

# MATILDA

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA



**From our State  
Commissioner**

Dear Members and Friends,

**H-O-M-E** What very simple letters but what a wonderful word — and I am sure each and every one of you has experienced that wonderful feeling of returning home after being away. There is no place like it, and over the last five days I have been revelling in my home and garden, even pruning “my roses”.

What a wonderful time I have had. So many new friends, so many experiences, how do I share it all with you?

The World Conference was exciting, exhilarating, informative, instructive and exhausting — although we really didn't notice that until it was all over.

550 women representing 7.3 million people from 94 countries is quite a gathering and the variety of uniforms and languages all added to the colour. The United Kingdom made the 22nd World Conference a memorable occasion for everyone, and how thrilled we were to see so many children and leaders — our whole reason for being involved.

The Conference could be divided into four sections —

1. Formal sessions where major decisions were made.
2. Discussion groups where we learnt much of what happened in other countries and tried to come up with constructive ideas.
3. Exciting social outings from Campus.
4. Wonderful informal meetings and discussions with delegates over meals or those frequent parties which took place after sessions from 10.30 p.m. onwards.

Like Cinderella, I tried to return to my room by midnight because I then had to wash, write letters and do my homework for the next day which usually began with a meeting about 7.30 a.m. I did say exhausting didn't I?

In this letter I shall try to describe some of the highlights of the Conference.

H.R.H. The Princess Margaret opened the Conference delightfully — looking beautiful in her uniform of President of the Girl Guides Association. This was followed by a heart-warming message on tape from Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide. We really felt she was there with us as we saw the picture of her much loved face on the screen before us and listened to the following message.

*“WELCOME — WELCOME — WELCOME, three times over and I mean it in fullest measure. I am sorry that having lost the use of my legs I am not able to come to say this to you in person, but I say it with all my heart for I am still your Chief though no longer as active as of yore. I hope that you feel as if this is a homecoming to this country — the World Bureau is here and this is where the Movement first began so many years ago. You have made all your own history as the years have passed by and how proudly you can look back on your achievements.*

*Great preparations have been made for the enjoyment of your stay, as well as for the work to be got through here, and you will all gain new inspiration for the future that lies ahead when you return to your home lands.*

*Many of you will have attended world gatherings elsewhere and will have been looking forward to meeting many old friends and reliving former gatherings of this kind. But to many of you it will be the first time of launching out into the vast sea of Guiding, known only before as names and words on paper. May it be a very happy time for you to see how the World Association functions and to meet this great body of dedicated fellow Guiders. So to you newcomers I offer a very special welcome and I urge you to come forward and make friends with all you can. Do not hold back but sit at meals by someone you do not know and thus gain from this new found friend many hints and suggestions which will help you in future tasks.*

*The activities and the great spirit that runs through our ranks like a golden thread are sorely needed in the anxious world that we live in today.*

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## WALTER DONALD ROSS TROPHY

*Mr. Walter Donald Ross (who died in 1974) was a Canadian whose home was in Vancouver, British Columbia. He offered to present a trophy for outstanding service carried out by a group of Guides or Rangers in any Member Country of the World Association.*

*His generous offer was accepted by the World Committee in 1950 and since then his beautiful silver cup has been awarded annually, and as a result many inspiring service projects have been made known throughout the world. The names of the recipients are engraved on the trophy which is kept at Our Chalet, to be admired by visitors to this World Centre, and a replica is given to every winning group.*

*This award is given for Service, either sustained effort or outstanding achievement by a group of Guides or Ranger Guides.*

*The most recent recipient of this trophy is The Gap Guide Company of Queensland.*

When the disastrous floods hit Brisbane on Australia Day, 26th January, 1974, people throughout Australia were shocked at the widespread damage which occurred. When the waters subsided two days later, they left a staggering amount of ruin in their wake. The people whose homes had been inundated were quite bewildered but in no time help was on hand to clean up the shambles.

Among those to lend a hand were the Guides of the 1st The Gap Guide Company. "Operation Clean-Up" commenced immediately with 23 Guides from this company participating. Their service ranged from washing foul-smelling mud from crockery, kitchen utensils and cupboards and clothing; scrubbing and cleaning houses; clearing debris from streets, yards and a recreation area. Help was given in sorting clothing donated to the flood victims, as well as preparing food in a mobile kitchen and serving food to the workers. Two Guides had helped evacuate people from their flooded homes, working

in different locations with other volunteers; another helped at the Civil Defence Headquarters. As well as this, three Guides babysat 29 children whilst their parents helped in flooded areas. Books and toys were collected, stuffed toys and pot holders were made and then all were distributed to flood victims. An approximate number of 410 hours was given to these services, in the cheery spirit for which Guides are noted.

A knit-a-thon of tea cosies, later given to the flood victims, was held and an astonishing 288 hours were spent on this project. Some knitted squares were also made at this time, enabling a fourth blanket to be completed, three having been done in 1973, and this was forwarded to The Save The Children Fund. One company member works consistently for this fund throughout the year, and together with five other friends outside the Guiding Movement, raised \$700 for this Fund in 1974.

With the initial clean-up over, the Guides, in company council, decided to continue their service to flood victims by repainting fences in one of the worst affected areas, Fairfield. The full complement of 31 Guides joined in this effort with 217 hours given the first Saturday and 108 hours the following week. They carried out this work until the end of July with a further 308 hours labour given on eight occasions. The repainting entailed scrubbing, sandpapering, and in some cases removing the wire from the fence first and then replacing it before the painting could commence — all done by "Guide Power". As time progressed weeds and long grass, which had grown profusely, first had to be removed. Residents were extremely grateful for this job so tirelessly and cheerfully carried out by the girls, although at the commencement of the work a few had doubted that the Guides were capable of executing the task so thoroughly.

Paint, of course, costs money and in order to provide funds to buy this commodity, the Guides washed cars, sold Guide-made sweets, made cakes and sold them. \$66 for paint was raised.

As well as their contribution to "Operation Clean-Up", the company continued with their usual Good Turns which, as with their flood deeds, were extra to their Service Flash Awards in Guiding.

The collection of alfoil for The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association of Queensland was continued from their previous good effort for this cause in 1973. Used stamps were also collected, then cut, sorted and bagged ready for sale overseas by The Paraplegics Welfare Association of Queensland.

A Convalescent Home was again revisited by the company in 1974 following up the concert given there by the girls late in 1973.

The Local Association was assisted in two 1-day working bees helping to clear the ground around their new hut before it was officially opened in November. An Easter Bun Drive and Girl Guide biscuit sales by the Guides also benefited the Local Association. Money was also raised for the Queensland Girl Guide Headquarters Building Fund Appeal and the National Association of Disabled Office Worker's Appeal.

Meals on Wheels, which delivers food to the sick and the elderly, was another community project in which the Guides participated. 20 Guides gave a total of 146 hours during the Christmas vacations of 1973-74 and 1974-75, and the May and August vacation periods of 1974, with the girls fulfilling all the necessary work involved, cooking, delivery and the washing-up afterwards.

Two of the Guides continued into 1974 their work as Pack Guides and have accompanied the Brownies and their Guiders on Pack Holidays.

Another 3 Guides gave home help to a mother and her three young children, all of whom were ill, for 12 hours spread over 2 weeks after they had finished school.

Such unstinting service by these Guides must help to bring before the public the wealth of community awareness implanted in the girls by the Guiding Movement with the allied effect on the girl herself, taking a share of responsibility for her world around her, which she will carry on with her to womanhood.

## THAILAND — AID TO REFUGEES

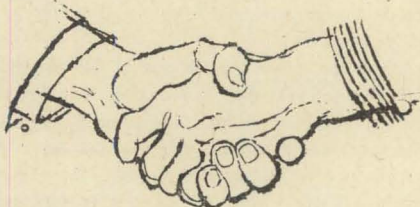
Dear Members of the Movement,

The International Committee thanks you very much for donations to help refugees of Cambodia and Vietnam.

Australian Headquarters will send this money (\$564.89) with donations from other States to the Girl Guides Association of Thailand, to be used as they see fit.

Receipts may be collected personally from Headquarters or will be forwarded if you send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

L. Dwyer,  
International Adviser.



## A PRAYER

Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know Lord that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening coxsureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.



# 22nd WORLD CONFERENCE

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY, ENGLAND

What a tremendous experience the 22nd World Conference has been! Lots of work-time but more than compensated by the many surprises planned for us by the "Guides" of the United Kingdom. Happiness and friendliness was the keynote from the time we stepped on to the buses in London. The great feature was the **INVOLVEMENT OF THE GIRL** — on every possible occasion — and their obvious delight in meeting us was no less than ours in seeing them. Through this involvement we were subtly reminded of the reason for our being — simply — **to do the best for the girl**. The Chairman in her opening remarks said "Please remember this is not a parliament — national interests must never outweigh the concern for the girl."



The Opening Ceremony — Brownie Guides hovering in the wings to present Princess Margaret with flowers. How thrilling it was to see Princess Margaret in Guide uniform. We have all seen the photographs in our Guide shops and magazines — but this was the **real person** and she is President of the U.K. Association. In fact Princess Margaret chairs the Annual General Meeting and takes a very active part in Guiding in the U.K. Later in the evening (immediately before the Welcome Supper) Her Royal Highness left

Sussex University in a glorious highly polished helicopter!

Colour was everywhere — in the uniforms, in the flowers and in the messages.

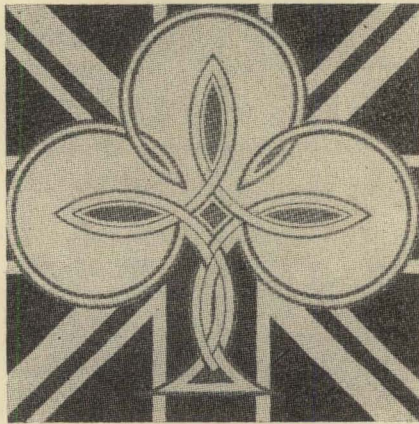
The real significance of the World Conference invaded our beings when the Roll Call began — countries became realities — the answers "Si", "Yes", or "Oui" — really conveying the great international message.

