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**T**O all of you wherever you may be spending Christmas we send our love and best wishes.

**M**AY it not only be a time of joy and happiness but a time of caring, caring for all members of the community as well as our own families and friends.

*Joan E. Grimwade*

*Lynette Turnbull*

*Jean Oldfield*

*Peg Barr*

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## From our STATE COMMISSIONER



Dear Members and Friends,

This must surely have been one of the busiest months this year, with many school activities as well as Guide ones. I have been kept active following Ann's interests, choral festival, school fete, show entries and finally a music exam, and both the boys have had athletic sports.

The Queen's Guide and Queen's Scout Presentation was excellent, a superb day — beautiful setting and extremely well turned out and attractive young people. They were all a credit to their families and their leaders. I was sorry not to be able to return to Headquarters to meet the parents, but we had to race back to the Seymour Show which Fred opened.

The Queen's Guides' Own the following day with its very inspiring theme, My Way — The Promise, was particularly lovely and I am sure meant a great deal to all girls and families present. The whole weekend was a very wonderful one in all ways.

The Annual Meeting of State Council was on Monday, 8th. We had Professor Harlan Ritchie, an American cattle judge, staying that night which posed a problem, so Fred had a gentleman's dinner party and I organised a caterer to cook the meal. I ate

my baked beans and left the house full of wonderful sights and smells!

The meeting was well attended and at the extraordinary meeting held just before, changes to the constitution were passed. It was later decided that a small committee should look into the whole constitution.

The Annual Report and Financial Statement was approved for presentation to the Annual Meeting of the Association. Mr. Colhoun explained our financial situation very clearly and also the necessity for the rise in annual subscriptions.

The meeting finished with Mrs. Shirley MacPhee telling us about her work as National Development Leader, which everyone found most interesting and stimulating.

Next day I attended the Annual Meeting of the Ministering Children's League, of which Mrs. Grimwade was the President. I was asked to go in uniform and special mention was made of the help given by the Guides and Rangers at the Cottage by the Sea at Queenscliff.

The agenda for the Executive Meeting did not seem very long, but as usual items for Australian Executive took up much time.

Mrs. H. Grandin has found it necessary to resign as Training Adviser from the end of the year for family reasons. Hazel has done a marvellous job and we shall miss her guidance. The new Training Adviser is to be Mrs. P. Thiele. I am very happy that Phyl has agreed to take on this position and I am confident that the Training Department will continue to flourish under her very capable leadership.

We were delighted that Miss Margaret Callister (Ranger), Mrs. Coralie Caple (Brownie), and Mrs. Mavis Thompson (Guide) have qualified for their Training Certificates.

Mrs. M. Anderson has accepted nomination as the Association's representative on the National Committee of UNICEF.

Mrs. R. Kellett has been appointed Guide Liaison for Jamboree on the Air.

Mrs. N. Larbey is our representative on the National Safety Council following the resignation of Mrs. Milner.

Final arrangements for the Annual Meeting were discussed.

Fred and I were delighted to attend the Dandenong Region "Get Together" of Commissioners and Team Members, and their husbands. It was great fun to get to know everyone and also enjoy a delicious meal. I do not know that I was so very popular when I told them they were losing their Region Commissioner to become Training Adviser. I am sure though sad they really were delighted.

I was very pleased to see such an excellent crowd at the Annual Meeting. Although it did not run as smoothly as I had hoped, many people have said it was a happy meeting!! I only hope so.

"In the Dreamtime" presented by Deepdene was marvellous and a great credit to the leaders and girls involved.

I am very grateful to everyone who worked so very hard towards the success of this evening.

Gerald Lyons' Talk Back Session was another most unusual experience. He was most interested in what Guides do now — commented on the change in uniform since his Scouting days. Marj. Lane and Peg Barr gave me great moral support and it was fun to talk to some of Gerald's listeners and our members. We appear to have interested a few people so the morning was a success. If we can get one or two leaders from each of these P.R. activities then they are well worth while.

You will all be thinking about holidays and Christmas. I hope you all have a very enjoyable break after a busy year.

Thank you one and all for your wonderful work over this year and for your continued support and encouragement.

With love and very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

*Joan E. Grimwade*

Kabul, Afghanistan,

Miss Lillian Mitchell, M.B.E., J.P.,  
Australian Secretary,  
Girl Guides Association of Australia,

Dear Miss Mitchell,

Attached is a copy of our letter to the World Bureau regarding the assistance you have again extended to our Guides.

We are very grateful that you have thought of our Guides very often in your international goodwill programme. I am hopeful that the Guides will be able to do much on their own before long.

You may be interested to know that the "Boomerang Bus" (Land Rover) has served our association very well and is still going strong. The head of our Guide Section and 12 other Guide Leaders who have just returned from advance training in Iran feel that your grants will be very useful to them as forerunners in the development of Guiding in Afghanistan.

I recall my happy experiences in your country. I can't forget how Guiding and Scouting has made the "difference" with my visits to many countries. Please remember me to your kind staff and the many nice people I have met in that great country of yours.

Best wishes.

Very sincerely,

M. NASIM,  
(Chief Commissioner)  
Deputy Minister of Education

**NOTE:**

The gift was given to help in the preparation of handbooks for the Guides of Afghanistan.





# Thoughts for THINKING DAY



## THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AT THE WORLD BUREAU

The Communications Department is financed by the Thinking Day Fund. It incorporates the former Public Relations, Publications and Council Fire Departments.

1. This Department helps to carry on developing co-operation with the UN and its specialised agencies, UNESCO, UNICEF and FAO through:

- (a) WAGGGS teams of representatives in New York, Geneva and Paris.
- (b) attending conferences and seminars on development, environment, population and others organised by UN agencies.
- (c) collaborating on specific projects in the field of literacy, vocational training, etc.

Thanks to this co-operation, we have received a grant for a Belgian/Mexican project and continued to receive support through the UNESCO Gift Coupon Programme for Associations in Peru, Korea and Jamaica.

A new Gift Coupon Programme, which includes vocational training centres in Nigeria, Mexico, Tanzania and the Arab Republic of Egypt has been accepted by UNESCO. WAGGGS and UNICEF are working on a joint publication.

2. The Communications Department helps to develop our contacts with other non-governmental organisations in the form of:

- (a) participation in non-governmental organisation meetings, e.g. World Assembly on Global Environment, Geneva; Conference of the International Union of Health Education, Paris. International Symposium on the disabled Adolescent, Tel-Aviv.
- (b) exchange of information, documentation, etc., with other NGO's, especially those interested in youth and women.
- (c) workshops on youth and unemployment, population and development, etc.
- (d) a joint display with the Boy Scouts World Bureau at the Public Relations Congress in Geneva and at the Rotary Convention in Lausanne.

3. The Communications Department has published a new edition of "Trefoil Round the World", over 30,000 copies of the new brochure on WAGGGS in English, French and Spanish, and is now working on the revision of Brownie Painting Books, Brownie Stories of the World and the Uniform Charts.

An attractive colour postcard of the Four World Centres has been produced.

The Communications Department's aim is to assist Girl Guides/Girl Scouts in all countries.

In order to perform this task successfully, we need through your H.Q., not only your financial support but also news, information, and whenever possible, visual material illustrating your activities, work and play.

## THINKING DAY

### HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT?

22nd February is the birthday of two Chiefs, the Founder of the Scout/Guide Movement and the World Chief Guide.

This idea of thinking of others around the world on 22nd February started in 1926.

In 1932, a Belgian delegate suggested at the 7th World Conference that Girl Guides and Girl Scouts of all nations might give a penny to help to extend and strengthen the Movement wherever the need seemed greatest. This aspect of the work of WAGGGS is called Promotion, the activities of which are financed by the Thinking Day Fund.

In 1933, the Thinking Day Fund was created: it is made up of all the voluntary contributions of the Guides and Girl Scouts of the world. Today, each personal contribution is not limited to the "penny"; each Girl Guide/Girl Scout tries and gives as much as she can.

The Thinking Day Fund is the symbol of the part Girl Guides and Girl Scouts play in assuming personal responsibilities for the extension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

Thanks to the efforts of each, Guiding can grow and reach more and more children.

In 1972 the World Association collected at the World Bureau in London the amount of £38,050.60 (approx. \$A76,100).

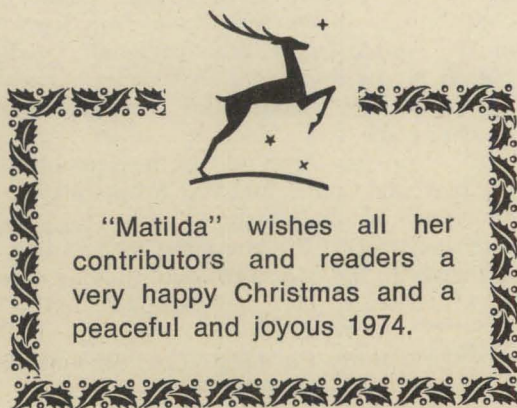
The contribution of each Guide, Girl Scout or Brownie to the Thinking Day Fund creates a feeling of solidarity and unity between girls of all nations.



