

# MATILDA

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA

# Christmas Greetings



To all our Members and Friends,

What a busy and happy year 1975 has been! There have been so many activities which have enabled us to join together as a family. Many new friends have been made and old friendships renewed.

As Christmas approaches our thoughts go to our family and our friends old and new. Everyone at Victorian Headquarters joins with us to wish you a very joyous Christmas and a happy and rewarding New Year. May you enjoy your holiday and return to Guiding with renewed enthusiasm in 1976.

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## From our State Commissioner

Dear Members and Friends,

We have reached the December edition of Matilda already! Where has the year gone? As I look back over the year it seems to have been very short but very full.

There seem to have been many major events in Victoria which firstly meant time spent in preparation and then time needed to return to the normal status quo. Then of course there was the time I spent in England — which now seems a dream. All this has meant that as I review the year, regretfully, I see there are many things which I have not achieved and these will have to be added to my list of good intentions for next year.

We have just been to the Final Chapel Service and Sixth Form Evening for Rick — a rather sad occasion I felt. Rick has been part of the school for the last seven years and whilst learning much of an academic nature he has made many friends, learned to be part of a team, and particularly in this last year, to take responsibility. I think the boys felt less sad than their parents for the boys are full of eager anticipation as they get

ready to step out into a wide world full of challenge. What they make of their lives in this world will depend on the training they have had at school, at home and elsewhere.

Many of our Guides will be moving into this exciting adult world this month and I am sure that their experiences in Guiding and all they have learned there will benefit them greatly as they face the challenges and pressures around them. From the security of school or a Guide unit the outside world looks so appealing — it can often turn out to be lonely and a little frightening. It is good to have a support group such as a Ranger Unit to help whilst making the adjustment from school to work or tertiary training.

I would like to see many more of our Guides go on to Rangers — it seems to me to be the best section of all — loads of excitement, fun and adventure — the ingredients everyone looks for in Guiding.

Whilst in December we have looked back, we also need to be like the young and look forward, and already we are working and planning for 1976.

We hope to have fewer State events in 1976 — so you will be able to spend more time in normal unit activities. I hope you are already planning Thinking Day 1976 because next year we would like you all to make a special effort and try to give as much as you possibly can to the Thinking Day Fund.

Over the next three years the World Bureau will not be receiving as much money as it really needs from member countries

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# Asia Pacific Region of W.A.G.G.G.S.

The Region was established following the 20th World Conference, and the first committee meeting was held at Sangam in February, 1971.

The purpose of the Region is to encourage mutual assistance by sharing resources; to strengthen the ties of fellowship and understanding between member countries, and where possible, to share in International events held within the Region.

Member countries are: Australia, Bangladesh, China (The Republic), India, Iran, Israel, Japan, Korea (South), Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, South Vietnam.

The main and continuing link within the Region is the ASIA PACIFIC NEWSLETTER, published twice a year.

The most recent Asia Pacific Newsletter was compiled by India and they have dedicated the issue to International Women's Year. Member countries of the Region have been asked to write an account of one of their living, prominent woman and her contribution to the field in which she has been working.

Japan tells of Miss Fusae ICHIKAWA, who was born in Aichi Prefecture, Japan, in 1893. She is 81 years old and very active as a member of the House of Councillors. Her professional career had been a primary

school teacher and newspaper reporter. She started working for the woman suffrage in 1924. It has been more than fifty years since she initiated the woman suffrage movement. She studied in the U.S.A. for three years from 1921 to 1924. She has been all over the world as a member of a cultural mission or to attend international conferences.

She received a Magsaysay Prize from the President of the Philippines for her devoted efforts for the sake of the emancipation of women in Japan. The Magsaysay Prize was donated as a scholarship fund to increase mutual understanding between the Philippines and Japan. It is very much due to her unselfish services that Japanese women have attained the present status. She is a great leader in the Diet in purifying politics as the salt of the earth, elevating the status of women by promoting anti-prostitution laws, protecting war victims, and achieving equality between men and women. She really deserves great credits in the International Women's Year.



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and they have asked everyone to try to give more to the Thinking Day Fund. Only in this way will the World Bureau be able to carry out valuable work in development, training and promotion. So please try to make Thinking Day 1976 really special.