We had Argentina on our left — Austria on our right, Bangladesh across the aisle — U.S.A. and Venezuela in front and Papua New Guinea and World Homes behind us. And so we got down to business! A very warm message from the Chief Guide — a moment of silence in tribute to the memory of those who had served the Movement and who had died since the last World Conference — the reading of welcome messages (yes! Australia was there) and the formal appointment of the Resolutions Committee and the adoption of the report of the 21st World Conference.

Spiritual and moral values — the main and continuing theme of the Conference. How can one adequately describe the presentation given by a group of young people preceded by a thought-provoking paper given by Begum Sherazee — "Life does not come with instructions. We have to learn it through our individual experiences." The Meeting House is circular with coloured glass set between the neutral brick work. Through the glass one could see the swaying of the trees and the branches danced in the wind — and inside the swaying of the sombre clad bodies as they enacted — the child — and the growth of the child — alternately terrorised by pressures or consoled by simple things — fierce strong pressures of conformity — learning by rote — religion — politics — as against the simple appeal of a daisy and the warm comfort of a mother's arms. Money — money — money what to buy? The child chooses a balloon which bursts leaving nothingness. For the Guide the question — How to find the way? How to uphold values when around is confusion? And for us — the leaders — the question — what are we doing to help show the girl the way? Does the Guiding we are giving put extra pressures on the girl? Can we help them to accept pressures — to sieve and to cope?

It was not until we saw all the countries of our Asia/Pacific Region gathered together that we realized just how large the Region is and how diverse. Each country gave a brief two minute report on a special event whilst special reports were given on the Gathering of Asia/Pacific Trainers in New Zealand — Asia/Pacific Camp in Japan — 7th All India Jamboree — Ranger and Senior Scout Seminar in Malaysia and the 3rd National Gathering in the Philippines.

The theme for the Regional Gathering was "The world is our home" — and each country expressed a thought on this theme. We were asked to foster exchange of trainers between neighbouring countries or areas — helping each other in aspects on which each was stronger.



The World Song was played many times during the Conference — and with such a swinging, stirring beat — we really must have a recording made of the World Song played in this exciting manner. But the day on which it was most stirring was on Thursday, 26th June — why? Because this magnificent tune heralded the announcement of those countries who had attained either full or associate membership.

The platform was like an English country garden — the names were called amidst great applause — El Salvador, Guyana, Kenya, Liberia, Portugal, Sudan — as full members and Bahamas, Indonesia and Mauritius as Associates. What a magnificent tableau was presented — the Aides at the back holding the country's name on high — the countries' representatives in their distinctive colourful uniforms proudly holding their certificates and the Brownies with a basket of flowers for each delegation. All very emotional —

when suddenly — Guides burst into the back of the Conference Hall and raced down the steps waving their berets amidst applause and cheers. Truly a very, very memorable occasion.

As we had already increased the voting rights and privileges in a previous session, these countries were able to exercise these rights immediately.

H.R.H. Princess Benedikte, President of the Joint Commission for Girl Guides in Denmark, paid an informal visit on this day of days.

By the way — this triennial conference was attended by over 500 delegates, visitors and observers representing almost 100 countries. There are now 64 Full member organisations and 30 Associate members — total membership in these 94 countries is 7.3 million girls and women.

Roses — gifts — welcome luncheons and suppers — stimulating presentations — could we still be surprised? Yes! We were. Our delegation forwent breakfast on the Friday morning as 1000 pigeons — some with messages attached to a leg — "Greetings to the Guides of the United Kingdom from the 94 countries represented at the 22nd World Conference" were released. First of all five pigeons were sent off one by one — and then "Whoosh" the remainder were released simultaneously. They wheeled overhead and then raced for home. The Racing Pigeon Association organized this special event for us. The first answer was from Edinburgh — "Delighted to get your message from the pigeons. We send best wishes to the World Conference." The World Conference was brought home as close as possible to all Guiding people in so many different ways.

#### TO BE CONTINUED

(From a report by Australian Delegates, Miss Mary Lambie and Mrs. Raymonde Read.)



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## JUMBUNNA '75

Three years ago in Western Australia, two hundred and sixteen Patrol Leaders gathered for the first Camp Jumbunna. Patrol Leaders came from all over Australia, to talk together, for that is what Jumbunna means.

Not only did those Patrol Leaders talk together, they lived and worked together for a week, producing a 'Patrol Leaders' Ideas book which is available as a lasting record of the success of that first gathering.

This month, fifty one Victorian Guides and their Leaders are in South Australia, working and talking together because it was recommended that Patrol Leaders meet every three years in a different State.

The pre-camp challenge was to explore the community, to learn about people, how we can care for them, and how we can share with them.



*Gifts made by Rae Teape and friends in Yarra Valley Region.*

Victorian Guides have as their special interest the "Minus Children". By contact with a group within every Region we should be able to give continuous help and useful service to the Minus Children. As a result of Jumbunna, the children of Kew Cottages have received 170 large feeders, 30 pairs of bed socks, numerous rugs, and the most exciting part, a visit from fourteen Guides to deliver the gifts. The children were delighted to receive the Guides as visitors, and although everything is beautiful, and the surroundings and equipment a credit to those who work and care for this group, the Guides experienced the whole meaning of "CARING and SHARING".

Any interested person may make large feeders (35 cm x 40 cm) or face washers and deliver to "The Kew Cottages".



*Rae and her helpers present the gifts to Mr. Selar at Kew Cottages.*

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### FESTIVAL OF SONG ANECDOTE

"Do you have any personal interest in the performance?" she asked as I quietly settled into one of the few remaining seats at the Malvern Town Hall that Saturday night.

"Indeed, my twelve-year-old Guide is performing in 'Horror Movie' " I replied. Happy to find another excited mother I hastened to enquire in which item she had a special interest.

"Oh no" she said, "I don't know anyone performing. You see, I live near by and happened to see the notice that Brownies and Guides were having a Festival of Song, so I

came in. It was such an entertaining afternoon hearing the Brownies, I just had time to dash home for dinner and come back this evening to hear the Guides and Rangers. They all look so happy and enthusiastic it is a delight to be here".





### AUSTRALIAN POST BOX

Dear Guides, Rangers and Leaders,

This is the first time I have written to you since taking over the job from Mrs. Lazarides. I will do my best to follow her fine example and obtain pen-friends for you as quickly as I can.

There is much you can do to help me. When applying please state:

1. Your name.
2. Your address.
3. Your age.
4. Your choice of countries.
5. Your knowledge of the language of these countries.

And include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Also note that brownies may have a Unit link only.

An open request, "Any Country," brings best results.

Please encourage your sister guides to ask for a pen-friend. We are members of a world wide Movement and through it we can make many friends and even, perhaps, visit them one day. So write to **Mrs. A. Blackburn, Lowland Farm, Box 19, P.O. Macedon, 3440**, your State Post Box Secretary, asking for pen-friends.

There are guides in England, Canada, Wales, South Africa and other countries waiting to write to someone in Australia.

Extend your hand in friendship — not the left, hand-shake one, but the one that holds the pen and send in your request now.

Your friend,

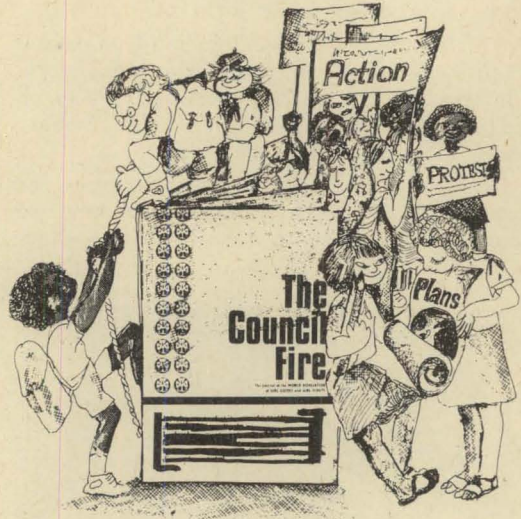
Mrs. C. M. WILLIAMSON,  
(Australian Post Box Secretary.)

## Ideas...Actions...Plans... Successes...Difficulties...

Looking for a world view of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting? Read

### The Council Fire

Your quarterly magazine.



What is The Council Fire?

It is the quarterly magazine of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. It provides an opportunity to find out what is going on in World Guiding. How conversant are you with Guiding in other countries? If you want more information about the World Family, it is advisable to subscribe to The Council Fire, and to keep up-to-date with World Guiding.

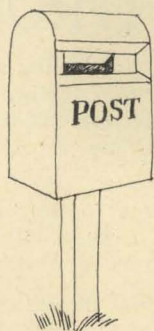
Headquarters will again be receiving subscriptions for The Council Fire. Application forms will be available during October from Headquarters, and should be lodged by 31st October.

Wendy Smibert,

Council Fire Correspondent for Victoria.







Dear Matilda,

We went on a Pack Holiday to Brownie Cottage. We all loved the Cottage — and most of all the little pictures dancing around the walls.

We enjoyed going for walks, and we saw Guide House — and met lots of Guides who showed us their camps and tents.

We tidied the pond near Brownie Cottage, and our Commissioner "Yoolka" showed us how to make a pudding for the birds. We hung it in a tree. When we were sitting in the "Quiet Place" the little birds came right up to us.

On Sunday, we had a "Brownies' Own" with the Brownies who were at Guide House. The sun was shining, and it was lovely.

We would like to thank the people who look after Brownie Cottage — also our Guiders for taking us, and our Pack Guides, Sue and Debra for having such fun with us.

We all had a wonderful time.

ANNE AND ELIZABETH HENRY,  
1st Bentleigh Pack.

Dear Matilda,

Brownies and Cubs met at Heidelberg station very early one morning and travelled by train to Queenscliff. We went under the West Gate Bridge construction and later passed cows grazing.