### STATE TRAINING ADVISER

It is with regret that we advise the resignation, for family reasons, of our State Training Adviser, Mrs. K. Grandin. Hazel has made a wonderful contribution to Guiding in this State and we know all Guiders will want to join with us in sending her our warmest thanks for a job well done and our best wishes.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. S. H. Thiele as Hazel's replacement. Phyl is well known in the Dandenong area where she has served as Region Commissioner for the last few years. Having also been a member of the Region Training Team, she brings to the job an understanding of Training and we welcome her warmly to this challenging appointment. She will take office on 1st February, 1974.



### SO THERE I WAS . . .

At Hampton Court Palace . . . in England!

It was simply POURING with rain . . . so we took the line of most cover towards our way out, down a panelled passage about ten feet wide. A door opened and I was nearly knocked over by — Lady Baden-Powell! "You're one of us" she said in her deep, vibrating voice, "and I remember your name" . . . What a remarkable memory . . . "You must come in and see how I've fixed up things for my guests". So she took me and my friend (also a Guide), and showed us around. She said she had two flats, one she lived in and the other for her guests. "You must go to the toilet," she said. "When you are sitting there look up — and you will find you are in a chimney". Well, in due course I did so — and there was the sky above! Rain usually falls on a slant and does not come down the chimney.

We eventually had lunch, so unexpected, a delicious repast served on lovely white English-china plates edged in pink with gold lettering: "Hampton Court Palace". What a wonderful and gracious person is our beloved World Chief Guide! I asked her if she picked any of the flowers from the garden . . . "Of course," said she, "they are OUR gardens and they are always beautiful". Later on we walked out on to a wide pathway and passed by a sunken garden, called the Pond Garden, which was overlooked by Lady B.P.'s flat. A gardener was busy replanting a border. "They look like our Australian silky-oak trees which grow up to seventy-five feet," said I. "Yes, they are silky oaks, but we pull them out and plant others every year". Just fancy a tree as a small border! We walked on to see the Great Vine. Planted in 1769 it is growing in a huge glass-house. Its stem is over eighty inches round and its main branch over 100 feet long! ENORMOUS!! There were hundreds of bunches of long green-type grapes ready to pick. These were to be sold for charity at about a dollar (Australian) a pound.

Hampton Court Palace was built in the reign of Henry VIII. . . . early 1500, by the famous Cardinal Wolsley who later gave it to the King. Built in a lovely setting situ-

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## ● A LETTER TO MATILDA

In a recent edition of "Matilda", Mrs. Grimwade reports that the Movement is in a better financial position than expected due to profits from the Guide Shop. Almost coincidentally we received a communication from our division stating that Headquarters is budgeting for a \$32,000 loss and that fees per member will rise as from now to the equivalent of \$4 per member per year. How can these statements be reconciled?

This is the position with our Brownie pack at the moment. Brownies bring along 10c per week, 5c of which goes to us, 5c to Headquarters. Our Cents-for-Service yearly effort raises perhaps \$20, \$10 for us, \$10 for Headquarters. We normally have no other fund-raising activities for the year.

Our money is spent as follows. The L.A. look after our hall needs. Otherwise all Pack expenses are met by the weekly 5c of subscriptions. These include all badges earned, the first mini-book for each journey (lost ones are replaced by Brownies), paper, pencils, scissors, balls, books, skipping ropes and postage. We are quite a new Pack so haven't a large stock of past equipment. The Cents-for-Service money as far as possible is spent on something special — this year we bought a good pair of sewing scissors and gave a donation of \$5 to the new school for intellectually handicapped from our \$10. These details are included to indicate that despite inflation we manage to meet all these needs.

Now why can't the administration manage with their 5c per member per meeting? Are we becoming too institutionalised? This is not to suggest that Headquarters is unnecessary, but is a plea for us to keep things in perspective. From our point of view, we see for our money—

- i. A shop — which runs at a profit
- ii. "Matilda" — which we pay a subscription to
- iii. Training — which we pay to attend
- iv. A good deal of paper, much of which is interesting, part of which could be dispensed with
- v. Personnel — mostly by name only.

Those such as section advisers are more closely known through correspondence and provide a valuable direct link with Headquarters.

How can I justify to myself or my Brownies 10c per meeting per girl for that?

When we have learned of "magic gold" and developed ceremonies for collecting this and found it good discipline for girls to bring a weekly subscription, why is it now suggested that this be collected in one yearly sum, absolutely contrary to Brownie training? This is quite specific in our communication and emphasised by the fact that the transferee will pay only once per year.

Lady Delacombe at this year's L.A. conference said (and I quote from "Matilda"): "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 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. . . ."

May Guiding never reach the stage where only the middle class can afford it.

Carmyl Winkler,  
Brown Owl,  
2nd Cobram Pack.

### The State Commissioner has replied as follows:—

Everyone associated with our central administration, including all members of the State Executive Committee are very sorry that it has been found necessary to increase members' subscriptions. It was a decision reached only after considerable thought and, had alternative ways of increasing our income satisfactorily been open to us, we would not have chosen to increase subscriptions.

You all know how much costs have risen during the last few years, yet we have not increased subscriptions since 1966 despite higher costs in almost all directions. Our draft budget for the present year provided for a deficit of some \$30,000, the budget figures being closely related to last year's actual expenditure and it was imperative that ways of meeting this be found. Had we

attempted to manage for another year on the old rate of 5 cents per girl per meeting (which would bring in \$2 per head per year if 40 meetings are held) we would have had to cut back on allocations to the Sections and the Departments again. This was done when a deficit budget was foreseen at the commencement of the 1972-73 financial year but members of the Executive Committee were adamant that this drastic course of action must not be taken a second time. The Sections and Departments are a most important aspect of our central administration as they directly affect the children and any further curtailment in this direction would be most detrimental to the Movement. With a subscription increase and the resultant increase in our income, we will be able to develop and progress and not stand still.

This letter suggests that the recent statements on our financial situation are contradictory. This is not so, in fact they are complimentary. Although we had budgeted for a deficit, we were fortunate to finish the 1972/73 year in a **better** position than expected due to improved profits from the shop and the fact that the Camping Department was not ready to take up its allocation, always a large one, but this did not mean that our situation was **good**.

'Why can't the administration manage with their 5 cents per member per meeting?' the writer asks. It cannot for many reasons — salaries, maintenance charges, postage — all have risen as have our Movement's allocations to the Australian Guide Association and to World Guiding. Yes, members pay a subscription to "Matilda", but the subs don't meet the full costs and "Matilda" has to be subsidised. Yes, members pay a small training fee, but this does not meet the basic running costs of the Training Department and its staff. The ways in which money is channelled back into Guiding are too numerous to detail here but are you aware, for instance, that over \$2,000 is given back to Regions each year to meet costs of their travel within the Regions and their fares to Melbourne to attend quarterly State meetings? Are you aware that our obligatory contributions to Australian Headquarters and to the World Bureau will this year total something in the vicinity of \$9,500 (depending on our membership)?

This subscription to Headquarters must be regarded in its correct context — it is a membership fee, a fee paid by each girl to belong to the Guide Movement. It cannot be compared with a levy such as has been imposed by Local Associations in some Districts as a means of raising funds for specific projects such as a hall building, despite the fact that this is contrary to Headquarters policy.

In the above letter it is assumed that, to cover their commitments to Headquarters all members' fees will jump from 5 cents to 10 cents. Actually this is not so. While some units will find the money they need in this way, others will follow some of the alternatives open to them and Guiders (in consultation with their girls) are free to decide how the increased amount required will be collected. Three dollars per member is the total amount required when reports are prepared next April (\$4 the following April) but whether this is sought in weekly sums, taken from unit funds or obtained by some other procedure, is entirely up to local personnel.

We agree wholeheartedly with the writer who issues the plea "May Guiding never reach the stage where only middle-class can afford it". No child should be prevented from being a Guide for financial reasons and, where there are genuine cases of hardship, it is hoped that Unit funds or special contributions from Local Association or Trefoil Guild will quietly meet these girls' commitments. If this assistance cannot be given, Headquarters will view the circumstances sympathetically and waive payment if a letter explaining the situation is submitted with the Annual Report. One of our main aims is to make Guiding available to all who want it and we are sincere in our recognition that this may mean assistance with finance as well as the more practical aspects.





## WORLD DEVELOPMENT

The issue of world development is so broad that a brief article can attempt to do little more than highlight some areas of prime concern. In 1972 I attended the 8th General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth, the theme for this gathering was "Development — the Struggle for Justice". At this conference the Development Commission proposed the following guidelines for programming in the years 1973-1975.

"We believe that development is fundamentally concerned with man and his environment; it is liberation from all forms of oppression. There is no development unless it is total; so development does not just simply imply quantitative material progress but the improvement of the quality of life. The dependency of development on our economic structure is not to be understated; indeed radical changes in economic structures are essential in order to facilitate total development."

This statement, brief though it is, underlines the enormous complexity of the development problem. Who is going to make the decision to slow down material progress, to review our goals, to assess the effects of an ever-growing consumer society on the environment? Maurice Strong, Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, laid that awesome responsibility on young people. In opening the 1972 Stockholm Conference he stated:

"I really believe that the decisions, whether or not Man makes it, will be made by young people. If the young people are not interested or capable enough, we won't make it. The decisions taken by this generation will determine the future of Man."

