

MATILDA

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA



**From our State
Commissioner**

Dear Members and Friends,

Last month I promised to continue telling you my impressions of the World Conference. I feel the best way to do this is to quote directly from a letter I wrote to Australian Headquarters at the time of the Conference when the events were fresh in my mind.

"Monday was THE day of the Conference — the day we went to London to see the Queen. Nine buses left at 8.30 a.m. to drive to Kew Gardens, full of people who were excited and happy. Beautiful weather made the countryside even lovelier, and we had time for a quick wander around a little of Kew Gardens before we boarded three launches for the Tower. It was wonderful sitting outside in the sun watching the sights and familiar or new buildings either side of the Thames. A delicious smorgasbord luncheon helped us enjoy the trip. At the Tower, two Beefeaters mingled with Eastern and African uniforms and once

again we boarded nine buses this time for a tour of London, Trafalgar Square, Eros, Marble Arch, all the time our excitement mounting.

Eventually, we came down The Mall and through the gates of Buckingham Palace! We went inside through glass doorways up yards of red carpet to the Picture Gallery, where we formed up into delegations.

At 5.30 p.m. we started to move into the drawing room where we were presented to the Queen and Queen Mother. Afternoon tea was served at long buffets and later we were lucky enough to meet Princess Margaret and the Queen and to talk with them.

On the way home we had supper with Guides, and arrived back at the University about 10.30 p.m.

Tuesday was a busy day, reports, etc. Wednesday was the invitation, summing up and closing of the Conference. We had time off in the afternoon and then resumed to hear names of Committees, of World Committee, and wonderful news, Joyce Price has been chosen as chairman of the World Committee.

The closing ceremony was done by the Rangers — simple music, words, final message being Our Future is in Your Hands — most appropriate."

Well, it is all over now, and we are all home again. It was a wonderful experience.

Love and best wishes,

Joan E. Grimwade

Christmas is not far away and again I am asking all who would like to be included in the World Chief Guide's Christmas Card to forward contributions by the end of November.

As you know, Lady Baden-Powell has given up her home at Hampton Court and is now comfortably settled in the south of England.

Last year's Australian Christmas card helped to provide small extras for her. She is happy to know Guiding people are thinking of her.

Please send your gifts, with your name and where you come from on an adhesive label to be attached to our card, to Miss G. Buckland, 52 Tanti Avenue, Mornington, 3931.

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FIRST CAMPERS at SHOREHAM



Row upon row of shiny new equipment sat waiting on shelves in the Bush Haven at Shoreham. Little did those neatly folded tents realise what was in store for them during the next five days.

In beautiful sunshine 22 girls from 1st and 2nd Rosebud Companies, their leaders and several parents set off laden with what seemed to be enough food to feed an army, innumerable bedding rolls and packs.

The girls had already spent many weekends at Shoreham planting, weeding, watering and draining hundreds of trees, grassing banks and grubbing blackberries and generally helping to beautify the area, and they were thrilled to be its first official campers.

At least we set up camp in sunshine, because, before the Rosebud campers left Shoreham they experienced mud, rain, hail and a howling gale besides.

Our tents, pitched at crazy angles on the side of the hill, at least kept us out of the mud as we defied the force of gravity in an attempt to sleep inside them without sliding out under the walls.

On visitors' day, mothers, fathers and small brothers waded in admiring our bush

shelters, camp oven and freshly cooked scones.

We enjoyed a combined campfire (?) with Sorrento Company campers. Actually, we were trying to dispose of a huge stump, and we sent it off with ceremony and song in the rain.

We hiked to Shoreham beach to cook sausages and damper and chocolate bananas.

Undaunted by rain and wind, the girls sang as they went about their chores, and at night the singing continued as we storm-guaged the tents, which the wind vainly tried to send flying after our plates and cooking utensils.

An odd shower crept up on us as we folded tents and stowed those shiny pots and well beaten tent pegs back into the equipment shed.

Shoreham gear had been well and truly christened and we hope many more "happy camps" will soon enjoy this lovely spot.

J. S.



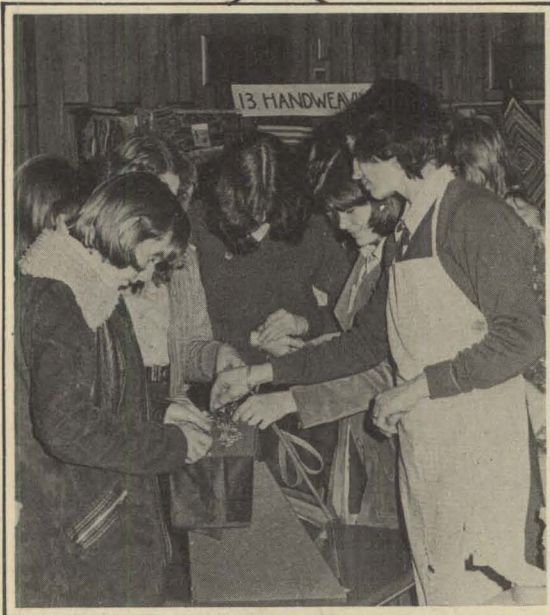
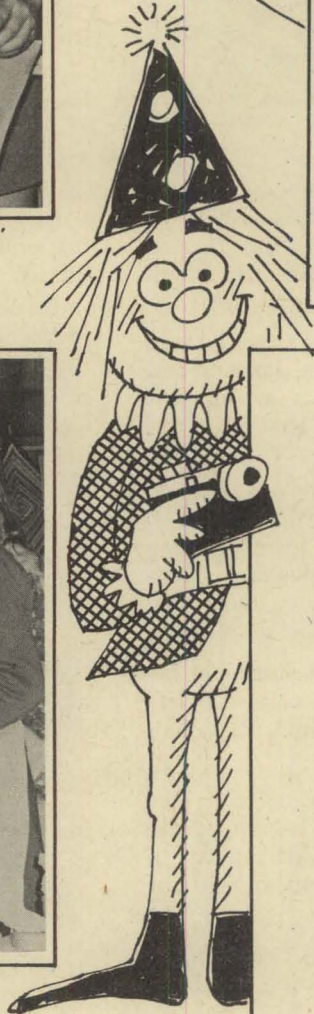
ARTS and CRAFTS EXHIBITION



'ooh-look at that!'



*'Please hurry!
can't wait
to see
inside.'*

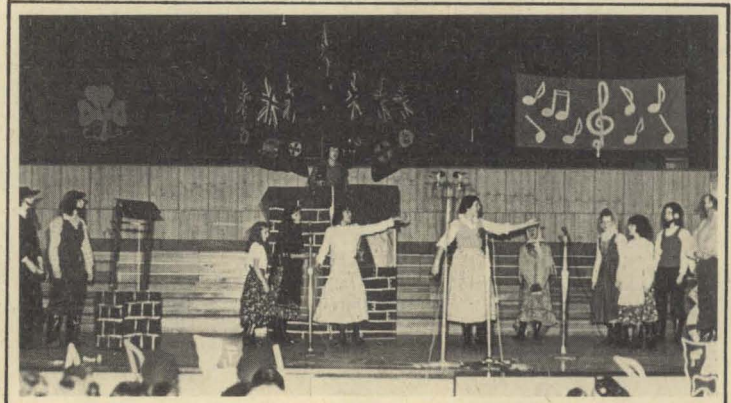


'Let me try now!'

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UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY 1975

Have YOU arranged your celebration for 22nd October?
Not QUITE yet?

How about learning this special UNICEF Song? It is fun, you will love it. The words were written by Jo Tenfjord, and the music by Lorraine Milne of the Victorian Education Department. It is reprinted with their permission.

1. Some child - ren are brown like new - ly baked bread, Some
child-ren are yel-low, and o - thers are red, Some child-ren are white, there are
black child-ren too, Their col - ors are dif-f'rent, but they're child-ren like you.

2. Some child - ren eat rice and some pre - fer figs, Some
child-ren like ice cream, and some roast-ed pigs, Some child-ren like fish and
some like I-rish stew, Their foods may be dif-f'rent, but they're child-ren like you.

3. Some say "yes", o - thers say "ja", Some say "o - kay", and
some say "da - da"; Some say "oui", and o - thers say "si". Their
words may be dif-f'rent, but they're child - ren like me.

4. There are child - ren up north, in the east, in the west, In the
south and we can-not say which place is best. Some live where it's freez-ing, some
live where it's hot, The coun-tries are dif-f'rent, but the child-ren are not.



Dear Everyone Who Helped,

The **National Festival of Song** which started to grow from a tiny seed a long time ago has finally happened and I think that everyone in Melbourne who attended the Grand Finale Concert held there at the end of August will have thoroughly enjoyed this climax to a long chain of events. It was wonderful to have representation from every state in Australia and see everyone giving of her best on behalf of her state, having fun together in the process.

Thanks to those involved with planning the Festival were expressed at the concert but I would like to draw attention to the hundreds of people whose contributions to the success of the Festival have not yet been publicly recognised. We cannot thank each personally but I hope many of those concerned will read this and know that the help they gave, no matter how small, has been noted and appreciated.

