casual vacancy caused by Mrs. A. J. Turnbull being appointed Assistant State Commissioner.

Mrs. H. J. Samman from Korumburra has been appointed Lone Adviser to take over from Mrs. Heard on 1st August. I do thank Mrs. Heard for all she has done for Lones during her term as Lone Adviser.

Mr. Charles Fraser has been appointed Warden of Britannia Park. Mrs. Fraser was a Brownie Guider and Assistant District Commissioner so they are no strangers to the Guide Movement.

I was very honoured to be asked to be guest speaker at the McDonald District Scout Annual Meeting in Moe. The thrilling thing about this exciting night was the wonderful mixture of Scouts and Guides both at the Civic Reception and afterwards at the Annual Meeting. It was so good to meet members of all sections of our Guide family, and I am sure that in this area Scout-Guide relationships are excellent.

There are many ways in which we can help each other and I was delighted to be able to do my little bit to foster co-operation between our two Associations.

With love and best wishes from

*Joan E. Grimwade*

State Commissioner

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## GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA- GUIDES DU CANADA

Miss Eleanor Manning,  
International Commissioner,  
Girl Guides Association of Australia,

Dear Miss Manning,

You wrote to me concerning souvenirs made by a number of Australian Brownies and Guides to be taken as gifts by the Australian delegation to the World Conference. . .

I wanted to tell you that on receipt of these parcels we decided that we would keep them at National Headquarters and use them as display purposes, so that Canadian Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders and International visitors from other countries could enjoy them along with National Headquarters. This we have done.

They were used for the first time as a display for the Full Meeting of the International Committee. This meeting consisted of the Toronto based members and Provincial International Commissioners across Canada meeting for three days and where the display was much admired. Since then we have had quite a number of visitors from England, Tanzania and the U.S.A. All have enjoyed the goodies.

I thought perhaps the donors might like to hear of what has been done with their very kind gift.

Yours sincerely,

Anne M. Robinson,  
International Commissioner

## CANADIAN MESSAGE STICK

The following is the explanation of a message stick, presented by a group of Girl Guide Leaders near Doe Lake, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, to representatives of 14 countries who visited that area after the World Conference of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts held at Toronto in June, 1972:—

“Today we extend to you, as a symbol of our world friendship, a small painted stick, cut from the Canadian maple tree.

At the top is a ring of blue, symbolic of a peaceful sky spread over a world free of prejudice and violence.

At the very bottom, we find a ring of black, representing the earth on which we must stand firmly, steady and straight every day of our lives.

Near the top again we observe a smiling face, the trademark of a FRIEND:

one eye is blue, expressing a clear, clean outlook on the present and the future . . .

one eye is black, reminding us that life subsides to death once our job on earth is done . . .

the upward red line portrays a smile with a joyous heart — may our smile never be false.

The green slash directly below the face is a symbol of purity, not only of morale but of intentions as well. May our actions, thoughts and words always be sincere and loving.

Now we note four equal marks — YELLOW — RED — BLACK — WHITE, coming in together as **one**. These remind us of the four major races: RED for Indian, YELLOW for Oriental, BLACK for Negro, and WHITE for Caucasian. Let us never forget that **all** are created equal among men.

Now observe how our Friendship Stick is surrounded by the word LOVE. Let us pray

for more capacity to love and a keener awareness of being loved. Thus we will build strong bridges of communication and understanding — thus we will spin our wheel of opportunity — yours and ours — towards world peace and brotherhood.

**Finally** — and possibly the most important — please observe the Arrow on the back of our stick; the path of FAITH. Though our beliefs may differ, let us strive to stand strong in our principles and, at the same time, accept with understanding and sincerity the practices of others."

—E. Bunning

Buckingham Palace

Dear Mrs. Grimwade,

I am commanded by The Queen to ask you to convey to all members of the Girl Guides Association in Victoria an expression of Her Majesty's sincere thanks for their kind message of loyalty.

Her Majesty much appreciates the terms of this message and the prayers contained in it for herself and her family.

Yours sincerely,

W. Heseltine



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## SILVEREYES

One of our most common native birds is the Silvereye. It is found in suburb and country alike. In size, it is smaller than the sparrow. Little flocks, of up to eight in number, may be seen moving through the trees and shrubs of the garden. When they are feeding on insects in the foliage, they are difficult to see because of their olive green colouring. But the white circle round each eye is quite conspicuous. Underneath they are whitish and chestnut on the flanks.

A continuous melodious song gives away their presence in a nearby shrub. Another solitary call has quite a sad tone. Sometimes the musical notes may be part of a subdued whisper song. Silvereyes love fruit. Recently I observed some of these birds eating ripe figs on a big fig tree. Feeding silently, they slipped quietly away at my approach.

Very often in the wintertime, you can see the Silvereye's nest of last season hanging like a little cradle from the slender twigs of a leafless tree. They like to build quite high. The nest is usually made of horse hair, fine rootlets and moss or lichen. It is prettier still when in the spring it holds three pale blue eggs.

—J.H.

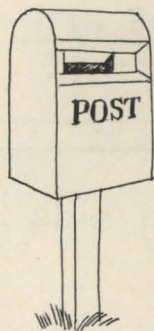
Do you see little "Silvereyes" darting through low bushes in your garden? Do the green finches chasing the noisy wattlebirds hope these will find food for them? Tree-creeping little birds go round and round the trunk of our gum tree and often the tuneful butcherbird gives us a song. It's only a few years ago we put in a lot of native plants after being told that half a mile is near enough to Maranoa\* gardens to attract birds from there to visit our garden seeking food.

It really seems to work and though some bushes are still small, the birds find their flowers. Native plants grow quickly. What about each Guide and Brownie Guide planting a couple on her birthday?

If we form "corridors" of native plant gardens, we can link up to outer areas and still have these wild birds with us.

(\*Maranoa gardens in Balwyn are well known for their native flowers and shrubs.)

—1st Balwyn Guides  
(from "Kalori", Balwyn L.A. newsletter)



## FRIENDSHIP?

Remember the article in "Matilda" describing two groups of Guiders entering a room for a meeting, with a single Guider alone and un-introduced, left to fend for herself . . . each group thinking she was with the others?

I wonder how many readers pitied that lone Guider . . . perhaps even thought "That could have been me"?

It is sometimes not easy to remember the seventh Law . . . particularly if you are a shy person. But if everyone had considered the third and fourth Laws, that lone Guider would have been one of a large friendly group — rather than an "outsider" looking in on two smaller groups.

Have you ever entered a hall full of strangers and been left to introduce yourself?

This happened to me recently in a hall full of Guides and Guiders of all ages. At the door I hesitated and looked for a friendly face.

No one spoke, so I announced my name and unit and took a seat.

Half way through the event an L.A. member, noticing I was a stranger, struck up a friendly conversation and put me at ease.

Another young Guider of my acquaintance has met this problem. Relatively new to Guiding and rather shy, she attended a gathering with some of her Guides.

Of all the adults present, only one left her place to greet the newcomer with a warm handshake!

On another occasion a Guider spent several days with a group of Guiders, but it was not until the last day someone actually asked for details of her name, unit or background. Members of the group had formed friend-

ships with Guiders they had met previously, and all thought the quiet Guider was "with one of the others".

What happened to the fourth Law? Was it lost in the excitement and activities?

Can we really promise to keep a Law we don't even remember in our Guide lives? When your unit has visitors, do your Guides greet the guests? Are the visitors introduced to leaders and others present?

Do YOU, as a Guider, deliberately seek out strangers and make yourself known? Do you speak to ALL the parents present, or only those you know?

One day recently I was in another town and a woman approached greeting me by my first name. I remembered her face but could not recall her name. Sensing my despair she introduced herself . . . "You've probably forgotten . . . I'm Betty Book . . . we met at training. How are you?"

The warmth and sincerity of her smile and her friendly interest quickly brought back happy memories.

