

MATILDA

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA



From our State Commissioner

Dear Members and Friends,

Over the last few weeks our Headquarters has not been the same. We are without our State Secretary who is away on sick leave. To say we are missing her is putting it mildly! We all know Peg works hard but each day we realise just how much she does.

In true Guiding spirit, everyone in the office has been doing more, so that everything is being done, not so rapidly, maybe not as efficiently, but eventually.

I am now realising just how Districts and Regions etc., feel when they are missing Commissioners or Leaders, in fact any vital member of their team.

Our Guide Movement is like a complex piece of machinery, each of us being one of the cogs or moving pieces — how we work controls the whole efficiency of this wonderful machine. If a cog is missing or a piece slows down then this reduces the overall efficiency and places a greater strain on the remaining pieces. When all parts are functioning well then the machine really hums.

We have all seen a breakdown in the line of communication and a District fall apart because there is no Commissioner or one who is unhappy or perhaps does not understand or enjoy her role through lack of training or support. On the other hand we have also seen areas go ahead in leaps and bounds where there is an enthusiastic Commissioner giving support and encouragement to her Guiders.

Wherever we are in the World, the strength of Guiding lies in its Leaders. Finding more leaders is one of the greatest problems fac-

ing us all and one which we are constantly trying to overcome. I feel that recruitment of Leaders is something in which everyone who believes in Guiding should be involved, not just the Commissioner, but girls, Local Association members, parents, former Guides, in fact all members of the general public who are interested in young girls and their development.

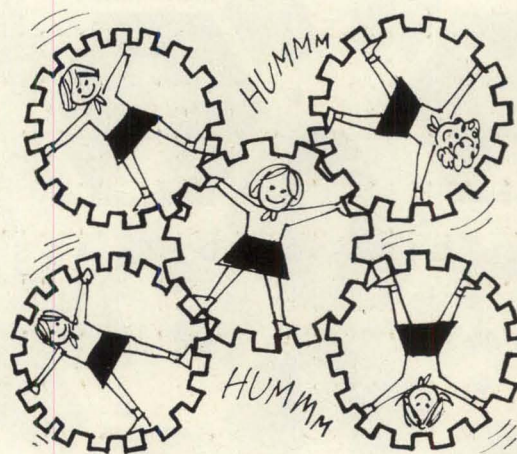
Just recently, I spoke to a gathering of Red Cross members — ages varying from mothers with toddlers to over eighty year olds — and at the end the inevitable comment was made — “What a lot Girl Guides do, I thought they were only involved in tying knots!” This unfortunately is the belief of many people within the community, and it is up to everyone of us to show all that we are doing and the part we are playing, not only in the development of the girl but in the community around us.

It can all be summed up in the words from the World Conference which are engraved very deeply on my memory —

“OUR GROWTH IS IN YOUR HANDS”.

With love and best wishes,

Joan E. Grimwade



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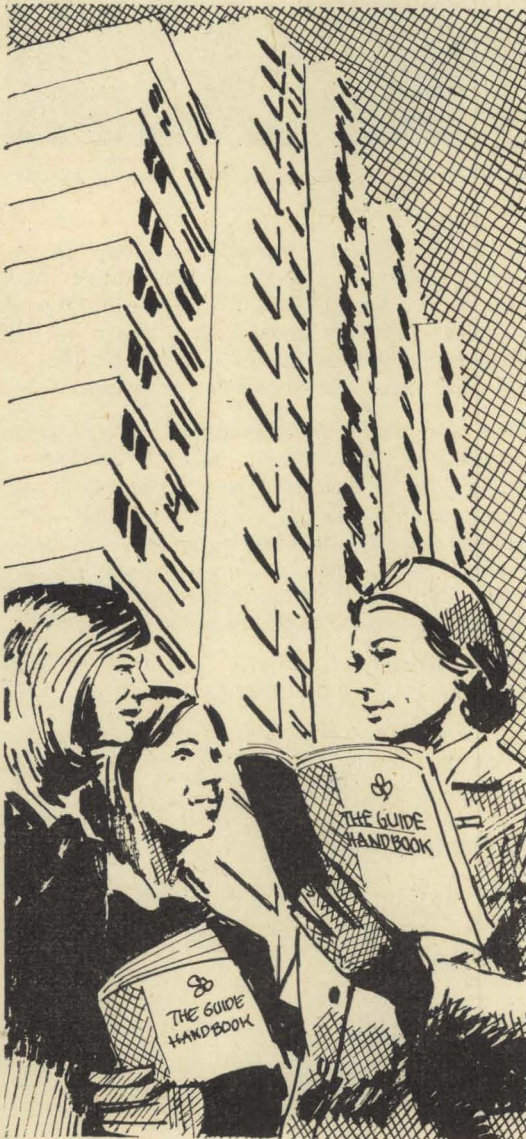
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Are You in a Rut?



Dear Matilda,

Over the past few months I have spent many interesting evenings working with Ro Lawson and Barbara Kearney on the National Development Project, and I would like to share them with other guiders.

Second Fitzroy Brownie Pack meets on Monday nights and caters mainly for children of high rise flats in that area.

"Enthusiasm" would be the key word for the children's attitude to the meetings, and plenty of stamina and a good sense of humour are vital qualities for the leaders.

The girls are very energetic and dash through as many activities as can be presented to them, but they also enjoy stories and singing. The secret of successful meetings is planning to eliminate any chance of boredom. Boredom leads to chaos and lengthy round-ups, sometimes they escape to watch the karate group next door. Consequently a guider gets good practice at keeping things swinging along.

Ro and Barbara are tremendous to work with and we have had many very happy and memorable meetings.

If a guider could find an hour or so a week to become involved in one of the projects I am sure she would not be sorry. If you feel in a rut and need a boost, this is the answer.

These are wonderful children who need your love and attention. Guiding has much to offer children of the inner suburbs. Do think about it.

PAT LEECH,
6th Beaumaris Brownie Pack.



NEW MEMBERS OF WORLD ASSOCIATION — photograph by Michael Hardy.

Dear Everyone,

On the 22nd February, 1976 there will be over 7 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts celebrating the joint birthdays of our Founder and the World Chief Guide.

Since 1926, two years before the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts was formed, the day has been set aside so that our thoughts and prayers for the Movement could go out all round the world. In 1932, a Belgian Guider proposed that to thoughts and prayers ACTION should be added, and since 1933 gifts have poured into the World Bureau. Thousands of dollars have been spent on promoting Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting through the THINKING DAY FUND.

If we could add up all those in the world, who since Guiding began in 1910, had made the Guide Promise, I wonder how many more millions would be added to the 7 million now in uniform!

In 1976 the World Association urgently needs all the help it can get through our

gifts. Because of financial troubles in so many countries the Promotion Budget had to be cut by £50,000 at the recent World Conference. That means that many of the newer member countries will not be able to get the assistance they need so much.

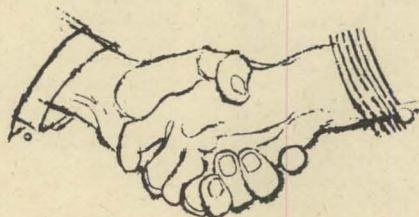
I am sure everyone of us in Australia could dig a little deeper into our pockets to help just a bit more this year. Could we perhaps make an extra effort and visit some of our friends who have been Guides in other days, to ask them to join our celebrations and help too? (Remember there are no ex-Guides — "once a Guide always a Guide!")

Thinking Day is always special. Let's make Thinking Day 1976 EXTRA SPECIAL.

Now is the time to start planning — this year is running away, and the new year is hurrying to meet us.

Happy planning!

With love from an "old" Guide.



RANGER SAILING SCHOOL OPENS



Recently Victorian Rangers celebrated the opening of their Sailing School at Sandringham. The school is closed during Winter when weather is rarely suitable for sailing.