Members of planning committees worked hard to organise competitions within each state and they were supported by a large team of helpers — men and women who shared their talents with the girls to help them reach a good standard; judges who had the unenviable task of assessing performers at the heats, semi-finals and state finals; parents who supported their girls and helped with transport, costumes, etc., those who were involved back-stage or front of house in seeing performances ran smoothly; lighting and sound assistants; guiders who enthused their girls and cheerfully undertook the extra work that entering such a competition entailed; the girls themselves who practised diligently and gave of their best, happily sharing talents with others; audiences whose response and encouragement was so vital. All these and many others played a part in helping to make the National Festival enjoyable and worthwhile for all concerned.

Within Victoria a special word of thanks is due to those who arranged for or provided hospitality for our interstate visitors. Despite inconvenience to family holiday plans, 259 brownies, guides, rangers and guiders were bedded down in Victorian homes — a wonderful gesture of Guide friendship.

I believe the value of a Happening such as this lies not so much in the final highlight but in participation along the way, the interest that is engendered and the happy involvement of so many people at different levels; above all, the joy and fellowship that comes from sharing your talents with others and making music together.

On behalf of the Australian Planning Committee, may I send through your magazine, our warmest appreciation to all who helped and our congratulations and thanks to the many Brownies, Guides and Rangers throughout Australia who shared in this new enterprise with us. We hope you all had lots of fun.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peg Bam".

Chairman, Australian Planning Committee.



NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SONG

From 254 entries (83 Brownie items, 162 Guide items and 9 Ranger items) in 12 area heats, 67 items were selected to compete at the Victorian State finals. These were held at Malvern Town Hall in July when over 700 girls delighted a total audience of about 3000. At the end of that day we had 13 winning or "special mention" items to go on to the Australian National Finale.

At the end of August, Melbourne guide families became hosts to 304 country and interstate visitors for the Grand Finale Concerts in the magnificent Dallas Brooks Hall. What a delight to see about 1400 people at each performance — plus approximately 450 performers.

Highlights of the program included the instrumentalists from South Australia (complete with harp!) and their original item "The Dandelion Song", the Queensland guide drummer, the brownie from New South Wales who played her violin beautifully, South Australia's soloist who sang "Amazing Grace", and the Tasmanian brownies with their "Lend a Hand" song. Western Australia was represented by their State Guide Choir who entertained us with a wide variety of songs.

This, truly, was a **National** affair. Our program cover and badge design came from New South Wales. Those who attended Guides' Own on the Sunday will agree that the South Australian Rangers arranged a wonderful service for us.

Throughout the weekend, and the days that followed, many friendships were made and many others renewed. A typical scene when buses were departing for the airport was a girl with parts of her uniform missing — "my beret has gone to Tasmania, my tie to Queensland, and I have swapped all my badges!"

During the Closing Ceremony of the National Finale and at the conclusion of the Guides' Own Service, Victorians sang "Go Well and Safely" to which our visitors replied "Stay Well and Safely". These verses will be remembered by all who took part.

We are grateful to everyone who helped to make the Festival such an exciting event and our Committee feels that the fun and participation by the girls made it all worthwhile.

H. B.

JUMBUNNA '75

Caring and Sharing

I would like to share with you my impression of Jumbunna 1975 (Australian Patrol Leaders' Conference and Training).

It was held in South Australia for 192 Patrol Leaders from all over Australia and Papua/New Guinea. The name means "talking together" and this is exactly what we did.

I think it was very successful in the field of training and sharing new ideas. I know that everyone had a wonderful time; we all had the chance to meet many new friends.

Together we discussed topics, asked questions and talked about our theme, "Caring and Sharing", in such a way as to benefit every patrol leader and so benefit Australian guides in general.

Everything was a group effort made up of individuals all contributing a special part of themselves. Our days were filled with fun, learning, and especially "Caring and Sharing". I am sure every guide would agree that Jumbunna was a very special experience to be acted on in the present and looked back on in the years to come, as a cherished memory.

We stayed at the Lutheran Youth Camp in Clarendon which is not far from Adelaide. From the camp, on the side of a hill with lots of trees and beautiful scenery, we could see the sea and oil refineries on the beach. Another spectacular view was the lights of Adelaide at night.

We were billeted in Adelaide for two days before camp and we were taken on a tour of either Victor Harbour, Barossa Valley or Adelaide Hills. Everyone found the tour of her choice exciting.

We had wonderful fun swapping ideas and badges with other guides and I hope there will soon be another Jumbunna so that more can have the same experience.

Thank you to all our leaders and organizers.

PENNY BECKER,
1st Dunkeld Company.



VICTORIAN MEMBER HONOURED BY THE QUEEN

Did you know that Miss Mabel Cooper who was awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for her services to returned war nurses and the community has given considerable service to the Guide Movement over the years. A financial wizard, for many years she helped guide the Movement's financial policy. From 1953 to 1958 she was an Assistant State Commissioner, later becoming Headquarters Commissioner. She has remained an active member of our State Council.

Australian Guiding has also had the benefit of Mabel's keen interest in Guiding and wise business acumen — she was Australian Treasurer at one stage and is currently Chairman of the Staff Superannuation Fund.

We congratulate Miss Cooper on her award, knowing it to be richly deserved.

"MOOMBADINA"

Forty-two Rangers and several leaders attended recent central fixture "Moombadina", which means — "Have fun with Adina Rangers".

This was held at Eumeralla Scout Camp, near Anglesea, where delightful weather and a lively, varied program ensured a great weekend for all campers.

During the weekend we enjoyed talks on Public Speaking and Bush Nursing, discussions, campfire, barbecue lunch, time on the beach, treasure hunts, looking after children from Glastonbury Children's Home and getting to know each other.

I have never been on a central fixture before, but I enjoyed this one so much that I will go on many more in future.

PAM BENTLEY,
Adina Rangers.

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VICTORIAN GIRL GUIDE CHOIR

The Choir has had a very busy year, singing on 15 occasions in suburbs of Melbourne and Victorian cities and towns.

These occasions vary considerably and include 50th Anniversary Celebrations (in 2 cities), Guide Hall opening, April Action evening, Local Association Annual Meetings, Division Church service and four weddings of members of the movement. We also sang at a Wesley pleasant Sunday Afternoon and were honoured to be asked to sing at the Australian Conference.

As a Community service which we enjoy greatly, we entertained a group of elderly citizens in Hartwell. There, members of the group had opportunity to demonstrate individual skills.

The Choir felt keenly the sudden death of Mrs. Sheila Steele. She was a loyal member of our group with a very cheerful personality.

We would be very pleased to welcome any singing members of the movement, be they guides, rangers, guiders or members of a Local Association or Trefoil Guild. We meet at Headquarters every Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. during school terms, so come and join us. Some of our members play musical instruments (guitar, trumpet, saxophone etc.) and we include others in many of our items.

All choir members thank Mrs. Clarke for her continued enthusiastic leadership.



Advice is like snow: the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon and the deeper it sinks into the mind.

SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE

Women in New Guinea

The following is an extract from a talk given at the Brownie Guiders' Conference by Mrs. Cottier, wife of an Anglican Minister and school teacher and for 12 years a missionary in Papua New Guinea.

"I want to talk to you today about some of the women I got to know very well during my years in New Guinea. This being Women's International Year it is an appropriate time for us to reconsider our role as women, and what it means in this twentieth century to be a woman. It is certainly something that the women of New Guinea are not thinking about too often.

The first woman I want to tell you about is called Fitt and she is the third wife of the local chief. Fitt's husband, Gonghi, as chief, is a man with incredible power but this does not give his wife any status at all, for women in this part of New Guinea, and in all New Guinea some years ago, are simply a means of exchange.

The second person Elizabeth, who migrated to New Guinea from Polynesia, is a nurse in the local hospital where she met her husband, Peter. She married into a well educated and high priestly family of the Anglican Church. This caused complications as the family had been apart from the village for 3 generations and had no land like Elizabeth's family and as they were educated they were not traditional village people. Despite these problems Elizabeth is contented to lead a life that maintains peace and calm and a place for Peter to retire to when pressures arise.

The third person is Josephine Abija. She is another who is educated ahead of her time and has a degree in Public Health from London University where she has mixed with white people before it was the 'in' thing for white people to be friendly with brown people. Yet she is not popular with most of the Europeans in New Guinea, and leads a lonely life, because in New Guinean society there is no place at all for the single woman. Josephine has been a member of Parliament for the last 4 years and feels that Papua should be separate from New Guinea; but as the decision has already been made that they should be one, she seems to be fighting a battle alone with this problem of being a single woman no man in New Guinea likes."

TRAINING CALENDAR • October 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.

Special Subjects

Camper Badge Syllabus for Guides

Raymond Island 1st November — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. M. Frawley, P.O. Box 641, Sale, 3850 by **16th October**.

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 we have had to **CANCEL** the training week. We hope to organise a residential training sometime in 1976.

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TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Our heartiest congratulations to Miss Barbara Reynolds on being appointed a Guide Team Member for South Metropolitan Region.



TYNONG NORTH CAMPSITE

Mrs. S. (Kit) Williamson, 6 Haines Street, Cheltenham, 3192, (telephone 93 2467) has resumed as Booking Secretary.

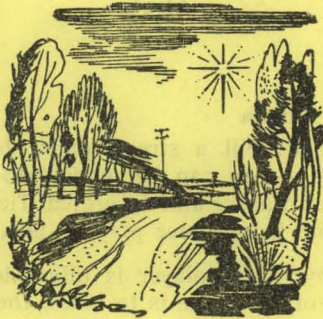


TRAINING PAGES

ON BEING PREPARED FOR CHRISTMAS

Now is the time that the Christmas theme could be introduced into the Unit Program.