We had only met once. She could have passed without a word, yet of all those people on a busy city street she remembered me and made a point of renewing our brief acquaintance.

## Surely that's what Guiding's all about?

It's not a once a week set of Laws, to be applied only in familiar surroundings with people we know. It's something we carry through our life, in all situations, with courtesy, consideration and friendship our prime concern.

What's happened to the good old handshake and smile?

Is it so painful to say "Hello" these days?

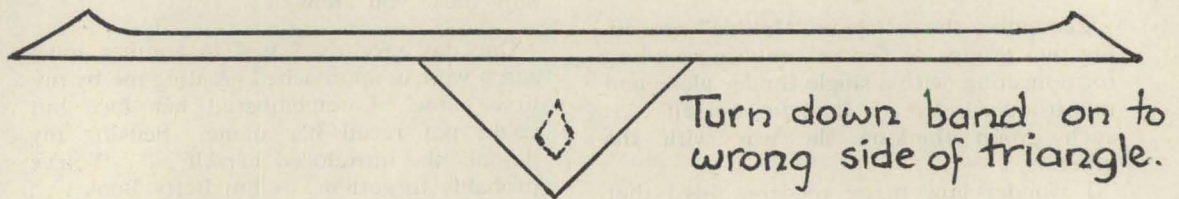
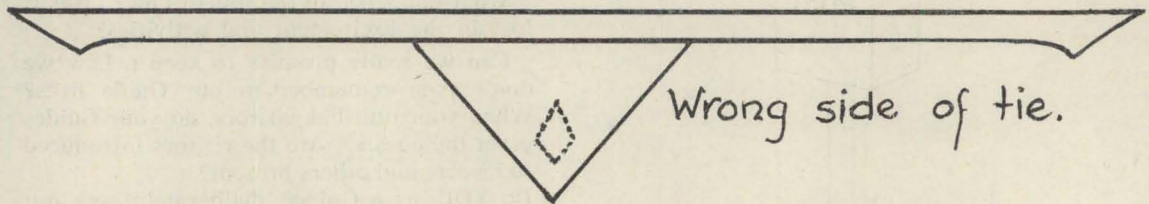
Next time you attend an event, try the old fashioned handshake and help put strangers, visitors and newcomers at their ease.

It's well worth it . . . otherwise you may just as well ignore the third, fourth and seventh Laws . . . and hang up your uniform!

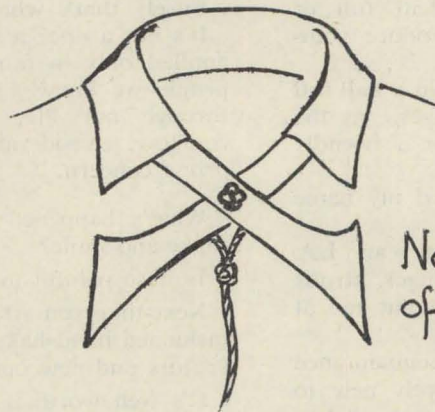
## 1st LONE GUIDES ARE 50

Ex-members of 1st Victorian Lone Guide company are asked to send names and present addresses to Miss A. Cockerell, 11 Ross Street, Northcote, 3070. Phone: 48 3404, so that reunion invitations may be posted.

## HOW TO WEAR THE GUIDE TIE



Put tie around neck under collar of blouse and cross ends so that right end is over left end. Pin badge in centre of crossover of tie. (Badge is not pinned through blouse.)



Notice straight ends of tie are vertical.

Note : Lanyard is worn under collar and under tie, with the knot showing about 1 inch below crossed ends of tie.

## MOTHER'S DAY

"Is Public Relations worthwhile, I have heard people ask?"

It is not for me to give an opinion but rather for you to judge after studying the following results of a recent Public Relations promotion.

During the week prior to Mother's Day, Westfields, the managing agents for Doncaster Shopping Town, asked the Guide Association to assist them in a gesture of appreciation to their patrons. Believing the giving of flowers to Mothers for the occasion of Mother's Day to be a worthwhile venture, the Association accepted this invitation and were also delighted with the opportunity to, simultaneously, promote the Guiding image.

Individuals were contacted, rosters arranged and by 9 a.m. on Monday, the "back room" girls were ready. From the trolley loads of white chrysanthemums, supplied each day by Westfields, we were to prepare separate blooms with each stem rolled in silver foil. Our uniformed members of the Movement then presented these blooms to Mothers, throughout the shopping centre. Volunteers were enthusiastic to participate in this venture. During the day adults were engaged in handing out flowers and after school hours were ably assisted by groups of both Guides and Brownies. The girls especially, found a certain challenge and sense of the unexpected as they went about the centre meeting the public and expressing their good wishes for Mother's Day.

Within the room which for a week was allocated to the Association as H.Q., there was a constant hive of activity. Figures dressed in blue and brown darted in and out of the servery, carrying an empty basket or one stacked high with strong scented chrysanthemums. Some of us were bewildered by the skill of those who prepared and twisted silver foil around the stems of innumerable flowers. But even fumbling fingers did not take long to master the art. From the total of 400 blooms produced on the first day we increased our output to 1400 by Friday, altogether approximately 6000 blooms were prepared. This was a marvellous achievement, though extremely tiring.

Those who ventured out to meet the public often came to view life through many different lights. They discovered sadness and

loneliness, which is so often associated with living, through only a brief conversation with an individual selected at random. The elderly lady, for instance, who had been approached by three different people on consecutive days eventually came to explain that she came each day to Shoppingtown, wheeling her empty trolley, just to sit in peaceful solitude and watch humanity go about its business. She had nowhere else to go.

We were shocked by one person who refused a flower because she considered it had probably fallen from a recent funeral procession. At first, those in the servery were filled with anger at this cruel remark which was addressed to a young Guide but it was realised that this particular person was probably very lonely and unhappy yet was not prepared to recognise this fact.

Another elderly lady came close to tears as she gratefully accepted a white flower. Explaining that she would be spending her Mother's Day alone she said that our small gift had made her feel she too had participated in the traditional festivity. It was inevitable that some people to whom flowers were given were not actually Mothers. Two old single sisters, for instance, became quite embarrassed and did not like to accept the gift but when it was suggested that they must have, at some time, mothered something they shyly mentioned their six very spoilt cats.

The message of good will apparently reached even the children. It was a very proud little pre-schooler who, after attracting the attention of one of our distributors, pointed to her mother who was inspecting articles in a nearby shop. With the simple words, "I want you to give one to my Mummy", the L.A. member was led into the shop. It is hard to describe the look of pleasure and appreciation that appeared on the faces of both mother and daughter.

Naturally, there were many abrupt refusals. A substantial number of these made one realise just how much damage commercialisation has caused to the community. People can no longer recognise a simple appreciative gesture as they have been conditioned into expecting some sort of catch associated with anything stated as free of charge. The two Scottish ladies who had not known of Guiding in Australia and another Mother's remark, "Oh, is that still

going?" makes us wonder where and why we in the Movement are hiding ourselves.

In conclusion, we feel that this venture has been extremely successful. Those who went out and met the public discovered life in a new and very thought provoking manner. They learnt about the problems of others and many began to appreciate in a greater way, their own life situation. Tolerance and patience were needed to carry out the job but all those who participated felt the cause worthwhile and rewarding. Westfields very generously made a donation to our "Watch Shoreham Grow" Fund for which we thank them sincerely. We feel that the image of Guiding has been now more widely spread within the community and are hoping that further Public Relations Promotions will find equal success.

—B.M.L.

### AUSTRALIAN PLANTS AND NATURE EXHIBITION

Organized by —

Society for Growing Australian Plants  
Camberwell Civic Centre,  
Camberwell Road, Camberwell

**SUNDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER —**

1.30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

**MONDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER —**

10 a.m. — 9 p.m.