If the aim of the Movement is to prepare girls to be responsible citizens in the community it seems to me that we must at least consider the possibility of directing some of our programme towards developing an understanding of the outcome of political, economic and social pressures and movements. I sincerely believe that we ought to continue the work of Action for World De-

velopment groups by confronting ourselves and the girls with material designed to promote informed discussion and activity. Here are just a few statistics:—

In Brazil the gross national product has increased at the rate of 10% for the last ten years as a result of aid programmes. BUT, this increase has been absorbed entirely by only 10% of the population. One might ask, is aid the answer to equalising shares in the world's wealth?

The Concorde is being built at enormous cost, so that one ten-thousandth per cent of the world's population can fly from London to New York one hour faster. The fact that the earth's protective sheath of ozone will be removed in the process, is treated as an incidental triviality by those responsible for its production.

In Tokyo policemen are able to remain on the beat for only half-hour periods, before returning to a station for oxygen supplies, such is the state of air pollution in a highly industrialised city. The city of New York will not be adequately supplied with power in ten years time; a coal generator sufficiently large to cater for the city's growing population would render the air toxic and as yet there is no satisfactory method for disposing of the nuclear wastes that would be produced by a large nuclear power station.

These items alone raise questions about population growth, economic structures, trade practices and the priorities which the inhabitants of this tiny planet see as important. They are no longer academic or rhetorical in nature, they are most pressing for the most ordinary of citizens. The greatest single threat militating against man's survival is, in the words of T. S. Eliot:

"The tyranny of the accepted attitude."

Somehow the ordinary citizens of this world must create a climate in which progress in technology and power can be directed towards saving the earth and halting the whole movement which accepts the supermarket as the symbol of culture.

E. Hepburn.

## U.N. DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

### Celebration of 25th Anniversary

Did you know that 25 years after the U.N. General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Australia is still not a signatory to the document?

A public function on 10th December drew the attention of the media to the issue, but public awareness has to be raised at the local level.

It is possible that other organisations in your area are already preparing — with you — to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the adoption of this important document. It embodies the same principles as those outlined by the Guide Law.

Perhaps you could join forces with other local groups in inviting a speaker from U.N.A.A., or groups of girls could investigate ways in which the charter is violated or kept.

Street theatre depicting various items within the declaration could be written and performed as part of a creative arts programme.

Copies of the Declaration, and other information, can be obtained from—

United Nations Association,  
134 Flinders Street,  
Melbourne, 3000.

E.H.

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## A QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATION

Sharon's patrol organised a surprise evening to present her Queen's Guide badge. It began when they welcomed her at the door, formed a guard of honour and escorted her to the Division Commissioner who presented her with some interest badges, her fourth year 8 point badge and then the Queen's.

The evening proceeded with varied badges being presented to other members of our Company.

After the Colours were marched off and the horse-shoe dismissed, supper was served to our guests while the Guides sang campfire songs.

At the end of the evening, Sharon cut her cake, which was decorated in Guide colours of blue and gold. She thanked her family, friends, sister Guides and testers for their help.

1st Point Lonsdale  
Guide Company.

## DO YOU READ 'MATILDA'?

Or do you USE it? . . . . .

Guiders sometimes say that they cannot see the point of publishing reports of company and pack activities and happenings. . . . Have you thought of what a source of ideas these very paragraphs might be to a country guider who has no other unit nearer than a trunk line call?

Did you know that a Thinking Day activity has turned up in another area as a Camp Challenge? That a Queen's Guide badge presentation idea became, with some adaptation, a welcome addition to a Brownie Revels programme?

Do YOU read 'MATILDA', or use it?

"Matilda" has welcomed pars from Guides and Brownies on unit activities (but not articles on other than Guiding subjects). These can show the children's reactions to programme items . . . . do we plan our programmes because the children enjoy these activities or **because we think they do?**

But "Matilda" does ask please that Guiders check the children's stories before sending them in . . . and that if you have two or three stories on the one activity you select the best or put them into one general story . . . space and weight (affecting postage) is always a problem and only one report on any activity can be printed. It is the Editor's job to edit . . . not write.

The same sort of problem is involved with newspaper cuttings — particularly those from local papers. "Matilda" is a paper of, we hope, ideas (and if you want more remember contributions come from you) not names and dates, etc. So tell US how you planned your activity, what problems or solutions you found — and leave the details of names and places to the local newspaper for reading by those who know the people concerned.

Do YOU respond to requests in "Matilda"? — for games, ideas, replies to articles in the Training pages, letters to the Editor, etc., etc.? Or do you just wonder why we don't have more games, ideas, training material, Letters to the Editor, etc., etc.?

Do YOU . . . USE . . . "Matilda"? ?

## **"A RUG FOR GILBERT" — A BROWNIE SERVICE STORY**

Tawny Owl of 1st Dromana did a first aid course — talked about it to the Brownies. She asked them what they would do if they saw a car accident and there was an injured person in the car. They answered that they would "pull the person out". Brownies were told how it could cause permanent spinal damage if they did this.

Discussion followed on this and the dangers of diving into unknown waters, etc.

Brownies suggested holding a street stall to raise money for the Quadraplegic Appeal and the Peninsula Air Ambulance Appeal. The girls worked very hard and raised \$49.

The Brownies were told they were the first organisation to raise money (\$25) for the Air Ambulance.

Tawny took six Brownies to the Austin Hospital where \$24 was presented to Mr. Stewart of the Spinal Section for the Quadraplegic Appeal. Mr. Stewart took the Brownies on a tour of the gym, craftrooms, dining rooms and wards. They were most impressed by the courage shown by the patients they spoke to.

Asked what they made to raise the money, one Brownie mentioned that she had made a Bark Picture. Mr. Stewart then showed us a letter from a paraplegic patient in Ouyen Hospital, requesting help in obtaining bark for pictures. The Brownies offered to take over this request and find bark for Mr. G. Piper. Since September 1972, the Brownies have collected bark, shells and stamps for our friend and have written many letters to him.

A knee rug was knitted to help keep him warm during winter. We sent to him a copy of our local paper with a photo of some of the Brownies in it, holding the rug knitted by Kerri. He is going to get a frame for it.

Mr. Piper is a paraplegic as the result of an accident, and has been in hospital approximately 17 years.

He entered some of his work in the Ouyen Show and won places with his entries.

The Brownies decided to give him a special name as they feel he has been adopted into their pack. The name is WONTHULONA, which means "friend".

"Narweenda",  
Brown Owl, 1st Dromana Pack.

Dear Matilda,

Recently the 1st Ballan Guide Company became involved with the Alexandra Toddlers' Home in Ballarat. We have made toys, given puppet shows and service to these children and have really enjoyed our work.

Two months ago our company decided we would like to buy the toddlers a carpet for their bare-floored television room. Ballan Guides held a street stall for this purpose and we were really astounded by the generosity of Ballan's people. Altogether \$116.90 was raised, with in addition a generous \$50 donation.

Our company is grateful to everyone concerned and think it was a terrific effort. The toddlers are very happy with their carpet.

### **Koala Patrol**

The Ballan Guides went to Ballarat to join with the Ballarat Guides in a mock disaster. All the Guides who had their first aid badge or had trained for it had to treat one person from a two-bus collision.

The patients had mock wounds and we had to get them out of the buses and take them to the ambulance where they were treated fully by older people.

The Guides all had a good night out — thanks to the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the Civil Defence Corps.

From 1st Ballan Guides

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Dear Matilda,

Recently, our guide company, 4th Deepdene, held a concert to raise money for the Quadriplegics Appeal. The concert was a great success and the large number of parents who came enjoyed it very much. Our special guests were the Division Commissioner, the District Commissioner, and Adrian, one of our quadriplegic friends.

Items on the programme included a Fashion Parade, showing what a Guide should and should not wear; a rescue stunt, using different knots, and an international scene at Our Chalet. Each item represented a different letter in the word "Guiding" and I'm sure that everyone agreed at the finish that "Guiding is Fun". The evening ended with a campfire and supper. Altogether we raised \$30.00 for the appeal.

Kathleen Riddle,  
4th Deepdene Co.

## DEER PARK GUIDES

It came at last! Amid great excitement!

The fourth birthday of the unit and the day 2nd Deer Park Guide Company made history.

For it was on this day that two Guides were awarded their Queen's Guide Badges and what made it so exciting was that the girls were twins!

Pam and Joy Weaver, working quite independently of each other, completed their badge requirements within three days of each other.

It was interesting to see the different badges each twin had chosen and there are quite a few girls in the company who have been inspired by their efforts and are now on their way towards becoming Queen's Guides.

The twins speedily changed into their brand new Ranger Guide uniforms while thanks were given out to various testers and people who had helped the girls along.

Mrs. Irvine was given a supporter's badge for the invaluable help she had given through Deer Park Local Association.

Miss Maggs, Ranger Guide Leader, then invested Pam and Joy as Ranger Guides.

To finish off this exciting evening, everyone adjourned to enjoy a birthday party.

The evening was most enjoyable— and Cap was so excited about her first 'Queen's Guides'.

M.T.