If you have a copy of "Matilda" November, 1974, look at Page 107 and the article on Christmas and the Eight Points. Here are some ideas as a starting point to your program covering a wide range of activities.



Have you thought of —

- making a Christmas scene for your hall, or as a focal point for a special Guides Own Carol Service?
- learning some Australian Carols and practising the old favourites?
- having a Christmas play or tableau?
- planning a party for elderly people or children's home?
- making cakes, biscuits or sweets as gifts?
- a Christmas table competition?
- decorating wrapping paper, Christmas cards, gift tags and personal note paper?
- making candles, soft toys, paper flowers and decorations?
- researching Christmas customs from other countries and introducing them into your breakup party.

All of these activities will be enjoyed and lead the girls to think of many more ideas. There are skilled people about who would be willing to share their knowledge with your Unit — the finer points of icing a cake or presenting a play or musical appreciation.

The Eight Points will be more than covered and the Promise brought forward in each activity and this could be a Christmas to be remembered because of the happy preparation and participation.

A GUIDES' OWN CAROL SERVICE

This is more than just singing carols. It is a service of worship and should include other forms of expression such as prayer, readings, choral readings, drama, tableaux, dancing, sound or music.

The service might unfold the simple but beautiful story as told in the Bible. This form appeals to younger girls. Your older girls might like to include stories associated with Christmas, or worship traditions of the nations.

Encourage the girls to create their own contributions, thus making it truly their Own Service. They will of course be responsible for programming and presentation. The guider's advice may be needed. Be prepared by doing a little research yourself. The book "Praise and Thanksgiving" by Christian Howard is very helpful, and is available in the Guide Shop.



ACTIVITIES FOR CHRISTMAS

Nativity Tableau

Materials: Cardboard carton (approximately 40 cm x 30 cm); modelling dough; paints; sticks from icepoles (about 12); small amount of silver paper.

To make: Prepare carton by painting inside and out to represent the stable. This is best done with a fairly dry brush in light stone colour and streaked with black or brown to represent boards. The manger is formed with the icepole sticks and glued. Paint this brown.

Mould figures of Joseph, Mary and the Christ Child, Shepherds and Wise Men.

These can be painted in bright colours, or dressed in scraps of material. Make a small star with silver paper and hang on fine thread above the manger. Arrange figures around the manger on bed of straw. Small farm animals can be added for effect.



A Gift — Key Holder

Material: Wooden spoon; three cup hooks; coloured ribbon or string; paint if desired.

To make: Attach string to handle, one end just above spoon, the other towards the end. Check for balance when hanging. Screw hooks into "underside" of handle. If painting, remove string.

Book Mark

Materials: Coloured cardboard; pressed flowers, small cutouts, stamps etc.; lids from shirt boxes; felt pen; glue; embroidery thread; paper punch.

To make: Cut cardboard 15 cm x 5 cm (or size desired) and two matching strips from shirt box lid. Punch matching holes about 12 mm apart around edges of these. Arrange decoration on cardboard and glue. Write or print greeting below this. Whip the three pieces together with 6 strands of embroidery thread, cardboard between the cellophane. Finish off with small tassel made with thread.

Christmas Tree

Materials: Coloured plastic flower pot, 15 cm size; small gauge chicken wire 30 cm x 30 cm; 30 cm dowel 12 mm diameter; cellophane; plaster.

To make: Set dowel in plaster in centre of pot allowing about 25 cm above lip of pot. Bend wire into witches hat shape and cut straight around lower edge. Fasten with florists wire. Place this over dowel so that it sets firmly on lip of pot. Cut cellophane into 8 cm squares, fold in half and half again. Hold in centre of fold and pull corners out. Push 2 of these into each hole in wire. This can have a good effect if done in rows of colours. Cover the whole of the wire this way.



Mexican Pinata

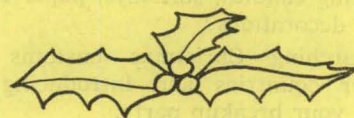
To make: Fill a strong paper bag with sweets. The bag can be made into a giant Christmas cracker and decorated. Tie the bag firmly and hang above players' heads.

To play: Each player is blindfolded and the aim of the game is to break the bag by hitting it with a long stick. If and when the bag breaks all scramble for the sweets.

Gift Cards

Materials: Visiting cards; indelible fine felt pen; glue or paste; decorative pieces, e.g. motifs cut from old cards, wrapping paper; small shells; grass seeds; dried flowers etc.; paper punch.

To make: Print "Merry Christmas" or "Greetings" on top, decorate one side, punch hole on left side. Leave space for a personal message.



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BROWNIE GUIDES

BROWNIE GUIDE UNIFORM:

Uniform	\$9.80
Chest: 26", 28", 30", 32", 34".	
Tie (gold)	1.30
Beret and Badge	1.75
Summer Hat (brown)	4.50
Sizes: 21", 21½", 22", 22½", 23".	
Belt	1.45
Belt Pouch	1.70
Cardigan (brown)	9.30
Sizes: 26", 28", 30", 32".	
Pantees (fawn)	
Size: 8, 10, 12	1.30
Sox — Ankle (fawn)	
Size: 9 to 12	1.00
13 to 3	1.00
2 to 8	1.10
Sox — Knee High (fawn)	
Size: 9 to 12	1.35
13 to 3	1.50
2 to 8	1.55
Tights (fawn)	2.00
Size: Child's 7 to 9 years	
Maid's 10 to 12 years	
Uniform Material, per yard	1.30
Uniform Buttons, each	0.04
Neck Buttons each	0.01
Uniform Pattern	0.90
Hair Ribbon (brown)	
per metre	0.20

PACK HOLIDAY WEAR:

Brown Shorts	\$4.50
T-Shirt (Yellow) with badge —	
Size — 8, 10, 12, 14	3.50

BROWNIE GUIDE BADGES AND DISTINGUISHING MARKS:

Badges —	
Promise	0.42
Journey — Footpath	0.25
Roadway	0.25
Highway	0.25
Venture	0.18
Metal Nos. for Venture Badges	
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. each	0.15
Interest	0.18
World (metal)	0.70

BROWNIE GUIDE EMBLEMS:

Tintookie —	Pink
Tookonie —	Green with red hair
Junjarins —	Orange with white cap
Lalagullis —	Saxe blue with white cap
Moorra Mooras —	Yellow
Mullokas —	Pale blue with green cap
Woorails —	Red with green cap

Service Stars —

1st year	0.13
2nd year	0.13
3rd year	0.13

Stripes —

Second Sixer	0.18
Sixer	0.18

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GUIDE UNIFORM**

Skirt:	\$8.40
Waist 24", Length from Waist 18"	
" 26", " " " 19"	
" 28", " " " 21"	
" 30", " " " 23"	
" 32", " " " 24"	
Blouse:	7.95
Bust: 28", 30", 32", 34", 36", 38", 40".	
Tie — With State Badge	1.75
Colours: Light Blue, Royal Blue, Navy, Red, Light Green, Emerald Green, Mauve, Salmon Pink, Maroon, Lemon, Gold.	
Beret — Standard Fitting	1.56
Pullover (Guide Blue)	11.90
Bust: 30", 32", 34", 36", 38", 40", 42".	
Pantees (Guide Blue)	
Size: 10, 12, 14	1.30
SSW, SW, W	0.89
Sox-Ankle (fawn)	
Size: 13-3,	1.00
2-8	1.10
Sox — Knee High (fawn)	
Size: 13-3	1.50
2-8	1.55
Belt	2.35
Belt Swivel	0.20
Whistle	1.15
Knives — from	0.85
Material — Blouse, per yard	1.60
Skirt, per yard	1.30
Buttons — Blouse, Skirt, each	0.03
Pattern	1.10
Zipps	0.45

CAMP UNIFORM

Camp Blouse —	\$5.70
Bust: 30", 32", 34", 36", 38", 40", 42".	
Shorts —	
Size: 10, 12, 13, 15	4.50
Camp Hats —	4.50
Size: 21", 21½", 22", 22½", 23", 23½", 24".	
Campfire Shirt —	4.50
Size: 28", S, M, L	

**GUIDE BADGES AND DISTINGUISHING
MARKS**

Badges —	
Beret	0.40
Promise (metal)	0.42
State	0.45
World (metal)	0.70
Eight Point	0.70
Patrol Emblems	0.45
Patrol Leader's Beret	0.18
Queen's Guide	0.35
Interest	0.18
Camp Trefoil	0.10
Collective Emblems —	
Service, Arts and Crafts, Fitness, Bushcraft, Little House, World Friendship Each	0.35
Guide Service Flash	0.20
Lanyards —	
P.L.'s and Seconds (white)	0.50
Patrol Camp Permit (green)	0.35
Stripes —	
Patrol Second (One Bar)	0.22
Patrol Leader (Two Bars)	0.22
Pack Leader	0.18
Ex Pack Leader	0.18
Patrol Interest Pennants —	
Camp Preparation, Explorer, Orienteering, Emergency Team, Enterprise, Conservation Each	0.25
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**RANGER GUIDES
UNIFORM:**

Frock and Jacket	\$36.00
Bust: 32", 34", 36", 38", 40".	
Forage Cap	5.25
Size: 20½", 21", 21½", 22", 22½", 23".	
Ranger Guide Handbag	7.10
(Junior Navy)	
Material —	
Junior Navy, per yard	4.50
Pale Blue, per piece	1.35
Buttons — set of 4	0.12
Zipp — 12"	0.45
Pattern for Uniform	0.85

**RANGER GUIDE BADGES and
DISTINGUISHING MARKS:**

Ranger Guide Investiture	0.85
World (metal)	0.70
State (metal)	0.90
Challenge	0.35
Interest	0.35
Service Star No. 1	1.35
Service Star No. 2	1.35
Service Star No. 3	0.85
Service Star Complete	0.85

**NAME TAPES
UNIT NAME TAPES**

2 dozen	\$3.90
4 dozen	4.50
8 dozen	5.70

Add \$1.20 for each additional 4 dozen.