When we reached Queenscliff we went for a short trip on a ferry boat. After lunch we went to the Fort. This is a group of buildings, made of stone, which has been there for many years. We got on the train and went home. I was very tired.

CAROLINE ANGUS,  
1st West Doncaster Brownie Pack.

Dear Matilda,

1st Heathcote Guides celebrated their 18th Birthday. This was an extra special occasion as it coincided with four other important events:

1. Brownie promise ceremony.
2. Brownies going up to Guides.
3. Local Association member making her promise.
4. Official opening of our new hall.

The large crowd present included brownies, guides, parents, councillors and their wives.

We thank our local council for making this hall available to us — our first permanent home.

LAUREN LATTA,  
Pack Guide,  
1st Heathcote Brownie Pack.

Dear Matilda,

A seven year old twëeny did thirty one jobs for April Action.

We thought this was very good.

ROBYN, LOUISE, LEANNE,  
(Sixers — Yallourn Brownie Pack.)

Dear Matilda,

1st Mooroopna Guide Company went on a breakfast bike hike one lovely sunny morning. Most of us set out from the Guide Hall at 7.30 a.m. We met the rest of the girls, who lived on the way, as we rode our bikes through quiet bush tracks to a sand bar on the Goulburn River. After gathering wood we formed groups of three or four and lit our own small fires, and cooked things like sausages, bacon, eggs, cheese, tomatoes, toast and crumpets, followed by toasted marshmallows, tea, coffee and cocoa.

JULIE DAVIES and JENNY SKINNER,  
1st Mooroopna Guide Company.

Dear Matilda,

1st Yarra Glen Brownies made their mothers a present which was very popular.

We took a photograph of each Brownie (head and shoulders), glued this to a piece of stiff cardboard, and cut a circle in a piece of woodgrain "CONTACT" for the frame. Beside the photograph we glued a small dried flower arrangement and we finished it with a loop of ribbon at the top.

JILL JARVIS (Guider),  
1st Yarra Glen Brownie Pack.

# NATURAL PEST CONTROL

A friend with a joint interest in fruit and vegetable growing and beekeeping asked, "How can I get rid of pests without killing my bees?" What he wanted, of course, was a safe substitute for insecticides. He certainly has a problem and I immediately thought of the several repellents that can be made from onions. One thing led to another and now I have quite a list but I must say that I haven't tried them all myself, nor do I know if they have been tested scientifically. Still, with ecology and conservation in mind, they seem worth trying. Come to think of it, to try them will give added interest to our gardening.

- Let us look at the onion sprays first. Try grinding onions in a food chopper or electric blender, add an equal amount of water, strain the mixture and use it as a spray. That simple recipe is reputed to be effective against red spiders and aphids, especially those that attack roses.

- Here is another way to protect your roses. Cut 1 pound of onions into small pieces, pour boiling water on them and allow to stand for about ten hours. Add cold water to make two gallons. Water around the plant before applying the onion-water, giving each rose  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a pint.

- Now for a garlic spray. Chop finely or crush three ounces of garlic and soak in two teaspoons of kerosene for four hours. Then add one pint of water and a dessertspoon ( $\frac{1}{4}$  ounce) of Clensel. This will make 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  gallons of spray when diluted 100 times.

- From Waverley Garden Club comes this recipe for a rhubarb pesticide against aphids but it is stressed that the mixture must be kept away from children. Cut up 3 pounds of rhubarb leaves, boil for an hour in 3 quarts of water and strain. When cool, dissolve 1 ounce of soapflakes in a quart of water, mix the two together and use as a spray.

- Hot peppers seem to be effective against caterpillars, ants and spiders. Grind the pods and mix with an equal amount of water, then add enough soap powder to enable the materials to adhere. Dry cayenne pepper sprinkled over plants that are wet with dew is also said to repel caterpillars.

- Ground tomato leaves, soaked in water,

make a spray for aphids. But even hosing with a stiff stream of water will remove aphids. Generally they fail to return because water can break up the breeding cycle of these pests.

- Getting back to the onion family, try planting chives next to lettuce and peas to protect them from aphid damage.

- Garlic planted around rose bushes helps them to develop resistance against black spot and mildew. It is also a good idea to plant garlic among vegetables and flowers.

- Marigolds repel nematodes and other garden pests during the summer months. Then, use spent marigolds as a winter mulch around chrysanthemums and other plants that are prone to attack by root nematodes.

- Pyrethrum, a member of the Daisy family, repels aphids. Plant it among young plants in the vegetable garden, the orchard and the flower garden that are susceptible to aphids. Rosemary deters the larvae of the cabbage moth from chewing foliage in the vegetable garden. Thyme discourages cabbage worms. Tomatoes, planted near asparagus, control asparagus beetles.

- Lettuce leaves, set out at night, lure slugs to hide under them. At daybreak collect and destroy them. Mint (particularly spearmint) deters ants and also the cabbage moth from laying eggs in vegetable gardens.

- Another way of trapping slugs is to set out in a saucer some stale beer. They crawl into the saucer and drown. Sprinkle flour in the garden. It coats the slime through which slugs and snails move and destroys them.

- So far we have thought of the plants but what about the gardener himself. Plant basil in pots which you place near outdoor sitting areas and mosquitoes and flies will be repelled.

(Acknowledgements to The Victorian State Forester's Association "Newsletter" and to the "Seed and Nursery Trader".)





# TRAINING PAGES

## PACK HOLIDAY — PRE-CAMP PREPARATION

The value of a Pack Holiday to a Brownie Guide largely rests on the pre-camp preparation she receives from adults close to her.

If there is a positive attitude taken when the holiday is first discussed in Pow Wow the diffident girl finds she is so involved in plans she forgets her fears. An early meeting with parents when all aspects of the holiday can be discussed means that this positive attitude can be reinforced at home. Not that I am advocating a girl should be forced to attend against her wishes, but I have seen the sad results of adult comments such as "What a brave girl Jane is, she is going away to camp all by herself". Understandably Jane suspected that something would happen while she was away that required bravery.

Anticipation is half the fun — this is certainly true of Pack Holiday. Anyone who has watched the eager planning of this age group can understand this. Time must be allowed for this planning to develop — this can easily take three months or longer.

A comment I heard recently worried me, "I think the Guiders get more fun from making the charts than the Brownies do." Whose Pack Holiday is it? After all, if the girls see no need, or get no fun from making charts, why have them. Surely the criteria for all pre-camp preparations should be — a need seen by the girls, followed by them filling the need in their own way, whether it be charts, menu, bath lists, program etc.

The statement by an adult "The Brownies do all the cooking", can cause real concern in a girl who knows she cannot cook anything. As adults, we must always qualify our statements so that each girl does understand what will be required of her.

If it can be managed, it is worthwhile inviting your Pack Holiday cook to a Pack Meeting, preferably early in your planning, so she can discuss Cook Six duties, menus etc., and perhaps encourage cooking and preparation pre-camp challenges to be included in the planning.

At the meeting of parents encourage discussion, either in the group, or privately, of any problems individuals may have. If you as the Leader know of these, and the girl knows you know and understand, another fear is eliminated.

A plan of the house showing position of beds, bathrooms, toilets etc. gives many girls confidence. Lots can be drawn for beds, and names written in on the plan, so everyone knows before the holiday where she will be sleeping.

A Pack Holiday should be an exciting adventure for a Brownie Guide, an experience which should create anticipation for Guide and Ranger Camping. We must not let her down through indifferent communication. We communicate with both girl and parents through our words and attitudes, so let us, in this pre-camp preparation, give ample time and thought to ensure we communicate confidence and concern for the individuals.



## WATER SAFETY

Can ALL of your Guides swim?

Most children at school now have opportunity to learn to swim, and with the increasing popularity of private pools, many pre-schoolers learn at home. So, as Guiders, our aim is to encourage the girls to improve their performance in water.



### GENERAL SAFETY RULES

1. Learn to swim and to tread water.
2. Practise swimming to improve.
3. Learn mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Before the summer season begins introduce water safety in your Unit. It is then a good time to set challenges for swimming improvement, e.g. distance, speed, and other activities related to Swimmer or Lifesaver badge.

To help girls achieve their purpose, a rule, "Practise before play-around" could be suggested, and a chart kept to show their progress during the holidays. If the required standard has been reached, arrangements can be made early in the year for testing.

The Royal Life Saving Society and St. John's Ambulance Association are both very helpful with demonstrations of mouth to mouth resuscitation.

### SAFETY RULES FOR SWIMMING

1. No skylarking.  
To prevent this developing, set a limit on "free" swimming time.
2. Use the "Buddy System". Each girl has a partner and they swim together. If either partner is involved in an emergency, the other is there to help or give the alarm. It is a good rule to partner poor swimmers together, and good swimmers together. If a good, and poor swimmer are partners, it is possible that the better swimmer will make her way to the deep end, and the poor swimmer, wishing to join her, may attempt something beyond her capabilities.



### 3. Emergency Drill.

On the alarm whistle (a short blast followed by a long blast) all girls in the pool, swim to the nearest side and then stand with their partners.

## SWIMMING AND BOATING ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIT

Before planning these, check P.O. and R. Rules 39 and 40. Please note that the Guider in charge of the bathing parade, must be in attendance for the swimming period, even if she is not acting as lifesaver. If using a private pool, check size and depth of pool and any special rules required by the owner.

## LET'S THINK ABOUT WATER SAFETY

For this quiz have each girl number from 1 to 10 on a sheet of paper and as each question with alternative answers is given, she can write, next to each number the letter representing her answer.

When completed, correct answers can be given with further discussion, covering more details.

1. Do not swim immediately after a meal, wait for
  - (a) 30 minutes.
  - (b) 1 hour.
  - (c) 2 hours.
2. Whilst moving around pool area it is best to
  - (a) jog.
  - (b) chase about.
  - (c) walk.
3. It is recommended that inflated water wings and floats be used.
  - (a) by anyone at all just for fun.
  - (b) for learning to swim only.
  - (c) for learning to swim under supervision.
4. In what order of importance would you put these skills?
  - (a) swimming.
  - (b) diving.
  - (c) floating.
  - (d) treading water.