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## SO THERE I WAS (Contd. from page 122)

ated on the Thames, this magnificent Palace is not now used as a Royal residence. The State rooms are open for public inspection and nearly a THOUSAND rooms, on other floors, are divided into separate apartments granted by "grace and favour" of the Sovereign to the widows or children of distinguished "servants of the Crown" . . . So Lady Baden-Powell lives here as a guest of the Queen.

G.H.W.



## AUSTRALIAN FELLOWSHIP OF FORMER SCOUTS AND GUIDES

During the year the work of the National Council of the Australian Fellowship, to which all Trefoil Members belong, "changed hands" and the Council now consists of—

The Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser—  
Chairman.

Miss M. Puddicombe (Trefoil, N.S.W.) —  
Vice-Chairman.

Mr. J. Marchant (B.P., N.S.W.) — Secre-  
tary.

Mrs. D. Mitchell (Trefoil, N.S.W.) —  
Treasurer.

Mr. J. Watson (B.P., N.S.W.) — Interna-  
tional Secretary.

Mr. E. Tepper (B.P., N.S.W.) — Bulletin  
Correspondent.

**Service** by Trefoil Guild Members is three-  
fold—

**To Guiding:** By providing Commissioners "relief" Guiders, testers and staff for Guiding activities, such as Conferences, Seminars, rallies, etc., assisting with camp sites and equipment, by establishing uniform pools and assisting The National Urban Development Project.

**To the Community:** By providing a talking book machine for a braille library and an autistic training machine, babies' layettes and toys for needy children, by supporting Mothercraft Centres, the Save the Children Fund and UNESCO Travel Grant Awardees, by holding sing-along visits, outings and comforts for elderly citizens, assisting migrants with language problems and by preparing white flowers for mothers in shopping areas to promote Mothers Day.

**In the International Sphere:** By assisting Guiding at the Guide World Centres and at international camps, by providing uniforms and handbooks for Guides and Brownies in Papua New Guinea and Fiji, by entertaining visiting Guiders from Lebanon, New Hebrides, South Africa and Malaysia, and by studying the needs and cultures of other countries.

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# TRAINING PAGES

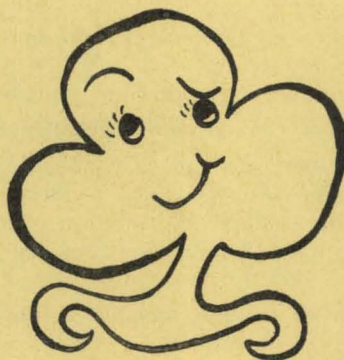
## LOOKING BACK ON '73

## LOOKING FORWARD TO '74

With Christmas holidays coming, and Districts closing until February, this is the time of the year when many of us look forward to a time of rest and refreshment.

If progress is to be made, lessons should be learnt from the past, so this seems the obvious time to look back — assess — look forward and plan.

Not only Unit Leaders and Commissioners should be concerned with this assessment, but Brownie Guides, Guides, Ranger Guides and Local Association members too, we are a family and need to grow together.



### BROWNIE GUIDE PACKS

#### SUE ASKS:—

Have you made a new Pack friend this year?

Yes/No

One Pack I know is at present having fun planning a Christmas Party to say "thank you" to the grown-up friends who have helped them gain interest badges this year.

Have you had an outing when you took your lunch and ate it out-of-doors?

Yes/No

I have heard of a city Pack who cooked their lunch on the barbecues on the Yarra bank and a country one who sat on the bank of their river and watched Kingfishers diving across the water while they ate their lunch.

Have you invited your Commissioner to visit you?

Yes/No

Your Commissioner works hard for your District family, she looks forward to visiting you and sharing your fun.

Have you visited a place of interest recently?

Yes/No

It is not always necessary to go far to find interesting buildings or displays, watch your local papers for announcements.

Are you treating your uniform with pride and wearing badges correctly? Yes/No  
Remember white socks and coloured hair ribbon are **Not** uniform. Only one journey badge may be worn at a time. If you are wearing a "Know Your Australia" badge it is to be removed by the end of December, 1973.

One Brownie Guide I know has made a small wall hanging for her bedroom to display the badges she removes from her uniform.

Do you all remember to bring your subscriptions each week? Yes/No

Money is needed to pay for all the things you use at Pack meetings — and your yearly subscription to your Guide Movement, it is your responsibility to pay your share.

Have you all a Brownie Guide Handbook? Yes/No

Handbooks are packed with suggestions of challenging things a Brownie Guide can try.

Do you help your Leaders to think up exciting things for the Pack to do? Yes/No

A Pack I know has a book in which they write things they would like to do and the year just doesn't seem long enough for them to fit everything in.

**Have all your challenges been challenges?** Yes/No

Remember there are 4 parts to a challenge —

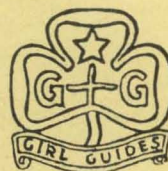
Choosing — you and your Guider do this together

Learning — there is usually a right and wrong way to do things

Practising — fun, especially if you make a game about it

Using — try to find a new way of doing it as a Good Turn.

**I wish you all a happy summer holiday.**



## GUIDE COMPANIES

### SUE ASKS:—

Are you satisfied that every 8 Point Badge gained during this year marked a year of real progress and development for the girl concerned? Yes/No

If you have doubts this extract from the pen of our Australian Guide Adviser may help when Patrol Leaders' Council makes decisions next year —

- “1. The Unit must accept responsibility for providing a full, balanced programme, through Company and Patrol activities, covering the 8 points.
2. Each girl must be considered as an individual.
  - 2a. She must take increasing responsibility for the planning and arranging of Patrol and Unit programming through Patrol in Council and P.L. Council. The degree of responsibility would be in relation to her age, experience, ability and office.
  - 2b. She must have attended regularly. She cannot expect to have progressed 'through participation' in the programme provided for this purpose, if she is not there to participate.
  - 2c. How did she participate? Did she “pull her weight” and “do her bit”? The way she participates regulates the progress she can make. Acknowledging that no one can maintain enthusiasm, co-operation and other 'ideal' characteristics continuously, the simple question of “has she really tried” could help in gauging this aspect.”

Have Patrol Leaders made a practice of checking each girl's record about 3 months before a badge is due? Yes/No

If one of the 8 Points has been neglected it can then receive attention and be the subject of a challenge.

Do Guides in your Company take pride in making entries, with dates in their own handbooks? Yes/No

I know of a Guide, very neat in this way, who made the first entries in black biro (since yellow would not show up), those for the second year in green, the third in red (to match the 8 Point Badge she was wearing) and is now using a blue biro. It is very easy to mark HER progress as a guide.

Have minutes been recorded of all Patrol Leaders' Councils held this year? Yes/No

I suggest that if the same Patrol Leader has usually kept the minutes, next year each Patrol Leader has a turn, so all learn to do it, or the Council may wish to elect a Minute Secretary from within the Company for the job. Remember, anyone tackling a new job needs guidance and help.

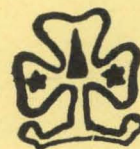
Did the Company give due consideration to the qualities they looked for in leaders before electing their Patrol Leaders? Yes/No

A new Guider asked me for advice on election of Patrol Leaders. I advised her to talk to the girls before elections, discussing the type of Leader they would like. Voting, of course, should be on paper and secretly. It is not a case of "once a leader always a leader" though of course a girl may be re-elected at the end of her 12 month term. I know of a Patrol Leader, rather busy with school work, who stood down to give another girl a chance. As you can guess, the ex-P.L. was a near perfect second, and the patrol benefitted.

Did the Brownie Guides who joined your Company this year feel extended by their pre-promise challenge? Yes/No

I have heard that some Brownies have felt "let down" because their pre-promise challenges were too easy or not interesting, and feel that more was expected of them in the Pack. I suggest the Brownie Guider could either be invited to Patrol Leaders' Council or the Patrol Leader arrange to chat with her to gain an indication of the standard to be expected from the recruit.

**Best wishes for exciting Guiding in 1974.**



## **RANGER GUIDE UNITS**

### **SUE ASKS:—**

Has your Unit increased their knowledge of World Guiding? Yes/No

With so many opportunities for girls to attend overseas camps and gatherings this knowledge will give confidence at selection time and added interest to the event.

Has your Unit been in contact with members of their District family recently? Yes/No

I know of one Unit which organised the swimming sports in their District and another which ran a "5 cent fun" for Brownie Guides to raise money for their service project.

Do you give the Guides in your district the opportunity to find out what fun Ranging is? Yes/No

A unit I know has an annual "get together" when the older Guides from all companies are invited to come along and meet the Rangers, see slides and talk with the girls about Ranger activities.

Have you done anything new or adventurous lately? Yes/No

I went with a unit on an orienteering run last week.

What about overnight hikes, mountaineering, the Sailing School, jewellery designing or carpentry?

**Best wishes for a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.**

## LEADERS

### SUE ASKS:—

Have you

— attended District Meetings regularly? Yes/No

— contributed in some way to the organisation of a District Event? Yes/No

— attended your District Annual Meeting? Yes/No

— when required, reported the feelings of your **Unit**, and not your own, at District Meetings? Yes/No

— been meticulous about passing on all relevant news and invitations to your Unit? Yes/No

— helped a person new to Guiding recently? Yes/No

— allowed your assistants to use their talents and initiative? Yes/No

— checked your uniform regularly? Yes/No

— attended training or a gathering of Leaders this year? Yes/No

— really extended your knowledge and skill or have you been attending the same sort of training time and again?