During the day the chaplain from H.M.A.S. Cerberus blessed the boats and christened several new ones. We were pleased to have his wife as our guest too.

We were also given an outstanding demonstration of piping and I am sure everyone who attended will, at some time, attempt this amazing form of signalling.

Despite drab weather most of the morning, all the girls enjoyed themselves either sitting on the beach or joining in the many novelty races especially arranged for the occasion. (Do you like rowing with a balloon between your legs?)

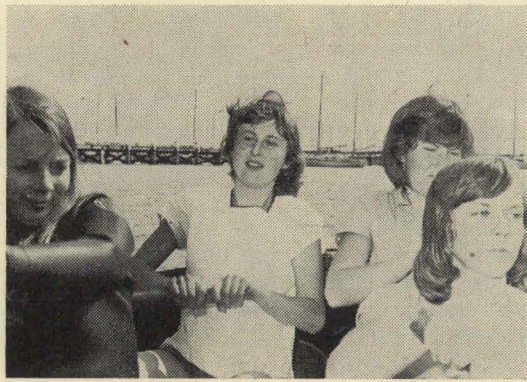
Apart from boating activities we also had a display of entries in a poster competition, and a superb chicken and salad lunch was served to members and visitors.

Before they were taken down to the water, the boats were inspected by sea-policemen. They are members of a small group of men who patrol our bay.

Everyone had a good day. Newcomers will be most welcome to join in the fun at the Ranger Sailing School.

HEATHER HAMMOND,
Sailing School Committee.

Photographs by G. Thomopoulos.



CONSERVATION

Have you ever thought about conservation in relation to HUMAN life — YOUR life — the lives of your family or friends?

While you may sometimes think about saving trees or protecting birds — do you EVER think about preserving your OWN life?

Has it ever occurred to you that habits you establish now may influence the rest of your life?

We talk a lot about poisoning streams, or polluting the atmosphere. We ramble on about tree planting or destroying noxious weeds, but are we fit and alert enough to carry out our intentions?

What time did you go to bed last night? Did you give your growing body all the rest it needs after a busy day at school or work?

And what did you eat today for lunch? A wholesome nourishing meal, or a pie and a handful of lollies?

How did you spend your weekend? Crouched in front of the television set? Or out in the open air at sport or other recreation?

How is your "mind-pollution reading" this week? Have you filled your head with cartoons, comics, violence and dubious movies — or have you really tried to read some of those books your teachers recommended, or watched some good documentaries?

While all this talk of conservation is going on, let us not forget, that WE, as human beings, form a very important part of the scheme.

Why not think up a challenge for your patrol or unit aimed at "conservation of HUMAN life".

Perhaps a fitness challenge . . . early to bed, early to rise . . . jog twice round the block night and morning . . . no sweets or ice cream for a week . . . (think of the money you will save!)

There is an old saying "as the twig is bent so the tree will grow".

You must be sure that while you are a "young twig" you bend in the right direction. Your future health and happiness depend very much on how well you take care of yourself right NOW.

It is important for a tree to have proper

food, air and exercise to grow tall and strong. It is even MORE important that you feed your body (and mind) the proper food, and give it lots of air and outdoor activity so that you, too, may live a long and happy, active life.

So how about it? Just for tonight, finish your homework and the dishes, then, after a nice hot shower, give television a "miss" and trot off early to bed. Think about how you are bending and whether you will reach that tall strong "tree" stage.

Anne L. Fraser.

GOD'S GARDEN

Recently a Brownie Guide Pack spent Pack Holiday at a campsite they had visited 2½ years earlier.

The first morning girls who had been there before delighted in showing the others remembered surroundings. There were gasps of excitement as they discovered an area of regeneration covered with heath in flower — all shades from red through pinks to white. This particular area had been a gravel pit and it was set aside to regenerate. The Guider explained this to the girls and pointed out small self sown trees and plants already coming up. Small hands gently touched the spikes and one child said quietly "God has been busy in this part of his garden". This reminded the Guider of a story she had told them when they had visited the site previously. The Brownies sat quietly and she retold a story she heard many years ago from her grandmother.

The family lived in the country where, in the spring, wildflowers came up in profusion and were a constant wonder to the children. They never picked them, not because there was any law which said they should not, but because their grandmother told them these flowers were part of God's garden and were for everyone to enjoy. Flowers in her garden could be picked for the home, as she had planted them and God helped her grow them for that purpose.

This simple explanation of wild flower preservation was given to all her grandchildren those many years ago, and it still appealed to at least one modern day child. Perhaps she will tell it to her children.

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

It was pleasing to all to know that so many Guides and Brownies were able to take part this year in Jamboree on the Air.

Those who had to be disappointed because of lack of operators in their area, please do not give up. Try again next year — we will try even harder to locate an operator for you.

A small reminder — a “thank you” note to your operator would be appreciated.



Clare makes contact with Guides in her former neighbourhood in St. Ives, N.S.W.

(Photograph by G. Thomopoulos)

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NATURE'S MAGIC

It's the sound of running water
running over tiny stones,
It's the sigh of wind at even
tempered down to dulcet tones.
It's the beauty of the sunset
dying slowly in the west
And the glory of the morning
after peaceful hours of rest.
It's the singing of the vespers
at the closing of the day
And the wonder of the music
that can steal your heart away.
It's a spent wave — in a whisper
gently lapping sunlit shore
Where the bonnie, laughing children frisk,
and seagulls swiftly soar.
It's the magic, to a Scotsman,
of the pipes o'er distant hills
And the cadences of water
Tumbling down the mountain rills.
All these things, and more — are hidden
till they fall on list'ning ears,
But it's rare, indeed, to capture
hidden music of the spheres!

MOLLIE STILLWELL.



BROWNIES GET TOGETHER

Forty brownies from Horsham visited Portland recently.

Hamilton Brownies invited them to break their journey for morning tea, at the Botanical Gardens. Later they were taken to Hamilton Art Gallery to view the Crafts Exhibition on display.

On their return from Portland, the Horsham girls were billeted overnight in the homes of Hamilton Brownies.

On Sunday, “Brownies Own” service at the Methodist Church was followed by a Sausage Sizzle Luncheon.

TRAINING CALENDAR

Commissioners and Unit Leaders with the necessary experience are welcome to apply for **ANY** training. Applications should be sent **prior to the closing date** and be **accompanied by the training fee and a stamped self addressed envelope**. Training Fees are \$3.00 unless otherwise stated. **Early Application for all trainings is suggested**. Note: See also green Training Calendar supplement.

STAGE 1 TRAINING

Otway — **Camperdown** — Weekends 21st-22nd February and 27th-28th March — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **31st January**.

Western Border — **Casterton** — Weekends 20th-21st March and 10th-11th April — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. D. Maconachie, 372 North Boundary Road, Hamilton, 3300 by **1st March**.

South Eastern — **Chadstone** — Wednesday, 10th-17th March, 7th April plus weekend 3rd-4th April. Further information available from Miss M. Hunt, 8/7 Alcalá Avenue, Chadstone, 3148.

Headquarters — Weekends — 21st-22nd February and 27th-28th March — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **31st January**.

Headquarters — Tuesday, 16th-23rd-30th March — 6th-20th April — time 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **26th February**.

Headquarters — Thursday 27th May — 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June — 1st, 8th, 15th July — 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **6th May**.

Yarra Valley — **Heidelberg** — Monday 16th, 23rd February — 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th March — 5th, 12th April, time 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. M. Teape, 33 Sparks Avenue, Fairfield, 3078 by **26th January**.

Baw Baw — **Morwell** — weekends 20th-21st March and 1st-2nd May — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3828 by **1st March**.

