

# MATILDA



**BE LIKE THE SUN**  
**look wide - and when you**  
**have looked wide - look wider still**

## A CHRISTMAS CARD FOR THE CHIEF . . . .

A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF . . .  
to Australia's Chief Commissioner, Miss M. Lambie.

My dear Mary,

I have just received notification from my Bank (Lloyds, at Bridge Road, East Molesey, Surrey) that they have received this enormous and great good sum of £279 and 55 pence, as a further gift from all your Guides, and I CANNOT GET OVER IT!

How marvellous of them all to give and can you make this letter known, through the States Offices.

I want to thank each and every one of these kind good friends of mine in Australia for contributing to this wonderful GIFT to me again, for which I am deeply grateful. I can't get over it! !

As a matter of fact I have had to come away from "Hampers" for the winter, as it was too difficult living there without permanent "HOUSE HELP", as my legs have given way (owing to diabetes AND OLD AGE), and I could not walk about and carry things or fend for myself.

So I am living now in an Old Ladies' Nursing Home, where I am well looked after, and feel so comfortable and safe!

Guide friends call in to see me, and your kindly gift of this money can now be used for things that I want to do — partly used for my own well being, and also some of it will go to some special "PROJECT" which I have been asked to help.

One of them is the building of a Scout Hut in the village of Bentley, where we lived for 20 happy years, and it is such a joy to me that, thanks to this gift from you all, I can contribute something towards the erection of a useful meeting place for the Scouts and Guides and Cubs and Brownies of OUR village!

Older people still living there remember seeing the Founder and me walking with the dogs through the village, and it is such a joy to me that, thanks to you such a plan for erecting a meeting place there can go forward.

I never forget my wonderful visits to you all, in all parts of your great country, and at this time of the year I have special memories of preparations for visiting Aus-

tralia, in 1930, 1935-36, in 1947-48, 1957-58 and this last time in 1967-68.

So I am known in person by quite a number of you who have so generously contributed to this further lovely Christmas present, and I want to express my WARMEST appreciation of this further "good turn" done to me again.

I hear and read quite a lot about all your progress and achievements, and I would like to offer my very cordial congratulations on all the progress being made by ALL OF YOU — whoever you are, wherever you are, for in Guiding nowadays, we are SUCH an important BODY — a grand, great big BODY, with a strong fine mind, and splendid SPIRIT of energy and goodwill!

I rejoice over your successes, and have every sympathy with your difficulties that may arise and which you overcome with courage and confidence.

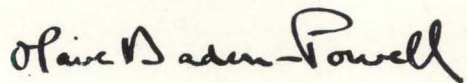
I have heard about your Camps and your gatherings from time to time, and the kindly way in which you have welcomed VISITING Guides from other lands.

We are a most valuable form of real friendship which is more needed in the world now than ever, and by carrying on your day to day Guide ideals you are all contributing to good understanding between peoples!

I cannot express fully enough, my great thanks for this most kindly and generous Xmas Present, which has given me such happiness and pleasure.

My warmest greetings for the New Year and may all your work prosper and BE HAPPY!

Yours affectionately,



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The Girl Guides Association,  
Sydney, Australia

Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips thank the Association for their very kind message and ask me to convey their warm thanks and appreciation.

Lady-in-Waiting

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## GOD BLESS THY YEAR

Thy coming in,  
Thy going out,  
Thy rest,  
Thy travelling about;  
The rough, the smooth,  
The bright, the drear,  
God bless thy year.

## WE ARE BUILDING A NETWORK OF LOVE AND UNITY AND FRIENDSHIP AROUND THE WORLD

22nd February is "Thinking Day" — the day when we each make time to think of Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries, just as the millions of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in all our 91 countries are thinking of us. We remember them, we wish them well. In so doing, we are doing something rather special — something which cannot be seen but which is there all the same. We are building a network of love and friendship and unity around the world wherever there are Guides.

You can't see love and friendship or unity, but they are there all the same. And every Guide and Girl Scout, whether she lives in a big city or in a tiny village, in Europe or Asia, in Africa or the Middle East, in the Americas or on an island in the middle of the ocean — wherever she lives she becomes a Guide in the fullest sense of the word when she joins herself with all her sister-Guides, by discovering about Guides in other lands, how they live and what they do, and by

holding out the hand of friendship so that others may make friends of her as she makes friends of them.

These expressions of goodwill are not enough by themselves. If Guiding is to grow even stronger, if international links and world friendship are to become real, if Guiding is to reach more girls now outside the Movement, we must each make a contribution. We must all help as we are able, but we all have the same responsibility, that of giving mutual help in a joint effort, thereby witnessing to our belief in the value of Guiding in the world.

This is the practical way in which every Brownie, Guide and Ranger, every Junior, Cadette and Senior, can help. Each penny or pound or dollar, kronen or yen or rupee, guilder or parc or peso, which is contributed to the "Thinking Day" Fund will enable the World Association to assist a country or a group of countries, with a specific project which will lead to better Guiding for more girls and young women.

BERYL COZENS-HARDY,  
Chairman,  
The World Committee



## THINKING DAY — HAPPINESS, SHARING, SERVICE

Certainly Thinking Day is a time for thinking of, and sending greetings to our sister Guides all over the world. It is right that we should look back in thankfulness for the wisdom and inspiration of the Founder of our Movement, but it is even more important that we should look forward to see where our Guiding is going.

In these days when we hear daily of acts of violence and hatred, we should do all we can to make known our principles of loyalty and friendship, and to strengthen the ties which link us together all over the world.

(Beatrice M. Thoms, M.B.E.)

In various countries of the world, Thinking Day is celebrated in different ways. . . . Guides in a village of Hanwella had the bright idea of a double purpose Thinking Day — of publicity and collecting funds for Thinking Day.

A market place is an ideal place for the consumer as well as the trader, as it is held in a central location in the village. Many people come on foot, carrying their goods piled up on their heads in baskets or bags. This getting together of trader and consumer helps to strengthen unity in the village.

The Guides decided to hold a ceremony in the market place and sell their garden produce and handicrafts.

At dawn the Guides were seen on the roads, wearing white summer uniform and accompanied by parents and well wishers. A horse-shoe was formed, the flag hoisted and the Guide Song sung. A Thinking Day collection was taken while Captain gave a talk on the significance of the day. Friends contributed generously and many looked on with great interest. Then the Guides opened their stall. People crowded in and bought their goods. Local Authorities wrote later saying how impressed they were with the capable girls and their courtesy, and offering stalls again for this year!

## PACIFIC ISLAND

As the bright red-gold sun rose, a deep hush fell on the excited Guides and Brownies — the only sound to be heard was the birds and the swish of the outgoing tide through the reef entrance.

"Now," whispered a Guider and a Patrol Leader stood and silently walked to the water's edge. Holding a hibiscus flower high in the air, she called — "February 22nd, the birthday of our Founder and our Chief Guide. On the outgoing tide I send my birthday wishes to Lady Baden-Powell."

She threw the hibiscus far out into the water, and sat down. Another stood: "From our small island home we send our love to Guides and Brownies in every country." Into the fast ebbing tide she threw a frangipani lei. In a rush it was out through the small entrance — a token of wishes coming true. One by one they stood, throwing their beautiful flowers into the water, calling a message to the country of their dream. "My love to American Scouts," "I send greetings to the Brownies of Korea," "Best wishes to my pen friend Jane in New Zealand."

The sun fully risen, cast a glow over happy faces as every one joined in a hymn; deep male voices, too, as together parents and friends worshipped God and gave thanks for Guiding.

Then a small figure stood before her Guider. "Here is our Thinking Day money, please send it to Brownies and Guides who need help."

The money was counted, "Phew — all those pennies — how do they count hundreds of sacks of pennies at the World Bureau?"

"Silly," said an older Guide, "They don't post pennies."

But in the minds of those small island girls, their pennies had been carefully saved and polished in their hot little hands, to buy that book or provide that uniform or to feed that child in some other country.

Thinking Day really meant thinking — thinking and giving — giving not from abundance but certainly from their hearts.



## 22nd FEBRUARY — THINKING DAY

Birthday of Olave, The Lady Baden-Powell, our World Chief Guide. She will be 85 this year!

Lady Baden-Powell asks that instead of buying and posting a card to her at this time, we remember the Thinking Day Fund, and give the money to that instead.

Twenty-second of February was the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, too. What a coincidence that both he and his wife shared the same birthday! We are happy on this day to think of all our sister Guides who, like us, enjoy being members of this exciting Movement given to us by Lord Baden-Powell.



How much do you know of our Founder? There are many books about this man, who must go down in history as perhaps the unique person of this century.

Lord Baden-Powell was born on Sunday, 22nd February, 1857, in a house just a stone's throw from Marble Arch. He was the eighth of ten children of the Rev. Professor Baden-Powell, who died when B-P was only three years old.

His mother's family name of Smyth was bestowed on him as one of his Christian names. His full name was Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell.

As a child he was encouraged to make use of his talents for drawing, imitating calls of birds and animals and yachting with his older brothers.

He was ambidextrous, using his right or left hand equally well, but he usually wrote and drew with his left hand.