Some of you, adults and children, may be leaving active Guiding at the end of this year. Please do not leave altogether — try to keep in contact and perhaps help occasionally if you can. If finishing as a Guider, why not register with the Guide

Reserve in your area? I am sure you would enjoy helping four times a year.

To all of you I ask — speak up for Guiding — let's tell everyone what a wonderful game this is and how much we all enjoy it.

May you all have a happy Christmas and very happy holidays with your families.

With love and best wishes,

*Joan E. Grimwade*

# EMU AWARD PRESENTATION



(Photograph by G. Thomopoulos)

East Metropolitan Region recently held a "Get-together" for Guiders and Commissioners. There were many visitors for other Regions and the girls of 2nd Balwyn Unit entertained us with Maori and Filipino Stick dances.

Highlight of the evening was the surprise presentation of the Emu Award to Mrs. Betty De Marchi for outstanding service to the Girl Guide Movement in Victoria.

Leader of 2nd Balwyn Guide Unit since 1953, Betty has also worked with guide units in Kew. Over the years thirty-three of Betty's girls have become Queen's Guides and many of them were present to see her receive the award.

A Camp Licence holder, Betty gained her Camp Training Certificate in 1964 and the following year, was appointed Camp Adviser for Outer Eastern Region, a position she held for five years.

Betty gained her Guider Training Certificate in 1969.

She became Camp Adviser for Maroondah Region, Doncaster Eastern Division and Camberwell North Division, and most recently, for South Eastern Region.

Betty was, for many years, the Guide Liaison for Jamboree-on-the-Air.

She has worked tirelessly, with others, to maintain Janet Whitlam Memorial Park.

In 1971 she was Guider in charge of the Victoria contingent to Queensland for the Australian "Link-Up".

In January next year, Betty will be Guider in charge of State Camp "Uralba", when 932 guides and 170 leaders camp at Britannia Park.

These are only a few of Betty De Marchi's services to Guiding, and with her family (Rover leader husband, Lindsay, Venturer son Bruce, Ranger and Guide daughters, Jenny and Irene) we in East Metropolitan Region were delighted when Mrs. Grimwade presented Betty with the Emu Award.

## TRAINER REQUIRED

South Australia requires a qualified Trainer to assist with Country, Region and Headquarters' Training. Salary by negotiation. If you are interested please contact: Training Adviser, Girl Guides Association, 278 South Terrace, Adelaide, 5000.

# Our Day with Princess Margaret

It was a **VERY RAINY** day  
and our hats shrank.

We were doing our play when  
Princess Margaret arrived. We  
stopped the play and then  
the Princess talked to us.

Later we had a picnic in  
the bus.

Even though it rained we  
had **GOOD FUN**.

Alison Lovey-Gung,  
Margaret Shanahan,  
3rd Wattle Park (R.V.I.B.) Pack.



Guides answered many questions for Princess Margaret.



The Princess joined Rangers preparing "Kuringal" for the printer.



Princess Margaret admires Brownies' work.  
(Photographs by G. Thomopoulos)

Government House,  
Melbourne.

26th October, 1975

Dear Mrs. Grimwade,

Princess Margaret has asked me to write and say how much she enjoyed the Girl Guide Rally at Strathcona Baptist Girls' Grammar School on Saturday.

In spite of the really awful weather, Her Royal Highness was enormously impressed with the cheerful way the girls carried out their various activities, and she was very pleased to receive the welcome cup of tea on such a cold day.

The Princess was happy to meet so many of the girls and would like you to thank everyone who played a part in making it such a successful and enjoyable morning.

Yours sincerely,

ANN TENNANT  
Lady-in-Waiting.



Guides make tea for the Princess.

# 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 training is recommended.** Note: See also green Training Calendar supplement.

## Stage 1 Training

**Ararat** — 29th-30th May and 19th June — times 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Saturday and 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications to Mrs. A. Hucker, "Wallabadah", Lake Bolac, 3351 by **7th May**.

**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**.

**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**.

**Chadstone** — 10th, 17th March, 7th April — time 7.45 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. **plus** weekend 3rd-4th April (time and location to be advised). Note: Fee for weekend to be advised. Applications to Miss M Hunt, 8/7 Alcalá Avenue, Chadstone, 3148 by **18th February**.