North Central — **Pyramid Hill** — Weekends 13th-14th March and 10th-11th April — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. R. Wilkins, P.O. Box 492 Bendigo, 3550 by **23rd February**.

Hume — **Seymour** — weekends 13th-14th March and 10th-11th April — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 pm. Applications to Mrs. M. Gorman, 33 Batten Street, Seymour, 3660 by **23rd February**.

Goulburn — **Shepparton** — Weekends 13th-14th March and 3rd-4th April — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. J. Murphy, 73 Balaclava Road, Shepparton, 3630 by **23rd February**.

Ballarat Region — weekends 20th-21st March and 1st-2nd May. (Details available later.)

Barwon Region — weekends 27th-28th March and 1st-2nd May. (Details available later.)

East Metro Region — weekends 21st-22nd February and 20th-21st March. (Details available later.)

Mornington — 21st-22nd February and 27th-28th March. (Details available later.)

Woorayl — weekends 20th-21st March and 10th-11th April (Details available later.)

STAGE 2 TRAINING

(For Warranted Guiders.)

Barree — **Chiltern** — Weekends 13th-14th March and 3rd-4th April — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. D. Hamilton, "Hamilton Park", South Wangaratta, 3677 by **23rd February**.

Headquarters — Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March — 1st, 8th, 22nd April — time 9.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **13th February**.

Maroondah Region — Weekends 14th-15th February and 20th-21st March. Further information available from Mrs. C. Howarth, 7 Lauriston Court, Ringwood, 3134.

STAGE 3 TRAINING

(for Warranted Guiders)

Headquarters — Weekends 13th-14th March and 3rd-4th April — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **23rd February**.

PACK HOLIDAY TRAINING

Maroondah Region — **Brownie Cottage** — 2nd-4th April — times to be advised. Further information available from Mrs. C. Howarth, 7 Lauriston Court, Ringwood, 3134.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION TRAINING

Ballarat — 30th April.
Barwon — Thursday, 29th April.
Baw Baw — Wednesday, 24th March.
Goulburn-Rushworth — Tuesday, 8th June.
Western Border — **Hamilton** — Tuesday, 27th April.



TRAINING PAGES

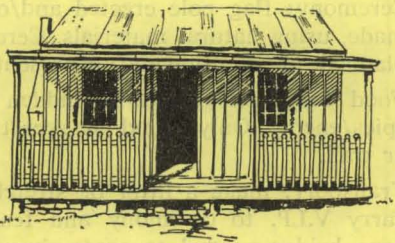
COLLECTIONS

Have you added to your collections this year or did you begin a new one? If collectors in your unit were not able to hold an exhibition this year (see Training Pages November 1974) discuss the possibility of early next year — perhaps combine it with other hobbies.

Coming holidays could give plenty of scope for the following ideas:

Use a tape recorder, camera and/or pad and pencil, etc., to record the things that cannot or should not be removed from their surroundings. For example —

- **Sounds.**
- **Bird, animal and insect sightings.**
- **Life in ponds and pools.** Return the rocks to the pools as you found them, and do not disturb unnecessarily.
- **Foot Prints.** (See July "Matilda" for plaster casts.)
- **Wild flowers.**
- **Geological features.** Keep an eye open whilst going through cuttings and past banks.
- **Historical sites.**
- **Old farm machinery.**
- **Boats.**
- **Bridges.**
- **Gates, doors, windows, fences.**
- **Chimneys** — They may be very rare some day!
- **Conservation** — The effect of or the need for.



And here is a special one just for Brownies and other people young at heart—but the collection may not stay around for the exhibition.

- **Tadpoles.** They need air, space and food. While it is all right to collect tadpoles in a jam jar, it is not all right to keep them in one. It is much too small, and a piece of weed floating in it is not enough food to keep the tadpoles alive. An old bucket is an ideal home for tadpoles. Fill it three quarters full of water, one one side pile up flat stones until they appear above the water. This is to allow the tadpoles to climb out of the water when they have grown their legs, by then they will be able to breathe out of water as well as in it, and will prefer to sit on a damp stone and breathe fresh air than be swimming round and round all the time. The water must be changed at least once a week, but make sure it is the same temperature as the water you have taken out—a sudden change of temperature could kill your pets.

Raw meat is what tadpoles eat. Tie a tiny piece of raw meat to a piece of string weighted at the end with a small stone. Put the meat in the water and allow the stone to hang over the side of the bucket so the meat floats about one inch from the bottom of the bucket. Meat must be fresh each day.

When your tadpoles have all their legs, the tiny stump of a tail has disappeared and they are starting to hop about, the kindest thing for you to do is to find a suitable pond and allow them to go free.

A word of warning: don't collect too many tadpoles at a time. More than two dozen in a bucket will mean the weakest will die quickly, and the stronger ones may only live a few weeks.

SOME GAMES TO TRY . . .

For town (adapt for your town, extend with your own ideas).

A Treasure Hunt

Give Clue 1 to Patrol Leaders. On paper write clue in lemon juice and dry. Below this print the words **try a little heat!** When held over low heat the hidden clue will appear. (Stove, candles or match will work for this.) Clue 1 could be, **Ring Commissioner** (who would be informed beforehand). Clue 2 — **20 light poles to right of telephone box.** Clue 3, **50 feet N.W. of this pole.** Clue 4, **follow markers;** these could be in wool, cloth, compass directions, tracking signs. Clue 5 sketch map to Clue 6, **scouts pace to local Church, Shops or School and bring back information to Leader** e.g. date of **Foundation Stone laying, (Church) or name of Principal, no. of school, or prices of items for balanced MEAL.** Clue 7 **hidden beneath something that has a bark but no noise (tree).** Clue 8 **find the person with these initials,** could be yourself, Assistant Guider, Unit Helper who will give final clue in **puzzle form, in code, verse or pictures.** The Treasure can be chocolate frogs under a rock, badges tied to tree or hidden behind objects round hall.

Wide Games — Outdoor Adventure Games

The name "wide game" was originally given to games played out of doors in wide open spaces; but any outdoor games like a treasure hunt, a manhunt, trail following, or a game of codes and clues, add excitement to the program and would be better described as outdoor adventure games.

Before beginning the chosen game Patrol Leader Training may be needed. Does the game require a knowledge of knotting, tracking signs, or codes etc.? See that each leader knows and passes on to the patrol any necessary information for the success of the game. This may be —

Keep in patrols or pairs.

Know boundaries and time limit.

Know the special area for "neutral" or Headquarters.

Know unit "rally" call, and possibly patrol call.

Briefly cover these points again with the unit. Be sure guides understand the road rules, and respect people and things. Many adventure games need to be played twice so that each side may swap over and experience the excitement of the other.

The Guide Guider Handbook has very good games that you could try, also "Scouting for Boys". Obtainable from the Scout Shop, "Wide Games and Night Games", published by the Scout Association of New Zealand, is recommended. Build up a collection of games covering town, open, no cover, and bush areas, that your guides enjoy.



Hidden Nature Trail

Fill in missing words, find one example of each and make a display.

Small birds in cages need clean water and . . . (seed).

Huntsmen should be careful where they . . . (shoot).

Rose . . . are very pretty (buds).

Mary found a . . . missing from her book (leaf).

Dogs . . . when anyone visits a farm. (bark).

A rolling . . . gathers no . . . (stone-moss).

Some birds use . . . to line their nests. (feathers).

Visit of very important Persons — V.I.P.'S.

1. Security is needed: search of surrounding area to be made, anything unusual to be reported, and brought in.
2. Communication: telephone box, Post Office, Police Station etc., to be checked and noted from directory or map.
3. Ceremony: flag pole erected and/or gift made, using natural materials. Ceremony planned for reception and/or presentation.
4. Food for feast: could be hidden from spies/enemy. Only found by secret signs or trail.
5. Transport: make a litter or stretcher to carry V.I.P. to ceremony and feast, or rope bridge needed to cross river etc.