Failing the entrance examination for Balliol College, Oxford, he learned that there was to be an open examination for direct

commissions in the Army. He sat, and to his great satisfaction, passed with high honours. In fact, out of 700 candidates, he won second place for a cavalry commission. He was given an instant commission as second lieutenant (subaltern).

Baden-Powell's life was really a thrilling romance. Few people have been so versatile or had more varied experiences. As a general in the army his record of activity and service to his country made him a national hero. We all know of his exploits at Mafeking — don't we?

Britain owed him much. But, from 1906, when he wrote the outline of his scheme of 'Scouting for Boys', the world is indebted to him. Perhaps no other single scheme has done so much for youth — this Movement is bringing happiness all around the world and making a contribution to international understanding, helping forward the cause of universal peace.

Guide H.Q. has several books you could read to learn more of B-P's exciting experiences.

## IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN EXCHANGE

A most successful exchange has been completed between the Guides of Iran and Afghanistan. Mrs. Shakoofeh Jahanshad, a National Trainer and International Secretary of Iranian Scouting, Girl Scout Section, worked in Afghanistan for two weeks with Miss Kumila Razekh, Headquarters Commissioner for the Guide Section of Da Afghanistan Zaranduy Tolanah.

Together with her and other members of the Association Shakoofeh planned and carried out a training course for potential leaders. As the participants were new to Guiding, Shakoofeh spent the first week of the training introducing them to the Movement. The second week was in camp 'living' what they had learnt. The next six months was spent by these leaders in running their troops according to these methods. They then travelled to Iran and participated in National Training camps under way in the country at the time. Kumila, who went earlier, while observing Guiding at all levels in the Iranian Association, also worked with the leaders in planning these events.



**From our State  
Commissioner**

Dear Members and Friends,

A happy New Year to you all, and welcome back to Guiding activities. I hope you all had a very happy holiday with your families and now feel full of energy and enthusiasm and looking forward to the year that lies ahead.

Like all Guide years I am sure 1974 will be both a happy year and a busy year and already the calendar is filling up. We have now had twelve months to settle into our new positions and find our feet and this year we look forward to developing some of the plans formed last year.

The end of 1973 was very busy and December came and went far too quickly. Once school holidays begin that seems to be the end of most things except keeping the refrigerator and cupboards stocked!

First December was a day full of fun for our family — Fred was Chieftain at the Daylesford Highland Gathering and I felt very proud as I watched him taking the salute as the bands marched past. There is something very stirring about the skirl of bagpipes and everyone in kilts.

The final State Council Meeting for the year was preceded by a delicious luncheon arranged by the Special Activities Committee. This started the meeting off very well and it was a happy and exciting meeting. I was thrilled to present Joan Barrett with the award of the Red Kangaroo for her unselfish service to the Girl Guide Movement and for the initiative and continuing enthusiasm which brought the dream of the Trefoil Club to reality.

Suzanne Hill and Sue King gave us a very interesting description of the activities of Rangers these days.

At the end of the meeting we were delighted to have representatives from Karingal District to join us. I told members of State Council of the award of the Walter Donald Ross Certificate of Merit to the girls of Karingal for their service to the O'Dea family over the last three years. We are very proud of these girls and it was good to meet some of them and hear in their own words what they had done to help the O'Deas.

The Advisers' Meeting was the last one attended by Mrs. Grandin, our Training Adviser, who for family reasons retired in January. We shall miss Hazel and thank her for her wonderful contribution to Guiding. We welcomed Mrs. Thiele our new Training Adviser to the meeting. I look forward to working with Mrs. Thiele, who was formerly Region Commissioner for Dandenong.

Following the meeting the members of the Public Relations Committee held a very enjoyable lunch for people who have helped us over the last twelve months, including those wonderful husbands of our Advisers. It was good to see so many men who are interested in Guiding.

The Training Department had a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. Grandin and Mrs. Pritchard were farewelled by the Training Committee putting on a most amusing skit. Miss Mellor showed slides of Japan and described her recent trip. I presented Miss Gross with the Order of the Golden Sunny Sue — a beautifully made gold order — to commemorate being enrolled 50 years ago.

I was kept busy too with school break-ups and bringing Ann to Melbourne for interviews at school and to buy school uniform. It seemed bad enough when the boys went to school but this is worse because there is no one left at home. I only hope she enjoys it, but I am sure we will all face quite a period of adjustment.

This year I hope to be able to move around and meet many of you whom I did not meet last year, and learn more about you all.

With love and best wishes,

*Joan E. Grimwade*

## THE THANK YOU CHALET

I have the greatest pleasure in telling you all that our little Thank You Chalet is now free of debt. Our Treasurer, Miss Holtz, made the final payment in December.

The Chalet is giving great pleasure to so many of our members both past and present and to their friends. The Thank You Book has in it the names of hundreds of donors; and many of our Guiding friends, no longer with us are remembered there.

The native trees and shrubs which we have planted round the Thank You Chalet are growing well and already are attracting more and more of our beautiful birds.

We now propose to save part of the rental until we have enough money to enlarge the shower room. Experience has shown us that it is too small, especially for some of us who are no longer as young and active as we would like to be.

While I have an opportunity to write to all my Guiding friends I would like you to know that the Thursday Specials still go to Britannia Park every Thursday to look after the gardens, and if you think we just dodder around — 'come and join us' — you'd be surprised!

By the way, are you all growing azaleas for us? The maples which we planted to make a shady place for azaleas are now 10 feet high, so we're ready to receive any azaleas you have to offer. In the autumn the maples will be very beautiful — how about coming up to see them? My phone number is 83 9207 and I would be happy to collect the azaleas! ! ?

A happy 1974 to you all . . .

*Patricia Quay*

Chairman — Thank you Chalet Committee.

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## MRS. MURIEL EBELING — MEMORIAL SERVICE

This service will be held on Friday, 22nd February, 1974 — 7.30-8.30 p.m. at the Guide Hall, Clare Street, Yarraville. Details — 314 5461 or 314 3078.

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## THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Many Guiding people were busy at functions during the Opera House Festival. 150 Guides were with other youth groups at the opening, and others gave out **Mini-Matilda** bags to overseas visitors at Mascot airport. We had Guide ushers at the Family of Man service and also at the National Council of Women church service. A team of volunteers was continually on tap to drive any visitors interested in Guiding to Guiding centres.

One lucky group of Guides were guests of the N.C.W. on a harbour ferry for the fireworks display. Alan and I were very lucky indeed as we were able to watch the fireworks from the Opera House itself. For once, I was speechless — the design, colour, beauty and magnitude of the display was beyond words.

And — The Opening Concert — truly a great occasion — how grand it all was — and YES, we did see the Queen!

At the opening ceremony the wind was so strong and gusty that one wondered whether the entire dais would blow away with the balloons. The chairs did — just before the Queen arrived — but they were rescued just in time.

Instant Friendship again — a young Canadian traveller was overjoyed when she was welcomed at Mascot by a Ranger Guide — she said that she could not believe her eyes when she stepped out on to a foreign airport AND THERE WERE THE GUIDES IN UNIFORM! It really is a **world Movement this Guiding**.

(taken from the N.S.W. State Commissioner's letter — 'Waratah', December 1973.)

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First Kerang Brownie Pack and Guide Coy. went to Kerang's historic old water tower to hold a coming up to Guides ceremony for four Brownies. We also had our tea up there. The water tower is a tourist attraction and is very popular.

After tea we had a sing-song and the four Brownies came up the stairs past the other Brownies all holding sparklers. Then they were introduced to their new patrols.

Wattle Patrol,  
1st Kerang Guide Coy.

## AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT — WALTER DONALD ROSS TROPHY TO GUIDES FROM KARINGAL

In 1950, Walter Donald Ross, a Canadian, was so impressed with the community work being done by the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts throughout the world, that he presented a trophy to be awarded annually and in perpetuity to groups of girls who completed, or are carrying out, service either of an outstanding nature, a special achievement or sustained effort.

News has been received from the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts that the Walter Donald Ross Certificate of Merit for 1972 has been awarded to the Guides of the Karingal District for their sustained effort in helping one family regularly for over three years.

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For the last three years or more the Guides of Karingal District have given regular service to a family whose mother was incapable of giving adequate care because of serious illness.

Each day after school two Guides from one of the three Karingal companies would visit the O'Dea home — prepare the evening meal, attend to any outstanding chores, and care for the children until the father returned from work. Mrs. O'Dea is a multiple sclerosis sufferer and is partially blind and Council help finishes at midday.

Help was needed particularly when the young members of the family came home from school. Not only, says Mr. O'Dea, have the Guides given this service in a practical fashion but during Mrs. O'Dea's frequent hospitalisation they have visited her, sent flowers, and generally made her feel wanted. The girls have 'mothered' the younger children on the occasions when the kiddies have been missing the things a physically well mother would normally provide.

1st Karingal, which initiated this service project, was formed in 1965. 2nd Company (formed 1967) began to help about 9 months after its commencement and 3rd Company (formed 1970) joined in.

The award of the Walter Donald Ross Certificate of Merit showed that the sustained effort of the Karingal Guides was worthy of special recognition.

## GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

On behalf of Guias de Mexico, it is a pleasure to congratulate you for having obtained the Walter Donald Ross Certificate of Merit, given to the Girl Guides of Karingal District, Victoria.

The sustained effort put in by them to help the O'Dea family was really worthy and done with a high Guide spirit. Congratulations!

Ana Rocio Arizmendi,  
Guias de Mexico,  
National Executive  
Secretary.

### To Everyone . . .

Following the announcement in the New Year Honours List, I have been delighted to receive a wonderfully large number of congratulatory telegrams, letters and telephone calls regarding the award of the O.B.E. with which I have been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen.

My association with Guiding has been nearly life-long but this high honour I share particularly with all the Guiders in every sphere of the Movement in Victoria during five most rewarding years as your State Commissioner. It is splendid to have this affirmation of the high regard in which Guiding is held in the community.

The task of answering each of the most welcome messages is proving onerous, and I should be grateful if my Guiding friends would accept for the present, this acknowledgement of my thanks for their very kind letters — which I shall always treasure.

*Charlotte Perslow Jones.*



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN GUIDING

Thinking of taking a job? Contemplating a change from your present employment? Looking for something a little more challenging than you've done in the past? Wanting something different but not quite sure what? Like to work in another State for a while? If your answer to any of these questions is 'Yes', then read on —

Thanks to a special Federal Government grant for development work and the indication of increased income at State level, some new projects are now being initiated and the Movement requires the services of suitable people to execute these. We need Leaders (experienced Guiders or Commissioners) with a general Guiding background, an interest in people and an enthusiastic approach, to undertake development work both here in Victoria and in several of the other States. We also have office staff vacancies at Headquarters. If you think there may be something of interest for you — either full or part-time work can be considered — please contact the State Secretary and discuss the possibilities further.

Who knows — Guiding might have just the very niche for you!

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Dear Matilda,

Brown Owl and several Brownies visited the Blind Institute to present a cheque for \$100 raised by our pack during the year. We had had several special efforts to raise the money.

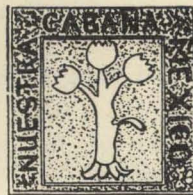
In the gardens of the Institute they were making a film, and a girl pretended to be blind for the film.

We were told there was a factory attached to the Institute where mats and plastic dolls are made and nails and other things are packaged. Jobs are swapped round from time to time so that people won't get bored.

We saw where they learn to cook and how to handle a telephone switchboard, and a braille watch which has raised marks on the face of it so that the time can be felt.

With gifts of money received from the public the Institute can buy typewriters, etc., which can be given to blind people finishing their training. We enjoyed our visit very much.

Kerry Pollock,  
2nd Altona Pack



## ADULT ADVENTURE SESSION — OUR CABANA (Folk Arts in Mexico)

A wonderful welcome to Mexican Culture awaits at Our Cabana for this one or two week holiday adventure. Special consultants on hand to teach you arts and crafts, folk dances and typical songs. You'll help plan a Mexican fiesta complete with pinata, posada and live mariachi music.

Visit the silver centre of Taxco and shop in the open air market of Cuernavaca. See native artisans working in silver, ceramic, leather and straw. You'll tour some of Cuernavaca's loveliest colonial mansions and share your talents with our service project children of Gualupita. Climb a pyramid!

Explore the exciting world of International Guiding and Scouting and compare notes on the folk arts programs of other countries. Relax in an ideal sunny climate at our swimming pool.

An informal atmosphere prevails and the Cabana staff will help you plan historical sightseeing and shopping tours of your choice. Go at your own pace.

Those staying two weeks, have a FREE WEEKEND to plan trips to Mexico City or Acapulco or wherever.

COST: \$10.00 U.S. daily for room and board in modern living quarters. \$20.00-\$25.00 U.S. for program activities. (Free weekend excluded.)

Daily flights to Mexico with excellent bus and taxi service available to Cuernavaca.

DATES: November 11-17, 1974 — November 11-23, 1974.

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"The task ahead of you is never so great as the power behind you."

## **GIRL GUIDES OF AUSTRALIA DISCOVERIES II THINKING FROM THE BEGINNING**

Discoveries among records have brought news of pioneers of Baden-Powell 'Girl Scouting' in Australia as never before. Always in February, as our Thoughts go wide across the world, they also go back to the Beginning, as on Thinking Day itself we honour the birthday of our Founder and our World Chief Guide.

**An Idea for 1974** is that our thoughts might turn more deeply to the past, to those who first came in from every direction, not content to know 'B-P' as Founder, but leading him to be their own great Leader in the movements that with him, they were making possible — for us today and for all between.

### **FROM THE RECORDS OF AUSTRALIA**

1909: South Australia — Five girls from Nailsworth asked if they could be 'Scouts', but found that they must wait.

1909-1910: Tasmania — Peace Scouting for Girls, associated with New Zealand; the book written by Lt. Col. Cosgrove. Mrs. Dobson President. New South Wales: Girl Aids of Australia recognised and encouraged by Boy Scouts, Mrs. Dixon prominent. Victoria: Florence Nightingale Girl Aids, led by Wynifred Gipps, age 18.

1910: Britain — May — Girl Guide Movement established. Miss Agnes Baden-Powell President with small committee; nearly 8,000 girls to be transferred from 'Scouts' and organised; enquiries from countries of the Empire. Miss Baden-Powell regretfully told Wynifred Gipps that she was too young to be Captain of Girl Guides, but encouraged her.

1911: Victoria — 6th February, 1st Hawthorn Baden-Powell Girl Guides; Captain Miss Louie Kerr, about twelve Guides, corresponding with Miss Baden-Powell.

Tasmania — June — Girl Peace Scouts transferred to Girl Guide Movement by decision of meeting arranged by the Governor Sir Harry Barron and Lady Barron, and committee elected.

One independent patrol in the North agreed to join if they could keep their 'Scout' hats; this was allowed as they were truly pioneers.

There were others of whom we know little definitely.

Pausing to THINK of the newness, the eagerness, the sincerity in just these first years, the list can come to life.

These pioneers of other pioneers knew little or nothing of one another, but all looked to their horizons as they then could be, in the creation of a spirit that would expand to a vision almost beyond imagination.

G. H. SWINBURNE,  
Archivist, G.G.A.

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### **BAREE REGION GUIDERS GET TOGETHER**

Our Region held a Craft Day and Guiders Get Together, and Guiders from Yarrawonga, Rutherglen, Chiltern and Wangaratta attended. Chaired by our Division Commissioner the meeting got off to a good start. She introduced our Region Commissioner who gave a short talk on Public Relations and our image as Guiders. She stressed the wearing of our uniform proudly and correctly at all times and told us to walk tall.

After a short discussion on matters of interest to all present we adjourned for lunch in the sun. During the afternoon Rutherglen Guiders demonstrated hand-crafts and several of the crafts we tried ourselves. These included making a HO HO, commonly called "God's Eye", a type of wall hanging used by the Mexican Indians. We made paper flowers, decorated a bottle with a wire pan scrubber, then on to a Christmas door decoration. Some of the crafts on display were exceptionally good and not very expensive to make, but the main thing to me was the fact that even the youngest Brownie would be able to make them.

All the materials were supplied by the Rutherglen Guiders and their L.A. May I on behalf of all Guiders present extend our warmest thanks to the Rutherglen girls for their help in making this a very successful Get Together. I know I speak for everyone when I say we gleaned a lot of ideas for our Brownies and I for one can't wait to get them started. We all felt it had been a worthwhile project and hope to repeat it.

Mrs. Vera Saunders,  
Brown Owl,  
2nd Wangaratta Brownie Pack

## BROWNIE EXCHANGE VISIT

Brownies and Leaders from 1st and 2nd Broadmeadows West Brownie Packs spent a most enjoyable week-end recently when they were guests of 1st, 2nd and 3rd South Shepparton Packs.

There was great excitement when everyone was assembled at the railway station with a last frantic check to ensure that nothing had been forgotten. Brownies soon cast any apprehensions aside and were happily counting off all the railway stations en route.

The Brownies reached their destination at lunch time, and after meeting all the Shepparton Brownies, proceeded to Central Park where a delicious barbecue lunch was provided. The "fun and games" afternoon ensured that all the Brownies became familiar with their hostesses.

On Sunday Brownies and their Leaders attended a Brownie Service conducted by Deaconess J. Shadforth (a Brownie Leader). It was explained how each Brownie is special in her own different way and that each and every one is important; that we have a purpose in life and by endeavouring to uphold the principles of Guiding, we must become better citizens

A visit to a farm at Mooroopna was a highlight of the weekend and here the Brownies enjoyed horse riding, a visit to the modern dairy, and fun and games amongst the hay, complete with a sampling of Shepparton apples!

Soon it was time to say a final "Brownie thank you" to the hosts and friends who had made our weekend so special, also to the Guiders who made it possible

Christeen Ball,  
(Pack Guide)

2nd Broadmeadows West Brownie Pack.



Dear Matilda,

I would like to tell you about two very interesting weekends our Brownie Pack had recently on an exchange visit with the Koo-wee-rup Brownies. Second Frankston Pack went to Koo-wee-rup and were welcomed by the Brown Owl and the girls.