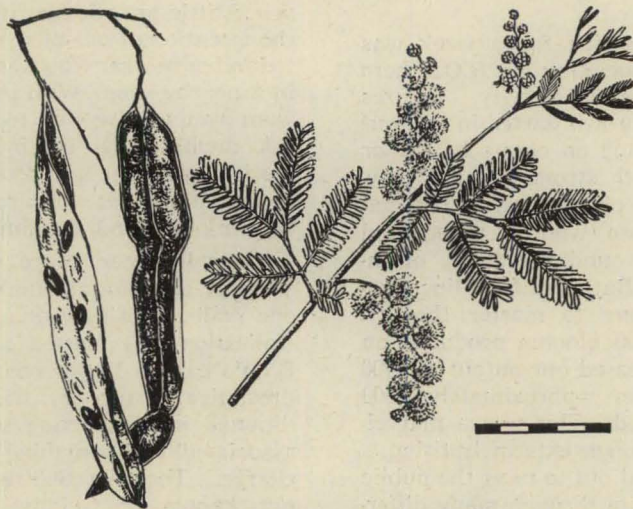
**TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER —**

10 a.m. — 9 p.m.

Flowers—Plants—Native Gardens—  
Seeds—Nature Displays—Information

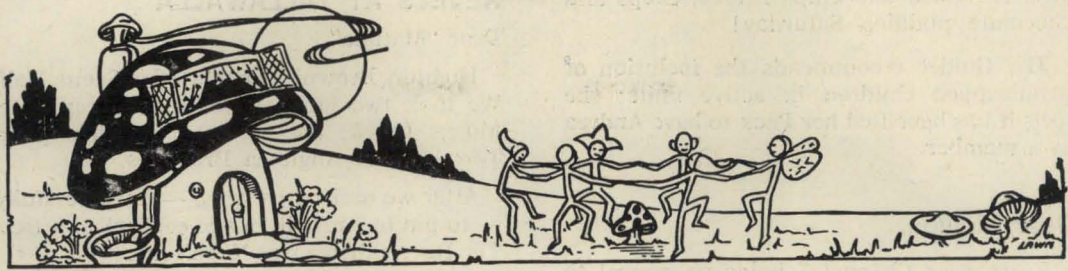
Adults 50 Cents Children 20 Cents

**ACACIA BAILEYANA** — the Cootamundra Wattle, was named after an Australian botanist. This wattle is a native of New South Wales; it is also a garden favourite in Victoria. It can be distinguished by the blue-green foliage, the leaflets of which are shorter and broader than those of the Silver Wattle. The blossom is composed of bright yellow balls, 20 or less to a stem. Flowering time is July and early August. The fruit is a pod.



(Block by courtesy of F. J. C. Rogers)





## REFLECTIONS ON RESIGNING AFTER FIVE AND A HALF YEARS AS A BROWNIE GUIDER

On being "conned" into starting a new pack: "It's only an hour a week of your time!"

On training sessions: The happy realisation that you weren't the only "dumb" one; the amazing patience and forbearance of Trainers; hilarity shared, help given and received; questions asked — "Why would we have a quiet game here in the programme?" and answers (then hardly appreciated) given, "Could it be Brown Owl is exhausted?"

On pack meetings: The disastrous ones and the ones that made it all seem worthwhile; the Christmas play made up by pack, which got bigger and better as it went along.

On Brownie occasions when hostess badges were being earned: Brownie Guide to Tester — "Do you like your tea black or coloured?"; on arriving home remarking to Brownie daughter how quiet and well behaved I thought pack had been, being very smartly told "Jenny and Heather told us if we didn't shut up and keep quiet we wouldn't get any cordial". Hot day too!

On Britannia Park Fete Day: Observation of a Brownie on seeing a limbless child in a wheel chair, "But she's happy, she's smiling". Thankfulness for sound arms and legs lesson learned, even if perhaps quickly forgotten; pack pleasure at seeing Brownie Cottage for the first time.

On District and Division meetings, conferences, revels and special occasions: Friendships made and fellowship shared; the marvellous L.A. members, who always did their best to "lend a hand".

Sincerest good wishes for the future of the movement and all concerned with it and to "Matilda" — I am renewing my subscription!

—L. Greig

## BROWNIE REVELS

Box Hill district had Boomerang Revels in the Laburnum Guide Hall grounds. The Revels were based on an Aboriginal theme. Many activities were arranged by the Guiders and helpers. Emu hunts, bark painting, cooking snakes, fishing, reading legends, corroborees, singing Australian songs, boomerang throwing and a few more. For afternoon tea we ate witchetty grubs and drank berry juice (twisties and cordial). A few Guides dressed up as aborigines. All the Brownies were painted up as aborigines. At the end we had Brownie Ring. It was an enjoyable day.

—Louise Coutts, 2nd Box Hill Pack

## ANDREA'S CHALLENGE

Happiness for one small member of the 3rd Mooroolbark Brownie Pack recently was receiving her Brownie Promise badge from "Wonga" the Region Commissioner for Acheron.

Andrea, who is a day pupil at the Yooralla School, Balwyn, first came to Brownie meetings in a wheel chair, but a few weeks ago, because she "wanted to walk like the other girls" graduated to a walking frame. She is now using crutches at home and eventually hopes to use these when she goes to Brownies. Her mother said she and her husband were delighted with the progress she has shown since she joined Brownies.

Andrea joins enthusiastically in all activities and inspires other members of the Pack to make their challenges harder as they see her overcome her difficulties. She is obviously popular with the other Brownies and already they are planning a Pack holiday weekend in October at Brownie Cottage with Brown Owl. So far the menu planned by the

girls is — fish and chips Friday, chops and chocolate pudding Saturday!

The Guider recommends the inclusion of handicapped children in active units; she feels it has benefited her Pack to have Andrea as a member.

### Dear Matilda,

Every year Channel 7 holds an appeal to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital. This year our Brownie pack decided we would like to help raise money so we got two tins. When everyone had had their turn Koala's husband took the tins up to the hospital. Our pack was surprised and delighted when we heard we had collected \$111.

—Helen Craig,  
1st Overport Brownie Pack

### REVELS AT TALLAWALLA

Dear "Matilda",

Highton Brownies met at the Scout Hall. We took two buses to Tallawalla campsite, Moggs Creek, the second bus picking up Torquay and Anglesea Brownies.

After we arrived we tried — unsuccessfully — to pin our rabbit (made earlier) to a tree. The Revels theme was Noah's Ark.

After lunch we passed through the Ark where Mr. and Mrs. Noah collected our five cents. We voted to give this to hungry people overseas. We divided into groups of animals and dressed in our costumes.

After games we had a drink and an apple, then returned by bus to the Scout Hall.

—Anne Stonehouse,  
1st Highton Brownie Guide Pack

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### R.Y.L.A.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards are an annual event given by sponsoring Rotary Clubs to any person (between the ages of 18 and 24 years) who are involved in any type of youth work.

I was fortunate enough to be chosen by Moorabbin Rotary. I have been involved in the Girl Guide Association for 12 years (having gained the Queen's Guide award) and now I am Brown Owl of 4th Cheltenham Brownie Pack.

The award was a week's seminar at Ormond College, Melbourne University, with full accommodation in the May holidays. There were 92 of us from all over Melbourne. It was surprising how many Guide and Scout leaders there were chosen.

We had an extremely full week of lectures, surveys and group work on adolescence, psychology, behaviour in the community, moral responsibility, drugs, alcohol, road safety, family life, etc. We also had the use of an art/craft room, the library, sporting facilities (including a heated pool). A cabaret, various parties and a mixed football

match were the highlights of our entertainment.

Besides broadening my outlook on how a community operates, the factor that most impressed me was the incredible FELLOWSHIP that developed during the week.

After it had finished everyone was enthusiastic to go back to their groups, more responsible, capable and aware of their group needs.

I know I shall never forget R.Y.L.A., for it was one of the greatest experiences of my life. (An experience that many other young Guide Leaders could attain.)