If the training advertised has not been what you required have you made a request for it through your Commissioner?

If you attended a Campcraft or Pack Holiday training have you followed it up and tried to achieve some qualifications? Yes/No

**Best wishes for a happy, rewarding Christmas break.**



## LOCAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

### SUE ASKS:—

Have you

— contributed either time, talents or goods to the success of a L.A. function? Yes/No

— made an effort to increase your knowledge of Guiding? Yes/No

— introduced at least one new member to the L.A.? Yes/No

— as a group or individuals given service to the community this year? Yes/No

— helped at a Conference, Training or Headquarters function? Yes/No

— accepted the responsibility of helping your District Commissioner to find members of your community who would help the girls to learn new skills? Yes/No

— did you attend your District Annual Meeting? Yes/No

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL.**



## TIME FOR BIRDS TO TAKE A BATTERING

The calls are starting . . . .

I don't mean the bird calls — they've been at it for weeks — I mean the phone calls, from neighbours and others wanting to know why birds are battering themselves against windows, shiny car hubcaps and external rear vision mirrors — and what they can do to stop them.

Usually they are concerned most for the birds, who often seem to be wearing themselves to a tatter in their senseless and apparently pointless assaults.

On the other hand we have some friends who have a bit more cause for concern — their disturber of the peace is a kookaburra that hits a plate glass window in their living room like a guided missile, startling anyone nearby, threatening expensive fractures all round, and generally knocking itself about in the process.

The reason why birds carry out these kamikaze assaults are, on the face of it, fairly simple.

Many birds space their populations, regulate their numbers, and apportion their use of available resources by resorting to the highly effective concept of the territory.

In the simplest sense, and that most usually seen round private gardens, mated pairs of blue wrens, yellow robins or mudlarks will stake out a claim to a clearly-defined stretch of lawn and surrounding shrubs and the males will defend this realm vigorously against intruders of the same species.

When a number of pairs in a district do this, it has the overall result of sharing out the carrying capacity of that particular district, to the ultimate benefit of all concerned.

The birds in fact practise an effective and not-to-be-ignored form of conservation of natural resources.

Now the forces that govern the actions and annual routine of birds tend to be more mechanical, if one can put it that way, than the forces of choice and individual preference that govern our own lives. A blue wren, a yellow robin, or a mudlark is tied to the wheel of the year in a number of ways.

Factors like the gradually lengthening days as winter becomes spring, more hours of sunlight, greater abundance of food, and the onset of good winter rains, all work on the birds' internal processes, and in particular on their endocrine system — the interlinked glandular system through which chemical signals in the form of hormones are governed and released.

It is this system that activates the territorial instincts in birds as conditions suitable for breeding approach, and often part of that preparation is a heightened antagonism to other adult males of the same species.

As this condition intensifies, advertisement in the form of increased song and display of certain brilliant parts of the plumage becomes more intense and more frequent, and combat between males or mated pairs starts to occur.

Very often it is repeated skirmishes between neighbouring males that determines the precise boundaries that will separate their territories.

Eventually, both come to recognise an invisible line, and biologically wasteful combat is avoided by an aggressive looking promenade or display by both just on the right side of the line.

A pair of mudlarks that bred for six years round my former home had a territory that ended in a line between two large messmate trees in a paddock. Time after time I would see the pair take to the air, calling loudly, when a strange mudlark came flying in on a line that if continued would penetrate that invisible boundary.

In most cases the intruder got the message and veered off, causing the defending pair to settle on one or other tree with an aggressive, and I'm tempted to say victorious, duet of calling and wing-spreading.

Such being the general background, you can imagine the reactions of a male bird engaged in setting up territory, and at the height of his physical powers and seasonal aggressiveness, to find on doing his rounds of a garden that every time he stops near a particular window, a gleaming rival, every bit as handsome and aggressive as himself, suddenly appears before him in reflection.

Does this rival make a submissive gesture, or retreat, as many birds caught out of their own territory will do? Not a bit of it — the so-and-so matches aggressive action with aggressive action, flying to meet the rightful territory-owner in his attack, spreading his display-plumes, if he has them, and even throwing back his head and apparently repeating the vocal challenge the territory-owner throws at him.

No wonder a bird confronted with his aggressive image in a window goes berserk, and returns again and again to the attack!

The "intruder" does all the things intruders are not meant to do. The situation is just too much for a bird, programmed by the season and his hormonal system to react in a certain inflexible way. Reason as we know it does not come into it; all he can do is follow his instructions and display, throw out his aggressive, territorial calls, and attack, attack, and attack!

The only answer to the problem — not always an easy one — is to cover those parts of windows where birds catch their reflections, or where it is appropriate, put white paper on the inside so that reflections are reduced.

Sometimes the problem can be reduced by removing the perches near windows where birds first catch sight of themselves, or by spreading a temporary net across.

Where birds are attacking the chrome-work or external mirrors, or even windows, of parked cars, there are only two solutions, short of getting rid of the bird — remove the car, or let it stay dirty and dull for a month or two.

The last is a solution I always find most effective; I think it's why I became a naturalist in the first place.

—Herald, Sat., Aug. 4, 1973. Extracts with permission.



Two hundred and sixty Brownie Guides, Guides, Rangers and Leaders from Noble Park, Springvale, Springvale South and Springvale North recently planted 1,500 trees for the Fisheries and Wildlife Department.

On arrival they were met by representatives from the Phillip Island Conservation Society, Fisheries and Wildlife Department and the Shire President. After a short address the girls were shown some Koala Bears and then Mr. B. Wilkie of the Tree-planters Nurseries, Springvale South, explained the correct way to plant the trees.

After planting, the girls enjoyed a picnic lunch and spent the afternoon on the lawns and beach at Cowes.

The Phillip Island Conservation Society had asked the girls who participated in the tree planting to enter a drawing competition. Prizes will be awarded for the best drawings of a Koala Bear.

## WORKING TOGETHER

Someone will blend the plaster  
Someone will carry the stone—  
Neither the man nor the master  
Ever can build alone.

Making a roof from the weather  
Building a house for a king—  
Only by working together  
Can men accomplish a thing.

All have a share in the beauty  
All have a part in the plan—  
What does it matter what duty  
Falls to the lot of a man.

Each has a hand in the building  
No-one has builded alone—  
Whether the cross he was gilding  
Or whether he carried the stone.

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On the strength of each link in the cable  
Depends the might of the chain—  
Who knows when he will be tested  
So live that you bear the strain.

# NOTICES

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

Recently when I was called upon to conduct a Guide Meeting, Amanda Peckham, a Guide in 2nd Williamstown Company, showed me a coin which at first glance appeared to be an old half-penny, but on closer inspection I realised that it was a souvenir relating to Baden-Powell. The members of her family are not certain how they acquired it.

On the obverse side of the coin is a relief of Baden-Powell and on the other side are the words, "Relief of Mafeking 16th May 1900, Baden-Powell — The Hero of Mafeking who kept the Flag flying for 209 Days". I wonder if anyone would have information about this coin and its origin.

Joan Nikoliev,  
District Commissioner,  
Williamstown.

## TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Our heartiest congratulations to the following on gaining their Training Certificates:

Miss Margaret Callister — Ranger.  
Mrs. Coralie Caple — Brownie.  
Mrs. Mavis Thompson — Guide.  
Miss Wendy Hawker — Brownie.  
Mrs. June Sunderland — Campcraft.  
Miss Romola Wollaston — Campcraft.

and to:

Mrs. Isabel Castanach, Miss Judith Cook, Mrs. Margaret Owens, Miss Kay Patterson, Mrs. Dot Renard, Mrs. Margaret Stevens, Mrs. Shirley Hopwood (lightweight camping), Mrs. Nell Kerr (Campcraft), on becoming members of their Region Training teams.

## STAMPS

Please note new address to which good used stamps should now be sent:—

Miss L. E. Cuzens, Flat 6, 86 Park Street, St. Kilda, 3182.

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**NOTE:**—November 1973 issue — Page 115, paragraph 4 — last line should read: She was acclaimed Chief Guide of Great Britain 1918; Chief Guide of the World 1930.

## STOP PRESS

We are very pleased and proud to announce that the Guides of Karingal District have been awarded the Walter Donald Ross Certificate of Merit for 1972. This Award is made annually by the World Association for SERVICE, either sustained effort or outstanding achievement, and Karingal Guides have received this recognition for giving regular service to a family whose mother was incapable of giving adequate care because of serious illness, a "Good Turn" which has been carried on often daily for over three years.

The Walter Donald Ross Award (application for which is made without the knowledge of the group concerned) has been presented to Australian Guide groups on only four occasions previously:—

Kyogle Guides (N.S.W.) were awarded the Cup in 1954 for service rendered during floods.

Diamond Valley Guides (Vic.) shared the Cup with Korea in 1962 for service given at the time of severe bushfires.

In 1967 Enfield Guides (S.A.) were runners up for the Cup for service given to handicapped children (not Guides).

S.R.S. Mercury, a Tasmanian Sea Ranger Crew, received the Certificate of Merit in 1969 for work following bushfires.