Each of us was a guest of a Brownie and were taken to their homes. I was lucky enough to stay with a girl who lived on a farm, and there I rode a horse and watched the cows being milked. On the Sunday morning we all met at the Presbyterian Church in Koo-wee-rup for a special Brownie Service. After the service we had a barbecue lunch and played games until our parents arrived to collect us. They were given afternoon tea, then we headed for home.

Later the Koo-wee-rup Brownies made a visit to us. We welcomed them at our hall where they had drinks and biscuits and then we went for a ride around Frankston and Mt. Eliza in a London double-decker bus and this was fun. We each took our Brownie guest home for lunch and in the afternoon at a park in Frankston we met ten different Packs from surrounding districts for a fun afternoon of games.

On the Sunday morning the Brownies met at the Frankston Presbyterian Church for a combined service and after that we headed for the beach where we were going to have a ride in a Coast Guard boat. It was too rough and cold so it could not take us out. The parents of the Koo-wee-rup Brownies came and had afternoon tea. These were two very happy weekends.

Christine Latham,  
2nd Frankston Pack.



Do you ever stop to think?  
Don't you ever think to stop?



## ARGANA TREFOIL GUILD

To all our good friends who are saving their pantyhose for the leper colonies:—

We ask if you would mind not laddering any more for a few weeks as those sending the parcels to New Guinea are having difficulties involving the tax. It appears that now New Guinea is gaining independence, stockings have come under a law which makes them liable for tax when entering the country. When I get more 'gen' on the matter I will let you know, but until then would you please store them?

Please accept our thanks for the bundles and bundles you sent us. We, and all concerned, are most grateful for your interest and help.

For people who live in slacks, as I do, and who feel they, too, would like to save something, this is what we are collecting:

Lanchoo coupons, used to acquire tea towels and pillow slips for aboriginal families who are setting up a home for the first time.

Odd balls of wool, used to make knee and cot rugs for use in the Chislon Spastic Centre, Seddon.

If you should find anything of this nature in your cupboards whilst spring cleaning, we would be very glad to help the "Keep Australia Clean" drive and relieve you of them.

They may be sent to Mrs. Craig, 12 Regent Street, Keilor East, 3033.

May we say thank you in anticipation?

M.T.

## FERNTREE GULLY TREFOIL GUILD

Recently members from Ferntree Gully Trefoil Guild, along with L.A. members and Guiding friends, met at the home of the Guild President to say farewell to one of the first members of this Guild, Mrs. Daisy Calder. Daisy has given much of her time

and talents to Ferntree Gully and surrounding districts for some years now, so it was fitting that a large number should gather to wish her well before she left to live in Queensland.

Many farewell tokens were received from her many friends, both adults and children. She was deeply touched, and thanks all for the fellowship and friendships forged over the years.

Daisy has been a most enthusiastic Trefoil member and will be missed by all in Victoria, but we are quite sure she will soon be involved in test work, etc., in Queensland.

I. L.

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We had Brownie Revels at a farm and all the Brownies went. We sorted into groups and went round so we had a go at everything . . . miming, games, stories, nature hunt, music and a lady showing us how to make spiders and caterpillars. We heard a story about Hong Kong too.

The theme of the Revels was a farm and every pack made a model, from a big box, of something found in a farm yard. Our pack made a horse, and he carried our pack lunch.

When Brownies meet like this we think it is good because each pack gets more ideas and you get to meet more friends.

All the Brownies of 2nd Rye Pack

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Recently our patrol went for our Camp Fire Pennant. We sang a song we had composed ourselves at a camp at Mataranka, where a stream runs through the site.

This is one verse of the song:

Down came a polar bear to drink at  
Mataranka Creek,

Up jumped Biamee and grabbed it for  
tea.

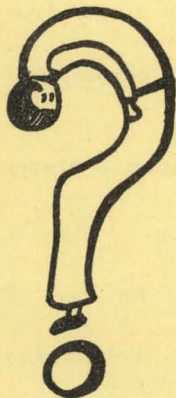
And we smiled as we threw its fur over  
our sleeping bags,

You'll come a'guide-camping with all of  
us.

Mary Hourigan,

2nd Daylesford Guides

# TRAINING PAGES



Have you started on this year's programme planning yet?

No, I'm not joking!

Refer to **Training Pages**, Matilda October 1973 issue.

How many of the 80-odd listed activities were you able to tick?

Did you make a note of any you consider your unit could/should be interested in this year?

Have you filled in the long term planning outline yet?

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO START.**

This outline is not a "magic formula", its good preparation, a compiling of facts, dates, objectives and activities that go to make up a Guiding year.

It is not the only method available but no planning outline at all leads to frustration for both girl and Leader, spasmodic progress could deprive the girl of the whole spectrum of Guiding.

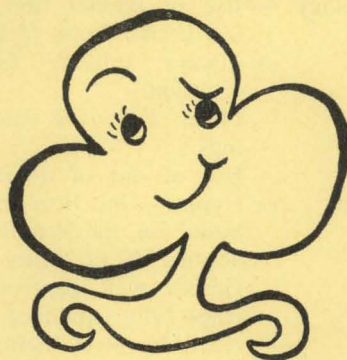
The general objective in programme planning should be to make your programmes so full of fun — adventure — achievement and interest that members will remain and others will want to join.

**The basic appeal of Guiding is proved . . . . Imaginative . . . . intelligent planning brings it to the members of your Unit.**

## WHO PLANS PROGRAMMES?

**Teamwork.** It is very important that all Leaders work as a team in **planning — Preparation — Execution — and Review.**

Your assistant Leaders are capable persons and must be made to feel they are filling a need and are making a vital contribution in giving their services. Do not "saddle" assistants with record keeping or mechanical procedures only. Rotate jobs so



that assistant leaders have the opportunity to grow and develop on the job.

Sue says "Two or three Leaders planning their Units' programmes will be more productive than one Leader working alone."

## PLAN YOUR WORK — WORK YOUR PLAN

Each Leader needs to know:—

1. Where her items come in the programme.
2. The approximate length allowed for them.
3. Equipment available.
4. The reason for the activity (Pack Guides often need help in this area).

## Aim to get 60 minutes out of every hour.

See that the opening and closing ceremonies do not drag.

Start and finish on time.

No lagging between items — keep on your toes.

Stop activities at their zenith.

Set a time for the following and then beat the time down:—

How long does it take the Pack to get into a circle?

How long does it take for Unit to become quiet?

How long before last member leaves the Hall?

## Atmosphere

Most of the atmosphere is already created by the Movement itself . . . It is up to all Leaders to keep it **Distinctive . . . Unusual . . . Thrilling . . . Fun.**

**Terminology** — Use of special Unit name for Leaders not Mrs./Miss.

**Uniform** — Always suitable for the occasion.  
Clean and tidy surroundings.

**Discipline** — Happy — but firm and just, based on the Promise and applied at all times.  
Games well controlled — rules fully explained or decided by girls themselves.  
Silence signals, etc., really carried out.  
Apologies when absent or late.

**Instruction** — Where possible keep it to  
5% talk  
10% demonstration  
85% practical

**Variety** — Each programme should contain variety — change from noisy to quiet . . . mental to physical . . . work to play . . . known to unknown. We are catering for the changing personalities of our members and a set routine of items should be avoided.

**Continuity** — Part of each meeting should tie in with what you did last week and what you will do next week.

**Flexibility** — Programme must be flexible to allow for weather — other conditions — unusual occurrences. What you plan and what actually happens are often two different things. This should be recorded in your programme book.



## Purpose of Programme Book

1. Saves time and gives Leaders confidence
2. All Leaders know what is happening.
3. Records Unit activities and progress.
4. Acts as a check to ensure overall Aims and Objectives are achieved.
5. Records any variations to planned programme.

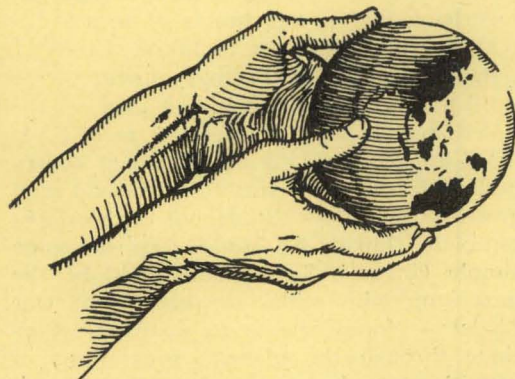
## After Meeting Review is Essential — Always Analyse the Programme

1. Was it fun and satisfying (a) for the girls, (b) for the Leaders?
2. Were the Assistants busy for most of the time?
3. Did the girls accomplish anything they could go home and talk about?
4. Did the Unit as a whole seem to enjoy most or all of the programme.
5. Did you listen to what the girls said about the activities? Too short . . . too long . . . too rough . . . too babyish.
6. Were there any difficult discipline situations?
7. Were members attentive during prayers . . . ceremonies?
8. In the aim of the programme for the evening did you feel the objectives were met?
9. How did this programme relate to the previous one?
10. Was there any recognisable theme?
11. What outside resources or help from experts did you use? Did the programme benefit from such help?
12. Was there any surprises or did the programme follow the same old regular pattern?
13. Was there something in the programme for **each** girl?
14. What purpose did your games achieve?
15. Did your programme make the best use of available time?
16. Who planned the programme? You alone, or did your assistants and members of the unit help?
17. What attempt, if any, was made to influence the spiritual development of your members?