New Hunting Grounds

For a no cover area e.g. a playing field.

The story . . . An Indian patrol has been sent by their tribal chief to discover new hunting grounds.

Whilst far from the tribal camp, the patrol is stricken with a disease which temporarily blinds them.

To recover their sight they need to return to camp and have to depend upon their hearing to guide them.

The return journey is hazardous because of a bird of prey, the "Alarmus". This bird is greatly feared by Indians as it pecks the eyes of the disabled.

The set up . . . Each patrol is a tribe; the Patrol Leaders each choose a camp, say near centre of field and about 30 feet apart.

As chief of the tribe, each has something with which to make a distinctive sound e.g. 2 sticks to tap together . . . "The Camp of the Tapping Birch Twigs". A small branch of dried leaves . . . "The Camp of the Rustling Leaves". Water to pour from one receptacle to another; small stones in a tin etc., with appropriate camp names.



. . . Someone said that some of the training pages in "Matilda" were worth reprinting because newcomers may have missed out, so we are reprinting:

OVER A CUP OF COFFEE

"Read any good books lately?"

"I had a look at one the other day, entitled, 'Let's Go Camping'".

I know we are just emerging from a rather chilly winter, but now is the time to start thinking and preparing for those sunny, outdoor days ahead. I'm sure most of you have similar thoughts, especially when your Patrol Leaders at Council start asking when, where, how are we going camping this year!

Julie, a Ranger doing her Leadership Training Certificate, and I were having a cup of coffee the other evening after the unit meeting when Sue joined us. I asked her what she thought about camp preparation and she

The Indian Scouts need to know the sound of their particular camp, and a password can be used too. Each one can also carry part of a map to be pieced together by the Chief and showing the new hunting ground (apples etc., hidden by a Guider).

How to play . . . Indian Scouts are blindfolded (even if played at night) and stand at edge of field. Guiders can then move them about a little and action begins.

On start signal Patrol Leaders begin to make their sound, 10 seconds on, 20 seconds off.

Scouts make their way towards their camp sound. Guiders add the hazard. At intervals a whistle is blown for the call of approaching "Alarmus" bird. Scouts freeze — anyone found moving receives a token (an injury) from a guider. Another whistle signals the departure of the bird and it is safe to continue.

This signal can be used if any guide is much off course. She can be redirected.

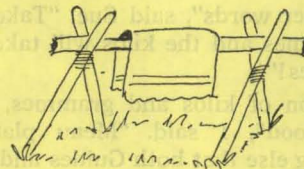
The winner is the first tribe to find the new hunting ground and with fewest "injuries".

said, "Good idea, what are you going to do?"

"Well", I said, "there are quite a few of us who know nothing whatsoever about camping so the first thing to do is look at the Training Calendar in Matilda and see what campcraft trainings are being held. If there is nothing planned for our area we can ask the District Commissioner to put in a request for one to the Region Training Adviser, can't we?"

"Yes", said Sue, "But what can you do in the meantime with your Guides, they need some training too, in fact, even if they and you are experienced campers, you'll need to brush up on quite a lot of things, and there are always new Guides who need help."

"I thought we could use 'Let's Go Camping' and the Guide Handbooks plus any other pamphlets, charts, etc., that I can find and with the Patrol Leaders, work out some challenges in Campcraft for the patrols.



"For example: **Did you know that different types of woods burn in different ways?**

"Pine wood burns fast and can explode, macrocarpa is marvellous for kindling, and of course, dry gum leaves are perfect as punk. It might be fun to collect samples of various types of wood and test them for burning qualities.



"**How many knots are used in putting up a tent?**

"We can borrow a tent and practice putting it up, I believe you can do this indoors, using weighted chairs instead of tent pegs.

"**How many knots are used in erecting a flag pole?**

"I have seen miniature flagpoles made with wooden skewers and thin string. In fact by using twigs, plasticine and other bits and pieces the whole camp layout can be planned in miniature".

Julie broke in at this point, "You know, **Rangers do lightweight camping** instead of the standing camps of the Guides, but we can adapt these ideas, Rangers can try lighting different types of fires in wet, snowy or windy conditions. Practice putting up a lightweight tent while blindfolded — it's quite possible that it will be dark before we reach our campsites. It's also well worthwhile practising packing your haversack and checking its weight when fully packed; with a little ingenuity, it is amazing what can be made lighter or smaller — three thicknesses of butter muslin sewn together makes an adequate towel and a small tablet bottle will carry enough soap powder or liquid for washing up".

"In other words", said Sue, "Take care of the grammes and the kilos will take care of themselves!"

"Mention of kilos and grammes, reminds me of food", I said. "Menu planning is something else that both Guides and Rangers

can start thinking about — they can plan their menus and then visit a supermarket to find out the cost, THAT can be quite an education for them!"

"Yes", agreed Betty. "And it is a good idea to try out some of the recipes beforehand".

"You know", said Sue, thoughtfully, "It really is great to start planning for camp but that shouldn't be the only time we go out, I'm afraid we are inclined to stay indoors too much. It is probably far easier for us to stay in the hall, but there's little adventure to be found there. Let's go out more with our girls and rediscover with them the fun of being alive under God's heaven."

Julie said, "Thanks for your thoughts Sue, I'll pass them on to the other Rangers at our next meeting, bye now, must dash."

"Goodnight, Julie, don't forget to let me know how you get on," Sue smiles, "especially, fire lighting in wet conditions, I never have been very successful at that!"

After clearing away the coffee cups, Sue and I went our separate ways, full of enthusiasm for the outdoors days and nights ahead.

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If you, like Julie and I, are planning ahead for camp why not read the following books:

Let's Go Camping.

Camps and Holidays — Elizabeth Robertson.

Hints on Lightweight Camping — N. Squire.

Q.M. in Camp.

Girl Guide Knot Book.

Off to Camp.

Camp Cooking.

Help Yourself series.

Outdoor Ideas.

Recipes for Campers, Hostellers and Caravanners, by Kenneth Oldham.

(Above are available from the Guide Shop)

Bushwalking and Camping — Paddy Pallin.



NOTICES

STATE CAMP — "URALBA" —

"Home between the Hills"

Have you made arrangements for your "tent groups" to practice with the equipment they will be taking to Uralba? It would be nice for them to keep in touch with each other before the big day, 6th January.

Please do not forget that we need super-phosphate bags, fire buckets and sacks. (See last month's Matilda.)

The first letter has already been sent to the Guides and final information will be sent at the end of November with travel arrangements, name of group camp, and pieces of coloured material to mark luggage and tents.

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE

What is on at Monash University at the end of February? The 1976 Commissioners' Conference of course. Come along to hear representatives from the National Emergency Services College, National Fitness Council, a Home Economist and our Headquarters Training Team. Live-in fee is \$28.00 all inclusive; casual rates are \$3.50 plus meals as announced and refreshments at 30c a time. Please send all monies to Olwen Davidson, 45 Alandale Road, Blackburn, 3130 by 1st December, 1975.

Contact Lorna Mole on 569 8931 or Alison Main on 29 7662 for further information.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS

There seems to be confusion as to whether Guiders can leave canvas "standing", if wet, to be folded and put away later by the warden. Guiders, you are trained to "sling" all wet canvas **and this still applies**. It is your responsibility to go back later to fold and put away in the right equipment shed. Please also make sure equipment sheds are left clean and tidy, and a Guider is in attendance at the shed when equipment is being stored away.

FOR SALE

Ranger uniform (dress, jacket, skivvy, hat) size 36 B. \$20.00. Heather Colyer. Telephone 26 5630.

GUIDE ADVISER

We are sorry to advise that Mrs. H. W. Halligan's term of office as Guide Adviser is now drawing to a close. Thank you, Dot, for all you have done for the Section whilst serving as Adviser. We have all appreciated your cheerful helpfulness and sound advice.