And now Karingal have gained this high honour with their splendid effort of sustained service. Congratulations to each and every one of them.

(Further details of their effort will be given in February "Matilda".)

# THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION SECTION



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

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Christmas is for children, and at this happy time of year, who is not a child at heart? — Prentice.

## THE GREEK RANGERS

For Local Association groups who want something different for raising funds and at the same time an enjoyable social evening, try 1st Melbourne Greek Rangers.

These girls, under the skilled direction of their Guider, Mrs. Hari Withers, recently provided delightful entertainment for L.A. Members, Guiders, Guides, Brownies and friends of the Tullamarine and 1st Airport West Groups.

The Greek Rangers, wearing their national costumes, which they have made themselves, performed several of their typical dances to the genuine music of their homeland, finishing of course with a fast and furious "Zorba the Greek" dance which made even the audience feel breathless!

Prior to the dancing, Mrs. Withers gave a most interesting talk and brief history of Greece, from which we all learnt something new, and this was followed by a colour film titled "Holiday in Greece" which had very kindly been loaned by the Greek Consul.

Mrs. Withers and her girls had also put in a great deal of work assembling a fascinating display of Greek artifacts and as if that wasn't enough, had arrived bearing quantities of Greek food which had been cooked by the talented group of ten girls who danced so beautifully for us. Truly a very memorable evening and one which all those who attended can thoroughly recommend to other Local Association groups.

## WODONGA DINNER

Wodonga Guides held a most enjoyable Mother and Daughter Dinner prior to the District Annual Meeting earlier this year. The shopping was delivered to the Guide Hall during the afternoon and soon afterwards the Guides started arriving in patrols

according to their planned duties. Preparation of food, setting the tables, making floral decorations were all enjoyed and every Guide participated.

Each Guide sat next to her mother at dinner and it was a very pleasant time together. One extra bonus for the L.A. was that they had a ready-made attendance for the Annual Meeting. Brownie mothers arrived and the Region Commissioner gave an interesting and well illustrated talk on "Guides on the Go".

## TALENT QUEST

Manangatang Local Association recently arranged a Talent Quest in which there were fourteen items with cent voting after each item. This proved a most successful evening, the entertainment being thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended, and over \$200 was raised towards L.A. funds.

Manangatang have, not long ago, celebrated 21 years of Guiding in the District and many former Guiders and Local Association members and their husbands were invited to a casserole tea, followed by slides, cutting the birthday cake and supper. It was a most exciting evening and a wonderful opportunity for so many who had helped Guiding in Manangatang to get together again.

## GREETINGS FROM TORQUAY

Just to say 'Hullo' from a very new L.A. at Torquay — and a very happy and busy one. We are just into our second year and as you can imagine, have been kept busy raising funds with casserole luncheons, fashion parades, Hobbytex demonstration, coffee mornings, etc. The fourth Wednesday of each month finds us meeting together and learning from each meeting a little more about the organisation — it really gets into one's blood as it's such an exciting challenge. We are very fortunate and proud to have wonderful Guide and Brownie Leaders who are so dedicated and capable. We look forward to contributing frequently to the L.A. Page and are always interested in other L.A. activities. Oh, yes, we held a morning coffee

at a member's home for all the testers — a get-together which proved very helpful. We read our original pledge at the beginning of each meeting which is as follows—

"We, as parents and friends of the Guides and Brownies and their Leaders, will do our best to help them at all times."

Best wishes to you all from the Torquay Local Association.

### RECIPE CORNER

We are grateful for your interest in this segment. Please keep the recipes rolling in.

Some recipes for Christmas—

#### APRICOT BALLS

½ lb. chopped dried apricots, ½ tin condensed milk, 2 cups coconut.

Mix ingredients together, then roll into small balls and coat with icing sugar. Keep in airtight jar or tin.

#### THE QUEEN'S CAKE

Pour 1 cup boiling water over 1 cup chopped dates and 1 teaspoon carb. soda. Let stand while the following is mixed in the usual way:

1 cup sugar, ½ cup butter, 1 beaten egg, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1½ cups plain flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ cup chopped nuts.

Combine the two mixtures and bake in moderate oven in 9 x 12 inch tin for 30 minutes. Icing: 5 tablespoons brown sugar, 2 tablespoons cream, 2 tablespoons butter. Boil for 5 minutes, spread on cake and sprinkle with coconut or nuts.

#### HEALTH DRINK CORDIAL

Grate rind of 3 oranges and 3 lemons, then squeeze out juice. To this add 4 lbs. sugar, 2 oz. citric acid, 1 oz. tartaric acid, 1 small pkt. or 1 oz. Epsom salts (may be omitted), 3 pints boiling water.

Mix all together and let stand overnight, then strain and bottle. Very thirst quenching in summer.

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The Editor,  
"Matilda"

During recent floods our Guide Company helped on our Guide Night by filling sandbags. Altogether we filled over 300 in an hour. We feel it was an experience we will not forget and we were proud to be able to help many farmers who were in danger of being flooded out of their homes.

1st Kerang Coy.

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

During the recent visit of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, members of the Ranger Section were able to attend two functions organised by the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Committee.

Prince Philip spoke on the Duke of Edinburgh Award at a luncheon held at Government House. Youth and community leaders were invited and Mrs. Shirley Hopwood and Miss Heather Cathcart counted themselves fortunate to represent the Ranger Section.

Another function was organised at Melbourne Grammar School for young people who are at present working on the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Six of our Rangers were invited to attend, along with representatives from other groups. Prince Philip spoke to all the Rangers, and commented that he recognised them as members of the Guiding Movement.

He then spoke especially to Suzanne Hill of Stradbroke Ranger Unit, and Barbara Cole of Shepparton Ranger Unit, both of whom had just completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award but had not had it ratified in time for the official badge presentation at Government House that day.

H.C.

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(Cont'd. from page 128)

Members of Trefoil Guilds are conscious of and support the work being done by the Uniformed Branch and by Local Associations and have tried to express their appreciation in some small way by entertaining members of those Branches.

Members during the year have enjoyed much fun and fellowship, but have been pleased to give their time and talents to assist the young, the old, the sick and the lonely wherever and whenever they could.

Ellestan J. Dusting,  
Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser.

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It's nice to be important, but it's much more important to be nice.

## ON COPING WITH CHANGE

(Cont'd. from November issue)

The crisis in human affairs that confronts every generation anew is never as new as it seems to that generation. There were equally spectacular political, economic, and social changes, and equally showy transformations of dress and manners, in other ages, some long past.

People talk about new generations as though they were separate waves, but they are not. They flow into each other, and have a lot of good qualities and thoughts to exchange where they overlap and merge.

Every period of life has its problems, but their solution and the advantages which follow, are available only to those who are pliable.

As part of this flexibility, the solutions to problems proposed by young people should be given consideration. Family relationships are not what they used to be. Old people are no longer the undisputed heads of well-knit households of three or four generations. They need to remember that notions and practices inevitably change in the face of changed conditions of life. They should remember, too, that youth has not yet learned the finality of tombstones, of which the old are very conscious. Youth is looking to the future, seeking to make sure that it shall not be a waste land.

Warm and sound human relationships can be enjoyed if both young and old seek understanding rather than domination. This can be achieved in a spirit of kindness and civility, allowing one another time to mentally digest what is proposed or desired.

It is more comfortable to prepare for and accept change than to wait until it is forced upon us.

The changes that we get peeved about are generally things that we have not anticipated in our thoughts. We could adjust to them, or mould them to our needs, if we took the trouble to examine them in relation to our lives. We need not abandon old practices, methods and hopes, but merely revise them. By making small revisions day by day we avoid the upsetting experience that occurs when an accumulation of stresses suddenly breaks upon us.

Men have the wit to cope with changes. The animals have to await, unconsciously, their adaptation to their changing environment in the course of an evolution spread over numberless generations. Civilised man may, in some measure at least, consciously adapt himself to change, and may even change the environment.

Active adaptability is essential to survival. The only alternative is flight from reality, which results in damage to the personality.

This requires continuous learning. Education will help people to adjust constantly to new mechanical devices and new ways of doing things. You cannot ignore what is going on, so get to know about it.

Patience is needed under change. Patience is a very great word, implying maturity and mental health.

Sensible people do not want the innovations they made yesterday to end in themselves. What seemed liked fixities then were merely the seeds of what we have today.

Before committing ourselves to anything, even when there is promise of great gain, it is well to stop to consider all the consequences. The woman Tarpeia betrayed Rome and asked as a reward "the things that the soldiers wear on their left arms". In addition to the golden bracelets she coveted, they heaped upon her their shields, which they also carried on their left arms, so that she was crushed to death. More recently an Australian artist did a large mural for an office building, 66 feet long and 12 feet high. Now it is not possible to get a view of the entire painting, because another wall has been built facing the mural only 30 feet away.

The history of change shows that when conditions get better people become more openly dissatisfied. The disparity between their lot and that of others becomes more evident, and they do not give thanks for the distance they have advanced so heartily as they urge the distance they want to go.

We need not only eyes and ears to learn what is going on but minds to understand what the effects will be, and stout hearts to resist where principle tells us to, and the sensitivity to give in when the change is not harmful.