—Carol Knight,  
4th Cheltenham Brownie Pack



### TRAINING DEPARTMENT:

Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Hazel Riordan on being appointed Campcraft Team Member for Barree Region.

# TRAINING PAGES

Look alive, here we come.  
We've found the way, can you?  
There is a word for it,  
Giving ideas, roaming,  
Learning,  
Growing, understanding,  
Interests doing  
Exciting  
Come alive, Living is Good.

—by a member of the  
Promise and Law Workshop

## THE PROMISE AND LAW WORKSHOP

The workers enjoyed a happy, fruitful weekend and wished that more could have participated. We will try and fulfil that wish through these pages. One thing that came from the discussion was "Don't just talk about it — do something!"

Our theme was "TODAY'S WORLD". We began by thinking carefully about this. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S WORLD? IF YOU HAD TO PREPARE A DISPLAY ILLUSTRATING THIS WHAT WOULD YOU INCLUDE? IF YOU LOOK IN DAILY PAPERS YOU BEGIN TO THINK IT IS A GRIM PLACE, IS IT? KEEP SEARCHING AND YOU WILL FIND WONDERFUL ACTS OF KINDNESS, SINCERE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT A GOOD WORLD . . . IT DEPENDS ON WHERE WE STAND WHAT WE SEE IN TODAY'S WORLD. As leaders our outlook should be a wide one.



**ACTION.** During Workshop discussions, we spoke of the danger of "watering down" the **principle of Guiding** — the promise. Our promise calls for **action** in what we believe — action is a positive course that we should take. Can we **do** our Duty to God if we do not believe in God? Our group accepted the fact that there were people who wanted change, there were some among us, but we also accepted that we have promised and therefore we are committed to **do our duty**

to God, to serve the Queen, help other people and keep the Guide law. In discussion we tried to see how we, as individuals, could take a positive course of action, in keeping with our conscience and our peculiar personalities. (There were some who thought that they could be moved sufficiently on some issues to carry a banner!) When things are not what we feel are the best for our community do we sit back and leave it for the other fellow to correct it? When the other fellow **does** do something, **do we** take the trouble to say "thank you"?

After looking at our own personal understanding and attitude of the promise we thought about **our role** in helping the new-comer to understand a little before committing herself. The opportunities to give help seem to be through

- our example
- person to person discussion
- programming—our meetings
  - outings
  - hikes/camps/pack holidays
  - general activities
  - guides own services
  - attitudes and behaviour
  - within the group.

**N.B. — All the above applies both to the new adult leader as well as to the new girl.**

The question was raised — "What of the girl who knows nothing about God or the girl who says she does not believe, or the girl whose parents say they are strongly against a belief in God?" This is a question to which we find it very difficult to give a straight answer; we must be guided by each individual case — Guiding could be the opportunity for the girl to come to know God without her being told what she must believe . . . but whether there will be real conflict with the parents' belief we should take great care.

In many instances it would be better for that girl to join a club where she is not required to make such a promise as ours.

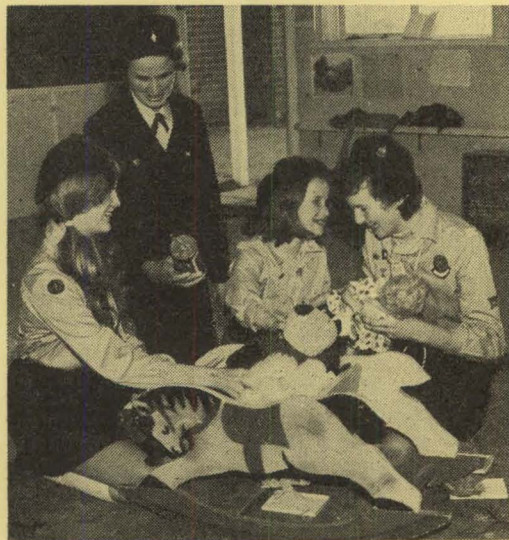
(SUNNY SUE ASKS "WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN OUR AREA WHICH MIGHT HELP SUCH A GIRL?")

What about the Guide who is having second thoughts about her belief? There is a need for someone to listen with understanding, to tell her, not what to believe, but how they too have moments of searching for the truth and how their belief has been strengthened.

**ASK YOURSELF — ARE YOU AVAILABLE AND APPROACHABLE WHEN SOMEONE WANTS TO TALK OVER PERSONAL PROBLEMS?**

**ARE YOU DISCREET AFTERWARDS?**

Well, a workshop is meant to be a place to get down to practical work so here are some of the things we did, try them for yourself, talk them over with the girls and other adult leaders, **adapt** them to suit.



## WORD PATTERNS

Do this yourself, no cheating, one step at a time.

1. Take up pencil and paper.
2. Make your mind a "blank".
3. When I say the word, write down EVERY word that comes easily to your mind . . . It is important to stop when the flow of words run out, do NOT start "thinking"

— ready?

the word is —

Promise

When you look back over the list you may find yourself chuckling over "odd" words that popped in and do not seem relevant. NOW take another piece of paper, put lines on it, about an inch long in the following pattern:

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Choose the third or fourth word from your list, place it on the first line, put two words on the next line and so on. Try to use words from your list but you may use conjunctions and vowels to help make sense out of it all. No real reason why you cannot include a "new" word.

When you try this with your unit, choose any word associated with the promise and one which you feel the age group can handle. To write the verse some girls **might** like to work with another. It is not a competition; the group at the workshop found it fascinating, satisfying fun — even those of us who did not think our efforts were very good.

(Sunny Sue, who is peering over my shoulder, has just given me her effort—

God  
 Giving Life  
 People Feeling Happiness  
 Queen Giving Reward Service  
 People Receiving Life  
 God Promises  
 Reward

Thank you, Sue.)

**Posters and slogans** are quite the thing today. Have you noticed the ones in the trams and buses? "Smile", "Do a Good Turn Today". See if our Guide laws suggest any others to you, it would be fun to share them with our fellow-citizens, can you think of a way? See if the girls can come up with something. Even a T.V. commercial. But please we are **Not** selling Guiding but the **standards** we endeavour to live by.

## THANKS

Ask the girls to list the things we could thank God for . . . then see if this prompts any course of action, perhaps each girl might take one word and write a prayer . . . or action might be taken in caring for these things.

Here is an idea to help the list-making: Write one letter under the other of the sentence "All Guides thank God every day" and see if the girls can come up with words beginning with those letters.

## CAMP/PACK HOLIDAY LAW

Make a game for playing in your camp/ pack holiday that would help develop a better understanding of the Guide laws.

Try it! e.g. A Treasure Hunt.

## OUTINGS

Has your unit gone on outings that would help develop their understanding of the Promise? R.S.V.P.C.A., Dogs for Blind School, Community Services, churches, flora and fauna reserves, etc.? Thought would need to be given beforehand of how to make such a visit effective for achieving the aim.



Now make up a teaching aid that could be used in an active, fun way to help the girls be aware of the opportunities they have for such action. Before you become completely lost in card, pictures and pen, think for a moment — how much do you need to do, could the girls do it themselves? If you thought your Rangers wouldn't want to use such aids might they be interested in helping another unit?

Examples:—

**Jig saws** 1. Picture on one side, words on the other. The made-up puzzle can be turned easily if it is placed on a stiff card and another card placed on the top, hands spread on both sides, turn quickly.

2. On a large sheet of card map out large jig saw pieces, centre one of them, write "I promise" in it. In the other pieces paste pictures or use word appropriate to the Promise at work in the unit. Some pictures could overlap lines.

Cut out jig saw and use it as a game.

## Concentration

Pairs of matching cards — could be pictures and words/slogans/laws, etc. Turn all upside down and spread out.

Each player takes it in turn to try and match cards, unmatched cards should always be returned to original place.

## Bingo

Each group or Guide has a card approximately 9 in. x 9 in. divided into nine squares — in each square is a picture illustrating the keeping of the promise in the unit.