Miss Yvonne James, a former Guide Adviser for Australia, has been appointed as Dot's successor and we welcome her most warmly to this office. Yvonne is already well-known to many Guide Guiders in Victoria and we know she has much to give to the Guide Section. If you need her help or advice at any time you will find her at Flat 2, 46 Fewster Road, Hampton, 3188. Telephone: 598 8883.

WORLD HARVEST FOR HUMANITY DAY

Have you heard the suggestion that Leap Year Day, which is a "Bonus" day for everyone, should be called "World Harvest for Humanity Day"? It is proposed that people of all nations, regardless of creed, race, et cetera, will act on that day as one in regard to those throughout the world who are deprived of the necessities of living, such as food, water, clothing, housing, medical assistance, education, employment and social justice.

As next year, 1976, is a leap year, a campaign will be launched to try to make this idea of World Harvest for Humanity Day a practical reality. How Guides may help is not yet known but your attention is drawn to the project in the hope that, as we learn more about it, some worthwhile avenues of service will present themselves. Please keep your eyes and ears open and be ready to help when and if you can.

CAMPERDOWN CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating 50 years of Guiding in the area, Camperdown District will open their new Guide Hall on Saturday, 13th December.

All are welcome and details are available from Mrs. McGarvie, 39 Henderson Street, Camperdown, 3260 (telephone: 055 93 1031).

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The true spirit of Guiding is something one cannot explain, but the more we share it, the more we are enriched.

STATE CONFERENCE

Almost 500 Local Association members, representing 135 Districts from all parts of Victoria, gathered at Heidelberg Town Hall recently for their biennial State Conference.

The Conference began with a welcome from Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Pennington of Kew Local Association who then invited Mrs. J. M. Tripovich, M.B.E., to officially open proceedings. Mrs. Tripovich is currently State President of the Council of Auxiliaries for the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind and has also spent many years working with youth organisations. In her opening address she referred to the theme of the Conference, "Women at Home and Abroad" and paid tribute to Guide Leaders who are working to help girls achieve their full potential. She stressed that although the achievements of women must be recognised as being equal to those of men, we are striving for co-operation, not competition.

After roll call, apologies and the adoption of the minutes of the previous Conference, our State Commissioner, Mrs. F. S. Grimwade, was invited to speak. She thanked Local Associations in all Districts for their constant support to units, then proceeded to tell us of her trip to the World Conference as a member of the Australian Delegation. The theme there was "Spiritual and Moral Values" and Mrs. Grimwade pointed out that the values inherent in Guiding can provide an answer to the pressures of our era, but we must become more involved in the world around us. Women from developing countries had shown how confidence and experience gained in the Guide Movement had enabled them to continue in other areas and so improve the status of women. In fact, the ideals of International Women's Year, equal-

ity, development and peace, are an integral part of Guiding.

We were asked to encourage and support the Thinking Day Fund which helps to finance the World Association, and then were given the closing message from Guides at the World Conference — "Our growth is in your hands".

Question Time was, as always, full of interest. Details of this session will appear on this page early next year.

After a delicious luncheon provided by Templestowe Local Association, the Conference re-convened to hear Mrs. L. De Marchi speak about the problems and pleasures of arranging a State Camp. Among the problems is the difficulty we can all sympathise with — budgeting for food for 1100 people eleven months ahead, but if enthusiasm, hard work and humour are what is needed, Mrs. De Marchi and her team will succeed in making Camp Uralba with its theme "At Home in the Bush" a great success.

Final speaker for the day was Policewoman Sergeant Low who is currently stationed at Fitzroy. In describing her work, she explained that policewomen are concerned entirely with the "have-nots" of all ages — the elderly women who are beyond the control or care of relatives or who have out-lived their families, and those who are mentally disturbed because of their age. Women who have family problems with husbands or children, and children who are neglected and maltreated all come under the notice of the policewomen, but the message Sergeant Low wanted to give was loud and clear — children need love, attention and time, not material goods. It was heartening to hear that in her many years in the Police Force, she had never had to deal with an active Girl Guide and in her words "Guides are the 'haves'" — they have an ideal, a purpose and a sense of achievement, which enables them to withstand outside pressures.



Imagine, a beautiful day — sun shining brightly, blue sky above and bush around Britannia Park alive with sounds and scents of Spring; eucalypts, mint bushes, grevilleas, heathy parrot pea bushes, hovea and sarsaparilla; cuckoos trilling, thrushes singing and blue wrens darting about busily home-building; and sixteen guiders charging through the bush, up hills, down gullies, along wombat tracks, beside dams, skirting gravel quarries, peering, seeking, searching, searching. Searching for what? Some elusive bird? some rare wildflower? No, searching for an orange and white nylon orienteering marker!

Under the expert tuition of Mrs. Peta Whitford of the Victorian Orienteering Association, guiders of Acheron and Maroondah regions met at Britannia Park for a day's course in Orienteering. Working in pairs, on a score event, we tried desperately to find elusive markers at check points and to return to base within the given time. (We just could not be last and we dare not get lost!)

After lunch and rest, we divided into two teams, each planning and plotting an event

for the other. Team A planned a score Event and Team B, two relay events. Up the track once more to the START and it was on again! By then we had some idea where markers were, but this time we were really competing! Relay two could not be commenced until partners returned from Relay one with the map, and in the Score Event points were deducted for each minute of late arrival. Up hills, down gullies, along fence lines and so it went on!

Enthusiasm and excitement ran high as we cheered on our puffing, panting and perspiring team-mates.

Then it was over. All were back safely. We had enjoyed ourselves and discovered that orienteering is fun. We had gained a new skill to share with our girls. Then we gathered up the eighteen orange and white nylon markers and learned how to fold them to be put away in good order. A lesson to remember, a thought to take home. Everyone help tidy up and the bush is left in beauty and in peace.

D. H.

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It was unintentional on the part of the organising committee of this Conference, but on reflection not surprising, that such similar messages should come from a Police-woman in an inner Melbourne suburb and from the World Conference in England.

The Conference closed with a brief message and prayer.

RECIPE CORNER QUICK TASTY SNACK

Place one slice of cooked meat and one slice of pineapple on toast. Put hot spaghetti over this and top with grated cheese. Brown slightly under griller.

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

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.

Enquiries, orders **with** payment to Mrs. Max Leyonhjelm, Tarranyurk, 3422.

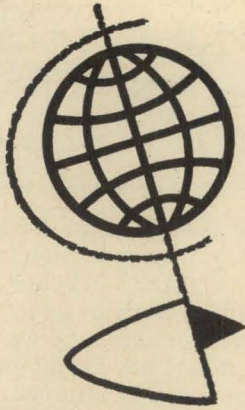
Dear Matilda,

Recently we were very happy to meet a "Thinking Day" friend, Miss Winifred Beverley, from Southern Rhodesia. We have been corresponding for 16 years, and it was lovely to entertain her for tea.

The Brownies were so excited decorating a special trefoil cake and busily preparing for our guest.

We had a happy time together.

D. J. Scott,
2nd Pascoe Vale Brownie Pack.



NEWS FROM "OUR CABANA".

Another summer season has passed at Our Cabana. It has been a season filled with interesting and enjoyable experiences for all concerned, including the Cabana staff. Eleven regular sessions filled the summer months, bringing girls and leaders from many parts of the globe — Australia, Belize, Canada, Columbia, England, Holland, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, Scotland and U.S.A. The Cabana Staff also became quite international, with staff members from Australia, England, Mexico, and U.S.A. during those months.