—From the Royal Bank of Canada  
Monthly Letter

## GIRL GUIDES OF AUSTRALIA DISCOVERIES

### FIFTY YEARS LATER: THREE BOOKS IN A SHOP

Hobart, a second-hand bookshop;  
Mr. Tenniswood, a well-known collector;  
Mrs. Tenniswood, archivist to Girl Guides of  
Tasmania.

Mr. Tenniswood found them: Three blue paperbacks, faded to almost grey—"Peace Scouting for Girls", by Lieutenant-Colonel Cosgrove. Copyright 1909; published 1910, Christchurch, New Zealand. Published price 1/6 (18-20 cents). About the same size as Scouting for Boys.

It seems that for rather more than forty years no Girl Guides in Australia knew anything about them; but these books, and the research work by Mrs. Tenniswood to follow up THE FIND altered dramatically our knowledge of

### HOW GUIDES BEGAN IN AUSTRALIA

Baden-Powell's "Scouting" planned specially for girls, came first to Australia from New Zealand into Tasmania, in the later part of 1909 or early 1910.

1908 — Lieutenant-General Robert Baden-Powell had written "Scouting for Boys" for every youngster to use, or as a fresh life programme for clubs already formed.

As soon as the serial parts began to appear early in 1908, in England, Australia, New Zealand — everywhere they were sent — some girls came in with the excitement. Baden-Powell had said they could. Girls had had already had the chance to read his earlier book, "Aids to Scouting"; it was used in some schools and had been a serial in the Boys' Own Paper. The first yarn in "Scouting for Boys" is called Peace Scouts; Baden-Powell wrote, "girls as well as boys may well learn Scouting when they are young," and he recalled famous women heroes, explorers, missionaries and pioneers.

But when — because so many hundreds of boys clamoured to be Scouts and set out on their own account — a special Association had to be organised later that same year, it was 'BOYS ONLY'. The girls were disappointed, but adults in general agreed when Baden-Powell explained, in a later re-

port. He was firm that groups of girls, setting out on exploring adventures, must have at the beginning, a responsible Leader, an adult at least 21 years old.

The programme for girls should be used "with great discrimination"; more varied than for boys, adapted as might be best suited to different groups. Girls might be cadets of Territorial Voluntary Aid or a scheme might be started independently.

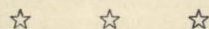
During the year 1909 Lieutenant-Colonel Cosgrove, Chief Scout of New Zealand, did just that. In contact with Baden-Powell and with his full approval, Cosgrove organised the parallel Movement, Peace Scouting for Girls. With Mrs. Cosgrove and others to help, he wrote the book for them.

Uniform was khaki. The Promise was the same as for Boy Scouts, the Law only slightly altered.

The book is dedicated, by permission, to the Hon. Ethne Mahine Plunket, daughter of the Governor-General, and has many photographs of Girl Peace Scouts in action — at judo, first aid, caring for children, caring for animals, camping. . .

Mrs. H. Dobson, of Hobart, President of Ministering Children's League, wrote to Lieutenant-Colonel Cosgrove, and with a committee, organised formation of at least three troops of Girl Peace Scouts at Lindisfarne and in the Hobart area. As soon as possible the books were sent across. They are now valued collectors' items. Of "OUR THREE" one has been donated to Australian Girl Guide Headquarters by Miss Beverley Taylor, one is at Tasmanian Headquarters, one is in Mr. Tenniswood's collection. It would be extraordinary, but is it possible to track down some more copies?

G. H. Swinburne,  
Archivist, G.G.A., Australia.



First Harcourt Guide Company held a get-together to celebrate their Captain's 15 years of Guiding. Ex-Guides attended, also Mrs. Houghton, Eaglehawk Commissioner at the time, who enrolled Mrs. Mills. The Guides took part in horseshoe ceremonial to honour Mrs. Mills and sang camp fire songs and the evening finished with supper and get-together.

Heather Douglas,  
1st Harcourt Co.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. H. Graham and Mrs. D. James who have received the EMU AWARD for outstanding service to the Movement.**

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

**Guiders' Long Service:**

**(15 years)**

Mrs. B. Symes (Pakenham).

**(25 years)**

Mrs. C. Murray (Morwell).

**(35 years)**

Miss M. Shaw (Editor "Matilda").

**Combined Long Service:**

Mrs. N. J. Stubington (Korumburra); Mrs. H. Glanville (Echuca).

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**APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS**

**A warm welcome is extended to the following:—**

**Division Commissioners:**

Mrs. G. M. Walker, Frankston-Kananook; Mrs. W. R. Rae, Westernport; Mrs. G. B. Andrew, Mitta Mitta; Miss J. Mitchell, Inner Eastern Suburbs (from 1.2.74); Mrs. J. M. MacPhee, Asst., Broadmeadows North.

**District Commissioners:**

Mrs. K. Sutherland, Wodonga; Mrs. J. C. Jervies, Macarthur; Mrs. R. Taylor, Leongatha; Mrs. T. W. Ridley, Mt. Eliza; Mrs. W. W. Buttress, North Melbourne; Mrs. J. H. Rowland, Camberwell-Hartwell; Mrs. G. W. Clydesdale, Cranbourne; Mrs. D. Pentecost, Cann Valley; Mrs. R. G. Bohn, Stanhope; Mrs. R. M. Walpole, Whorouly South (from 1.2.74); Mrs. D. K. McCallum, Milawa (from 1.2.74); Mrs. A. T. Bruhn, Barwon Heads-Ocean Grove (from 1.1.74).

**Ranger Guiders:**

Mrs. S. Neaves, Lakes Entrance Rangers; Mrs. D. Henshall, Yarra Junction Rangers; Mrs. C. Letson, Mitcham Rangers.

**Assistant Ranger Guiders:**

Mrs. A. McLeod, Maffra Rangers; Mrs. G. C. Douglas, Sorrento Rangers.

**Guide Guiders:**

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Mrs. D. N. Holmes, 1st Leopold-Wallington; Mrs. C. MacQueen, 2nd Noble Park; Mrs. J. R. Chancellor, 1st Overport; Mrs. R. K. Bailey, 2nd Warrina South; Mrs. B. Hickman, 1st Anglesea; Mrs. J. A. Tolley, 1st South Morang.

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**Assistant Brownie Guiders:**

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**Registration:**

1st Bendigo Pack.



## RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

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

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Mrs. T. F. Sandeman, Melbourne.

### District Commissioners:

Mrs. L. E. Sykes, North Melbourne; Mrs. F. H. Bucknell, Cranbourne; Mrs. P. O'Maley, Trentham; Mrs. N. A. McKenzie, Simpson; Mrs. M. Cleversley, Yarragon; Mrs. L. A. Mulligan, Barwon Heads-Ocean Grove; Miss F. Martin, Richmond-East Melbourne; Mrs. J. K. Gibb, Milawa-Whorouly South.

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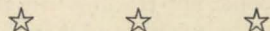
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## THE VICTORIAN GIRL GUIDE CHOIR

The Guide Choir is a small, but very enthusiastic and dedicated group of members of the Movement. It is impossible to write a report without mentioning the loyalty and support of each member.

As with all groups, there are new members being welcomed from time to time, and others bidden farewell. It is always hard to farewell friends, and particularly hard when one loses a foundation member of the calibre of Doris Kane, who has so enhanced our quality of tone. While we are glad that Doris is enjoying her new home, we miss her and hope it will be possible for her to rejoin us.

Another friend we miss is Miss Betty Macartney. Although not a member of the Choir, Betty was interested in music and joined us occasionally at St. George's Day Services. We felt honoured as a Choir when asked to take part in the Thanksgiving Service for her.

From February to November the Choir has had 16 engagements. Our singing has taken us to numerous parts of the Metropolitan area from Brighton and Sandringham to Essendon, Hartwell to Yarraville; to St. Paul's Cathedral, Wesley Church, Albert Park and the Myer Music Bowl; and in the country we've ventured as far as Traralgon and Werribee.

We have been particularly happy that our activities have taken us to appointments outside Guiding — to weddings, to the Business and Professional Women's Association and to a home for elderly people — and hope that there will be further extension in this direction.

Elaine Clarke

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## BACK TO GUIDING

A very successful Back-to-Guiding evening of Sunraysia West Division was held at the Merbein Guide Hall.

The Division Commissioner welcomed everyone present and introduced the District Commissioners for Merbein and Dareton. The hostesses for the evening were the three District Local Associations and the Presidents were also introduced.

Roll Call was taken and 74 persons answered to the year they were enrolled

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## QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATION

Saturday, 6th October, was a red letter day for 150 Guides and 230 Scouts from all over Victoria. As one of the fortunate ones I would like to tell you something about it.

The Royal Certificate is presented by the State Governor on behalf of Her Majesty, and we were invited, with our Guider, to Government House for the ceremony. We arrived early and after presenting our invitations to the sentries, entered the magnificent grounds, which were fast becoming a seething mass of khaki and blue. We paraded into the large ballroom. This beautiful room has decorations in blue and gold and magnificent chandeliers.

A hush fell over the gathering as His Excellency entered resplendent in full uniform, accompanied by two aides. Following the National Anthem, the Governor presented our certificates with congratulations. After a brief address a Queen's Guide and Queen's Scout read loyalty messages to the Queen.