The cards do not have to be the same for all.

The Guider has cards, 3 in. x 3 in., preferably in a different colour from the larger ones, on each is written a law or part of the promise. These are shuffled and read out one at a time, the player who can match it with a picture claims it and covers the appropriate square. The player to cover her card first is the winner. Allow for variation in interpretation of pictures and have extra cards. Some discussion may be provoked so allow time for it.

## Snakes and ladders

Draw a large snakes and ladders board (an old one might be altered to suit).

In the ladder squares make statements showing keeping of Promise and Law — "helped Guider carry in equipment", "polished the badge for promise ceremony", "contributed towards the Guides Own service". Snakes squares could have — "did not greet members on arrival", "did not write thank you letter to badge tester", "did not bring articles I said I would!"

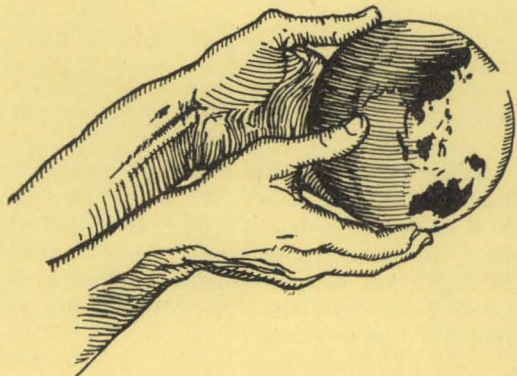
A variation to this is to use the board for provoking discussion and the statements are replaced by questions.

The closing for the weekend grew into a Guides Own service as the members depicted through word, song, music and action the following:—

"How big is the world? The world is as big as the distance from where I sit to the farthest distance where a man I know has his house. Beyond that, a grey cloud sits on the empty land."

"God has given us a world to live in that is full of beauties and wonders and he has given us not only eyes to see them but minds to understand them if we only have the sense to look at them in that light."

B.P.—T.C.O.



Dear Sue,

I really must take issue with portion of the article "Ranger Guider Quiz" (May "Matilda").

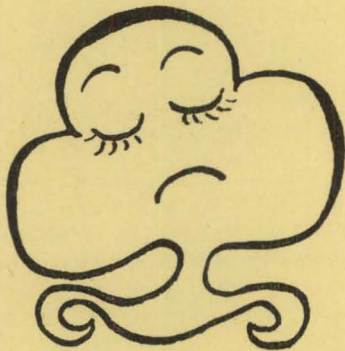
My "hackles" are well and truly raised! Why, for goodness sake, **SHOULDN'T** my back seat be comfortable? Why shouldn't I be sure about it? And, how on earth could I possibly **NOT** know, if it wasn't?

And besides, I don't think my tactics need changing, and I consider that "doing" things with my Rangers is more important than sitting eternally in the background. And as for "masterful inactivity" — I ask you — there's a contradiction for you if ever there was one.

Why don't these writers take a pull at themselves and stop being so darned superior? No wonder they remain anonymous!

Yours, in high dudgeon,

**Disgruntled Guider**



Dear D.G.,

Of course I **NEVER** feel superior but I think "those" trainers **WILL** be pleased. You made me rush to the May issue, before my time dear, and now I am hunting through the Ranger Guider handbook — good work and isn't the last sentence — page 104 — reassuring?

Sue

**TRUE? . . .**

Today we all seem to be looking to Government to do more and more for us — from the well-to-do businessman to the old-age pensioner. If we get into a jam, whether from sheer bad luck or because of our own mistakes, we expect the Government to help us out.

It was once held that the job of democratic Government was to provide a basis of law and order leaving us free to go about our own concerns. Now we expect the Government to look after us from the womb to the tomb, to guarantee us with a job, to subsidise business, to fix wages and salaries (at the levels we want them), to look after our health and to care for us in our old age.

In other words, we want Government to act as a benevolent Big Brother, to protect us not merely from the cold winds of circumstance but even from our personal frailties.

Are we all getting tired of carrying our own burdens? Perhaps in seeking a kind of risk-free existence we are chasing a shadow. Perhaps the real joy of living lies in manfully accepting life on its own terms, taking responsibility for our own decisions and accepting the penalties of our own errors. There is, after all not much nobility, not much to be proud of, in knowing that every time we stumble, Big Brother is there waiting to set us back on our feet. That is not the way to develop self-reliance and character.

We all agree that a modern Government should do everything it can to promote equality of opportunity and protect the more luckless members of society. But one must wonder whether a society in which Government has a finger in pretty well every pie will lead to greater happiness and better human beings. One must question whether this is the road to a productive economy and a better Australian living standard.

In any case what could be more boring than having a life virtually mapped out for us from the cradle to the grave?

The most secure place in the world, as someone said, is the penitentiary.

—from "Facts" published by the  
Institute of Public Affairs

**GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF  
AUSTRALIA  
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT LEADER**

**Project**

In high density and Housing Commission Homes areas.

Some of these areas tend to have social problems to which Guiding could appear to offer some solution.

**Duties**

To assist with the development of all facets of Guiding in the inner urban area of Melbourne, Victoria.

**Qualifications**

Experienced Leader in Youth Organisation; Social Worker; or equivalent.

Special requirement is initiative with enthusiasm and a good knowledge of Guiding.

This appointment offers challenge and responsibility.

**Term of Appointment**

This could be possible on a part-time basis.

**Salary**

Good basic salary will be negotiated. Allowances for transport in own car and other expenses.

**Applications**

To the Australian Secretary,  
Girl Guides Association of  
Australia,  
G.P.O. Box 675,  
Sydney, N.S.W., 2001.

Openings will also be available for similar work in other States. For any further information apply to The Australian Secretary.

**BRITANNIA PARK — STOP PRESS**

Unfortunately charges for use of Britannia Park have had to be raised:

**Guide House** — 60c per head per 24 hours or part thereof.

**Brownie Cottage** — 60c per head per 24 hours or part thereof.

**Site Charges** — 25c per head per 24 hours or part thereof.

This includes use of water, toilet or Lat. Trench.

**Day Visitors** — 10c per head, payable to Warden's wife, Mrs Fraser, on arrival.

Full details will follow in the next issue.

**M. F. Tucker**, Convenor

**ONE DOLLAR**

In these days of rising prices and higher costs, just what can one dollar do?

Just how far can one dollar go?

If you are a member of "Friends of World Centres", your dollar can go a very long way. Your dollar can, and will, go to Mexico, India, England and Switzerland.

Your dollar will be used to help to meet the costs of repairs, wages, and other daily expenses at the four World Centres of Guiding and Girl Scouting. Your dollar will help to keep down the charges, so that Guides and Girl Scouts from all over the world may continue to be able to afford to visit, holiday at, and train at these centres.

Your dollar will help to strengthen and lengthen links of Friendship around the world.

Your dollar will enable you to receive three newsletters each year that will let you know what is happening at the World Centres.

One dollar is the membership subscription fee for "Friends of World Centres".

Your "Friendship" will make one dollar go a long, long way.

If you would like to become a member of "Friends of World Centres", please send \$1 to — Miss M. Callister, 7/43 Buckley Street, Essendon, 3040.

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**THE MELBOURNE GANG SHOW** presents its twenty-first show, commencing on 31st August. Other performances will be given on Saturday, 1st September (matinee and evening), Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Saturday 8th (matinee and evening).

As always, much of the material comes from Ralph Reader's London Gang Show, now in its forty-first year, but there is plenty of local material too.

The Show visits Holland (skaters and all), a German Beer Hall and a Paris Boulevard.

You can book individual seats or blocks of 10, through the Melbourne Sports Depot, 121 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

Blocks of 10 are also available through all Scout Shops and the Guide Office.

# MATILDA NOTICES....

## THANKS

"Matilda" and all associated with her production are most appreciative of all greetings and thoughts which have come to her on the occasion of her 50th birthday.

### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.