Continuous throughout the summer the focus has been on International Women's year. Our on-going service projects at the parish of Gualupita and the Home For Girls have continued. Two girls from the Home For Girls attended a regular session in July. Probably the highlight for the children of Gualupita was a day camp held at Our Cabana for eighty children of the parish. They arrived about 10.30 a.m. and were entertained by a rotation of games, songs and dances prepared by the patrols of girls at the Cabana. After a picnic lunch, they spent time working on crafts, before departing at 4 p.m. It was a rich and rewarding day for everyone.

The Cabana celebrated its 18th birthday with a Mexican Fiesta and a huge birthday cake. A group of Japanese Girl Scouts who visited us shared their songs, dances and skill in origami.

A busy winter season approaches promising opportunities to many more for a living experience in international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

GUIDING RETURNS TO DUNKELD

Guiding has recommenced after a lapse of about ten years in Dunkeld. District Commissioner for Dunkeld presented the new Guides with colours which belonged to the original Company.

There are eight guides in the unit and one of them thoroughly enjoyed the recent Patrol Leaders' camp, Jumbunna. Two of the girls and their Guider, went with a party of Wannon River Guides to the Festival of Song and Arts and Crafts Festival.

Six Brownies made their promise recently at a ceremony attended by many parents and friends including the Region Commissioner, who travelled from Portland.

The Local Association members are working with the Young Farmers Club to raise funds to help repair the disused scout hall, which is to be their joint meeting place.



MEALS-ON-GUIDING-WHEELS

Here is a heart warming story of how being a member of the Guide Movement solved a problem for me.

Elderly aunt was suddenly confined to bed; no weekend Meals-on-Wheels and I was going camping. How would Aunt manage for meals?

A look in my personnel book gave me the telephone number of a Commissioner living in Aunt's neighbourhood. Two hours after explaining my problem, I received a call to say all arrangements had been made for weekend meals to be taken to Aunt.

The result was a very happy, well fed old lady.

A big thank you to all concerned from a grateful Guider, very conscious of the privilege of belonging to an organisation of concerned women who are always willing to do a good deed.

Elizabeth Thompson.

GOLD FEVER *at Camp Mataranka*



We travelled to camp Mataranka by bus. After selecting sites, setting up camp and eating our tea we were well ready for bed.

On our second day we hiked about five to six kilometres into Dunolly.

We enjoyed the township, and we were all very tired when we arrived back at camp.

The next day we met Mr. Flett, who taught us the proper way of panning for gold.

We returned to camp, with samples of gold, had lunch and we were off again to a eucalyptus farm, then to the old school house.

The last days passed quickly and we soon had to pack up and return home.

Lynette Weeks,
3rd West Waverley Guide Company.



DO YOU BELT UP YOUR CHILDREN?

by Dr. John Birrell, M.B.B.S., M.R.A.C.P.,
Victoria Police Surgeon.

For many years and with the loss of many thousands of lives and the infliction of countless injuries of varying degree it was dogmatically held that it was better to be thrown clear in a car crash.



However, even a casual reading of the media should show the fallacy in being "thrown clear" because if you read further down you find that the victim was "thrown clear" down to the Mortuary. On the other hand the media love also to describe the other type as "trapped in a car". Again reading further down you find usually that the victim "trapped in the car", was sent to hospital, observed for 4 hours and then sent home. It was only after the collection of a large amount of research material and the use of adequate scientific method that it became obvious that if you were thrown clear the chance of fatal injury was greatly increased. Further it is simply not realised that even the energy released in low speed crashes of 12-15 m.p.h. can be more than enough for fatal injury.

A child in a crash behaves like a helpless rocket. Let me illustrate this with a grease gun which was lying on the back seat of a vehicle involved in a 35 m.p.h. crash. Subsequently after the crash the nose of the grease gun was found poking through the front part of the roof of the car.

2%-3% of fatal traffic crash victims are under 5 years of age i.e. somewhere between 20 and 30 die in this fashion each year in Victoria and some are so severely injured that they never recover.

Such children are absolutely innocent victims as they have no influence on traffic planning, road design, driver behaviour or the design and power of the vehicle. They cannot be expected to comply with compulsory seat belt laws.

Therefore the protection of young children in cars needs the intelligent personal attention of those carrying children in cars. Let me say immediately that it is impossible to stop a child being flung about in a car crash by holding him tight in the arms as the forces developed are just too much. An impact of 20 m.p.h. takes 600 lbs. to restrain a 30 lb. child — and a person with this sort of strength could lift one end of a small car.

Children are hurled around the car at the speed it was travelling before impact. Even flat surfaces break bones and inflict internal injuries. Any of the numerous sharp or pointed projections can cut, tear or lacerate. If "thrown clear" through broken windows or windscreens or open door then the road, trees, posts or even other vehicles add to the battering received by the child on the way out.

Parents who carry children on the front seat with their noses against the windscreen are ignorant and thoughtless. The safest place in a crashing car is the back seat and if a car has no restraining mechanism for children at least they should be carried in the rear seat.

It is therefore absolutely vital to securely restrain young children in a crash and of necessity because of the large forces involved — even at 20 m.p.h. the restraint device must be strong. It must be securely anchored to the car's own structure. It must be properly padded so that it doesn't injure and any straps used must be wide so that the crash forces are distributed as widely as possible over the area of the child's body reducing injury that way.

It should be stated that there are some so-called safety devices on the market which offer no real protection and may indeed be dangerous. The Standards Association has sorted this mess out and now has a standard listing of the types of devices and requirements for the design construction and testing of every piece of the kits. Therefore S.A.A. mark of Approval is vital.

Child seats which simply hook over the back of the seats are useless — they just come adrift. Child seats positioned by hooking under the back of the seat may also come loose. Narrow straps are to be avoided as they are dangerous and furthermore, if they are badly located or loosely adjusted they can cause internal injury in a crash.

There are no S.A.A. bassinets approved as yet though they soon will be. They should have a rigid frame and be well padded. There should be a strong net over the top and the bassinet should be fixed to the car's structure preferably by the vehicle's own belts. The babe should be placed with its head nearest the centre of the vehicle.

With child safety seats the S.A.A. have presently approved licences for several manufacturers.

The seat must be belted firmly to the car's structure either by its own attachments or the seat belts mounted in the car. It should provide a head rest and must have webbing straps at least one inch wide.

There are also some child harnesses like scaled down adult belts — again look for the S.A.A. mark and again the straps should be as wide as possible.

If you haven't harnesses or child seats an adult belt is better than no restraint at all. If over 4'6" in height and above 80 lbs. adult belts are quite suitable for children particularly if you can give them firm cushions to sit on — they can then see out the window and raising them on a cushion helps ensure that the sash part of the belt passes across the shoulder and chest.

Finally, two important points — first remember the importance of your own example. Recently a Mum had to drive her 7-year-old to school because Dad, who normally did this chore was sick in bed. After going 15 minutes of the normal 20 minute trip the 7-year-old piped up and said "Mummy where have all the silly idiots gone this morning".

Secondly, protection of children by restraint as I have described is just as important as their polio, tetanus or whooping cough shots — and the children cannot do it for themselves.

(From WHY, reprinted with permission from The Milk Board and The National Safety Council.)

Victorian Newsletter

NOVEMBER, 1975

Dear Everyone,

"Let a smile be your umbrella" describes very aptly last Saturday morning.

The weather was shocking, but the spirit, enthusiasm and happiness of the Guides, under very bad conditions, was wonderful. It was very disappointing that, after so much thought, preparation and anticipation, the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret should take place in such difficult weather.

I suppose really we were lucky though, as the afternoon was far, far worse.

The decision to carry on out-doors was made at about 8 a.m. — and it was the only decision to make, as we never could have fitted everyone inside. At 9.15 a.m. there were a few Guiders and Guides around "Tay Creggan", and activities were gradually getting under way — most participants complete with gumboots and full wet weather gear. I remember thinking then: "We aren't going to have many people". At 9.45 a.m. you couldn't move for Brownie Guides, Guides, Ranger Guides and Guiders — and I feel sure we must have had over our anticipated 3,000.