5. In which of these areas is it safe to swim alone?
  - (a) in a dam.
  - (b) in the sea when it is calm.
  - (c) in a river where the current is not too strong.
6. If caught by a strong current a swimmer should
  - (a) swim against it for fear of being swept away.
  - (b) swim with and across it to the bank.
  - (c) make for nearest bank.
7. If a boat overturns, it is important that you should
  - (a) swim to nearest shore for help.
  - (b) stay with the boat and await rescue.
  - (c) swim towards shore and wave a garment as a signal.
8. When someone in the water is helped aboard a rowing boat he should climb over
  - (a) the side of the boat.
  - (b) the bow.
  - (c) the stern.
9. If you needed to signal an SOS with a light or siren you would send
  - (a) a series of short flashes or blasts.
  - (b) 3 short, 3 long and 3 short flashes or blasts.
  - (c) 3 long flashes and a series of short signals.
10. When boarding a small boat it is advisable to
  - (a) jump lightly into the bow.
  - (b) stand upright and step firmly in.
  - (c) step gently into the centre of the boat placing hands on gunwales for balance.

#### ANSWERS

1b — 2c — 3c — 4acdb — 5 None — 6b — 7b — 8c — 9b — 10c.

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**CHALLENGE** helps a girl to achieve progress by overcoming limitations and learning to make an effort. It meets the needs of a growing girl, including enjoyment and satisfaction.

Kay Hurcum.

#### "MESSING ABOUT IN BOATS"

Said the Water Rat, "there is **nothing** — absolutely nothing — half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."



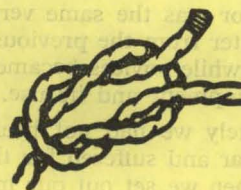
#### Ranger Guiders

Do you and the Rangers in the Unit know of the facilities for "messing about in boats" at the Ranger Sailing School, Jetty Road, Sandringham?

Hard-working Committee members arrange for the building to be opened for you at weekends, and if no-one in your unit has boating qualifications, they will also arrange for someone to give help and instruction.

Four fibre-glass rowing dinghies, a sailing craft of the "Heron" class and one very large, very safe, and very much loved rowing boat known as "The Battleship" belong to Ranger Section. Other boats in the building belong to individual units.

For only \$5.00 per year your unit can have unlimited use of the Sailing School. As well as providing boats for you, it also gives a safe place to keep your belongings, a place to change and have lunch away from flies, and one of the cleanest of Melbourne's beaches. Watch for telephone number and name of the new Booking Secretary after elections at the Conferences. For units not wishing to become members, there is a small charge per person per day. Happy boating! Hope to see you there!



## AN EXCITING NEW HOBBY

"Take a sense of humour, balance, keen eye, ability to enjoy oneself, determination, willingness to be dunked, oldest clothes and well worn runners, ability to swim and stay afloat in wet clothes, extremely patient teacher, good equipment, river (with not too many large obstructions)."

Sue asks: "And what do you have?"

Jan and Elizabeth reply: "An exciting new hobby."

"Last year we went to our first Summer Training Week and on the list of Special Subjects was "Canoeing". It sounded fun, so we tried it. We started by attempting to stay afloat on a quiet stretch of the Yarra River. For several hours we paddled back and forth, tumbling out, being tipped out or colliding with obstacles in the river.

Our next attempt was a journey down river. This was plagued by obstacles (trees, debris and gravel races), and our instructor (a Scouter) very patiently pulled us out each time we got into strife and sent us on our way again. We paddled for about 10 miles. It is very peaceful and picturesque, so much so that one of the Guiders relaxing in the sun with her feet up, absorbed in the scenery, drifted past the finishing point, continuing downstream for about 1 mile. Then she found her moment of bliss was over, the return trip paddling up stream against the current was hard work. On our return to camp, looking and feeling cold, tired, with blistered fingers, aching muscles and very wet, Trainers and other Guiders cheered heartily (we are not sure whether it was because we had all returned or whether they were envious).

During the following months we waited patiently for the announcement in "Matilda" that Summer Training Week would be held again this year, and if so, would they include canoeing on the program? Much to our delight they did, and there we were. When it came time for briefing on basics of canoeing, we went along for more punishment. There were only two of us from last year's crew. Our instructor was the same very able and patient Scouter from the previous year, and we sat back while novices became enthusiastic about equipment and its use.

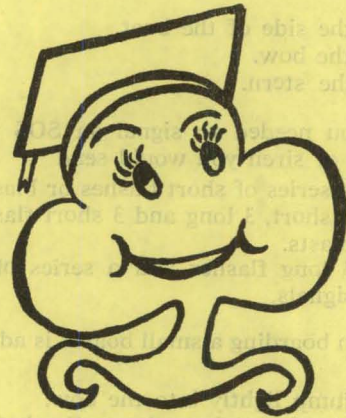
Unfortunately we had not been canoeing since last year and suffered for this neglect. However, when we set out our memories of

what to do soon came flooding back. This time we looked more like skydivers than Guiders, because as well as being strapped into life jackets, we were also required to wear helmets to protect us from over-hanging trees.

We had been paddling for what seemed only a short while but in fact several hours had passed when we stopped for lunch. We hoped that it had remained dry in the barrel and bag — fortunately it had, and our instructor produced billy and gas burner to enable us to have a well deserved cup of tea or coffee before continuing downstream.

At journey's end we thankfully greeted the sight of cars waiting to return us, without effort, to camp. Our successful return there once again brought forth cheers. If you, your Guides or your family are looking for an interesting activity we can fully recommend canoeing. It's great!

Jan Phillips and Elizabeth Swyer.



Sue's sequel: "I discovered that Jan and Elizabeth felt all would be wasted if they did not share the fun of their new-found skill, so off they went for a little more paddling, with the very able and patient instructor, and now they both hold the Canoeist Certificate, and their Guides can look forward to the fun of canoeing too.



The best angle from which to approach any problem is the TRY angle.

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No opportunity if lost—the other fellow takes those you miss.

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# TRAINING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER  
1975

**Commissioners and Unit Leaders** with the necessary experience are welcome to apply for **ANY** Training. Applications should be sent by the **date requested** and be **accompanied by the training fee and a stamped self-addressed envelope**. Training fees are \$1.50 unless otherwise stated. **Note: See also green training calendar supplement.**

## Stage 3 Training

**Katunga Weekends** 25th-26th October and 15th-16th November, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. J. Murphy, 73 Balaclava Road, Shepparton, 3630 by **3rd October**.

## Campcraft Training

**Barwon Region Weekend** 27th-28th September, Lara, 25th-26th October, Ocean Grove and 29th-30th November, Moggs Creek. Fee \$9.00. Further information available from Mrs. A. Bell, 1 Layton Crescent, Newtown, 3220.

**Burnet Park, Glengarry Weekends** 18th-19th October and 15th-16th November, 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 3.30 p.m. Sunday. Fee to be advised. Applications to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3828.

**Northcote Friday** 18th October plus weekends 1st-2nd November and 22nd-23rd November, **Wattle Glen Campsite**. Further information available from Mrs. M. Teape, 33 Sparks Avenue, Fairfield, 3078.

## Special Skills Brownie Guiders

Teaching Skills through games and activities. **Headquarters** 9th-16th and 23rd October. Time

10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Note: Numbers limited to 20. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **24th September**.

## Local Association Training

**Headquarters** 15th October, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 (per L.A.) to be sent to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **1st October**.

**North Central Region** 3rd October, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Further information available from Mrs. R. Wilkins, P.O. Box 492, Bendigo, 3550. Note: new telephone number, 054 43 0203.

## Camper Badge Syllabus for Guides

**Raymond Island**, Saturday 1st November, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. M. Frawley, P.O. Box 641, Sale, 3850.

## Ranger Lightweight Camping

**Scoresby Weekend** 4th-5th October, "Nigabinda" Stud Road, plus weekend 8th-9th November, "Tapestry" plus weekend 29th-30th November, "Kooronga" — times for all weekends 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$5.50 fee to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **19th September**.

## ORIENTEERING DAY

**Britannia Park**, 4th October, 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. For details telephone 728 2334. Applications and \$1.00 fee to Mrs. Graham, 21 Warwick Road, Montrose, 3765, by **20th September**.

## BADGES AND LOST PROPERTY

Our first National Festival of Song is over and we thank all who took part in this event. **ANY** participant who has not yet received her badge should apply **immediately** to Mrs. H. Barton, 2 Bicton Street, Mount Waverley, 3149. Please remember to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

There were many articles of lost property collected at both State finals and National Finale. To claim any of these, please contact Mrs. M. West, 6 Dunstan Street, North Balwyn, 3104.

# NOTICES

## LAST-MINUTE REMINDER!

18th Jamboree on the Air — 18th/19th October.

If units wish to participate in this activity and have not yet made contact with an operator, please let me know immediately.

If you have arranged your own contact, please advise me as soon as possible for record purposes.

Guide Liaison — Mrs. R. Kellett, 54 Marianne Way, Mt. Waverley. Phone: 232 7414.

## STATE CAMP

**"URALBA" — (Home between the Hills)**  
6th-13th January, 1976 — Britannia Park, Yarra Junction.

Theme: "At Home in the Bush."

There will be challenging outdoor activities.

Guiders: Have you sent your forms to your Division Commissioner?

Division Commissioners: All your Division forms were due at headquarters by 8th September. **Would you hurry them along please?**

REMEMBER ALSO that we would like your "tent forms" returned by 15th October, or earlier if possible. **Thank you.**

## HAWTHORN HISTORICAL HOUSES

Hawthorn Local Association offers for inspection to families and friends of the Movement three Historical Houses in the St. James area on Sunday, 12th October from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

- The home of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Hosack at 1 Shakespeare Grove, Hawthorn.