REGION NAME TAPES

Prices as above.

**COMBINED REGION AND UNIT NAME
TAPES**

3 dozen	\$9.00
6 dozen	12.00
9 dozen	15.00

Add \$3.00 for each additional 3 dozen.

**COMMISSIONERS AND GUIDERS
UNIFORM**

Commissioner/Guider Suits, Jacket and Straight Skirt —	
Bust: 32", 34", 36", 38", 40", 42" ...	\$41.95
Jacket and Gored Skirt —	
Bust: 32", 34", 36", 38", 40", 42" ...	40.90
Guider Gored Skirt —	
Waist: 24", 26", 28", 30", 32", 34" ...	14.10
Commissioner/Guider Jacket (new style, 4 buttons)	
Bust: 32", 34", 36", 38", 40", 42" ...	26.80
Commissioner/Guider Blouse (Blue, short sleeves)	
Bust: 32", 34", 36", 38", 40", 42", 44" ...	7.50
Bow Tie (Guide Blue or Brown) ...	0.90
Commissioner Beret	9.75
Size: 21½", 22", 22½", 23", 23½".	
Guider Beret	7.10
Size: 20½", 21", 21½", 22", 22½", 23", 23½".	
Blue Summer Frock	
Size: 32", 34", 36", 38"	22.50
40", 42"	23.65
Commissioner/Guider Summer Hat (Pale Blue when available)	
Size: 21", 21½", 22", 22½", 23", 23½", 24".	
Commissioner/Guider Shoulder Bag Guide Blue, Black, Brown	13.45
Cardigan	12.80
Bust: 32", 34", 36", 38", 40", 42".	
Material — blouse, per yard	1.60
skirt per yard	5.80
summer frock, (42") per yard ...	4.25
Patterns —	
Jacket and Straight Skirt	1.75
Blouse and Gored Skirt	1.20
Blue summer frock	1.20
Raincoats —	
Driclad — 14, 16, 18	11.25
20	12.60

**COMMISSIONER/GUIDER BADGES
and DISTINGUISHING MARKS:**

Region Commissioner Cockade ...	0.85
Division Commissioner Cockade ...	0.70
District Commissioner Cockade ...	0.60
Travelling Commissioner Cockade ...	0.70
Secretary Cockade	0.65
Guide Guider Patch	0.25
Brownie Guider Patch	0.25
State Badge (metal)	0.90
World Badge (metal)	0.70

Greeting Cards

Materials: Printing paper — any type which is slightly absorbent; modelling clay; card for mounting; knitting needle; paint — poster or powder.

Take a ball of clay approximately size of golfball and flatten it on an even surface. Draw a simple design on the clay with the knitting needle — be careful to smooth the edges of the groove so your print will be clear. Put your clay aside to dry until next unit meeting. Then lightly paint the surface and place your printing paper over it. Press evenly with your finger tips over the whole surface, then carefully pull off the print. Cut it into the shape you desire and mount it on a plain greeting card. Add written greetings in paint or ink.



Wrapping Paper — Potato Prints

Materials: Butchers' paper; potatoes, turnips or carrots; vegetable knife and paint.

Work out a simple outline design on paper. Cut a medium sized potato in half and transfer the design onto the cut side. For large designs use a turnip, small designs can be made by using a carrot. With a vegetable knife, cut away potato outside design leaving pattern raised. Have paint in a saucer and with a brush paint over the design, firmly pressing it onto the spot where you want it on your sheet of paper.

Usually 2 or 3 prints can be made from one coat of paint. If you wish to put your prints in an orderly fashion on your paper you will need to mark position of each print before starting work with paint. If you become ambitious and wish to incorporate two prints on your paper — e.g. a star and a Christmas tree, then allow one to completely dry before adding the second.

Cardboard Printing

Materials: Shirt cardboard, paint, printing paper, shellac, glue, scissors and roller.

Draw a simple design on paper. Transfer several copies of it onto a piece of card — carbon paper is a help. Card, the weight usually found in the packing of shirts, is excellent. Cut out these copies, then using another sheet of card as a base mount, glue these cut out designs one on top of the other. You now have your raised design standing firmly on a base. When the glue is dry shellac the sides and surface of your "block". Wait until the shellac is dry and then you are ready to print. Coat the surface with paint, turn paint-side down onto your printing paper, roll with a rolling pin, bottle etc., back and forth to obtain an even print.

Wrapping Paper — Attractive and quick.

Materials: Tissue paper — white or coloured, newspapers, ink pads in different colours.

Using everyday objects especially those from the kitchen, print your own wrapping paper. Objects such as corks, forks, base of salt cellar, washers, whisks, etc., produce interesting shapes.

On your table arrange a thick pad of newspaper. Over this place one sheet of tissue paper. Press the object you have chosen as a shape onto the ink pad firmly, being sure to cover the whole surface with ink. Then press it firmly onto your tissue. Re-ink your shape as often as necessary, so that you get a clear print each time. Always do all printing with one colour before starting with another. Wonderful combinations of shapes and colours can be designed.

When using these sheets for wrapping, place a sheet of white shelf paper under the tissue paper and wrap as one sheet, resulting in the design you have created showing up more clearly.

For extra glamour — drip glue over the papers and sprinkle them with glitters. These can be purchased in tubes at most stationers.



A LETTER TO SUE

Dear Sue,

May I say how much I appreciate the articles in the Training Pages of "Matilda", they are of great help to a new leader.

I would like to share the following thoughts with your readers. I joined Guiding as a Brownie continuing on to Guides where I was a member of the Company for two years before leaving our district to continue my schooling. I am now married with two children, six and eight years old. Recently I was approached to become a Guide Leader. Remembering my happy times in Guides I agreed to accept this position. A uniform was quickly organised for me and I duly turned up at Company meetings. Six weeks or so later it was suggested to me that I apply for the training course which was planned for our region; this I did and was accepted for the course.

I found training interesting and stimulating but became very much aware that I had not been given a sufficiently detailed explanation of the job I had taken on. I felt this particularly during sessions on Promise, Uniform and District Meetings. The last session of the course was on the stages of Training available to leaders and a yellow booklet called the Australian Leadership Training Outline was handed out.

I have since had time to study this book and have discovered that before my appointment I should have received some help from my Commissioner re an insight into the job I had taken on. Had this taken place it would have helped me to realize on an adult basis the commitment of the Promise I had made as a child; I would have been aware of how to wear my uniform correctly (and not felt embarrassed at the training) and I would have known what a District Meeting was thus gaining more from the Training as I would have been able to contribute more.

I have discussed this matter with other district leaders and have found that in some cases they also did not receive a proper introduction to Guiding. Perhaps it was my fault for not asking more questions . . . I know I will in future.

My reason for writing to you is two-fold. Firstly to point out how necessary this in-

roduction to Guiding is and secondly to thank whoever was responsible for making the Training Outline booklet available as I can now see the place I am at within its framework.

Best wishes,

"New Guider".

SUE REPLIES

Dear New Guider,

Thank you for your letter, I am appreciative of your comments. I am concerned that you were placed in an embarrassing position at the training course because of your lack of introduction to the Movement, and hope that there are not too many other leaders who have experienced a similar situation.

May I suggest that everyone re-reads their Australian Leadership Training Outline booklet and send in any queries they may have.

Regards,

"SUE".



A REMINDER FROM SUE

NOW is the time to start planning with the members of your Unit or District your Thinking Day action for 1976.

Refer to January/February and May 1974 editions of "Matilda" for starting points.

NOTICES

INTERNATIONAL

Our Cabana have interesting Sessions for 1976. From 3rd-13th March, 1976 and 17th-27th March, 1976 see around the nearby villages, have discussions and join in the Service Project.

And from 27th October-6th November, 1976 and 9th-19th November, 1976 there will be trips around Our Cabana, discussions and Festival preparations.

Further details from International Adviser, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.

MACEDON DIVISION GARDEN DAY AND LUNCHEON

At Lowland Farm, Mt. Macedon,
On Tuesday, 28th October.

Morning Tea — 10.30 a.m.

Lunch — 12.30 p.m.

Inspect five lovely gardens — \$2.50.

R.S.V.P. to Mrs. C. Pricor, Box 122,
Kyneton, 3444.

KYNETON DISTRICT GARDEN PARTY

Colivan Park, Medcalfe.

8th November, 1975 at 1.30 p.m.

Exhibits, stalls, pony rides, shearing.

Afternoon tea provided.