After what seemed like ages we received the message: "She's on the free-way", and eventually the car arrived and came down the drive of "Tay Creggan" between the rows of girls. Out stepped this gorgeous figure in an aqua outfit with a delightful aqua and white hat — well prepared with a plastic raincoat, umbrella and boots.

After presenting the Assistant State Commissioners and Mr. K. Lyall, Principal of Strathcona, we walked down the enormous Guard of Honour, including girls from all parts of the State, and then on to the oval, where we literally splashed our way around. The Princess was marvellous in spite of the awful conditions. She showed great interest in the activities and the girls involved, particularly in the outdoor cooking, where she tried the billy tea, and was shown how it was made. It was the sort of day when tea was very welcome.

Girls using the rope bridge and the activities of the Extension sections were very popular, and eventually we made our way to the dais at the front of the oval.

What a wonderful sight greeted us then — a mass of colour as thousands of girls sat and stood along the steps, their uniforms covered with a variety of multi-coloured rain wear. I am sure the Princess could not help but be impressed by the enthusiasm and spontaneous clapping and cheering of the girls.

After a presentation of a posy of flowers, and two very brief speeches, Her Royal Highness walked up the steps amidst three deafening cheers, and then reached her car to the tune of "Go Well and Go Safely". A few minutes later she had gone.

It was all over far too rapidly. But how very honoured and fortunate we were to have Princess Margaret with us, if only for a short while. And every one of us — especially Princess Margaret — showed we could certainly be cheerful under all difficulties.

NOVEMBER, 1975



MATILDA

I am sure you all join with me in thanking all those who worked so hard planning the morning, and especially Mr. Reynolds of "Tay Creggan", who, for months, had been preparing the grounds, and then, after all the rain, had to do so much extra work. It must have broken his heart to see his beautiful dry oval on Thursday turn into a quagmire on Saturday.

For many of us Saturday was only the beginning of a busy weekend. On Sunday I opened "Iluka", our new campsite at Shoreham. This was a lovely sunny afternoon, although gumboots were still required dress. The new log cabin is delightful and nestles beautifully into the hill. It is to be known as the "Della Shelta", after all the shelter Mrs. Hutchinson gave members during her time as Hospitality Convenor. The three campsites now officially named are the Gregory Campsite, Squire Campsite and Hutchinson Campsite.

Thanks to a grant of \$20,000 from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, we can now complete Stage I, and then start planning Stage II. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson have been wonderful in the way they have worked for "Iluka", and we all greatly appreciate the help given by members of the Movement. I hope many of you will go and see "Iluka" and make plans to camp there.

The rest of the month seems pale in comparison to this weekend — shall we just say it has been busy.

With love and best wishes,

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

OF INTEREST TO ALL

STATE CAMP — "URALBA".

Transport of tents. — **PLEASE**, Division Commissioners, Metropolitan area, make **EVERY** endeavour to deliver tents to Britannia Park. At the moment it looks as if almost every tent for the camp is to be taken on the "camp bus". If this happens, how will the Guides fit in???

Country areas — with tent forms marked "camp bus" — have you given sufficient consideration as to "how" the Guides will be able to manage to carry their rucksack, their bedding roll, their hand luggage **AND** their tent, from the country train or bus terminal to the camp buses which will be leaving from Olympic Park? It would be so much easier for them if the tents were sent "Passenger Rail — Lilydale" between 21st and 28th December. We would appreciate it if you would advise any change of plans.

SHOREHAM.

Stage 1 of our second State Campsite, "Iluka", at Shoreham, was opened by our State Commissioner, Mrs. Grimwade, on Sunday, 26th October, in brilliant sunshine after Saturday's deluge. Such an exciting day for everyone! With the help of the Government grant of \$20,000 we shall see the completion of Stage 1. We can now look forward to planning Stage 2, and to help finance this planning we ask: "Would you like a special Family Holiday Outing?" We have been lucky to acquire tickets for "Disney on Parade" for the matinee on 8th January and

the evening performance on 9th January. Adults \$6.50 and children \$3.50. As the tickets have to be purchased by 30th November, Della Hutchinson would be grateful if you either ring through your bookings at 80 3820 or write to 8 Marshall Avenue, Kew.

JANET WHITLAM MEMORIAL PARK — South Belgrave.

Campers who have used J.W.M.P. will be pleased to know there is now a Cloth Camp Badge available. Cost, 25 cents. Send a self-addressed envelope (with sufficient postage attached) to: Mrs. N. Squire, 1 Salmon Road, Boronia 3155.

GIRL GUIDE BISCUITS, 1976.

ARNOTT-BROCKHOFF-GUEST PTY. LTD. advise that they will continue the schedule for Girl Guide Biscuits in 1976 along the lines of 1975.

The next bake will be in March, 1976, orders closing on 1st March. June bake orders will close on 1st June, and October bake orders close on 1st October.

You may be interested to learn that the quantity of Girl Guide Biscuits baked in 1975 would be the highest for many years.

Local Associations wishing to participate should send orders to:
ARNOTT-BROCKHOFF-GUEST Pty. Ltd.,
53 Huntingdale Road,
Burwood, Victoria, 3125.

The following information is also required: NAME AND ADDRESS FOR ACCOUNT TO BE SENT; NAME AND ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY (with telephone number of person the Company can contact before delivery).

The price of Guide Biscuits at present is \$5.40 per case (24 x 225 gr. packets).

BUILDING SUBSIDIES.

The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation has been receiving a number of applications from Guide and Scout groups for financial assistance towards the provision of storage facilities for bottles or newspapers and for concreting driveways to serve bottle storage areas.

After careful consideration the Department has decided that in view of the very heavy demand on the funds available, capital subsidies should only be provided for the provision of facilities for Youth Programmes.

LOST PROPERTY.

Articles found at "Tay Creggan" following Princess Margaret's visit —

- 1 Pale blue plastic raincoat (almost new).
- 1 Grey plastic rain hat.
- 3 Brownie berets (with names J. de Klijn, Marie Vandenberg, and one un-named).
- 2 Guide berets (with names Tracey and Gunning).

These are available for collection at the Reception Desk at Headquarters.

SHOP NEWS

NEW ITEMS

Two delightful new all-purpose cards in colour, useful for "Birth-day" or "Get Well" cards (Brownie with flowers or cat with Sunny Sue balloon), with standard envelope, each	15 cents
New design Brownie Guide or Guide Christmas card, with standard envelope, each	15 cents
New design, pure linen tea towel, suitable for Brownies, Guides or Rangers, each	\$1.50

ALTERATION TO PRICES:

Brownie Beret and Badge	to \$1.85
Guide Beret	to \$1.65
Guide Belt	to \$2.45
Guide Pullovers	to \$12.30

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS AND GUIDERS

A REMINDER !

ANNUAL OPEN DAY FOR COMMISSIONERS will be held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 25th November, commencing 10 a.m. Morning tea at 9.30 a.m. for early comers. Lunch will be available at a reasonable cost. Would those wishing to have lunch please advise Mrs. W. R. Rae ("Craig Arran", Hastings Road, Somerville, 3912, telephone 059 77-5428) by Friday, 21st November, 1975, or leave their names at Headquarters.

OPEN NIGHT FOR GUIDERS, also on Tuesday, 25th November, at 7.45 p.m., for all Guiders who would like to come and discuss their thoughts on today's Guiding with the State Commissioner. Would those intending to come please leave their names with switchboard at Headquarters.

ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL REPORTS, 1974-1975, were ready for collection from Headquarters by the end of October. If you have not already received your District parcels would you please arrange to have them collected at an early date.