Did you feel that this was just one of those nights when you should have stayed home ???

Trainings, Conferences and District Meetings are a source of ideas for programming. 'Matilda' — the Handbooks and other Guiding publications are readily available.

#### WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?



**"THINKING DAY . . . Is a wonderful day . . . for Guides and Girl Scouts around the World. It is the day when WE THINK AND ACT so that our Movement may grow stronger and reach out to more and more girls who need our help wherever they may live, whether in a remote village, or in a big city in any continent.**

Of course we think and act on other days in the year, but isn't there something special about 22nd February when we know we are among more than six million people thinking and acting at the same time.

As the World Chief Guide said many years ago, "With us **thinking** leads to **action**", and happily we can all act by giving our contribution to the **Thinking Day Fund**".  
**HOW DO WE CELEBRATE THINKING DAY?**

Once again planning is important. Thinking Day falling so early in the year means prompt and efficient preparation. Leaders in the Unit could produce a 'polished' programme but members will gain more and show more enthusiasm if they have a 'say' in the planning.

The following items are not a 'blue print' for your girls to use but they may help kindle a spark of interest.

#### THINKING DAY IN THE PACK

"We've Brownie friends, we've Brownie Friends in North, South, East and West."  
(From Brownie Guide Song)

#### Ceremonies

Brownies make a 'Meringue Birthday Cake' (any marshmallow recipe is suitable) complete with candles. Each Brownie comes forward and lights a candle saying "I light this candle for my sister Brownie who lives in Canada," etc. When all candles are lit the Pack sings "Happy Birthday Chief Guide." While Brownies are eating cake, Leader tells them a story from another country.

#### Collections

Leader explains that Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Cubs are gathering all over the World to celebrate Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's birthday . . . 22nd February. Brownies skip up to World Badge . . . made by them at previous meeting . . . and place on it their contributions to the Thinking Day Fund.

#### Prayer

At Prayer time Brownies place name tags on map of the World saying: "God bless Brownies in . . ."

#### Swedish Action Prayer

For all the beauty of the day  
(eyes towards the sky)  
For the sun  
(arms raised upwards)  
For the stars  
(fingers wiggling)  
For the flowers  
(hands cupped in front)  
For the wind that blows in the trees  
(arms waving)  
For the birds that fly in the air  
(arms waving)  
Father in heaven we thank Thee  
(heads bowed, hands clasped)

#### GAMES

From India, "Who is it"?

Players form the shape of the World. The first Brownie who can tell you the name of the World Chief Guide (or similar question) is 'it' and stands in the middle with her eyes closed. One Brownie is sent out of sight, the others skip around singing:

Tune: London Bridge —

“One of us has gone away, gone away,  
gone away,  
Who it is you now must say, Who — Is —  
It”

At the end of song Brownie in middle opens her eyes and guesses which Brownie has left. If wrong has another try — if correct Brownie who has hidden becomes ‘It’. From Japan, “The Bird”

Try and find out what the Brownies know about Japan by asking the following questions.

What style of houses? What type of furniture?

How do they dress? How are their clothes made?

How do people travel in Japan?

Do they speak a different language? Do they have the same style of writing?

What do they eat? How do they cook and eat it? How do they get it? (buy or grow?)

What are the schools like? What sort of work do the people do?

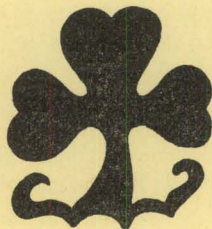
What do they like to do in their spare time?

What sports do the people take an interest in?

What do you know about the customs, religion and folklore of the people?

Game: Brownies in circle, one in centre with eyes closed. Skip around saying “The Bird — The Bird — The Bird in the cage, when do you come out of your cage?”

The Brownie behind one in centre asks “Who is behind you?” If she recognises voice they change places.



### THINKING DAY IN THE GUIDE COMPANY AND RANGER UNIT

1. Get each girl to bring one or more articles from abroad, and be willing to talk about them or demonstrate. These articles could range from chopsticks (next week

Chinese meal), a sari, a pair of clogs, some tinned snails or perhaps a dachshund!

2. Plan a meal, with food available in this country, containing items from as many different places as possible. What could be a balanced meal in India — South Pacific — or in Italy? What is ‘Subsistence level’? — how can we as citizens plan for the future to avoid starvation, and all kinds of want?

“I’ll hold my candle high, and then  
Perhaps I’ll see the hearts of men  
Above the sordidness of life,  
Beyond misunderstandings, strife;  
I’ll hold my candle high, and then  
Perhaps I’ll see the hearts of men.”

3. Girls could decide to place their contributions in . . . say a rice bowl . . . and send greetings to Guides throughout the world — especially Japan. All could then do some simple Origami. Switzerland could be the next stop with slides or pictures of Our Chalet — Swiss cheese to taste, etc. Continue through the planned programme of activities introducing a country, learning to appreciate its people and gaining knowledge of its cultural background.

### Games

#### 20 Questions

Each Patrol chooses a country in the World Association and finds out what it can about it. The other patrols in turn then ask twenty questions (with yes or no answers) to discover which it is.

2. Postcards and/or Souvenirs of different countries are spread around. Each Patrol sees how many countries they can recognise. No names should be visible.
3. Who am I? Each Guide has pinned on her back a picture of the uniform of a Guide of another country. By going around asking questions to which the answer may only be “yes” or “no” (e.g. “Is my uniform green?”) she discovers from which country she comes. See who discovers with the fewest questions. (Extra uniform charts should be available for reference.)

#### How Abouts?

Finding out how many countries belong to the World Association.

Saying ‘Goodnight’ in as many different languages as you can.

Cooking an International meal.



Comparing the wording of the Promise for Mexico . . . India . . . Egypt.

Making a collection of stamps — coins — dolls — postcards, etc.

Learning a Grace from another country.

Learning a folk dance from another country.

Making a pen friend through Post Box.

Learning the World Song.

Making a Thinking Day Cake.

Reading relevant chapters in Handbook.

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### ETHIOPIAN TRAINERS TRAVEL TO GREECE

Senait Amentie, the National Trainer, and Wessenie Mola, a volunteer trainer, of the Girl Scout Section of the Scouts Association of Ethiopia, spent two weeks in Greece following a Training/Observation programme in the country. During this time they saw all aspects of Guiding, participated in National Trainings and met members of the Association. The Greek Girl Guides Association writes, "We hope that Senait Amentie and Wessenie Mola, the two Ethiopian girls who joined us for a training programme were as happy to be with us as we were to have them."

### PRAYER

"O Lord, our God, this day we have set apart to think of our sister Guides in other lands, beyond racial frontiers, beyond lands and seas. We are many, and we are strong; grant us to grow in numbers and strength that we may resolve to work steadfastly for Thee, in this world that is Thine. Grant that the uniform we wear may never be put on simply from force of habit; let it be a perpetual reminder to us of Whose servants we are, and of what we are striving to be. Grant that the Law which we have promised to obey may never become to us a mere string of empty words; let it be the Guiding principle of our lives. Grant that our Promise may be a help to us each morning, as we prepare to face a new day, and a strength to us each evening when, wearied by our work, cheered or saddened by events, we turn to rest. O Lord, our God, this is the day we have set apart to think of our sister Guides beyond the narrow confines of race and creed. We are many and we are strong, grant us to grow in numbers and in strength, and give us courage to work for Thee in this world which is Thine.

Amen."



## CAMP DUNELM, DURHAM, ENGLAND

Last year, 5 Victorians set off from Tullamarine to fly to England via Sydney, Singapore, Bahrein, Athens, Amsterdam to London's famous Heathrow Airport, then to meet No. 6, and on to a sightseeing tour of London for a couple of days before setting off by train from King's Cross to Durham — the venue for "Camp Dunelm".

In London the party met a group of Danish Guides who were on their way to tour Ireland with a horse and cart — doesn't that sound marvellous? Extracts from a diary kept by Joy Grant from 'SR5 Yarra' show that, of the 8 days spent at Camp Dunelm — 6 rained, one was fairly fine, and one, the last day, was fine!

Everyone in camp admired the Australian wattle yellow dresses and the party were much photographed in them.

Because of the weather there were many and varied problems with fires; the "Big Top" tent was split in two by the wind, so the campfire was held in a barn; small groups of campers from Norway, U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Bermuda (and, of course Great Britain) met in tents to teach each other songs from their countries. On Open Day Mrs. Gervase Clay (our Chief Guide's daughter) visited the Camp and "our lot" met her during the morning.

The Australians were among the guests at a civic reception in Durham Town Hall — each person was presented with a book about Durham, and, in return, the Australian delegation presented kangaroo brooches to the various hosts and hostesses. Joy's diary tells us that there are 320 steps to climb to the tower of Durham's magnificent Cathedral!

Many fascinating places were visited — touring Northern Yorkshire following all the places Captain James Cook had been to; seeing a famous pre-Tudor time street called "The Shambles"; attending the Edinburgh Festival.