Thanks too to the L.A. Conference (Mt. Waverley L.A., convenors) and to the Guide Guiders' Conference (and organising committee) for the most attractively decorated and delightfully cooked birthday cakes.

We now look forward to 1973/74 and coming years.

## COMING EVENTS

It has been suggested that "Matilda" again try to publish a Coming Events column.

Information will need to be in "Matilda's" hands at least by the 1st of the month which is two months before the month in which your function will be held.

This will allow for editing, printing, postage and distribution.

Region, Division and District functions only will be included — with dates only. It will not be possible to include details.

Information to Editor, "Matilda", 2/90 Yarrbat Avenue, Balwyn, 3103.

## FOR INFORMATION OF ALL READERS

Articles for "Matilda" must be in the Editor's hands by the 1st of each month for the next month's issue (e.g. 1st May for June issue).

Please include the name and address of the sender inside the envelope — not just the name of the unit.

"Matilda" receives a number of articles about activities such as Queen's Guide badge presentations. Please understand it will usually be necessary to cut such articles — and the planning of functions is of more interest to readers than a report of the actual evening.

## INTERNATIONAL CYPRUS

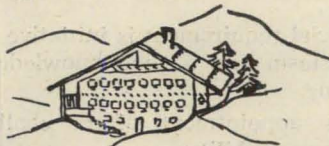
The Girl Guides of Cyprus have acquired their own home and are ready to welcome Guides and friends from all parts of the world.

The "Guide House" is very close to the sea-shore, only five minutes from the famous Famagusta Beach with the golden sands.

The rent is 60 drachmas (about A\$1.50) daily and you can do your own cooking to save costs.

During the day you can visit all the island's beautiful spots and return to the house by night.

If you are interested please write to; Famagusta Girl Guides, P.O. Box 542, Famagusta, Cyprus.



## OUR CHALET — 3715 ADELBODEN, SWITZERLAND

Summer Season, 1974: 1st June-4th October

1st-13th June: FRIENDS OF OUR CHALET AND TREFOIL GUILDS: This session primarily for Friends of Our Chalet and Trefoil Guilds/St. George's Guilds. Husbands welcome and will be accommodated in a nearby Chalet. This is a time when spring flowers are at their best.

16th-27th June: HOLIDAY SESSION.

30th June-11th July: HOLIDAY SESSION.

14th-25th July: HOLIDAY SESSION and MOUNTAIN WALKING AND CLIMBING SESSION FOR BEGINNERS. 20 places reserved for participants between 18-30 years of age who are keen to take part in long mountain walks and simple climbing. No climbing experience is necessary but participants must be used to walking and physically fit.

28th July-8th August: HOLIDAY SESSION.

11th-22nd August: HOLIDAY SESSION AND ADVANCED MOUNTAIN WALKING AND CLIMBING SESSION: 15 places reserved for participants who are used to strenuous walking in the mountains and have tried simple climbing. Instruction in rock climbing and in walking on glaciers will be given.



25th August-5th September: MUSIC AND SONG SESSION. Further information available September, 1973.

8th-21st September: SEMINAR FOR YOUNG ADULTS. Further information available September, 1973.

24th September-4th October: HEAD-QUARTERS' PARTIES — HOLIDAY SESSION. Autumn in the mountains is very beautiful and weatherwise the safest time of year. It is hoped that help might be given to individuals who would like to come to Our Chalet, but find it too expensive and too difficult to come on their own — perhaps organised parties for this session.

The ordinary HOLIDAY SESSIONS are open to members over 14 years of age. All programme is based on the out-of-doors.

#### Winter Season, 1973-1974: 22nd December-16th March and 3rd-17th April

In winter Our Chalet has no special sessions and groups and individuals may apply for any dates between 22nd December and 16th March. The main programme is skiing and ski instruction is given daily free of charge by Our Chalet staff. To benefit most from a stay at Our Chalet in winter, applicants should be encouraged to stay for at least eight-ten days. After 10th January we always have room and it is hoped that this fact will become known so more members, past and present, will come to Our Chalet and enjoy an active holiday in the mountains.

20th January-2nd February: INTERNATIONAL SKIING HOLIDAY. Some individuals find it too difficult and too expensive to come to Our Chalet on their own, but perhaps organised parties could be arranged.

3rd-16th March: FRIENDS OF OUR CHALET AND SKI TOURING WEEK. This session is intended for Friends of Our Chalet, Trefoil Guild Members and others who are interested in a skiing holiday. Weather permitting ski tours will be organised for the more experienced skiers.

3rd-17th April: EASTER. Skiing will be our main programme also during the Easter holidays.

DAY VISITORS: Approximately 3500 people visit Our Chalet during the year. Day visitors are always welcome when the Chalet is open. It would, however, be appreciated if they (and the leaders of groups especially)

would notify the Guider-in-Charge in good time of their intended visit.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR CHALET IS CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS FOR CLEANING AND HOLIDAYS AND NO DAY VISITORS CAN BE SHOWN ROUND:

16th March-3rd April, 17th April-1st June, 4th October-22nd December.

During the holidays only urgent mail will be answered and a three-four week delay can be expected.



#### VICTORIAN POST BOX

Dear Leaders,

The first issue of "Matilda" this year contained an article urging leaders to tell their Brownies, Guides and Rangers about Post Box and the opportunities available for making friends through correspondence.

Thank you, leaders, for responding so well. For quite a few months the number of requests for pen friends increased tremendously.

But Australia still receives more requests from overseas than we can fill. England is still the country that waits longer than any other for Australian pen friends.

So it is necessary to continue reminding your girls about Post Box.

There are still a lot of requests for French pen friends. These are impossible to obtain. But, providing the girl making the request can read and write French, a link can be obtained with a French-Canadian.

Most requests are satisfied fairly quickly. The ones who have to wait are the ones who ask for difficult countries. A lot of time is wasted quite often waiting to hear from the country concerned. My advice is for a girl to ask for "ANY" (or to give one or two choices of) country.

Brownies can only write overseas through a Pack Link.

There is no limit to the number of requests that can be made by one person. But I do need the name, address, the date of birth and a stamped self-addressed envelope for each request.

Hoping to receive stacks of mail from you all.

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

# THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION SECTION



## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"If we extend the gift of friendship, we enable others to relax and become themselves."

## L.A. CONFERENCE — "NATURAL RESOURCES"

The 18th State Conference of Local Associations held recently in the Moorabbin Town Hall emphasised the theme with particular reference to People.

Our State President, Lady Delacombe, in declaring the Conference officially open, expressed great pleasure at being present to extend a warm welcome to all interested and concerned in Guiding, particularly those who had travelled from country areas. Lady Delacombe went on to say — "What a remarkably successful youth movement Guiding is. It is one that has proved itself over many, many years. I am sure the reason why it is so successful is that it is backed up by the Local Associations, made up from people who really care about youth and who are not prepared to see them drift through lack of interest.

Active members like you who make such a valuable contribution in a voluntary capacity are as precious as gold and I hope your reward is to see girls take their place in the world better equipped than their counterparts who have not had the good fortune to belong to this family of Guiding. I hope, however difficult it might be in the future, you will always be able to maintain your Associations, and by your example that those, equally concerned about youth, will give their time and serve as loyally as you do. As in all youth movements, money plays a very big part, and even the constant fund-raising activities by the Local Associations do not cover the ever increasing costs. Because of this, there is a tendency in some areas to raise money by implementation of levies on the parents. This is most regrettable, as one of the far-reaching and more serious repercussions will be that Guiding will cease to serve the smaller income families, in fact those who would benefit more than most from what Guiding has to offer. . ."

The District Commissioner of Mt. Waverley read the opening prayer concluding "Slow me down Lord, inspire me to sink my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values".

Among apologies received were those of Miss Margaret Shaw, well-known to you all as Editor of "Matilda", who was overseas at the time of the Conference.

In her letter of good wishes, Mrs. Renshaw Jones included the happy message — "Greet the member in front of and behind you, rather than the friend next to you".