- "Tay Creggan", Strathcona Baptist Girls' Grammar School, 30 Yarra Street, Hawthorn.

- "Invergowrie" (State College of Victoria), 21 Coppin Grove, Hawthorn.

We suggest "Invergowrie" be your last stop. There you may enjoy light refreshments and delightful "Chamber Music".

Admission will be by donation of \$3.00 per family.

## WERRIBEE PACK JUBILEE

1st Werribee Brownie Pack invites former members to celebrate its Silver Jubilee on 26th September, 1975. For details contact: Mrs. R. A. Burt, 7 Tyrone Street, Werribee, 3030. Phone 741 1691.

## FOR SALE

Commissioner's jacket, blouse, skirt and tie, as new. Size S.W. Price \$25. Mrs. K. V. Gernert, 52 Curletts Road, Lara, 3212. Telephone: 82 1870.

## WIMMERA REGION COOK BOOK

Ideas for Dinner Party Menus, Casseroles, T.V. Snacks and many more in a **Cook Book** compiled by **Wimmera Region**. Price \$1.00, plus postage. Enquiries, orders **with** payment to: Mrs. Max Leyonhjelm, Tarranyurk, 3422.

## RAGS

Mount Beauty Local Association are unable to dispose of the clean rags Guides and Brownies have collected. Their usual buyer no longer needs them. If you can help, please contact the secretary, Mrs. J. Chapman, Box 84, Mount Beauty, 3699.

## NEWS FROM RANGER SECTION

A hockey match between the State Commissioner and Headquarters staff and the Rangers, on 14th September, will certainly be an entertaining afternoon.

"ABARCHFISHPHOT" is the fascinating title for the Ranger/Rover camp to be held on 3rd-5th October at the Toc H camp, Point Lonsdale.

On 19th September, Melbourne Town Hall will be the venue for the Ranger/Rover Shakespearean Ball. Participants are asked to come in fancy dress for fun and dancing from 8 p.m.-2 a.m.



## BROWNIE GUIDE SECTION

It has been suggested that the wording of the Aboriginal Interest Badge be changed to the Aborigine Badge — the noun rather than the adjective.

A ruling in the Senate on 20th February, accepts that Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders were the original natives before the First Fleet came to Australia, and that Aboriginal refers to native born, and that anyone born in Australia, regardless of colour, is an Aboriginal Australian.

I would be grateful if this could be discussed with the Brownie Guides and the difference explained to them.

JANET COOPER,  
Brownie Adviser.

## BROWNIE GUIDE

### Interest Badge Booklet

All Brownie Guides should be working from the new Australian Brownie Guide Interest Badge Booklet which came into effect on 1st July, 1975. If your Brownie Guides have not purchased a new booklet, these are available at the Guide Shop at a cost of 15 cents each.

### Swimmers Interest Badge

As from 1st September a Swimming certificate from another organization is acceptable for Swimmer or Water Safety Interest badge only if the person who issued the certificate signs the Interest Badge Certificate Book.

The syllabus covered must not be easier than in the new Australian Brownie Guide Interest Badge Book, and the certificate must be of recent date.

It will no longer be acceptable for the Brownie Guider to sign the Interest Badge Book Certificate and put the name and number on the back.

It is also necessary in the case of the Swimmer Badge to state whether Elementary or Advanced Syllabus has been covered.



## WRINKLIES TREFOIL GUILD

Do you know who the Wrinklies are?

Have you heard the latest Wrinklies news?

The Wrinklies are a group of young ex-rangers, young guiders and cub leaders who all have lots of energy and enthusiasm for guiding. They are willing to help in any project you may be about to undertake. Do you need staff for your next camp or pack holiday? Just call the Wrinklies.

Wrinklies meet on the first Friday of every month in Headquarters lounge at 7.30 p.m., and during the month we have various social activities.

At our annual meeting the following were elected as office bearers: President, Barbara Allison — 48 7410, home (387 1066, work); Secretary, Pam Clendenning; Treasurer, Lorraine Jordan; Vice-President and Jack of all Trades, Sue Bissett — 36 1019.

We have a monthly community service project relieving in the Donors canteen at Red Cross.

Why not come and join us; we would be happy to see lots of new faces. You must be young, energetic and at one stage have been an enrolled member of the Guide movement.

Come and join the Wrinklies Trefoil Guild.

BARBARA ALLISON.

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1st Kangaroo: "How were the school holidays?"

2nd Kangaroo: "Terrible. I'm a nervous wreck.

It rained every day and the children had to play inside."

# Come to Our Cabana

Girl Scout leader, Mrs. Dianne Canala, a Victorian at present engaged in post-graduate study at John Hopkins University, Maryland, U.S.A. recommends a visit to our Cabana.

Having just read Sue King's article in March issue of "Matilda", I am inspired to write a little of my own recent experiences at Our Cabana. Sue and I were both at one time, part of the crew of S.R.S. Diamantina Rangers in Geelong.

I took a group of eight girls to Our Cabana over Christmas and New Year. The group originated when the girls were in a Cadette troop, but during the period in which the girls raised the money, four of them went on to Seniors, so the eventual travellers were four Cadettes, four Seniors, and one rather nervous leader.

The trip was as exciting for many of the girls as their destination, for few had flown before. However, at the end of the long, rough flight, we were all glad to put our feet on solid ground at Mexico City's airport. That first night we stayed at "Ticalli", the home of Guías de Mexico in Mexico City, along with several other groups of excited Girl Scouts.

Next afternoon we travelled by bus to Cuernavaca. After we were warmly welcomed we gathered round the pool for a swim.

That warm welcome was, I think, the essence of what made our stay so wonderful. Everyone made us feel at home. They assisted us in every imaginable way to enjoy Cabana, and appreciate and understand Mexico.

We were joined by a group of Girl Scouts from Oregon and one from New York, girls from Mexico and Guatemala. While few of the Americans knew Spanish and the Mexican girls only a little more English, the bilingual program quickly had us mingling easily. And what a program it was — Mexican crafts and cooking, a fiesta complete with pinata, a mariachi band, New Year's Eve party, swimming, sightseeing and exploring in Cuernavaca, Tasco, an old hillside town and centre of Mexico's silver industry, and Tepotzlan, a small untouristy village. But, for all of us, the impressions we brought home centred most around Cabana's service projects.

\* We were fortunate to be in Mexico on All King's Day, the traditional time when gifts are exchanged. Each year Our Cabana distributes sacks to children of very poor families of the surrounding communities. This year some 2500 sacks of toys, sweets, school and bathroom supplies were given out at various points by Girl Scouts or Guides dressed in Santa Claus costume. For the most part the sacks were filled with things brought by visitors to Our Cabana throughout the preceeding year, added to by donations from Scouts and Guides all over the world. Every year the number served in this way by Cabana grows. I cannot recommend a service project more highly to your company. Our suitcases on arrival were stuffed with sweets, balloons, and small plastic toys, but after seeing those children we all wished we could have brought more. We helped with one distribution, handing out the bulging sacks to several hundred wide eyed children. It was an afternoon few of us will forget.

Another afternoon we spent at a local girl's home, playing volleyball, teaching crafts and dancing. We soon found the lack of a common language no barrier to communication with these girls who look forward to the weekly visits from Cabana guests. Many photos were taken that day to send back to the girls.

The closing ceremony around the reflecting pool in the moonlight was a tearful one for us all and there were few dry eyes the next morning as we boarded our buses again for Mexico City. My group stayed over a few more days to see some of the city, but we were all too full of Our Cabana to really appreciate the big city.

Back in Maryland we are all trying to share our experiences with other troops hoping that they will get a chance to go one day. I can't wait. I'm planning to return in November for an adult training session. Will I see you there?

## Our Cabana Adult Adventure Session Women's World '75

Room and board daily \$10.80 (U.S.)

Program fees \$20.00-\$30.00 (U.S.)

31st October to 8th November, 1975.

31st October to 12th November, 1975.



## Chadstone — Perth Safari

Thirty Guides, their Leaders and two bus drivers, "Karie and Nullegai", left Chadstone Guide Hall on a Trek of just on 6,000 miles.

First night out we camped on the shores of Lake Culluleraine.

Next camp was spent in a ghost town at Fowlers Bay on the Great Australian Bight. During that day we visited the Aboriginal Mission at Yalata on the Nullarbor Plains; we gave sweets to the children and bought some of the goods for sale in their shop.

We went to the ruins of the Telegraph Station in the sand dunes at Eucla.

We then travelled on to Norseman, where we headed south for Esperance and Albany. We visited the Whaling Station (no whales!) — the boats had not brought in any whales for 2 days. The Manager of the Whaling Station took us for a tour and told us his wife was the local District Commissioner, so we left some of our badges for her. We also saw the Museum, and some of us bought whales' teeth and learnt how to polish them.

On then to Pemberton, where we saw the Gloucester Tree. This tree is about 350' high with a ladder going to a fire lookout at the top.

On to Augusta where we met Mrs. Voyer, a Western Australian Guider, who was to travel with us to Busselton. Mrs. Voyer took us on a tour of the Cape Leuwin Lighthouse. This is where the Southern Ocean and the Indian Ocean meet right on the south western point of Australia. Then to see the very beautiful Jewel Caves. We saw the beach at Yallingup ("Up" means water), where the Australian Surf Championships are often held.

That night we were the guests of Busselton area at their beautiful "May Yates Campsite." The Local Association gave us a wonderful chicken dinner, and later we enjoyed campfire. May Yates herself came to speak to us. We were all very sad when we said goodbye to our new friends.

We left early — our next stop Perth. We stayed at "Paxwold", Western Australia's Guide House — the House is very big and in a lovely country setting about 14 miles from Perth. The property has a new Brownie Cottage and a Ranger Hut.