After England most of the party went across to the Continent (in Paris Coca-Cola costs 80c). The song we all know "High up, high on the Mountain" is very true — Joy's

diary tells us they were all exhausted when they finally reached "Our Chalet", but what a thrill!

The Australian delegation split up on their return to London and came home their various ways. All the girls voted the tour "GREAT" and thank everyone who made it possible for them to have this overseas experience.

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## SCOUT GANG SHOW 1974

Rangers and young Guiders — are you interested in auditioning for cast for the 1974 Scout Gang Show? You need to be free on Monday evenings from June till September for rehearsals.

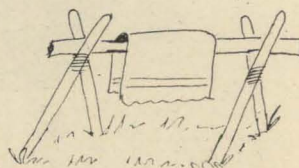
There are several other departments needing help . . . Secretarial — Public Relations (both these need typing); Costumes; Usherettes; Make up, etc.

Application forms from Secretary to Advisers, H.Q., 20 Russell Street, Melbourne — please send a STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. Applications close 12th March 1974.

## South Eastern and South Metropolitan Regions Campsite — Tynong North

Initial enquiries for bookings at Tynong North should be made by telephone to the Booking Secretary, Mrs. Kit Williamson, on 93 2467. It is preferable to ring between 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Intending day visitors should also contact Mrs. Williamson before visiting the site. Health regulations limit the number of people on the site at any time; prior arrangements can also be made with the Guider in Charge if you wish to see inside the house.



# NOTICES

## BUSHCRAFT TOUR

Do you feel like getting away from it all? Would you like to play truant for a few days, listen to the birds sing and let the cares of your everyday existence slip away from you as you travel with congenial companions through the Victorian countryside?

You would? Then write to us by the end of March telling us the area you would like to visit and suggest the most convenient dates during the September school holidays for our next Bushcraft Tour.

Please address your letters to the Training Department at Headquarters where we are waiting to hear.

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## CHALLENGE AND ADVENTURE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

A TRAINER is urgently needed in Papua New Guinea, commencing as soon as possible. The appointment would be from 6 months to one year.

This job needs a mature, tolerant, outgoing person who would be interested in travelling round Papua New Guinea, sometimes accompanied by a Papuan or New Guinean Trainer. Initially she would be needed to train six Form IV cadets and supervise them at our training centre in Port Moresby.

**SALARY:** Refer Miss Coleman (Aust. Training Adviser).

**ACCOMMODATION:** There is a one-bedroom flat for the Trainer, at one end of the Headquarters Building, which is on the waterfront of Moresby Harbour.

**APPLICATIONS TO BE FORWARDED TO YOUR STATE TRAINING ADVISER.**

Mrs. Elaine Clay,  
Training Adviser,  
Papua New Guinea.

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## Training Department

Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Marguerite Pritchard on gaining her Training Diploma and to Mrs. Barbara Finlayson on being appointed a Guide Team Member for Yarra Valley Region.

## YOUNG LEADERS' SEMINAR — QUEENSLAND, AUGUST, 1974

All Young Guiders under the age of 25 years are invited to apply to attend "KANYANA" a seminar to be held at 'Kindilan', Queensland's Training Centre at Redland Bay, 23 miles from Brisbane. The name 'Kanyana' means 'people assembled' and this event promises to be most stimulating and enjoyable. The dates? 17th-23rd August, with one week's hospitality by the Queensland Guide Association, if desired. Camp fee? \$35 plus fares.

Six young Guiders will be selected to represent Victoria at 'Kanyana'. Applications should reach the Secretary to Advisers by 1st April and should be made on the special application form which is now obtainable from Headquarters. (This will be forwarded by post on request on receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

A First Aider is required for this event and those qualified to serve in this capacity may also apply. As a staff member, she will be required to pay a reduced camp fee of \$17.50 (plus fares).

Further information obtainable from Mrs. B. McNally, Secretary to Advisers, c/o Headquarters, or to our representative on the Australian Planning Committee for this event, Miss Robin Saunders, 6 Mortimer Street, Huntingdale, 3166.

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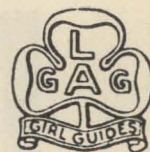
## WINTER IN QUEENSLAND — THE SUNSHINE STATE

A general Trainer is urgently required for Queensland, commencing as soon as possible. The appointment would be for approximately 8 months, covering most areas in the State, including the Torres Straits.

Salary to be negotiated — refer State Secretary.

Patricia Avery,  
State Secretary.

# THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION SECTION



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

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

There is a destiny that makes us brothers;  
None goes his way alone,  
All that we send into the lives of others  
Comes back into our own.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

"We have always done it this way."

If these words were said of your Annual Meeting and it was not as well attended as you would have liked — then this could be a danger signal. If, however, everyone came along happily, you received two donations of a couple of hundred dollars and at least three sisters, cousins or aunts asked if they could train to be Guide or Brownie Leaders, then stop reading now. You have the magic formula, so sit down and write it out for "Matilda".

Here are a few hints which might help you to compile your successful formula. Firstly plan very well ahead, in fact have a private post mortem immediately after your Annual Meeting and write down your conclusions for later reference. Remember, it is not the Annual Meeting of the Local Association but of the Girl Guides Association in your District, and your opportunity to let more people know what the children do and how they do it. Present this in such a way that everyone's interest will be aroused.

Is the hall going to be bright enough, comfortable enough, large enough? It might be a good idea to arrange a group to give it a fresh coat of paint; get donations of paint. If you have to bring in extra borrowed radiators make sure the wiring will take the extra strain. The only way to be SURE is to try them out a week before, check the extra flex for frayed ends and be SURE it is safe. Is the outside lighting adequate — we may know about that puddle on the right of the step, but Betty Brownie's Aunt Mabel may not like sitting with wet feet.

If there are too many problems to bring the Guide Hall up to standard in time, it might be best to ask permission to use the Shire or Town Hall — this identifies the Movement with the community.

Make sure that your invitation list is comprehensive, discuss it at one meeting and check it at the next, making sure that everyone who has helped in any way is invited, as well as local dignitaries. Have some of your members or Guides or Brownies trained to look after the guests properly. Arrange the jobs in the kitchen so that three-quarters of the members are not coming or going too often. Have small trays to carry the tea cups.

Have the table on the dais covered with a cloth which is long enough to screen mini skirts and maxi legs — if anyone should have one or the other — or both — it is not an unusual calamity. Avoid having a tall floral arrangement on the table.

Your Annual Meetings may be varied in form, that is, sometimes you may hold them at night and might have the Guides and Brownies there to take part in the programme or display some of their badge work. If you intend to do it this way make sure you give the Leaders plenty of warning and ask them if they think it would be a good idea. It may be the year when they are concentrating on some project that doesn't lend itself to display. If you are having the children, try to get the business of the meeting over quickly so that parents will be able to take them home at a reasonable hour — it should be a Friday night and preferably not during winter months.

If you have your Meeting in the middle of winter your guests might prefer a daytime meeting but be sure to stress the aims and achievements of the Packs and Companies. Be sure to introduce the Leaders and ask them to try to be there before the meeting is due to start so that they can meet the parents. If the Guide and Brownie reports are to be read, ask one of the Leaders from each Section to read them. One

report each for Brownies, Guides and Rangers will save a lot of repetition of activities and outings. If you really want people to know what is in the reports, have them duplicated and hand one to each visitor.

Make sure your Chairman has a copy of the Agenda and the reports a day or so before the meeting and that he knows just how the election of office bearers is to be managed to ensure that the business goes smoothly. Where possible, nominations can be arranged at the previous monthly meeting. If you have a speaker, give the Chairman the name and title of the speaker and the subject of the address. You don't always need to have a speaker — you might sometimes like to have a film or slides. Make sure you tell the speaker, if you have one, how long you want her to speak, what place in the programme she will be taking and, most important, whether the Guides and Brownies will be in the audience.

To learn more about District Annual Meetings and the actual procedure of the Meeting, read Section Nine in "The Why and How of Local Associations". You should find this chapter a great help in your planning. If you have had successful Annual Meetings taking an unusual form, will you write and tell us about them, so we may report them in this section of "Matilda".

Remember, your Annual Meeting is one of the best avenues of Public Relations. Be sure you get the greatest value from it — it is twelve months before you can have another.

## RECIPE CORNER

### LEMON MOUSSE

1 pkt. lemon jelly; juice of 1 lemon; 2 eggs; 2 oz. sugar.

Make up the jelly with  $\frac{3}{4}$  pint water and add lemon juice. Cool. Beat egg yolks and sugar and stir into jelly. When beginning to set, beat well then add whipped egg whites. Set in refrigerator in serving bowl or individual dishes.

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**LOGIC?** ? Half full = half empty. Therefore . . . full = empty?

## P.O.T. WEEKEND

Have you tried to pitch a tent in the dark? Well, 60 Rangers did in double quick time — because they wanted a drink of hot chocolate and biccies! It was a different story next morning . . . .

Saturday morning we finally got started on trying to erect scramble nets, monkey bridge, commando bridge, rope ladders and a stretcher. The Ocean Grove Rovers built a flying fox for our enjoyment (?). Rangers were divided into 6 patrols and each one had to attempt a course of the above contraptions. We won't mention who was the slowest on the scramble net, but there seemed to be two of her running around all the time! !