GUIDING PERSONNEL BOOKS, 1975, are unfortunately still not available. It is hoped that they will be printed in time for collection by Commissioners attending the Open Day on 25th November. As soon as they are available copies will be on sale in the Guide Shop at 50 cents each for Guiders and other members requiring copies.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

Guiders Long Service

(15 years) Mrs. M. Tobias, Eaglehawk.

Local Association Long Service

Mrs. N. Maloni, Lilydale.

Combined Long Service

(25 years) Mrs. A. Robertson, Traralgon.

(15 years) Mrs. D. Grant, Lilydale; Miss French, Preston.

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Thanks Badge

Rotary Club of East Geelong, Rotary Club of Belmont, Rotary Club of Geelong West, Rotary Club of Geelong, The Smith Family, Lolor; Mr. B. B. Tomlinson, Bonbeach; Mr. F. Clarke, Lilydale.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Region Commissioner

Mrs. C. M. Watters, Goulburn.

Division Commissioners

Mrs. A. H. Williams, Preston; Mrs. W. W. Elliott, Nepean; Mrs. J. R. Goodrich, Bendigo Northern; Mrs. J. M. Bethune, Port Phillip (Assistant).

District Commissioners

Mrs. D. R. Briggs, Drouin; Mrs. S. P. Davey, Nilma; Mrs. P. J. Ure, Bunyip; Mrs. L. H. G. Mulhallen, Nhill; Mrs. G. Douglas, Sorrento; Mrs. W. Miles, Cohuna; Mrs. W. T. Rutherford, Robinvale; Mrs. A. Bourbaud, Black Rock.

Ranger Guiders

Mrs. A. G. Grigg, Box Hill North Division Rangers; Mrs. J. Lavery, Colac Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Miss H. Muir, 2nd Box Hill; Mrs. E. H. Wilson, 1st Dartmoor; Mrs. P. Hogan, 1st Olinda.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Miss P. L. Heath, 1st Bendigo; Mrs. J. Scarlett, 2nd Rosebud; Mrs. E. Jephcott, 1st Corryong; Mrs. I. G. Pickert, 2nd Dimboola; Mrs. E. J. O'Donnell, 2nd Rosebud; Mrs. H. E. Hill, 1st Corryong; Miss K. Mowle, 1st Plenty.

Brownie Guiders

Miss S. Scott, 1st Lockington; Miss J. A. Hanks, 1st Koonwarra; Mrs. E. Thomason, 2nd Emerald Lakeside; Mrs. F. A. Logan, 1st Seville; Mrs. D. J. Major, 1st Castlemaine.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. G. M. Derby, 1st Golden Square; Mrs. J. Stewart, 1st Frankston; Mrs. S. Krumnow, 3rd St. Albans; Mrs. W. O'Brien, 1st Rye; Mrs. D. Briggs, 2nd Wantirna South; Mrs. W. S. Mills, 3rd Mildura South; Miss L. Pinckney, 5th Williamstown; Mrs. M. McMaster, 2nd Korumburra; Mrs. J. J. Cairns, 1st Castlemaine; Miss L. A. Eldridge, 5th Williamstown.

REGISTRATIONS

Dartmouth Local Association, 1st Dartmouth Pack, 1st Drysdale Pack, Boonoorong Ranger Unit, Rosebud Ranger Unit (Voyager), Mornington Ranger Unit, 1st Gladstone Park Company.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

Division Commissioner

Mrs. I. D. Martin, Swan Hill.

District Commissioners

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1975 CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Girl Guide Annuals	\$3.95	Silver Gift Souvenirs with Badges*	
The Dreamtime	4.95	*G. — Guide	
The Dawn of Time	4.95	*B. — Brownie	
The First Sunrise	4.95	*V. — Victorian design	
The Australian Girls Book of Crafts, Pets, Sports and Hobbies	4.95	*L.A. — Local Association	
The Australian Guide to Camping	2.95	Ashtray (V)	\$2.10
Writing Compendium	4.20	Combination Bottle Opener/Can Piercer (G)	1.90
Records —		Combination Bottle Opener/Can Piercer (V)	1.65
Campfire Songs	2.10	Bookmark (G) — (B)	1.35
Girl Guide Songs	2.10	Compact (G) — (B)	6.60
Songs from "An Australian Campfire Song Book"	2.10	Candlesticks (V)	5.75
Songs of Australia	4.95	Keyrings (G) — (B)	1.45
Guide Diary (Letts)	1.30	Keyring Gilt or Chrome — Fauna (V) ..	1.60
Guide Notebook	0.65	Keyring Chrome — Life buoy (V) ..	1.60
Guide Biro	0.25	Nailfile (G)	1.30
Guide Plastic Mug	0.50	Paper Knives (V)	2.40
Guide Camp Cutlery Set	0.95	Sugar Basin (V)	5.60
Guide Camp Sewing Kit	0.55	Sugar Spoon to match (V)	1.45
Pocket Knife with Guide Badge	1.50	Spoons —	
Guide Airways Bag	4.40	Coffee (G)	1.40
Guide Handkerchief (Badge design) ..	0.50	Jam (G) — (B)	1.75
Guide Bookmark (cloth)	0.15	Jam (V)	1.45
Guide Pocket Badge Cleaners	0.35	Sugar (G)	1.75
Guide Compass Keepers	0.35	Tea (G) — (B) — (L.A.)	1.20
Guide miniature Badge	0.35	Tea (V)	1.45
Guide Charms — Gilt or Chrome	0.65	Table Bell (G)	5.25
Guide Pendants — Gilt or Chrome	2.00	Tea Caddy Measure (G) — (B)	1.45
Brownie Guide Annuals	\$3.95	Tea Caddy Measure (V)	1.35
The Brownies and The Wedding Day ..	3.25	Tea Strainer (Long handle) (G) — (B) ..	2.80
The Brownies in Hospital	2.60	Tea Strainer on stand (V)	2.60
The Patchwork Pack	2.20	Boxed Set of 2 —	
The Brownies at The Zoo	2.20	Jam and Sugar Spoons (V)	4.25
The Brownies and The Fire	2.20	Jam Spoon and Butter Knife (G) — (B) ..	3.90
The Brownies on Television	2.20	Boxed Set of 3 —	
The Brownies Cook-Book	2.35	Jam Spoon, Sugar Spoon, Butter Knife (V)	\$6.65
Lucy's Last Brownie Challenge	2.20	Jam Spoon, Sugar Spoon, Butter Knife (G) — (B)	5.75
Air Day for the Brownies	2.20	Boxed Set of 6 —	
The Lenderhand Brownies	3.00	Teaspoons (V)	10.60
Penny's Pack Holiday Adventure	2.50	Teaspoons (Stainless Steel) (G) — (B) ..	7.20
Brownie Diary and Pencil	0.35	Coffeespoons (G)	11.60
Brownie Notebook	0.20	Cakeforks (G)	12.15
Brownie Notepaper in folder	0.90	Westminster China Souvenirs with Badges	
Brownie Airways Bag	4.40	Ashtray	3.10
Brownie Teatowel	0.60	Butter Dish and Knife	3.15
Brownie Plastic Mug	0.50	Cup and Saucer	5.40
Brownie Handkerchiefs — Box of 3 (Activity Design)	2.40	Footed Mug	2.55
Brownie Handkerchief (Badge Design) ..	0.50	Jam Dish and Spoon	3.15
Brownie Bookmark (cloth)	0.15	Salt and Pepper Shakers	4.80
Brownie Pocket Badge Cleaners	0.35	Sandwich Tray	4.05
Brownie Compass Keepers	0.35	Tea Bag Holder	2.65
Brownie miniature Badge	0.35	Triangular shaped Dish	2.65
Brownie Charms	0.65		
Brownie Wishbone Brooch	2.00		
Victorian Wildflower Notelets	0.75		