Morning tea at Guide Headquarters was a fitting finale to this memorable occasion.

The following day we attended the Queen's Guides' Own at Scots Church, where colours were paraded and the address given by the State Commissioner, Mrs. Grimwade. Mrs. Grimwade urged us to remain in the Movement, as volunteers are always needed as Guiders, Commissioners, Testers and to help organise all affairs of the association.

The ceremony and church service left us with a deep feeling of personal satisfaction and achievement and a renewed desire to strive harder for the good of Guiding.

Lucinda McClymont,  
3rd Brighton.

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

I am commanded by The Queen to ask you to convey to all Girl Guides in Victoria who are receiving the Queen's Guide Award, the sincere thanks of Her Majesty for their kind and loyal message of greetings which she greatly appreciated.

Philip T. Cook

To Miss M. W. Barr

## VICTORIAN SAFETY CONVENTION

"Belt up your children and live". This was the theme of the lecture given by Dr. John Birrell (Victoria Police Surgeon) at the Home Safety Seminar, at the Industrial Safety Convention at Monash University.

I attended this Convention as the representative of the Girl Guides Association, and felt the results may be of interest to you as members of families.

Dr. Birrell had some very colourful (!!!) slides to stress the main points in road safety. Some showed the very important use of **seat belts** in cutting the road toll. An illustration of this was of a well-known League footballer whose car fell 200 feet off the Great Ocean Road. He is still playing football because he had his seat belt, correctly and firmly fitted, on. Another point was **speed**. Dr. Birrell suggested that if you must drive at 100 m.p.h., shoot your passengers first — it is kinder. **Alcohol** he feels is the most dangerous problem on the road today. The combination of alcohol and sedatives and other drugs was also a dangerous, and often deadly, combination.

Dr. R. Harbison, Senior Lecturer, Social and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, spoke on "The Fad that could be fatal", the problem of drugs in our community today. Dr. Harbison felt a lot of drug addiction was caused at a very early age by the over emphasis of parents giving a tablet to cure all minor aches and pains, starting an early dependence on drugs to cure all problems. More tender loving care and understanding should be given instead. The biggest single drug problem in our community today is alcohol — there are approximately 30,000 known alcohol offences to 600 known drug offences.

Mr. M. Clark, Director of the Burns Unit, Royal Children's Hospital, spoke on "It's a burning question". The biggest burn problem for children is with highly inflammable nightwear. Burns caused in homes were generally caused through carelessness and often by people not reading instructions and warnings as to where and how contents of cans and bottles should be used.

In all, I found the seminar a very thought-provoking time.

H. Maclean,  
Public Relations Committee.

## CAMP COOINDA — A HAPPY PLACE

In spite of days of rain and mud, this is just what 250 Campers found at Britannia Park during the Dandenong Region Camp. A motley staff — Brownie, Guide and Ranger Leaders with Rangers, a Commissioner or two, a lady Cub Master and L.A. Members, undertook to comply with the feeding and general needs of six girls from every Guide Unit in the Region.

Plenty to eat, plenty of joy and laughter and plenty of challenges (set or otherwise) were the order of each day.

After two days of glorious sunny weather in a peaceful setting, wet weather set in and that was the beginning of a real pioneering feeling for the Balladeers, Overlanders, Drovers, Overflows and Stock Riders sub-camps.

Two combined camp fires in the B.P. Hut brought out a wide range of talents, including composing, acting, singing, comedy and, above all, patience at finding one's own footwear from the pile left at the door. One good lesson learned — have everything named.

Can you tie certain knots? Climb different kinds of rope ladders? Balance across rope bridges? Recognise birds, flowers, leaves? Make a stretcher and carry a patient on it? Sketch a campsite? These were just a few of the varied challenges the girls, and staff, attempted.

A highlight of our Camp was the combined Guides Own.

"A happy time in a happy place with hopes of lots more to come" was the general feeling as farewells were said.

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## GUIDING IS FUN! !

But the excitement of the many challenges, the joys in tackling a new skill, the privilege of serving others is only part of that fun. For Guiding is not really complete without camping!

Camping, come hail or shine, is possibly one of the most rewarding facets of the programme and certainly one of the most popular with **our** unit.

It was not intended we should camp during the bleakest weather for many years,

but 1st Terang Company found themselves facing such an "ordeal" recently.

Several inches of rain reduced the Otway Region campsite at Talindert to a series of fast flowing brooks with the occasional pond between tents. Within hours of arrival we were ploughing through a sea of mud, and dodging intermittent hail showers.

Gale force winds whipped at the canvas and dubious parents departed the site, doubting our sanity and feeling certain a distress call would be issued within 24 hours!

So we camped! It rained, hailed, thundered and blew. At night, lightning illuminated the neat row of little tents which housed our 23 Guides and four Leaders.

A friendly businessman had donated a roll of polythene, which cut into excellent "floors" for the tents and greatly aided our comfort.

The Patrol camp, just below the main camp, suffered an unmerciful beating with the winds, but the five young 'heroines' stayed fast, fighting a constant battle with brailing pegs and storm guys. On the third day, they "walked" their tents, and joined us on drier, but still windy terrain.

Never have I seen a happier, more musical (or more muddy) group of Guides! From morning to night their voices echoed over the site.

Wednesday dawned with leaden skies and continued rain. This was **THE DAY!** We were to receive a visit from His Excellency, Sir Rohan Delacombe and Lady Delacombe, our State President, during their farewell tour of our district.

With last minute practices of handshakes, curtsies and salutes we felt we were ready for the event.

Alas, word arrived the Vice Regal party would be an hour late. The girls took the opportunity to return to their much loved scramble net, rope ladder and swing.

Suddenly another message was received. The visitors had made up lost time and were already on their way!

The Guides scrambled out and our "official car-door openers" flew up to the road, only to find the visitors already out and chatting with officials.

Sir Rohan and Lady Delacombe immediately put us at ease, and spoke to each of

the campers before being escorted on a guided tour of camp.

Cap, thoroughly flustered, was horrified when Sir Rohan remarked jovially on her "very impressive pair of boots". These were, in fact, an ancient, holey pair of gym boots laced with string and barely visible through the mud. (Her new boots, bright and shining, still waited in the tent, completely forgotten in the rush!)

Since our camp had a "space" theme, our visitors were told of its origin and explanations were given of the spacecraft (tents), planets (patrols) and our life-size mascot Yuri (first man in space) who hung over the "flight control centre" in the middle of the camp.

The theme had its origin when Cap and Lefty first saw Kugelblitz, or ball lightning, earlier this year. Their interest and research and information from the R.A.A.F. on this phenomena was passed on to the unit which had taken a lively interest in the solar system and space.

Even during the Vice Regal visit, the rain returned and a hasty retreat made to the hut for shelter. Here the visitors were introduced to Boris the Boobook, an injured but active little owl in Cap's care. With much ruffling of his chocolatey feathers and lots of "bowing" and bill snapping, Boris won the hearts of his new admirers.

Outside, the camp stove braved the elements, and the sharp wind wafted the aroma of Guide Stew toward the hut. Our guests were quick to enquire about the menu and offered some light-hearted suggestions for additions to the concoction.

At the conclusion of their visit, Sir Rohan and Lady Delacombe were declared "Honorary Talindert Campers" and awarded the appropriate badge, mounted on a wedge of eucalypt bark.

Lady Delacombe also received a cardboard trefoil, to which was fastened (with many laborious stitches by Bronwyn) samples of the leaves, flowers and fruit of the many beautiful trees at Talindert.

The Guides lined the road and farewelled their guests with the singing of the International Camp Song.

Then it was back to the hut and the fire for a cuppa and a long, excited chat about the day's proceedings.

And so ended the perfect day. Tents that night billowed with gales of mirth and delight as the girls relived the day's adventures.

It was a wonderful week. Besides THE DAY, we also had forty guests on visiting day which incorporated a twelfth birthday party for Carolyn — complete with cakes and candles.

A Promise Ceremony was also held that afternoon for four happy young Guides.

Despite the clouds and rain which prevented our "Watch Mars Rise" hike, activities were many and varied.

And as a perfect end to a perfect camp, we all returned home in PERFECT health . . . very excited, very muddy, but very, VERY happy! ! !

A. F.

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as Guides or Brownies or the date that they came into the Division. Forty-four apologies were received and good wishes for a successful evening came from people as far away as Melbourne and Canberra.

A short history of the Division was given, starting with Merbein in 1924. Dates were given when each District, Brownie Pack or Guide Company started. People present had started some of these Companies and Packs or been first Commissioners.

In 1955 Sunraysia West Division was formed and Mrs. Eva Foster became first Division Commissioner.

In 1962 Sunraysia Region was formed and the first Region Commissioner was Mrs. Clarice Ramsay. Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Ramsay spoke to us on the joys and benefits of Guiding.

During the evening Dareton Local Association put on a short play, and a member from the Wentworth Local Association read a poem called the "Story of Mildura". This story, written by Judith Lyell in 1948, had been acted out before Lady Baden-Powell at a camp fire with the Scouts.

Photos displayed around the hall caused a lot of chatter, and camp fire with Miss Crang brought many memories.

B. B. Matthews  
Division Commissioner.