Admission: Adults, 50 cents. Children 20 cents.

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, order **with** payment to:

Mrs. Max Leyonhjelm, Tarranyurk, 3422.

YOUNG LEADERS' GROUP

A **Dinner Date** will be the next attraction for all interested in joining the **Young Leaders Group**. Transport provided for new members. Further details from Jean Parkin at 729 7714.

STATE CAMP

"URALBA" — (Home between the Hills)

Plans are well in hand for this camp — but we give the following reminders:

1. DIVISION COMMISSIONERS — Tent forms please to be returned to Headquarters by 15th October.
2. G.I.C.'s and Q.M's — Remember Sunday, 16th November at Britannia Park at 11 a.m.
3. Remember the request for HELP? We urgently need the following:
 - Superphosphate bags (for rubbish disposal).
 - Fire buckets — hot water tins (preferably with handles).
 - Sacks or bags for fire buckets.

These items may be left at Headquarters or at Britannia Park. If necessary, fire buckets will be collected by Mrs. De Marchi — phone 288 5870 (evenings).

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Acknowledgement of all second hand uniforms will in future be made through Matilda, owing to the postal increase.

B.K.

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE

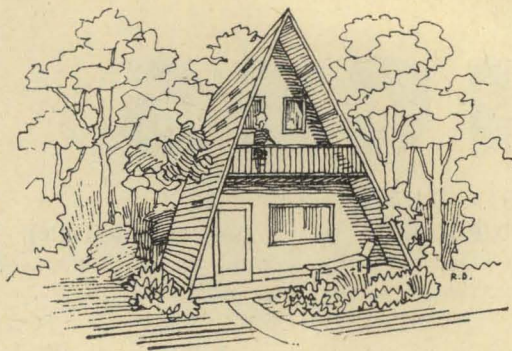
Commissioners! Leap into Guiding in 1976 by attending the Commissioners' Conference at Monash University in February.

The theme, "Take a Bearing" is designed to cover the Eight Point Program.

Dates are Friday, 27th February, to Sunday, 29th February 1976 and if you cannot "live-in" for \$28.00 all-inclusive, then come casual for \$3.50. This includes \$1.00 Conference Fee, \$2.50 Conference Room Fee. Refreshments at 30 cents a time, and meals are extra should you decide to stay. Refer to application form.

So get your bearings right for February and head for Monash University and our Conference.

We regret omission of Mrs. Lyle Hoddenott "Craigie Lea", Ballan, Tel. 67, from earlier announcement of Committee.



Dear Friends of Britannia Park,

Near the main door of Headquarters, we have an area where we can acknowledge your wonderful gifts to the maintenance fund and display photographs of our Park.

At present, the fund has a definite project — we call it the Machinery Replacement fund. We have purchased a new refrigerator for Guide House and put aside other money to replace outdoor machinery.

As you know, the State Camp in January is to be held at Britannia Park. Do help your guides to realise it is **their** park and encourage them to treat it with care.

If they have guests on Open Day, please make them responsible for those guests. (So often, much damage is done on visitors' days.) Parents must keep young children with them at all times and visitors may **not** use the swimming pool that day.

Telephone charges have risen at Britannia Park.

Rates for calls will be beside the telephones in Brownie Cottage and Guide House, and must be strictly adhered to.

Make a habit of having the money with you before you make a call.

The public telephone will function as previously.

New telephone number at Britannia Park is 67 1331. S.T.D. Code 059.

Guiders, by your own example, please always encourage your girls to be courteous and polite to Mr. and Mrs. Fraser. Then we may look forward to many happy days at Britannia Park.

MARGARET TUCKER.

QUEEN'S GUIDES

In two similar ceremonies over 300 kilometres apart, Rhonda Barrett, Carol Frew, Heather Barnes and Carol Barnes received their Queen's Guide badges.

Rhonda was presented with her badge by the State Commissioner at Richmond and Western Border Region Commissioner presented badges to Carol, Heather and Carol at a gathering in Coleraine.

GUIDES BUS TRIP

Forty guides from Portland, Macarthur, Dartmoor, Heywood, Hamilton, Dunkeld, Coleraine, Casterton, and Edenhope with their leaders travelled by bus to Melbourne to attend the National Finale of the Festival of Song.

On arrival in Melbourne the guides visited the Arts & Crafts Exhibition in the Town Hall, Guide Headquarters, St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

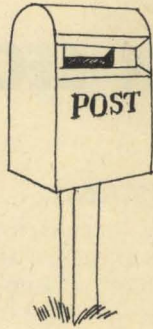
They stayed overnight with Plenty guides at their hall in Diamond Creek. They attended church on Sunday, before returning home via Ballarat, where they lunched in the gardens.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Instead of having a Break-up Party just for your company or pack this year, what would your guides and brownies think about inviting children from a State-run children's home to join in your festivities or maybe arranging to visit them in their Home, and spending all their Christmas thoughts on those children.

Just think how much they would love a Christmas tree with **SMALL** gifts hanging from it, one for each child; some party games or competitions; followed by drinks and some goodies to eat. Even some bonbons to add to the fun!

Thinking of other children, less fortunate than themselves, may be more gratifying and enjoyable for your guides and brownies than previous Christmas parties.



Dear Matilda,

Every Monday night for fourteen weeks, 59 scouts and 8 guides rehearsed for Box Hill's production of "Whitehorse Showtime".

For the first time in 11 years girls were invited into the show. We enjoyed taking part and made so many friends. Not wanting to perform in the show, other guides were usherettes.

We hope more girls will take part next year.

A competition for selling the most tickets was held. I managed to sell 49 tickets with the help of my company.

In December, we are holding a reunion camp at Cowes. It will be good to see everyone again.

CHRISTINE GRIGG,
2nd Kerrimuir Company.

Dear Matilda,

When 6th Kew Pack celebrated its 21st Birthday, "Past" Brownies came to be with us from as far away as South Australia and Canberra.

Brownies entertained the guests with a play about Anna Curtis, our International Brownie, going to New Zealand, Malaysia and Greece, and with singing.

"Past" Brownies enjoyed it very much and said it brought back happy memories of fun and friendship.

CATRIONA BANKS.

Dear Matilda,

Our pack raised money for April Action. We had a secret vote on what to do with it. We decided to give \$8.20 to the Minus Children Appeal.

DARIA MALCON,
2nd Black Rock Pack.

Dear Matilda,

On holiday at Forster, N.S.W., I noticed in the local news paper that the Tuncurry Guide Centre was to be opened by the Acting State Commissioner for New South Wales.

I discovered that joint efforts by the Local Association, Apex and Elderly Citizens' clubs and other community bodies had produced this long-needed centre which will cater for activities of many groups in the locality and surrounding district as well as for Guides.

Welcomes, speeches and ceremonies over, the Local Association provided a wonderful afternoon-tea.

A happy afternoon — new friends — I am glad I called in.

M. McCALL,
Ringwood.

Dear Matilda,

I wonder if we have created a record in guiding.

Mrs. Dixon, in her 80th year, decided to make her Promise and become an enrolled member of our Local Association.

We are delighted to welcome her to our wonderful movement.

HELEN BERTRAM,
Murchison.

Dear Matilda,

Thanks to the Festival of Song we have some new friends.

We took part in the same heat as Elizabeth who plays a violin. The orchestra to which she belongs had a shortage of flutes, so she asked her conductor if we could join.

We are having great fun working with this orchestra and getting to know the other musicians.

LISA AND JENNY.

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Maroondah Region Commissioner, Mrs. Eager, shares news she received from Jumbunna campers, Kathy Woods and Michelle Arber.

Apparently meals were rather special. Kathy listed all eating times and finished . . . "the meals are really great. It is nearly tea time". Michelle mentioned the wonderful food, and followed with . . . "beds are lovely and soft".

Both girls wrote of the great fun they were having and their many new friends.

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY — 22nd OCTOBER

If a child lives with criticism,
he learns to condemn;

If a child lives with hostility,
he learns to fight;

If a child lives with ridicule,
he learns to be shy;

If a child lives with shame,
he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance,
he learns to be patient;

If a child lives with encouragement,
he learns confidence;

If a child lives with praise,
he learns to appreciate;

If a child lives with fairness,
he learns justice;

If a child lives with security,
he learns to have faith;

If a child lives with approval,
he learns to like himself.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH ACCEPTANCE
AND FRIENDSHIP,

HE LEARNS TO FIND
LOVE IN THE WORLD.

DOROTHY LAW NOLTE.



LOCAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

A reminder to look in this Section in November for a full report of the recent Local Association State Conference. Please make sure that your members who were unable to be at the Conference are given opportunity to read the report. Better still, ask your Secretary to read it at your next meeting!

A CHRISTMAS TREAT

Have you ever thought to combine your Christmas Break-up Party with a visit to your Elderly Citizens Club and give the members a special treat?

This would be a very worthwhile experience and one which the elderly folk would thoroughly enjoy and appreciate.

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RECIPE CORNER DOUG'S MUESLI

For Muesli base, mix 6 cups rolled oats; 2 tablespoons each brown sugar, bran and Lecithin; 4 tablespoons each Semolina and Weatharts.

Chop up finely the following and add to base — ½ cup each of unsalted mixed nuts, blanched almonds, walnuts, dried apricots, dried apples, dates, raisins and sultanas.