Throughout the weekend each patrol had to complete 8 challenges (as in 8 point pre-investiture challenge). Saturday afternoon down to the beach for sand castles, tug-o'-war, relays, wheelbarrow race and fruit salad. It was good fun even though we nearly got tide swamped.

The campfire on Saturday night was a beauty complete with corroboree (Shirley Basse!), church service, Herman the Mountain Lion and the Wet Dog (big drip).

On Sunday morning we were greeted by raindrops but they didn't last long. After Rangers' Own we were given a hunk of excellent bait and proceeded, amid many screams and shouts, to catch yabbies.

Orienteering does not appear to be one of our best achievements as no-one was able to complete the course (where was that red marker?).

After a hurried lunch the bus was finally loaded, thank you's said, and the bus, complete with good looking driver, roared down the road.





Australia has a new coat of arms, thanks to the Minister for the Media, Senator Doug McClelland, and the Minister for Immigration, Al Grassby.

They have organised a new version of the coat of arms, ostensibly for the Australian certificate of citizenship. New artwork was prepared by the design section of the Australian Government Publishing Service because Messrs. McClelland and Grassby felt the old coat of arms was "not of very high quality".

"For example (as their official announcement puts it), the kangaroo and emu supporters were not anatomically correct; the State emblems within the shield were badly drawn and did not fill the spaces and the wattle background did not truly represent an acacia pycnantha (the wattle now generally recognised as the correct Australian floral emblem)."

Senator McClelland said the new version is heraldically correct according to the royal warrant granting the arms in 1912. The warrant describes the Commonwealth arms as follows:

"Quarterly of six, the first quarter argent a cross gules charged with a lion passant guardant between on each limb a mullet of eight points or the second, azure five mullets, one of eight two of seven one of six and one of five points of the first constellation of the Southern Cross ensigned with an imperial crown proper; the third of the first, a Maltese Cross of the fourth, surmounted by a like imperial crown; the fourth of the third; on a perch wreathed

vert and gules an Australian piping shrike displayed also proper; the fifth also or a swan naiant to the sinister sable; the last of the first a lion passant of the second, the whole within a bordure ermine; for the crest on a wreath or and azure "a seven pointed star," and for supporters "dexter a kangaroo, sinister an emu, both proper."

"The six quarters in the shield represent the badges of the six States as they were in 1912. N.S.W. is represented by a cross containing four eight-pointed stars and a lion; Victoria by the constellation of the Southern Cross and a Crown; Queensland by a Maltese Cross surmounted by a crown; South Australia by a piping shrike; Western Australia by a black swan; and Tasmania by a lion passant.

"The seven-pointed star in the crest represents the six States and the Commonwealth Territories."

According to Messrs. McClelland and Grassby: "The branches of wattle used as an ornamental accessory to the shield are not part of the armorial ensigns and supporters and are therefore not mentioned in the Royal Warrant, nor are the rests for the kangaroo and the emu and other ornamentations. However, it has been the convention to ornament the arms with sprays of wattle and the word Australia."

(from "The Australian")

by Robert Drewe

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## AUSTRALIA DAY

Guides formed a guard of honour for the official party at the Australia Day luncheon held at the Melbourne Town Hall. Guides also presented posies at the commencement of the function, at which the Guide Movement was officially represented.

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It's tough to make a mistake, but tougher still to find you're so unimportant that nobody noticed it.

## **A SPLASH OF GOLD, A SPRAY OF PINK AND A SMALL BROWN FUR — VICTORIA'S OWN**

On the road from Lilydale to Yarra Junction, a turn to the south can be made at Woori Yallock which takes the traveller between open paddocks through stands of eucalypts. The road leads to the small hamlet of Yellingbo, where, passing the school and store an immediate right turn is taken to cross the Woori Yallock Creek, then the road swings hard left to run between this creek and Cockatoo Creek. About a quarter of a mile along on the right is an area which is now a sanctuary for the rarest bird in Australia — the helmeted honeyeater. But — wonder of wonders — this bird is easy to see once you are in the place it has colonized!

It is a very handsome bird, extremely alert and active, flying among eucalypt and wattle trees from eye level to the tops of the trees. It is about 8½ inches long (about the size of the common starling) and has a striking colour pattern of olive-black on back and head patches, with a brilliant gold breast and tufted crest on the front of the head.

On the first Sunday of every month members of the Bird Observers Club are available at the sanctuary to show visitors the area and to give information about the honeyeaters and other birds. Wood barbecues and picnic tables are there to make the visit more enjoyable. Trips on other occasions can be made by ringing Mr. Frank Stephens at 89 3935.

Victoria now has three official native emblems, the pink heath which you all know, the helmeted honeyeater, which you have just read about and which we hope you will go to see, and a very shy creature, Leadbeater's possum. This tiny creature is also found in south Gippsland but over a much wider area. It is not seen very often, being a nocturnal animal and fairly small. Its body length is about 6 inches with a tail about 7 inches long. The colour varies from a warm brown to grey with a dark brown to black stripe along the back from muzzle to rump. It is very like the common sugar glider but has no gliding membranes. It

climbs about the eucalypts at night feeding on insects and nectar from the blossoms.

Even the sugar glider is rarely seen unless brought in by cats, so it is not surprising that the more localised and duller coloured animal is rarely reported. Closely examine any small animals brought in by cats or killed during timber cutting. They can be preserved in methylated spirits and sent to the museum.

Only with the co-operation of nature lovers in the country can we hope to re-discover such rare species and study the habits of shy inhabitants of the bush.

Both the helmeted honeyeater and Leadbeater's possum are available as patrol emblems and now camp badges featuring them will be available in the shop, so do make a point of wearing with pride these two creatures which are found in Victoria only.

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## **WESTERNPORT DIVISION OUTING**

Three busloads of Guides and Brownies toured the Mornington Peninsula on the annual Westernport division outing. First stop was H.M.A.S. "Cerberus" where three "Wran Guides" boarded the buses for a tour of the Naval Depot, stopping to inspect the interiors of the two lovely Chapels.

At Shoreham, three native trees, one from each district, were planted as a Thank You to retired Division Commissioner, Miss Jess McDonald, who was on the outing with us.

We had to lunch at the Flinders Guide and Scout Hall instead of the beach as planned, but did manage a short visit to Flinders front beach.

The Overseas Telecommunication Centre on Boneo Road was next, and everyone listened enthralled to radio and morse messages from ships in the area reporting positions, time of arrival, departure, etc. We all felt we could have spent ages studying charts and machinery. The operators were most helpful and enjoyed our visit.

On to Rosebud where we had a date with Westernport Rangers, who met us with cartons of icy poles. A bravo for three most obliging bus drivers, before a reshuffle of districts into their own buses for the return home. A very enjoyable and stimulating day.

R. Rae

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

**Guiders' Long Service:**

(25 years)

Miss M. Binns (Ballarat).

(15 years)

Miss A. Benson (Gisborne); Mrs. H. L. Ebbs (Croydon).

**Combined Long Service:**

Mrs. E. Banks (Balwyn); Mrs. N. Hooper (Kyabram); Mrs. J. E. Mathews (Mildura).

**Local Association Long Service:**

Mrs. A. Schuback (Orbost); Mrs. H. N. Deveson (Sebastapol); Mrs. G. Tavare (Bright); Mrs. Fletcher (Bright).

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**Thanks Badge:**

Mrs. V. Joseph (Malvern).

**APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS**

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

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4th Noble Park Pack; 4th West Doncaster Pack; 2nd Bendigo Coy.; Dimboola Rangers; Monash Rangers; Armadale Rangers; Town and Country Trefoil Guild.

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A "Special Thought For Others" Challenge for 2nd Altona Brownies ended on a high note when 18 Brownies and their leaders went to the Royal Institute for the Blind, and handed over a cheque for \$100. This they had raised with all sorts of competitions, toffee sales, sale of bottles, etc.

The Brownies were told all about the Institute and were able to ask questions. Then followed a tour of the Institute workshops. The Brownies were very excited and proud as they were told that their donation was among the larger amounts received from clubs, etc.