Discussion on the 8-Point Plan was on a wide scope . . . "It is a wonderful plan; let us have a Positive Mental Attitude and give of our best to fairly try it out, always having in mind there are two sides to every question. Guiders need to participate in training to be able to best instil into the girls the use of the new plan; contact between Headquarters and country areas is most desirable."

Our State Commissioner, Mrs. F. S. Grimwade, especially stressed to all sections that if you have difficulties or matters of concern, you contact Headquarters to discuss them before they can become a problem of magnitude. Use your Natural Resources, people who are qualified, interested and willing to help, employing the greatest of all Public Relations — communication — the spoken word, the kindly gesture, so that working in unity we can go from strength to strength in this great youth movement.

Mr. K. G. Colhoun, Hon. Treasurer, explained the financial aspect of the Association in Victoria, saying that ways of counteracting rising costs and rising wages will soon have to be found, and that annual subscriptions may have to be raised in the near future.

Mrs. D. O. Oldfield, Assistant State Commissioner, spoke about the L.A. Section in "Matilda" and said that her committee would be glad to know what everyone would really like to see printed in this Section — e.g. exchange of ideas, recipes, quotations — and this is one avenue where Publicity Secretaries can help.

Mrs. Oldfield proposed the Birthday Toast to "MATILDA" and all joined in the singing of Happy Birthday to celebrate her Golden Jubilee Year. In the absence of Miss Shaw, Mrs. Grimwade was asked to accept a Birthday Cake from Mt. Waverley District, on behalf of all Victorian Local Associations, with best wishes and in appreciation of all that the people at Headquarters do for Guiding, together with a replica cake for Miss Shaw when she returns. Mrs. Grimwade accepted the cake, saying it was a lovely thought and she knew everyone at Headquarters would enjoy it.

Miss Enid Bunning, a visitor to the 21st World Conference in Canada in 1972, said she was very happy to share some of her experiences there. Time was all too short to cover fully her wonderful adventure but she passed on the message that the matter of development should be the best life possible for as many people as possible, using people as the greatest factor of all Natural Resources.

Mrs. A. J. Turnbull, Assistant State Commissioner, outlined plans for the Fair to be held at Britannia Park on Saturday, 17th November, asking for assistance to man and stock the stalls, organise amusements, and assist with catering arrangements. Proceeds will be shared between Britannia Park and the new Shoreham Campsite.

The Rt. Hon. John G. Gorton, C.H., M.P., our guest speaker, asked — "What are our Natural Resources? Some that come to mind are mineral deposits, oil wells, timber reserves and forests. . . Of equal importance are clean air, translucent streams in which fish can naturally live, large virgin bushlands and clean beaches, so that those who live in the land can live in a way all men and women are meant to live. . .

To utilise all these Natural Resources, it is important that we have People and it is incumbent to see that we look after them to the best advantage of the present and future generations. We must always pay attention that we leave sufficient capacity for renewal and regeneration of Natural Resources. . . We need to teach people with historical illustrations the damage man can do, and has done, to his environment. We need a true community to provide an opportunity during the period of education for talent and interest to be developed in the young, and that is what I think the Guides are particularly

interested in inculcating in their young; they would have a feeling that there was a community outside themselves which was as important or more important than they were — the desires of which, in many cases, were more important than their own desires, inculcating in them the true fact that working in happy conjunction with other people for a common end is a very rewarding and very satisfying thing to do."

Mrs. E. W. Anderson ably summed up all aspects of the Conference and thanked Mt. Waverley District Local Association for their efficient organisation and Templestowe Catering Committee for their great effort.

Please send contributions to Mrs. D. O. Oldfield, 4 Embling Road, Malvern, 3144.



"I belong to the P.T.A., League of Women Voters, Legion Auxiliary; I'm a Den Mother, Brownie Leader . . . now, what have you got in mind?"

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## 2nd ABERFELDIE GUIDE COMPANY

On the weekend we went to Britannia Park and camped on Somers Campsite. On Saturday when we arrived we were very busy setting up our site and helping Q.M. in the cookhouse. In the night time we had a campfire with some other Guides. On Sunday we had our Guides Own in the quiet place which was very peaceful. In the afternoon we had an exciting wide game. Then on Monday it looked like rain so we started to pack up, after lunch it just poured and poured.

## THE MATARANKA GUIDE AND BROWNIE CAMP AT DUNOLLY

As we drove up to the camp it was raining and quite cold. On the verandah of the building was Mrs. Linton to welcome us to Mataranka. It was really a great welcome because the fire was going also.

The hut contained nearly every facility including **wonderful showers**, a laundry, kitchen, large room with tables for eating and a piano one end of the room, a fire place in the middle and a couple of bunks at the other end. The hut also contained two bedrooms (one with a telephone) and there was also another room which contained all the tent equipment, etc.

We were out in the bush and it was so relaxing there. We erected our tents out the back of the hut. The hut could manage to bed all of us except we all wanted to sleep outside.

While at the camp we enjoyed ourselves immensely. A lady came nearly every day to collect all the waste foods, etc.

We were only four miles away from Dunolly and 33 miles from Bendigo. We could easily go into town and buy fresh foods. It was in an ideal position for a camp with its tall slender gums all around us and we were left alone to enjoy the peacefulness yet we weren't far from civilisation.

On the last night Mrs. Linton came out and so did the Brown Owl of the Dunolly Brownie pack. That night they taught us some fabulous new songs and we really enjoyed ourselves.

If you want a great place to camp go to Mataranka at Dunolly!

—Susan Brown,  
1st Violet Town Guide Company

## KANYANYA 1973

Kanyanya?

It is an aboriginal word which means "friendly gathering", and in this case it was the annual "get together" of the Guides from the North Metropolitan Region. It is a day of learning new skills, handcrafts, cooking, first aid, pioneering and of course being subjected to an assault course.

All scouting activities were set up by the Senior Scouts of the Hoadley area; the handcrafts were demonstrated by Guiders and Rangers. The basic programme consisted of a "round robin", where the different groups spent approximately one hour on each activity. This way all Guides were given an opportunity to take part in the real thrills.

The venue was 4th Keilor Scout Hall and grounds, set high on the banks of the Marybyrnong River, at the eastern entrance to Keilor township.

The activity area covers three-four acres of open park land; there were just about sufficient trees for the Senior Scouts to set up an assault course consisting of a "mini-mountaineering course", an assault net, fireman's chair lift, trestle climb, a nine-foot high assault wall, and all of these really tested the Guides' determination.

Some Guides could not be moved from the mountaineering course (including some adventurous Guiders who were determined that their egos would not be deflated).

Another activity area had demonstrations of first aid, bushcraft, pioneering, pancake making, fire lighting with sticks (liberally treated with condies crystals and sugar).

In the first aid area, Guides who had gained their first aid badges gave instructions in how to deal with many emergencies — the patients being the long suffering Seniors once again.

The pancake and twist mixtures seemed either too watery or too stiff, but the end results were apparently edible, with no reports of any digestive upsets.

The pioneering demonstration consisted of the building of "A" frames and applying them to different uses — such as bridge building, transporting and throwing Guides across imaginary rivers. This was really a trap, as the area covered was only a few feet and could have spelt disaster for the unwary, had there been a little mud around.

The craft section of "Kanyanya" taught most Guides new skills — from collage making with seeds and glue to the spectacular ultra-violet painting, where more paint appeared on the floor than on the paper.

At midday lunch was prepared with each district having a particular theme country. The countries were Austria, Denmark, Jamaica, Spain, Israel and India. The culmination came when the best set tables were granted awards, and the best dressed Guides became Kanyanya Queens. The day well deserves the name Kanyanya and involves the co-operation of both Guide and Scout movements. They both learn something of the other's activities.

—Christeen Ball, 1st Jacana

## **CAMBERWELL SOUTH DIVISION CHURCH SERVICE**

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear after a week filled with the vagaries of winter and the added frustrations of a power strike. Thank you, God, for a lovely day! This was the day of our annual Division Church Service.