While in Perth we visited the Guide Shop (I think we bought all their badges!) and saw the City lights at night from the top of the Government Buildings — a beautiful sight. We went to Rottnest Island — rough trip — some were sea sick. We hired bikes and rode all around the island. We saw Quokkas, the small furry animals that make the island so well known. We had a great day.

We left Perth en route to Coolgardie. We visited the Spanish Horse Stud Farm — the "El Caballo Bianca". We all enjoyed seeing the horses. From Coolgardie we travelled to Kalgoorlie and drank from Paddy Hannan's Water Bag. Then we were taken on a tour of Kambalda Nickel Mine.

We recrossed the Nullarbor, stopping overnight at Eucla, and camped in the sand dunes. Later in Adelaide, we visited the Art Centre and other tourist sights. Next day we left early and travelled the rest of the way home.

We had a really great trip. Thanks to everyone concerned for making it such a wonderful and worthwhile adventure.

ANN WILKINS,



# LOCAL



# ASSOCIATION SECTION

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

It is better to sleep on what you intend doing, than stay awake over what you have done.

### Hawthorn Craft Day

Ninety girls, from the youngest Brownie through to Guides, (including some Extension Guides) Rangers and Leaders took part in one of the most successful activities held in Hawthorn District in recent years, despite wet weather.

This was a Craft Day held in a church hall with instructors provided for pottery, copper jewellery, origami, puppetry, mobiles, ceramics, dried flowers and macramé. Each girl chose three crafts to work on and spent 1½ hours at each one. A small charge was made for materials used.

Soup and hot dogs were the order of the day for lunch, which the Local Association provided, as well as an endless supply of coffee for instructors and Leaders.

The Local Association members who made arrangements and helped on the day, were both amazed and pleased to see how enthusiastically involved so many girls could be, and the high standard of work achieved in the short time available on each craft.

The day was such a success that it was decided to arrange a similar day next year, and the Local Association members strongly recommend this activity to any others wanting to provide a District get-together during winter months.

### Did You Know . . .

That there is a letter to parents from our State Commissioner available in the Guide Shop, free of charge.

This letter has been written to send or give parents when their daughter joins the Guide Movement. It explains briefly the role of District Commissioner and Local Association, and space is provided at the bottom of the letter to fill in details of the local District.

Next time you are in the Guide Shop, ask for some copies to distribute in your District. You may be lucky enough to get more interested parents in your Local Association.

## LOCAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

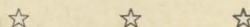
23rd September! Less than two weeks after you read this!

Hundreds of Local Association members will be getting together on this day at the State Conference and the committee hopes that all those attending, as well as those providing or receiving hospitality, find it a most stimulating experience.

Remember to take your NAME TAGS with you to Heidelberg.

Please let the Committee have your comments, favourable or otherwise, after the Conference, as these will greatly assist the committee for the next biennial Conference.

Look in this Section in November issue for a full report of this Conference and encourage those unable to attend to read all about it.



## RECIPE CORNER

### Dutch Apple Cake

10 ozs. plain flour, 1 oz. castor sugar, 3 teaspoons baking powder, ¼ teaspoon salt, 4 ozs. butter, 2 ozs. grated cheese, approx. 6 fluid ozs. milk, 3 large eating apples, 2 ozs. brown sugar, ½ level teaspoon cinnamon, melted butter.

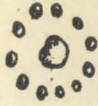
Sift flour, castor sugar, baking powder and salt together. Rub in butter and mix in cheese. Add enough milk to make a soft, but not sticky dough. Turn out on floured board and knead lightly. Pat out dough thinly in ungreased swiss roll tin (approximately 10" x 14").

Pare and core apples and slice thinly. Arrange in rows across dough with a small space between rows. Mix together brown sugar and cinnamon, and sprinkle over apples. Brush over with melted butter.

Bake in pre-heated oven at 400° for 25 minutes until golden brown.



Please send articles for this Section to Mrs. D. O. Oldfield, 4 Embling Road, Malvern, 3144.



Grensborough District was saddened by the death of Mrs. Alice Williamson.

A guide as a child, Mrs. Williamson trained as a leader with 1st Macleod Brownie Pack nearly twenty years ago. She led 1st Montgomery Pack and later was leader of 2nd Grensborough Pack.

Mrs. Williamson was a wonderful leader whose long service and dedication were an inspiration to all who knew her.

### In Memory of Sheila Steel

A silver ray from sunrise lights up a darkened sky

To blossom into daylight, to grow, to bloom, to die.

A full bloomed day at noontide, and, as the setting sun

Sends out long golden fingers, it fades as day is done.

So too, a life, God-given, sets out on silver ray

To grow fulfilled and cherished, to die at close of day,

When along each burnished finger so many memories glide

Of a fun-filled, happy friendship with . . . "Lefty" . . . sister guide.

Leader and guides of 1st St. Albans Guide Unit were saddened when "Lefty", Mrs. Sheila Steel, their assistant leader, was suddenly called to "Higher Service".

So that all who had worked with her in "guiding" could share thoughts and memories of Sheila, McKay Division held a Memorial Service in Deer Park Guide Hall.

Sheila was enrolled as a guide in England in 1940, and became Assistant Leader for 1st St. Albans Guide Unit in 1969.

Sheila enjoyed campcraft, and loved acting as Q.M. and First Aider at various camps. She was also an active member of the Guide Choir.

Full of fun and vigour, Sheila is sadly missed in guiding which was only one of her many activities in the community.

We thank God for the life of "Lefty" and the opportunity of sharing in the fun of guiding with her.

M.T. for McKay Division Girl Guides.

### BLACK IS . . .

Black is the night  
When there isn't a star  
And you can't tell by looking  
Where you are.

Black is a pail of paving tar.  
Black is jet

And things you'd like to forget.

Black is a smokestack,

Black is a cat,

A leopard, a raven,

A high silk hat.

The sound of black is

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Echoing in

An empty room.

Black is kind —

It covers up

The run-down street,

The broken cup.

Black is charcoal

And patio grill,

The soot spots on

The window sill.

Black is a feeling

Hard to explain

Like suffering but

Without the pain.

Black is licorice

And patent-leather shoes,

Black is the print

In the news.

Black is beauty

In its deepest form,

The darkest cloud

In a thunderstorm.

Think of what starlight

And lamplight would lack,

Diamonds and fireflies

If they couldn't lean against

Black

—By courtesy G. McComas, 3DB



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*Here gathered together as friends we can realise to some extent the magnitude of our task and the size of our resources for dealing with the problems facing us. So take heart all of you as you face what the future holds. Look around with pride at what you have already achieved, and look out and look forward to your future progress in your home land, stirred and encouraged and invigorated by your weeks of experiences here in Sussex-by-the-sea. I do indeed trust that happiness and success may come to you all, Girl Guiders and Girl Scouters, in fullest measure in the days that lie ahead and may God be with you in your exacting task."*

The underlying theme of the Conference was how we could help the girl in her search for moral and spiritual values and to create the right atmosphere for our discussions, a group of young people put on a presentation showing the pressures on the young person from the time of birth, learning by rote, pressures of peer groups, workmates — and the question posed to us in words and music was how can we help. HOW?

Probably one of the most moving sessions of the Conference was the session at which new members of WAGGGS were welcomed. The Conference hall was a mass of pink flowers and the World Song provided stirring background music. I think there was not one person in the hall who didn't feel at that moment how lucky am I — are we all — to belong to a Movement such as this.

The Conference was a meeting of adults but at every opportunity the United Kingdom involved girls which was a thrill for us all. Our visit to Camp Orbit enabled us to join with a patrol for the afternoon. Mexico and I were the guests of the Vaughan Williams Patrol in the Musicians Camp, (a most inappropriate place for me!) and they were a delightful group of girls from Surrey who looked after us very well.

The acknowledgement on the Sunday morning was held in the very beautiful Meeting House. Here we gathered together to learn a little of other faiths in the hope of gaining a deeper understanding and subsequently being able to give better service to our young people. We ended with singing It's a small World — and moved outside to find "the small" were there. Brownies, Guides, Rangers from many parts of England,

some had left home at 5.30 a.m. just to come to see us.

On this and so many other occasions I was able to pass on your many gifts — and there are now some happy Guides in all parts of the U.K. with all manner of Australian goods. I gave one Boomerang to London Rangers, who along with many others visited us on Sunday afternoon to demonstrate all aspects of the 8 point program. I gave it to those who were keeping fit and they took it back to the Ranger Camp. I do not know how successful they were with throwing it. The second Boomerang went to Scotland to Camp Concord — and they were enjoying it whilst I was there. I think it was then to stay at their training centre Netherurd as a perpetual Australian Challenge.

I think it may be a challenge to fit all this in one edition of Matilda so I will leave the last few days of the Conference until a later issue.

It is good to be able to write to you all again.

Love and best wishes,

*Joan E. Grimwade*

### **A Guide Challenge?**

If only we would not be afraid to share one with the other:

The awe inspiring moment of dawn as song birds greet the first brilliant streak across the sky;

The restful moment when the golden sun sinks into an amber tinged well earned rest;

The exciting moment when a hawk swoops straight out of the sun to consume its prey; The moment of wonder as a new baby makes his first cry of protest as he enters the world;

The never to be forgotten smell of new mown grass and summer flowers after rain;

The peaceful slumber of a pain wracked broken body;

The sympathy and love of people who care about the needs of another;

The courage to air and share our most wonderful and inspiring Moments of Life. If only . . . oh! if only we dared!

M.T.

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# Victorian Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER, 1975

Dear Everyone,

I am now reclining at Mt. Buller — and reclining is the right word. It is a couple of years since I was on skis and I spend a great deal of my time on my behind! The children are all having a wonderful time — and I only hope the State Secretary and State Commissioner get back in one piece.

This month I have been busy picking up threads, and settling in again — not always easy.

I have shared my experiences at the World Conference with members at the Doncaster Annual Meeting and Hume Region Conference — both very happy occasions.

The exciting events of this month and perhaps this year have been the Festival of Arts and Crafts at the Lower Town Hall and the National Festival of Song Finale.