Mix all ingredients well together. Serve with cold milk and stewed fruit, if desired. Muesli keeps well in airtight jars.

One ingredient not mentioned, but very important, is plenty of imagination!

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

FOR SALE

- **Guider Uniform** (gored skirt, 40" waist; cardigan, size 42; beret and badge; brown tie.) 2 years old. Contact Miss J. Medcraft, 878 High Street, Armadale, 3143.
- **Commissioner Uniform** (size 38) including handbag, as new. Price reasonable. Contact Mrs. C. Jessup, 23 Armstrong Court, Traralgon, 3844.

22nd WORLD CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 50, September "Matilda".)

Australia had a very exciting experience — and their hurrahs could be heard all over the campus and their smiles were broader than an alligator's. Queensland won the Walter Donald Ross Trophy and Mary Moore (State Commissioner) and Mary Lambie (Chief Commissioner) received the Cup from the Chairman of the World Committee. Mary Moore started the Guides at The Gap and the hall there is named after her which gave us all an added thrill. Then — Joyce Price was elected Chairman of the World Committee for the next triennium — so — we are really on the map!

One category of membership — to be or not to be? This debate was a very searching and lengthy one and it was agreed that Denmark's recommendation be re-submitted to the next World Conference and that it should be put into effect immediately if agreed to by that Conference. Meanwhile the World Committee is to make a study re-providing assistance to all members according to needs based on one category of membership. Further studies are to be undertaken by the World Committee re this proposal relating to program development, constitution variations and self assessment by Associations of their Guiding.

"They're changing the guard at Buckingham Palace,

Christopher Robin went down with Alice."

By bus to Kew Gardens — by boat along the Thames to the Tower — and there were **two Beefeaters there to welcome us** and eventually by bus to Buckingham Palace. Yes! We met Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Her Majesty the Queen Mother. Words cannot express the emotions felt by all.

Iran will be hostess for the next World Conference

Many spontaneous parties were held to learn songs and dances from other countries. How we wished we had a national dress!

Finance and Quota were also very lengthy and searching sessions. One point did emerge — and that was the necessity to promote

Thinking Day and so increase donations to this fund. It was estimated that targets should be:

1975-76 7,000,000 at 1p £ 70,000

1976-77 7,000,000 at 1.5p £105,000

1977-78 7,000,000 at 2p £140,000

to be able to carry out the necessary development schemes. How does Australia average out at the moment? There was also an impassioned plea to boost Council Fire — more sales would mean the less it would need to be subsidised — sound familiar?

Quota was determined for the next three years and ways and means of cutting down on finance — a very difficult problem as well we know! The World Committee has been asked to study the possibility of the number in the delegation from each National Association, whether from Full or Associate members, being the same number. At this juncture it would be appropriate to say that the World Committee has been requested to conduct many studies in the next triennium and hence the 23rd Agenda is becoming very full already!

In the simple closing ceremony Rangers conveyed their own needs, ways in which Guiding can help them and their hopes for our help in the future.

The British delegation handed over the World Flag to Iran on a cushion — with a single rose, saying these words:

"This flag is a symbol of all that we have learned in this Conference and of all our hopes for the World Conference in 1978."

Finally the pleas of the girl:

"Our growth is in your hands."

Ranger Guides lined the wall and each member was once again presented with a rose — and outside — more "guides" — more roses — much laughter, a few tears visible, many unshed and singing, singing, singing — the perfect grand finale of a beautifully produced and stimulating conference.

MARY LAMBIE,
RAYMONDE READ,
(Australian Delegates).

MOUSETRAP CAR

Would any of your guides be interested in making a mousetrap car? Here is a list of materials needed, and instructions for assembling a basic car. Your girls will have many ideas for trimmings and extras.

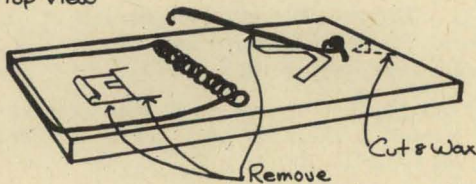
Materials

- Mouse trap.
- Metal coathanger axles — cut to 75 mm lengths.
- Four small threaded eyelets (screw eyes used to hang pictures).
- Six inches of nylon string (only heavy enough for mouse trap).
- Four wheels 6 mm wide, cut from 50 mm dowel stock.
- Patience.

Assembly

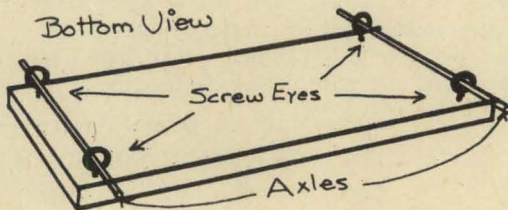
- Remove cheese holder from trap.
- Remove hook arm and its staple from trap.
- Cut small V-shaped slot at rear axle for easy winding of the string (this will be opposite end to “snapper”) and the slot should be waxed slightly.

Top View



- Take extreme care when screwing in eyelets at each of the four corners as trap base splits easily.

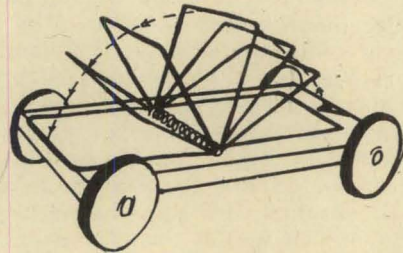
Bottom View



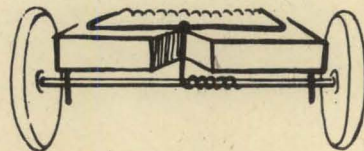
- Insert axles through eyelets and mount wheels. Wheels do not require drilling if dowel is cut from soft stock. Any rear-wheel spin can be eliminated by adding elastic bands (as tyre treads), or mounting wheels from an old toy.

How to make it work

- Pull “snapper” back to its full extent, and hold with thumb. (String should be knotted on “snapper”).
- Spin rear axle (counter-clockwise) until string is wound tight.



- Wind string counter-clockwise onto axle while holding “snapper” with thumb.
- Set front wheels on “road” — release “snapper” and your mousetrap car is on its way.



Caution — Wheels mounted off centre give a “funny” ride.

(from World Scouting)

+ CHILDHOOD ACCIDENTS +



WHY CHILDREN HAVE ACCIDENTS

by Miss Jean Allan, DIP.SOC.STUD., V.I.H.A., S.R.N., Medical Social Worker, Royal Children's Hospital.

Accidents are by far the most common cause of death in children over the age of one year in Australia. In addition to the appalling mortality, there is a far greater incidence of morbidity and misery from such accidents for otherwise healthy, normal children. At the same time, there is apparent widespread complacency in the community about this "major killer", because most accidents are regarded as unintentional and unavoidable. However, this attitude that "accidents must happen" should be combated vigorously. This tragic toll is indeed preventable.

In a booklet called **WHY**, produced and printed by The Milk Board — Victoria in conjunction with The National Safety Council of Australia (Victorian Division), a number of informed authorities with expert knowledge and experience have written chapters on various forms of childhood accidents. Their comments, advice and guidance should be read, heeded and practised. You should learn from this reading about the prevention of error, the removal and control of hazards and the means of personal protection of the child. You will understand, too, the problems associated with insatiable childhood curiosity and the inadequacies of adult human behaviour.

Then, as an informed reader, you will have the opportunity and the authority to combat public apathy and the dictionary definition of accidents which states "events without apparent cause, unexpected, unforeseen and unintentional". But, you will know that accidents just don't happen by chance. They have meaningful causes, and it is therefore your responsibility to help remove these causes.

Following is a section of the booklet, **WHY**, reprinted with permission from The Milk Board and The National Safety Council. Further sections will appear in later issues of Matilda.

Is there a single cause or are a number of factors involved? We believe that the reasons are complex. With home accidents we are dealing with a large number of different types of accidents involving children of both sexes and diverse ages. They live in thousands of homes differing in type, size, structure, design, repair and tidiness, with parents who have vastly different modes of living.

As well as environmental circumstances every child has personal characteristics which are his alone and which play an important part in causing accidents. For example an hyperactive, extremely curious child with a lot of determination will climb and obtain a bottle of pills or medicines whereas an equally intelligent, but less determined, child will not take the trouble to find the means to obtain something on a high shelf.

The parent/child relationship and the general climate of the home are all factors to be considered. Every home has rules on acceptable behaviour. For example, parents have the responsibility for maintaining a reasonable standard of safety, children are expected to put away their toys and it is when the family fails to co-operate in the established routine that accidents occur. It is when a tricycle is left on the back step instead of being put away or when cartridges are left in a gun after a shooting trip that the stage is set for an accident.

When someone in the family is ill or there is an emotional crisis of any sort, the climate of the home changes and again, at these times, an accident is likely to occur.

A child who feels he is not appreciated may seek approval from his parents by undertaking a job which is too difficult for him to manage. By trying to carry too large a load, he may trip and fall in his anxiety to please.

Every parent will at some time be justifiably cross. When, for example ink is spilt on the new carpet or a child is deliberately disobedient and refuses to come when he is called, it is a good idea to count to ten before trying to catch the culprit. An angry mother and a defiant child can easily find themselves in a hazardous situation.

A child loves to climb and do daring things. By making sure that he is given an opportunity to climb in places where no serious injury will occur if he falls, we can safely encourage his adventurous spirit.