The four Districts take it in turn to assist with the Service, and Churches of different denominations are visited each year — last year, the Catholic Church and now, the Anglican Church. Half an hour before commencement of the service, some of us arrived at the Church, built to hold 220 in comfort or 250 if people-moved-up. Orders of Service

were put along the pews. By 2.45 (Service at 3 p.m.), crowds of Guides, Brownies, Guiders and parents were arriving, so seats were arranged in the narthex to take the obvious overflow. The Church was packed; someone counted 390! People had moved uplikethis.

Guests were seated: Mayor and Mayoress of Camberwell, Assistant State Commissioner Jean Oldfield, Region Commissioner Rosemary Hepburn, our ex-Guider who gave 50 years of uniformed service to Guiding, and Scouting personnel.

The Vicar's strong voice led the singing — all praise to him for his unstinting help; and grateful thanks to the accomplished organist, who also freely gave of his time and talents. The Colour parties moved slowly up the aisle; 16 Guides with impeccable uniforms, badges gleaming. Ceremonial was perfect, due to the efficiency of a very reliable Guide Guider from Camberwell/Hartwell.

The participants from Ashburton District controlled their "butterflies" admirably — the very new Guide Guider, her voice strong and true, and the sweet faced Brownie Guider with gentle voice, gave the readings from Scriptures a depth of meaning which even small Brownies could appreciate. Members from each section renewed their Promise, and offered prayers — led by two Brownie Guides, shining long hair tied back with neat ribbons; two Guides, in faultless uniform; two Ranger Guides, well groomed, with clear young voices. The District Commissioner, dependable and unruffled, led the intercessions.

An inspiring address was given by Mrs. Shirley MacPhee, who reminded us of the poverty of spirit abroad in the world today; who exhorted us to do our best — near enough is not good enough — and whose message was forceful, yet simple enough to reach the smallest Brownie. The service reached a climax with the receiving back of the Colours, the National Anthem and the Benediction. We spilled out into the winter sunshine, smiling faces everywhere, in animated conversation — happy in the knowledge that something very worthwhile had taken place. God's in His Heaven — let's help make all right with the world.

## NOTES FROM A TALK GIVEN AT THE 1972 COMMISSIONERS' OPEN DAY

I would like to tell you about my own Company—1st VICTORIAN LONE GUIDE CO.—which started in 1923. I've been its Leader for about the last 18 months. This was not my first contact with Lones, as I was enrolled as a Lone Guide in 1927 and even then appreciated the help given by actives when Guiders, Guides and Brownies came from Northcote to Mernda and showed a Lone Patrol there something more than "Guiding on Paper."

I have eight Guides—two Patrols—and if you know your Victoria you'll know just where they come from—Picola, Yackandandah, Tomahawk Creek, Irrewillipe East, Glenaroua and Beech Forest. In all cases, though the girls may attend a function or meeting anything up to 20 miles away, the nearest ones cannot manage a weekly Guide meeting.

The help and co-operation given each of my Guides by the "actives" in their areas has helped the company so much, and I'd like Commissioners to thank any Leader in her area if she helps Lones in any way.

Our work is done by correspondence, a "Budget" being sent to each P.L. every month. She keeps it five days, notes any items she wishes to and posts it to her P.S., who does likewise, and eventually I get it back.

We try to fit into each Budget a varied programme, including 8-point work or discussions, badge work, Just for fun, and so on, with a blank page for each P.L. to write to her Patrol—she puts words of encouragement, a "Hurry up, and send the last Budget on" if it happens to be slow in returning to me, and usually something of what she has been doing. Answers to the previous Budget and replies to each Guide's letter to me does take up some space and time, but everyone reads the whole budget and, what is more, the WHOLE FAMILY reads it, and I've had comments that "Dad couldn't work that out" or "Both mum and dad always read the Budget, if they have time." This means co-operation of parents, which I feel is a great help to our Guiding.

In one area I have three sisters and they have been "adopted" into a Company about

20 miles away. One letter I received told of an invitation to attend "MY" active P.L.'s Queen's Guide badge presentation. The feeling of belonging is there, even though all the Guides are loyal to their own Lone Company. Guides have spoken to Packs and Companies about Lones, and had articles inserted in local papers (both of these being part of Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Challenge).

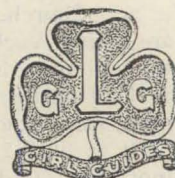
Our Company works on a yearly subscription of \$3 per Guide which may not sound very much, but when you take into consideration that each Guide posts on a 12c or 18c Budget to her next in the Patrol, writes to her P.L. from time to time, writes to me each month with replies to Budget, articles, decorations and news for a Budget, this could double that amount—AND she gets only 11 meetings per year.

Eight may sound a small number, but it is all I can cope with, as apart from the Budget there is quite a bit of correspondence with active helpers and the girls, and, often, parents.

I'm wondering if the active leaders in areas where there are Lone Guides ever think of NOT seeing their Guides. In our Budgets we aim to tell the girls of functions we have attended, just as they tell us, but whereas the Guides do occasionally attend a meeting, Leaders seldom have the opportunity. In fact, unless they are invited they cannot, and often times parts of active programmes could be made to fit into a Budget and also bring a Lone Guider up to date with present programming.

I also feel that some L.A. Members may be interested in Lones and I'm sure that something of our functioning and activities could be told to them if arrangements were made through our Lone Adviser.

—A. COCKERELL.



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15 Years — Mrs. B. Haby (Geelong-St. Andrew's); Mrs. S. McKay (Ararat); Mrs. J. Munro (Strathmerton); Mrs. M. A. Elliott (Underbool).  
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A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

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### SWAN HILL GOLDEN JUBILEE

Many were the directions Exies came from, to join our celebrations, during the Queen's Birthday weekend. Loud were the squeals at the informal gathering on Saturday afternoon, as recognition dawned; and "Ooh, do you remember?" as the old photos were viewed.

In the evening over 300 people packed the hall for the social which included dancing, games for the children, items, a campfire led by "Camp Wirake" Guides, and a parade of 40 uniforms of the world, modelled by the present day Guides and Brownie Guides.

Sunday afternoon was the formal occasion — a Guides' Own, preceded by a march on of fourteen flags which were presented to our State Commissioner, Mrs. Joan Grimwade. These included the original Union Jacks which had been given to the 1st Swan Hill, and the Woorinen, companies. Welcome was extended to the Mayor and Mayoress,

the Shire President and his wife, the District Scout Commissioner and his wife, as well as the Grimwade family at this function.

Our jubilee cake was lit by the present Leader of 1st Co., Mrs. K. Medlin, together with the youngest Guide in that Company, Janet McAlpine; they were extinguished by Mrs. Grimwade, and the cake was cut by the Captain of the very first Company, Mrs. G. Pearce (formerly Miss Jean Gillespie).

Items followed the Guides' Own, and to conclude the afternoon, the girls active in 1973 had displays around the hall, ready to show those who had returned, the type of things in which they participate today.

Before leaving for home, Mrs. Grimwade planted a tree at the Swan Hill Guide Hall, to commemorate Fifty Years of Guiding in the Division.

### A Verse From a Local Folk (?) Song

State Commiss, Commiss, she really is a dish  
Her name is Joan, from Melbourne town —  
Welcome to Swan Hill's Golden Jubilee  
She adds a brilliance to our crown.

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on  
the Guides, Brownies, leaders and friends  
who have joined us here in Swan Hill to  
celebrate our 50 years of Guiding.

Please help us everyday to keep our  
Promise and obey our Laws, and watch over  
us in all our work and play.

Thank you for all past blessings and we  
pray that you will bless the future for all  
Brownies, Guides and leaders not only in  
Swan Hill Division but all over the world.

Amen.

—Karen Richards,  
3rd Swan Hill Brownie Pack

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