What excellent work you all entered in the Arts and Crafts Festival — about 3,000 entries — so you can imagine the judges' difficulties. Mrs. Winchester and her Committee did a wonderful job in planning it and it was fun for all. Councillor Don Osborne opened it on the Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed his "Brownie in a Box". He left with a lovely Brownie present and a delightful caricature by the Lightning Artist. She also did a priceless one of me which I feel I should hang in my office. My congratulations to all those members whose entries won and I am sure many of us have been inspired to try new crafts.

The Finale of the Festival of Song was magnificent. The Dallas Brooks Hall was full for both concerts and everyone enjoyed them very much. About 500 girls performed and they came from all parts of Australia. We were delighted to have the Chief Commissioner, Miss Mary Lambie, with us too for this weekend.

Miss Barr and the Australian Committee and Mrs. West and her Victorian Committee had all worked so very hard to make this Finale the success it was — and Mrs. Spratling, our Hospitality Convenor, was incredible the way she managed to find beds for so many — thank you to all those helpful parents.

We all enjoyed the Guides Own on Sunday afternoon arranged by "Seacliff" Rangers from South Australia, and we then had tea back at Headquarters. I wish there was always such a queue of happy interested people trying to get in to Headquarters! I think we all felt quite sad as some of the interstate contingents left for home after a wonderful time in Victoria.

The holidays seem to be going far too quickly, it is always such fun having everyone home. Ann has been busily showing me how to hold a hockey stick — I tend to wield it like a golf club — so Ravishing Rangers look out for the Gorgeous Guiders! We look forward to seeing some of you at what could be a hilarious afternoon on Sunday, 14th September at Wilson Oval, Toorak Road, Malvern.

No doubt by now you have all heard the exciting news that H.R.H. The Princess Margaret is to be our guest on Saturday morning, 25th October. We hope to have representatives from all regions on this occasion and are only sorry we cannot include everyone.

With love and best wishes,

JOAN E. GRIMWADE.  
(Mrs. F. S. Grimwade)  
State Commissioner.

SEPTEMBER, 1975

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## OF INTEREST TO ALL

### VISIT OF H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET TO VICTORIA

The Girl Guides Association of Victoria have been given the honour of entertaining H.R.H. The Princess Margaret for one hour on Saturday morning, 25th October.

This event will take place at "Tay Creggan" Yarra Street, Hawthorn, through the courtesy of Strathcona Baptist Girls School. It will take the form of a series of activities in which the girls will be involved, plus forming a guard of honour along the drive of "Tay Creggan."

All units, i.e. Brownie, Guide, Ranger, Lones and Extensions, are asked to select two girls to represent their unit for this event. Unit Guiders to give names of unit representatives to District Commissioner, who will forward names to Division Commissioner. Division Commissioners will choose two Guiders from their Division to accompany the girls. These names are then to be forwarded, along with the girls' names, to the Region Commissioner.

Region Commissioners — will you please choose two Commissioners to accompany the group, and forward all names to Mrs. A. J. Turnbull, 22 Glendale Street, Surrey Hills, or leave at Headquarters by Friday, 10th October.

It will be necessary for everyone to be at "Tay Creggan" by 9.15 a.m. Public transport to "Tay Creggan" is:

1. Train to Hawthorn station.
2. Burwood tram No. 74 to Yarra Street.
3. Wattle Park tram No. 70 and 71 to Moray Road, opposite Hawthorn tram depot.

It is expected that the girls will be free to leave by 12 noon.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs. Turnbull on 88 2591.

N.B. It is **absolutely essential** that **everyone** shall be in **correct uniform**. Please keep this in mind when making your selection.

### SHOREHAM

The Shoreham Campsite will be officially opened on Sunday, 26th October, at 2.30 p.m. The Camping Department would welcome one carload from each Region. We are sorry the invitation is limited but there is very little parking space on the campsite and none at all on the road. Bring your own afternoon tea — hot water will be available. The campsite is situated on the Red Hill-Shoreham Road, .3 mile on the left from the corner of Frankston-Flinders Road and Red Hill-Shoreham Road.

### GUIDE CALENDARS

The 1976 Guide Calendars are now ready — please pick up your orders as soon as possible (no later than 19th September, please.)

Selling price of the Calendars is now 85 cents.

### THE COUNCIL FIRE

Guiders wishing to subscribe to the World Association Magazine, The Council Fire, may do so through Headquarters during the month of October. Please forward the name and address of each Subscriber together with the Annual Subscription of \$1.20 by 31st October. Subscriptions paid in this way, provide for the receipt of The Council Fire each quarter commencing with the January edition. Guiders may also subscribe through Gordon and Gotch if they wish.

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND GUIDING PERSONNEL BOOKS** will be ready for collection from Headquarters by the end of October. Please arrange to have your District parcels collected at an early date.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAY

All entries should be picked up from Headquarters by 30th September, please.

## SHOP NEWS

### INCREASES IN PRICES

Everyone will be aware of the tremendous increases in salaries which have occurred, and, in addition, equal pay for Shop Assistants has now been fully implemented. This means selling costs in our Guide Shop have increased dramatically and to offset this we are forced to increase our margins, otherwise we would be selling goods at a loss.

Prices will be increased as from 1st September, 1975. An abridged amended Price List will be inserted in the October "Matilda".

### AUSTRALIAN RANGER GUIDE HANDBOOK

This new Handbook is now on sale. It has been printed in two parts — Part 1 deals with the girl in the unit, and what it is, or might be, to be a Ranger. Part 2 contains the syllabi for the Service Certificates, Interest Certificates, camping, boating and other qualifications, and details about Ranger uniform and how it is worn.

Every Ranger will need the whole book, and it will be sold as one book consisting of Parts 1 and 2. Single copies of Part 2 will only be available to instructors, testers, assessors, etc. and it is hoped these people will obtain copies.

There will be some differences between requirements listed in Part 2 and those for the same qualifications in the current edition of P.O. & R. As Part 2 contains agreed upon amendments that will later appear in the next P.O. & R., anything in Part 2 may be acted upon immediately and will take precedence over the present P.O. & R. until the new P.O. & R. is available.

The price of the complete Australian Ranger Guide Handbook Parts 1 and 2 is \$1.95. Copies of Australian Ranger Guide Handbook Part 2 is 35 cents.

(It is to be noted that the prices are higher than those advised in the Ranger Newsletter.)

### WORLD BUREAU BADGES

Now that all the Brownie Guide Jubilee Badges are removed from the Brownie Guides' uniforms, perhaps the Brownie Guides would like to wear the World Bureau Badge currently available in the Guide Shop.

Guide Leaders are asked to encourage their Guides to wear them also.

The price of the Badge is 10 cents, 5 cents of which goes to the World Housing Appeal.

Position of Badges on Uniform: Brownie Guide — On the left arm under the Venture Badge. Guide — Under the World Badge.



## H.Q. OPEN DAY FOR ALL COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, 25th November, keep this day free.

## TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

(To be read in conjunction with the Training Calendar in "Matilda".)

### STAGE 1 — HEADQUARTERS:

Please note that the Stage 1 Training to be held at Headquarters during October and November is FULL. No more applications can be accepted.

### SUMMER TRAINING WEEK — JANUARY, 1976

Unfortunately we have been unable to obtain sufficient trainers to help with the proposed Summer Training Week owing to the fact that the State Camp is being held the previous week. As a result of this we have had to CANCEL the training week. We hope to organise a residential training sometime in 1976 — details will be published in "Matilda" as soon as our plans are finalized.

### CAMPCRAFT — MORNINGTON PENINSULA REGION

Weekends: 4th/5th October and 1st/2nd November. Time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: Overnight camping accommodation will be available. If required, please indicate if you wish to remain overnight so that a list of requirements can be forwarded. PLUS weekend 29th/30th November: Time 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Location: Frankston campsite at Baxter. Note: Fee to be advised. Applications to Mrs. F. Bucknell, P.O. Box 46, Mt. Martha, 3934, by 27th September.

# Guide Shop News

## HANDCRAFTS FOR WINTER MEETINGS

Instant guide to Weaving .. .. .	0.45
Instant guide to Photography .. .. .	0.25
Instant Flower Arrangement for Beginners .. .. .	0.35
Instant Craft from Scrap Materials .. .. .	0.25
Instant Ideas for Interior Decorating .. .. .	0.25
Instant Enamelling .. .. .	0.35
Instant Straw Jewellery and accessories .. .. .	0.35
Instant Recipes of the Orient .. .. .	0.25
Instant Rockhounds Handbook of Gemstones .. .. .	0.45
Instant Ways with Dried Flowers .. .. .	0.35
Ladybird Things to Make .. .. .	0.60
Ladybird More Things to Make .. .. .	0.60
Ladybird Toys and Games to Make .. .. .	0.50
Ladybird Knitting .. .. .	0.50
Ladybird Learning to Sew .. .. .	0.60
Ladybird Stamp Collecting .. .. .	0.60
Origami Land .. .. .	\$1.25
Origami Book 1 .. .. .	0.80
Origami Book 2 .. .. .	\$1.00
Origami Book 3 .. .. .	\$1.00
Macrame .. .. .	\$1.95
Things to make from Bits and Pieces .. .. .	\$1.35
Animated Paper Craft for Parties .. .. .	\$2.75
Creative Crafts for Beginners .. .. .	\$2.50
Making and Creating with Everyday Materials .. .. .	\$2.50
My Fun to Make Pictures .. .. .	\$2.50
My Learn to Take Photos .. .. .	\$2.50
Fun to Make .. .. .	\$2.50
More Fun to Make .. .. .	\$2.50
My First Gardening Book .. .. .	\$1.50
Whittling and Wood Carving .. .. .	\$3.00
Creating with Flexible Foam .. .. .	\$3.00
Cellaphane Creations .. .. .	\$3.00
Felt Crafting .. .. .	\$3.00
Handcrafts .. .. .	\$3.95
The Australian Girls' Book of Crafts, Pets Sports and Hobbies .. .. .	\$4.50
Carving Wooden Animals .. .. .	\$1.75
Things to Make from Odds and Ends .. .. .	\$1.75
Tinfoil Decorations .. .. .	\$1.75
Cane and Raffia .. .. .	\$1.75
Straw Stars .. .. .	\$1.75
Painting China .. .. .	\$1.75
Fruit and Vegetable Figures .. .. .	\$1.75
Painting Bottles and Glasses .. .. .	\$1.75
Christmas Cribbs .. .. .	\$1.75
Painting on Wood .. .. .	\$1.75
Hand Printed Fabrics .. .. .	\$1.75
Fun with Shells .. .. .	\$1.75
String and Raffia Figures .. .. .	\$1.75
Working with Metal Foils .. .. .	\$1.75
Painting with Laquer .. .. .	\$1.75
Picture Framing .. .. .	\$1.75
Coconut Craft .. .. .	\$1.75
Decorations from Dried Flowers and Grasses .. .. .	\$1.75
Mobiles .. .. .	\$1.75
Making Shadow Puppets .. .. .	\$1.75
A guide to Clay Modelling .. .. .	\$1.75
Candle Making .. .. .	\$1.75
Decorating Eggs .. .. .	\$1.75
Puppets .. .. .	\$1.75