An overprotected child is more likely to have an accident than a child who has been taught to be self-reliant. Complete protection is essential for the very young but this should be followed by training in judgement. In other words, he should learn to distinguish between rashness and timidity, to understand caution without being too fearful.

An overdisciplined child may become timid and lack initiative yet, on the other hand, a child who is given unlimited freedom may cause chaos and injury with his exuberance and rebelliousness.

How does a young child learn? He learns by touching, tasting, copying, and exploring. He has no idea of height or depth, hot or cold, sharp or blunt. He will drink anything in a bottle or eat anything he finds lying about. It is up to his parents to see that the things he finds will not cause him real harm.

Parents need to develop "stop and go" signs which their children understand. They must be consistent. There may not always be time to remove a child when he is about to pull something on top of him but if he understands the signal "NO" an accident will be prevented. It is very worthwhile to spend time in explaining dangers and teaching your child good habits but he will learn most of these habits by copying you.

Children have accidents because they are children, restless, curious, living and growing and learning about life. It is the parents' responsibility to safeguard them, while allowing them to develop physically and emotionally to their full potential.

By understanding their development and removing unnecessary hazards, by giving constant supervision and loving care, children will grow up safely in our dangerous modern world.

PACK HOLIDAY

We brownies planned a lot of fun
Indoors and out for everyone,
As all of us packed up one day
And went on a Pack Holiday.

We slept in bunks, we did our chores
Just miles and miles from schools and stores.
We wandered where the possums slept,
And watched the trees where koalas crept.

Sometimes we stayed inside Guide House,
And worked as quiet as any mouse.

We covered lamingtons for tea,
Made paper beads, sang songs with glee.

Because there are brownies everywhere
We met some others camping there,
And shared in supper, songs and games,
As each the others entertained.

One special thing we loved a lot
Was sitting in the "Quiet Spot",
A ring of seats . . . just trunks of wood
Where once the out-door chapel stood.

We did enjoy Britannia Park.
To snuggle down in bunks when dark,
The walks and games among the trees,
The sun, the rain, the autumn breeze.

Thank you Brown Owl and staff.

M.T. for 1st Deer Park Brownie Pack.



Victorian Newsletter

OCTOBER, 1975

Dear Everyone,

What terrific contrasts of weather we are having — warm spring weather and shocking storms. I hope that none of you suffered great losses from flooding — we have almost repaired our fences and are gradually drying the dining room carpet.

Fred and I thoroughly enjoyed the Gang Show, my congratulations to all those who were involved. I was so impressed I took Ann a couple of days later — and the Show lost nothing the second time round.

I was delighted to go to the 1st Malvern Pack birthday — great fun for all — the party finished with an enormous birthday cake — Luscious!

The Hockey Match of the Season has now been played and much to everyone's surprise, Gorgeous Grimmy's Giddy Guiders managed to score three goals to the Radiant Rangers one. Words cannot describe the standard of play — the fitness of the players and their original costumes. We had a delicious afternoon tea and then a presentation. The Rangers presented us with a magnificent Silver jam tin cup — which may be admired in the Lounge at Headquarters. The following week, needless to say, saw many stiff, bruised "oldies". We have accepted a challenge for 1976. The Ranger Conference will decide the Sport in which we shall show our prowess.

Whilst I am talking about sport — next year the Challenge we are offering everyone is "Keeping Fit" — the original idea stemming from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation — and their "Get Moving" scheme to encourage greater involvement in physical fitness programs. We hope to hold a State wide Mini-Olympics in May of next year, but there shall also be a challenge for girls and families if they wish to be involved.

Now for all those involved in this challenge we would like a badge — and we would like you, our girls, to submit designs for this.

This badge must be suitable to be worn on uniforms and in keeping with the theme "Get Moving". Remember that cost is important so we do not want more than three colours. I would like entries to come to me by 1st December please — so we have one ready for you early next year. I know this doesn't give you much time but if inspiration is coming at all, it usually comes rapidly!

The end of this month has been taken up with Conferences — a very happy day was spent at Yallourn with Baw Baw Region — and then the State L.A. Conference was held at Heidelberg Town Hall. It was marvellous to see so many members there from all parts of the State — and particularly pleasing to see some men. At both these conferences I was able to share some of the excitement and inspiration of the World Conference with our members.

The G.I.P.S. of Victoria held a "G.I.P.S. IN" at Plenty Guide Hall the last weekend of the month, and Fred and I together with Ann and a school friend, joined the G.I.P.S. and local Venturers for a dinner dance — An evening of great fun was had by us all.

Preparations are well under way for H.R.H. Princess Margaret's visit — I hope many of you are coming — and am sure that your uniforms will look their very best that day — it is an important day for us all.

With love and best wishes, JOAN E. GRIMWADE,
(Mrs. F. S. Grimwade),
State Commissioner.

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OF INTEREST TO ALL

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

Do hope you have all chosen your representatives to come to "Tay Creggan", (Yarra Street, Hawthorn) to see the Princess on 25th October. Just a couple of reminders:

1. To be there by 9.15 a.m.
 2. Please bring groundsheets — essential — and raincoats. In event of bad weather, The Visit will still take place, but may be indoors.
- Transport arrangements — see last month's Matilda.
Any further information can be had by ringing Mrs. A. J. Turnbull, 88 2591.

COMMONWEALTH CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Members who had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Parker-Bowles, Commonwealth Chief Commissioner, when she visited Australia a few years ago, will be interested to hear that she has now completed her term of office. She has been succeeded by Mrs. Owen Walker, J.P. We hope that one day we may have the chance to welcome Mrs. Walker to Victoria and that some of our members visiting Britain may have the pleasure of meeting her there.

OUR DARWIN APPEAL

Congratulations Victorian Members! Altogether you raised \$2,923.82 to help the Darwin People and the re-establishment of Guides there. This was a splendid effort, greatly appreciated by the Guide folk in Darwin and by South Australia which administers Guiding there.

COUNCIL FIRE

We regret to announce that, after advising the amount of the Council Fire Subscription in the last Newsletter, news was received from the World Bureau that costs have been altered. Please note that Subscriptions (which can now be lodged at Headquarters until the end of October) are \$2.20 (one year) \$5.50 (three years).

HEADQUARTERS ADMINISTRATION COSTS

The increased mail costs are going to add considerably to the cost of administering Guiding in this State unless we can streamline procedures and cut down on the number of items sent by mail. This problem is being studied and we would like all members to know that we'll be doing everything possible to reduce unnecessary expenditure. Regrettably, we have decided that we can no longer continue to make courtesy acknowledgements of letters where no definite reply is required, and we are trying to co-ordinate mail so that more items can be sent under one cover. If this causes too much inconvenience, please let us know. For special appeals such as the Irene Fairbairn Award Fund, receipts will only be forwarded on request, this being usual business practice nowadays. We hope this need to restrict unnecessary expenditure will not curtail the courteous service we try to give.

CAMP FIRE CLUB

Regrettably the October and November meetings have had to be cancelled and there will be no further meetings this year. Apologies are offered to anyone inconvenienced by this announcement.

VACATION EMPLOYMENT

The National Fitness Council requires the services of over 600 part-time Staff to work on Summer Vacation programs during January, 1976. Anyone interested, should study the notice on our Headquarters notice board, or contact the National Fitness Council, 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne, 3000, for further information.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GUIDERS

There will be an **Open Night** for all Guiders who would like to come and discuss their thoughts on today's Guiding with the State Commissioner on Tuesday, 25th November, at Headquarters at 7.45 p.m. If you would like to attend and you feel you have some constructive thoughts to offer, but this evening is not convenient to you, please write to Mrs. Grimwade.

FOR COMMISSIONERS

It's time again for our Annual Open Day for Commissioners which is to be held at Headquarters, on 25th November, commencing at 10.00 a.m. A "cuppa" will be available from 9.30 a.m. for the travellers. A day for exchange of ideas and thoughts, the Committee hopes for a large gathering to enjoy the varied program. Lunch will be available at a reasonable cost. Please keep this day free and be there.

(RUTH RAE, Convenor.)
059 77 5428

ESPECIALLY FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

At the biennial State L.A. Conference held on 23rd September, the State Commissioner spoke on financial matters. She pointed out that Victorian Headquarters pays membership dues to Australian Headquarters and to the World Association on behalf of all members in this State, including Local Associations, Guiders and Commissioners, although only the girls pay membership fees to Victoria. In the 1974-75 year the sum paid was 46.5 cents per member. This meant that Victoria paid \$3,459.27 on behalf of L.A. members although it received no money from them to meet these charges.

After discussion, the Conference recommended that each L.A. member be asked to pay 50 cents per annum to Victorian Headquarters to meet the membership fees payable to the Australian and World Associations on his or her behalf, and this recommendation will be considered by our State Executive Committee shortly. If any Local Associations were not represented at the September Conference and wish to express their opinions in this matter, please write to the State Secretary outlining your views, at an early date so that these may be considered when a final decision is being made.

INLAND ADVENTURE

When I told a group of Rangers and Venturers they could go "Inland" with me during the school holidays, there was great excitement. They planned to bring enough gear to fill several trailers and a fleet of cars! However, guide leader Beryl Embury and I soon pruned their ideas and luggage.