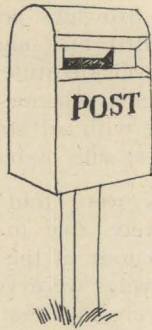
V. Gunther

# From the GUIDE SHOP



## HIKING, CAMPING AND PACK HOLIDAYS

Pack Holiday forms	4c.	Permission to Camp forms	4c.
Brown Hats — all sizes	\$3.30	Camp Hats — all sizes	\$3.30
Brown Cord Slacks — all sizes	\$4.45	Camp Blouses — all sizes	\$3.80
Brown Shorts — all sizes	\$2.25	Shorts — all sizes	\$2.25
Gold T Shirts — all sizes	\$1.60	Keyman Jeans — all sizes	\$7.75
Gold Skivvies — all sizes	\$2.85	T Shirts — 30-34	\$1.60
Brown Cardigans — all sizes	\$6.00	— sw-w	\$2.00
Fawn Sox — knee length	99c.	Skivvies — 28-34	\$2.65
— ankle length	70c.	— S.M.L.	\$3.20
Brown Haversack	\$1.55	Pullovers — all sizes	\$7.50
Hike Groundsheet	36c.	Fawn Sox — knee length	99c.
<b>Camp Record Card</b> for Camp Tenderfoot, Camper's Badge and Patrol Camp Permit	10c.	— ankle length	70c.
<b>Camp Fund Card</b> — Ideal for recording weekly amounts paid towards the next Company Camp	4c.	Campfire Shirts — all sizes	\$3.15
Good range of new Victorian swap Badges — including Helmeted Honeyeater and Leadbeater's Possum (see article on page 177)	each 10c.	Navy Drill Haversack	\$4.15
		Nylon Haversack	\$2.25
		Hike Groundsheet	36c.
		Camp Groundsheet, 7' x 3'	\$3.35
		Acrylic Sleeping Bag	\$13.15
		Dacron Sleeping Bag	\$16.50
		Sleeping Bag Sheets	\$1.50
		Blanket Pins	5c.
		Plate Bags	30c.
		Cutlery Sets	95c.
		Knives	85c. to \$2.50
		Torches (batteries extra)	60c. to \$1.08



## VICTORIAN POST BOX THINKING DAY 1974

Canada, South Africa, Singapore, U.S.A., Denmark, Wales, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Hong Kong, New Zealand, The Philippines, Japan, Papua New Guinea, Norway, Finland, Argentina, Barbados, Belgium, Holland . . . .

What an interesting list of countries you think! From all these in the past year penfriends have been arranged for Victorian Guides by POST BOX.

A young Guide Leader, gifted in languages, is writing in Italian to an Italian Leader and in French and Italian to a Leader in Switzerland.

LOOK WIDE not only on Thinking Day but all through the year . . . .

But remember too those nearer home — a recent letter received by the Post Box Secretary read from the beginning:

"I am in the . . . . Guide Company.

My name is . . . . . I am 14 years old.

My birthday date is . . . . .

I would like to have penfriends in England, U.S.A. and South Africa.

Please hurry! I would like someone to write to overseas (try to get me one in Hollywood, California)."

Have we forgotten our Guide Law of politeness and consideration?

Time is needed to get penfriends — but it is time well spent. Details are sent by the Victorian Post Box Secretary to the Australian Post Box Secretary (the only person

authorised to write — for pen friends — to other countries of the World Association). It is better for all concerned as you will realise to have one person only attending to all the details at each end. The request is then sent on to the country asked for by the Guide . . . and the Post Box Secretary there will have to find someone in her country who would like to write to a Guide in Australia.

Back comes this advice which is sent on to Victoria and then back to the Guide.

The choice of country, age, language difficulties and sheer lack of numbers in the Movement in some countries, all these can contribute to delays. If you would like a penfriend in a 'difficult' country you might like to ask also for a penfriend from ANY country and then you can start writing fairly quickly while waiting for your 'difficult' choice.

LOOK WIDE — and THINK NOW! Don't wait until the enthusiasm of your unit is white hot; build and encourage international friendship through the year. Send a letter giving name and address, date of birth, name of unit AND a stamped, self addressed envelope for each request.

I have received a request from a young Melbourne Guide Leader who wants to write to Guide Leaders in their early twenties living in the country areas of Victoria. I have also two requests from Tasmanian Guides to write to Melbourne Guides aged 10½ to 14½.

Let's look forward to an overwhelming number of requests for penfriends in 1974 — from Guides, Rangers, Leaders and Brownie Guide units.

Happy Thinking Day . . .

Mrs. C. M. Williamson,  
6 Haines Street, Cheltenham, 3192  
Post Box Secretary, Victoria.

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"Our thoughts are swift wing'd  
messengers  
That fly from heart to heart,  
They keep true friends for ever  
close  
When they are far apart."

## **WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS**

In the 1920s the Baden-Powell family was installed at Pax Hill. From there the Founder and the Chief Guide set out on the many tours they undertook in that decade and it was to that beautiful bit of Hampshire that they returned each time. There we know, as they walked the dogs and enjoyed the countryside, some of their not too numerous leisure hours were spent in thinking of the future of the young Scout and Guide Movements then only between 10 and 20 years old.

In 1920, '22, '24 and '26 there were gatherings of Guide/Girl Scout Leaders called together by the B-Ps for the exchange of ideas. The third of these International Conferences as they came to be called, was held in 1924 at Foxlease, England, in conjunction with the First World Camp. Juliette Low, that determined character who was responsible in 1912 for starting Girl Scouting in the U.S.A., succeeded in getting the 1926 Conference to the Edith Macey Training School in New York State. Dame Katherine Furse, who was to be the very skilled and wise drafter of our World Association Constitution and the Director of the World Bureau for its first ten years, travelled back to the U.K. with others from the 1926 Conference making, what to us, seems to be their leisurely way across the Atlantic. It was then that the idea of a World Association was discussed in detail.

The Founder, the Chief Guide and the early friends and supporters of the Movements have been proved right, because, although the friendly meetings of leaders were fine as far as they went, it is very doubtful if they alone could have gone far enough to guarantee a sound future for the Movement, or could have maintained the degree of unity which we know today.

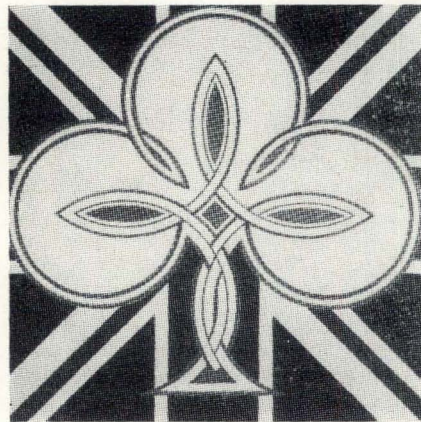
At the 5th International Conference in Hungary in 1928, it was agreed to set up what we now know as the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Which of the present members of the WAGGGS were Founder Members? Who

comes to a World Conference and what do they actually do? How do members of the World Association qualify? Would Guiding have been just as good without a World Association? Are there likely to be further applications for membership of the World Association? How much depends on the money we all give to the Thinking Day Fund?

In 1975, for the first time in 25 years, the World Conference will be held in England. This is the symbol chosen for this 22nd World Conference.

(from the 'Guider')



## **WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS**

### **FULL MEMBERS**

Argentina, Australia, Austria  
Barbados, Belgium, Brazil  
Canada, China Republic of, Colombia  
Denmark  
Egypt, Arab Republic  
Finland, France  
Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala  
Haiti  
Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy  
Jamaica, Japan  
Korea, Kuwait  
Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg  
Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco

Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria,  
 Norway.  
 Pakistan, Panama Republic of, Peru,  
 Philippines  
 Rhodesia  
 Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa,  
 Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland  
 Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago  
 United Kingdom, United States of America  
 Venezuela

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Bolivia, Botswana, Burundi  
 Cameroon, Central African Republic,  
 Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus  
 Dahomey, Dominican Republic  
 Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia  
 Gambia, Guyana  
 Ivory Coast,  
 Jordan  
 Kenya  
 Liberia, Libya  
 Madagascar  
 Paraguay, Portugal  
 Sudan, Surinam, Swaziland  
 Togo, Turkey  
 Uganda, Upper Volta, Uruguay  
 Viet Nam, South  
 Zambia

#### "TOP'N'BACK" TRAIL:

Consisted of Guides from the Wimmera, Dimboola, Horsham, Warracknabeal, Donald, St. Arnaud, Charlton, Rupanyup, Wedderburn.

Five Guiders with three Junior Guiders, who all hold Camp Permits to lead the Patrols.

Two years planning with the Guides all working and raising their own monies: baby-sitting, cleaning and part-time shop work.

Our song was taken from the old folk song "With a Swag All On My Shoulder". Many different verses were added as our adventure unfolded.

Chorus:

"With a bedroll on our shoulder  
 A camera in our hand,  
 Top 'n' back Australia—  
 We're a true blue Guiding band."

A typical verse:

We steered our course for Tennant Creek  
 Then off to Darwin Town.  
 Travel the desert for a week  
 Sun-up to sun-down.  
 The stars at night are silver bright,  
 Red and gold colours the day;  
 Katherine Gorge a wonderous sight,  
 There's magic all the way!

L.R.

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Horsham Guides lease a three-acre piece of land in the Grampians from the Lands Department

It is triangular with a road on each side.

Recently our 4th Brownie Pack decided to hold a venture there in the form of a picnic lunch. We wanted to see the wild flowers and generally enjoy the out-of-doors.

Seven Brownies, their parents and friends attended the barbecue. The father of one of the Brownies is quite a bushman. He found kangaroo tracks and estimated one of the Austral Grass trees to be 1,000 years old.

The vegetation is typical of Grampians and heathland and particularly suitable for seeing our native flora.

Some of the Brownies' comments:—

"On Sunday some of the Brownies went to a piece of land we own in the Grampians, played lots of games and had a barbecue. Golden Fairy puts names on the plants and gave us a piece of paper with the matching name and we found the flower. We found out some of the real names of some of the flowers and that the Austral Grass tree grows about 1 inch per year."

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