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

### Guiders' Long Service

(35 years) Mrs. A. J. Turnbull, Surrey Hills.  
(25 years) Mrs. B. Kirkham, Glen Iris.  
(15 years) Mrs. G. Locke, Jordanville.

### Local Association Long Service

Mrs. Warren, Yarraville; Mrs. E. E. Bourke, San Remo-Newhaven; Mrs. G. MacGavin, Footscray; Mrs. V. Rowlands, Merrigum; Mrs. I. Robinson, Merrigum.

### Combined Long Service

Mrs. F. Simm, Apollo Bay; Mrs. I. McLaren, Footscray; Mrs. M. France, Footscray; Mrs. E. Perriman, Apollo Bay.

### Trefoil Guild Long Service

Mrs. N. M. Dawson, Footscray; Mrs. G. M. MacGavin, Footscray; Mrs. B. Wedekind, Footscray.

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### Thanks Badge

Miss K. Harrington, Shepparton.

## APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

### Region Commissioners

Mrs. L. C. Weatherly, Western Plains; Mrs. J. D. Sawyer, North Central.

### Division Commissioners

Mrs. B. L. Downes, Henty; Mrs. G. Richardson, Mortlake; Mrs. D. Whiffin, Assistant, Eltham; Mrs. F. W. Talbot, Diamond Valley.

### District Commissioners

Mrs. A. McCracken, Berwick; Mrs. J. F. Kearney, Balwyn; Mrs. A. J. Hickman, Anglesea; Mrs. J. F. Lowe, Torquay; Mrs. C. H. Jones, Melton; Mrs. J. K. McPoyle, Lower Plenty; Mrs. W. B. J. Carrington, Traralgon; Mrs. G. T. Casano, Gembrook; Mrs. J. S. Blake, Cobden; Mrs. D. G. Peart, Lara; Mrs. D. G. Ball, Mt. Waverley; Mrs. A. W. Lord, Westmeadows/Gladstone Park; Mrs. P. A. Roberts, Echuca; Mrs. D. E. Ross, Wangaratta; Mrs. J. Reid, Springvale North; Mrs. F. G. Currie, Highton; Mrs. J. A. Bathurst, North Croydon and Wonga Park; Mrs. R. F. Pryor, Bennettswood; Mrs. R. R. Kennebury, Catani; Mrs. D. T. Currie, Deepdene; Mrs. T. W. W. Wall, Greensborough; Mrs. W. H. Jones, Dunkeld; Mrs. D. H. Cotton, Assistant — Mt. Waverley; Mrs. J. G. Chataway, Assistant — Beaumaris; Mrs. T. K. McMahon, Heathcote.



## Guide Guiders

Mrs. C. Swayn, 1st Beeac; Mrs. V. Smith, 1st Tullamarine; Mrs. T. Strauch, 1st White Hills; Miss L. M. Young, 2nd West Sunshine; Mrs. R. G. Baillee, 1st Dingley; Mrs. G. A. Reid, 1st Catani; Mrs. K. J. Collins, 2nd Kilsyth; Miss L. M. Flavin, 3rd Hampton; Mrs. L. Cornell, 3rd Canterbury; Mrs. K. Hendy, 1st St. Arnaud; Mrs. I. E. Wolstencroft, 1st Bairnsdale; Mrs. D. Farmer, 1st Newborough; Mrs. P. Hampson, 1st Sebastopol; Mrs. R. Speirs, 1st Colac; Mrs. S. R. Thomas, 2nd Portland; Mrs. R. G. Kittelty, 4th Echuca; Mrs. L. S. Becker, 1st Dunkeld.

## Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs. W. A. Jordan, 1st Fairfield; Miss K. C. McWilliam, 2nd Newborough; Miss G. J. Waldron, 1st Mooroolbark; Mrs. I. L. Anderson, 1st Tullamarine; Miss J. Austin, 1st White Hills; Miss P. Naudi, 3rd Mooroolbark; Miss H. Jarvis, 2nd Warragul; Miss E. M. Pearce, 1st Beeac; Mrs. J. K. Balfe, 6th Beaumaris; Miss S. W. Krahnert, 4th Hawthorn; Mrs. B. E. Dougherty, 1st Colac; Miss J. Bunting, 5th Colac.

## Brownie Guiders

Mrs. C. S. Yates, 1st Geelong West; Mrs. E. Vardis, 5th Box Hill; Mrs. P. Williams, 1st Airport West; Mrs. J. E. Ewen, 1st Tullamarine; Mrs. D. M. Graham, 1st Somerville; Miss K. Williams, 1st Catani; Mrs. J. Williams, 1st Hamilton; Mrs. G. Rudd, 1st Swan Hill; Mrs. C. Goldsmith, 1st Beaconsfield Upper; Mrs. R. J. Walsh, 4th Wattle Park; Mrs. R. Anders, 1st Hazelwood; Mrs. E. J. Jones, 4th Wodonga; Mrs. F. J. Curtis, 3rd Dandenong North; Mrs. N. Walker, 1st Inglewood; Mrs. L. F. Greenlees, 4th Monash; Mrs. M. Hartley, 1st North Cheltenham; Mrs. J. Paterson, 1st Mt. Macedon; Mrs. G. Goldsmith, 4th Ballarat; Mrs. G. W. Kershaw, 1st Hawkesdale; Mrs. H. A. Cornwall, 1st Thorpdale; Mrs. K. M. Humphrey, 1st Ellinbank.

## Assistant Brownie Guiders

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## REGISTRATIONS

3rd Glen Iris Pack; 1st White Hills Pack; 1st Eildon Company; 1st White Hills Company; Camperdown Ranger Unit; "Naismith" Trefoil Guild; "Tallaringa" Trefoil Guild; Port Phillip Trefoil Guild; 1st Dunkeld Pack; 3rd Moe Pack.

## RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

### Region Commissioners

Mrs. J. S. Sartori, Otway; Mrs. D. W. Fenton, North Central; Mrs. G. Richardson, Western Plains; Mrs. R. W. Hodge, Goulburn; Mrs. D. Ross-Soden, (Assistant) Goulburn.

### District Commissioners

Mrs. L. G. Dunsmuir, Lara; Mrs. F. J. Reid, Cobden; Mrs. D. J. H. Strickland, Altona North; Mrs. W. S. Rodda, Nullawarre; Mrs. W. J. Dean, Mt. Waverley; Mrs. C. E. Dawborn, Echuca; Mrs. J. E. Dodds, East Brighton; Mrs. L. Crago, Tallangatta; Mrs. W. J. Kennedy, Kerang; Mrs. R. G. Thorne, Croydon North and Wonga Park; Mrs. J. G. Harrington, Goornong; Mrs. K. P. McCarthy, Heathcote; Mrs. I. C. F. Markland, Mooropna; Mrs. J. C. Coleman, Catani; Mrs. F. R. Barnett, Deepdene; Mrs. R. Vogel, Corryong/Walwa.

### Ranger Guider

Miss W. Clisby, Mitcham (Extension) Rangers.

## Guide Guiders

Mrs. T. Davies, 2nd Rosebud; Mrs. F. Elliott, 2nd Mooroolbark; Mrs. B. D. Kidd, 4th Forest Hill; Miss E. A. Wood, 1st Red Cliffs; Mrs. J. Latto, 2nd Waverley North; Mrs. A. Hunter, 1st Newborough; Mrs. A. R. Hawking, 1st Rushworth; Mrs. C. Poulter, 1st Kilmore; Mrs. J. W. Miller, 1st Catani.

## Assistant Guide Guiders

Miss L. M. Young, 1st Sunshine West; Mrs. R. G. Baillee, 1st Dingley; Mrs. L. Cornell, 3rd Canterbury; Mrs. D. Farmer, 1st Newborough; Miss H. Jarvis, 3rd Warragul; Mrs. E. M. Sparks, 1st Mooroolbark; Mrs. R. White, 1st Whittlesea; Miss C. Stouppo, 2nd Balwyn; Miss K. A. Swenser, 2nd/4th Cheltenham; Mrs. J. R. Brimage, 2nd/4th Cheltenham; Mrs. H. Robinson, 4th Moorleigh.

## Brownie Guiders

Mrs. J. Turner, 1st Niddrie; Mrs. J. W. Boucher, 2nd Rosebud; Mrs. J. Gillespie, 3rd Horsham; Mrs. T. Jackson, 3rd East Preston; Mrs. J. Reid, 3rd Springvale North; Mrs. R. Towler, 1st Hawkesdale; Mrs. G. N. Stevens, 1st Mt. Macedon; Mrs. R. A. Waight, 1st North Cheltenham.

## Assistant Brownie Guiders

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