I guess this group of Wodonga teenagers was destined for this trip long ago. They are a fine bunch of youngsters. For some time the Rangers and Venturers have been holding joint meetings and activities, and my son and daughter are amongst the group. From time to time I have been saying "This is one group of teenagers I could take camping." Me and my big mouth! I told them where I was going and asked who wanted to come along, and seven started working towards the trip.

The only condition put on the boys and girls was that they earn their own fares, about \$50 for car running expenses, plus pocket money. Naturally camp rules were drawn up and adhered to.

Beryl had five in her station wagon and I had four in my car plus trailer. Each car was completely self-contained, carrying a half gallon of water for each person, five extra gallons, sleeping bags, blankets, vinyl folders for clothes — doubling as pillows, a fine assortment of geology picks, shovel, tents and food. The food was a problem for the youngsters as they had to take a fortnight's supply, keep it as lightweight as possible and keep down the bulk. By means of dehydrated meats, fruit, vegetables plus cheese, biscuits and lots of planning, their equipment was packed, re-packed and finalised — several times!

Six o'clock Saturday morning saw us set out on a journey of 2,500 miles through some of Australia's most rugged Inland. As parents waved, seven young travellers were riding a cloud of excitement, and two intrepid Mums were, at that moment, wondering just how they had got themselves into this.

Our journey took us through Renmark, to Morgan, and on to Rawnsley Bluff. We walked Wilpena Pound, travelled to Blinman and through the magnificent 25 miles of Parachilna Gorge to west of the Flinders Ranges. We visited the ruins of Beltana township, a former thriving mining town and the home of Smith of Dunesk Mission (later the

Australian Inland Mission). This was of special significance to me, for my father was the first patrol padre for the A.I.M.

We heard Lake Eyre had water in it, so taking our togs we set off across Muloorina Station, but horrors! The shores of the lake were strewn with hundreds of dead freshwater fish and bush rats. When we reached the wide beach we whipped off our footwear and raced for the water's edge. It took longer than we expected to get to the water — MUD — lots of it, greeted us. The nearer we got to water the deeper we sank, but we battled on. It was a great thrill to see this lake which is dry for many years at a time, stretching like a blue mirror to the horizon.

On Muloorina Station, water fowl and native birds teemed on the lagoons and water holes. Over Marree we saw several flocks of eagles, again something new to us, for we had not previously seen eagles in such large numbers.

At Arkaroola in the northern Flinders Ranges we explored rugged country and enjoyed birds, rocks, lizards, climbing, scenery, history, this area was first opened up by copper miners.

At night we sat round the campfire singing, talking, laughing. At settled camp areas our singing was appreciated (yes, it really was!) by other campers — perhaps a welcome change from the usual "trannies". We camped also in lonely spots watching the Southern Cross and Milky Way. We walked on the salt pan of Lake Frome, mined crystals by moonlight at Olary, were entertained by a woman whose mines supply most of Australia's feldspar for commercial use. We saw Menindee Lakes, and scores of kangaroos and emus.

An incident that reminded us that BE PREPARED is a first rate motto occurred when the station wagon lost a clutch-spring at "back o' beyond" Yudnamutana where there is no habitation, just hills, old mines and ruins. By means of a preserving jar ring, a garter and a key ring, we travelled in triumph the 28 miles back to camp.

I have been Inland before and love it, but for the others it was a new and wonderful experience — we have a magnificent country — breathtaking in its timeless beauty. We must look after this priceless heritage.

J. W.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Division Commissioners

Mrs. R. Murray, Banongill; Mrs. L. Tyack, Upper Mallee.

District Commissioners

Mrs. W. M. Benson, East Brighton; Mrs. P. W. Danby, North Balwyn; Mrs. A. G. McDowell, Dartmoor; Mrs. W. O. Webster, Hopetoun; Mrs. W. Smith, Olinda; Mrs. A. J. Blount, Monbulk; Mrs. M. Strode, Pascoe Vale South; Mrs. W. A. Basham, Herne Hill.

Ranger Guiders

Miss D. M. Forsythe, Doveton Rangers; Mrs. C. McIntyre, "S.R.S. Melbourne" Rangers; Miss V. Wills, "Elouera" Rangers; Miss M. Z. Owen — 5th Victorian Lones.

Guide Guiders

Mrs. J. Clark, 1st Upwey; Miss B. Evers, 1st Broadmeadows West; Mrs. A. S. Haire, 1st Jeparit; Mrs. J. Tonkin, 1st Donald; Mrs. D. Giles, 2nd Stawell; Mrs. A. Zamsky, 3rd Doncaster West; Miss D. Caldwell, 4th Richmond; Miss G. J. Holden, 1st Mt. Macedon; Miss A. D. Harper, 5th North Kew; Mrs. R. K. Sleeman, 1st Newport; Mrs. L. Hetherington, 1st Portland.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs. E. Pitman, 1st Sunbury; Miss K. M. Bartlett, 1st Greensborough; Miss V. A. Zanussi, 1st Nagambie; Mrs. G. N. Watts, 1st Cobden; Mrs. D. H. Mathews, 1st Rosebud; Mrs. J. Binion, 1st Merrigum; Mrs. D. W. Hocking, 1st Robinvale; Mrs. S. Bransby, 1st Doncaster West; Mrs. J. L. Caldwell, 2nd Laverton; Mrs. R. C. Newton, 2nd Sale; Mrs. E. Lander, 1st A Sale; Mrs. R. Drake, 1st Allansford; Mrs. W. Bicknell, 1st Tallygaroopna; Mrs. L. E. Berry, 1st Upwey.

Brownie Guiders

Mrs. M. Reid, 1st Epping; Mrs. E. J. Needs, 2nd Karingal; Mrs. M. S. Charles-Jones, 1st Kiewa; Mrs. H. R. Earl, 2nd Werribee; Mrs. G. Cook, 1st Bruthen; Mrs. P. S. Danby, 3rd Glen Iris; Mrs. P. Milligan, 2nd Mitcham; Mrs. L. Poole, 3rd Tatura; Mrs. J. Gramas, 3rd Sale; Mrs. G. S. Carlton, 5th Wattle Park; Mrs. A. J. Noble, 3rd North Sunshine; Mrs. P. E. Sharp, 2nd North Sunshine; Mrs. L. C. Christy, 2nd Orbost; Mrs. J. J. Tuttle, 1st Yarrowonga.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. D. Sbrana, 2nd Belgrave; Mrs. J. Cook, 2nd Niddrie; Mrs. C. Talbot, 2nd Niddrie; Mrs. N. J. Oliver, 1st Wycheproof; Mrs. D. Roberts, 1st Merrigum; Miss G. Bell, 1st Belgrave; Mrs. R. W. Schneider, 1st Mortlake; Mrs. A. Keenan, 1st Yarrowonga.

REGISTRATIONS

2nd Churchill Pack; 3rd Dandenong North Pack; 1st Burnley Pack; 2nd Melton Company.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

Division Commissioners

Mrs. W. A. Grose, Upper Mallee; Mrs. L. R. Robinson, Preston.

District Commissioners

Mrs. H. R. Buchecker, Robinvale; Mrs. M. O. Hughes, Nar Nar Goon; Mrs. J. F. Kearney, Balwyn; Mrs. I. E. Jones, Dartmoor; Mrs. K. J. Gullick, Hopetoun; Mrs. A. J. Thomson, Monbulk.

Guide Guiders

Mrs. R. Mason, 1st Ultima; Mrs. M. J. Main, 2nd Bairnsdale; Mrs. D. W. Leigh, 3rd Dandenong; Miss M. I. Mason, 1st Balmoral.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs. A. P. Dunn, 2nd Sale; Miss C. Sharman, 2nd Dandenong; Miss R. A. Lister, 3rd Moorabbin; Miss S. W. Krahnert, 4th Hawthorn.

Brownie Guiders

Mrs. R. Sayer, 3rd Wodonga; Mrs. J. Griffiths, 1st Warracknabeal; Miss V. J. Corin, 1st Hartwell; Mrs. G. B. Trotter, 5th Shepparton; Mrs. W. A. Mayo, 1st Sunshine West; Miss M. E. Hardie, 2nd Hawthorn; Mrs. A. J. Noble, 2nd North Sunshine.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. L. J. Keilar, 1st Lake Bolac; Mrs. R. Smith, 1st Tanjil Valley; Mrs. W. H. Mahoney, 1st Keysborough; Mrs. J. J. Tuttle, 1st Yarrowonga.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

Guiders' Long Service

(15 years). Mrs. C. Morcom, Ivanhoe/Heidelberg, Mrs. M. Geddes, Ivanhoe/Heidelberg.

Local Association Long Service

Mrs. M. Bath, Daylesford.

Combined Long Service

(25 years). Mrs. E. M. May, North Fitzroy; Mrs. J. S. Sartori, Cobden.

(15 years). Mrs. G. Crawford, Cobden; Mrs. I. Whitbourn, Myrtleford; Mrs. J. Sharman, Dandenong; Mrs. J. Purcell, Yea; Mrs. T. Deverill, Moorabbin; Mrs. E. Johnson, Daylesford; Mrs. A. R. Boyes, Newborough North.

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Mr. G. C. Platt, Ballan; Mr. D. Reid, Ocean Grove; Shire of Bellarine; Mr. H. J. Finlayson, Willaura; Mr. H. J. Albert, Willaura.