**Creswick** — Weekends 20th-21st March and 1st-2nd May — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. G. Platt, Lot 109, Beresford Crescent, Darley via Bacchus Marsh by **1st March**.

**Geelong** — Weekends 27th-28th March and 1st-2nd May — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. A. Bell, 1 Layton Crescent, Newtown, Geelong, 3220 by **8th March**.

**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**.

**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**.

**Mornington** — Weekends 21st-22nd February and 27th-28th March — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. F. Bucknell, P.O. Box 46, Mt. Martha, 3934 by **31st January**.

**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**.

**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**.

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

**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**.

**Wattle Park** — Weekends 21st-22nd February and 20th-21st March — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. — Guide Hall, 1230 Riversdale Road, Box Hill. Applications to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108 by **31st January**.

**Woorayl Region** — Weekends 20th-21st March and 10th-11th April — further information available from Mrs. J. Gaudion, 32 Blackmore Avenue, Leongatha, 3953.

## Stage 2 Training — for WARRANTED Guiders

Note: Stage 2 training is aimed at helping you directly with your leadership role. Please assess your needs and list them on the application form so that trainers may be able to include the required sessions at your training.

**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**.

**Ringwood North** — Weekends 14th-15th February and 20th-21st March — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. C. Howarth, Unit 11, 3 Turnbull Court, Ringwood, 3134 by **24th January**.

## 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**.

### Patrol Leader Training

**Glenroy** — Weekend 10th-11th April — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **19th March**.

### Local Association Training

**Bacchus Marsh** — Friday 30th April — time 9.45 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Applications plus \$1.50 **per Local Association** to Mrs. G. Platt, Lot 109 Beresford Crescent, Darley via Bacchus Marsh by **9th April**.

**Hamilton** — Tuesday, 27th April — time 9.45 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Applications plus \$1.50 **per Local Association** to Mrs. D. Maconachie, 372 North Boundary Road, Hamilton, 3300 by **6th April**.

**Moe** — Wednesday, 24th March — time 9.45 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Applications plus \$1.50 **per Local Association** to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3828 by **3rd March**.

**Wangaratta** — Thursday, 12th February — time 9.45 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Applications plus \$1.50 **per Local Association** to Mrs. D. Hamilton, "Hamilton Park", South Wangaratta, 3677 by **22nd January**.

**Barwon Region** — Thursday, 29th April — time 9.45 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Further information available from Mrs. A. Bell, 1 Layton Crescent, Newtown, Geelong, 3220.





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# TRAINING PAGES

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## MAINLY FOR COMMISSIONERS BUT NOT ONLY!

### Have you plans for new leaders or new units for the New Year?

It is very exciting to begin something new. We are keen to get started and see results for our efforts. Preparation can appear to be tedious, but in Guiding it need not be so if tackled imaginatively, and if the **preparation is seen as the beginning.**

"Hints on starting a Unit" was published in January/February issue of 'Matilda' this year — if you do not have a copy, or need further help, contact the appropriate section adviser or a trainer.

### The new leader

Her preparation should be based on the plan set out in the leaflet published by the Girl Guides Association of Australia — Introduction for Adult Leaders. A copy of this leaflet should be given to a prospective unit leader/Commissioner when she first contemplates joining us. Then she and the Commissioner concerned should plan together her period of preparation.

Consideration to be given to:

- time she has available.
- her commitments.
- her previous experience.

On the last point, if she has had Guiding experience remember there may be a **real** need to bring it up to date, e.g. the Promise made at Guide age would not have required the same depth of understanding or commitment as that required by an adult desiring to be a unit leader or commissioner.



### New Units

It is preferable for new leaders of new units to wait until their Stage 1 training is almost completed before opening the unit. Problems can be created if an untrained (therefore unprepared) leader, or an ineffectual one "carries on" to help the new unit open. Undesirable attitudes and/or customs can easily creep in and become very difficult and worrying to straighten out later.

It should be clearly stated on the application for training form that a new unit is to be opened. The Trainer can then program the training to suit the needs of the leader.

### Established Units

New leaders taking over the responsibility of established units have to meet a large sized challenge — besides learning about Guiding they must also learn about the girls and the unit traditions — trying to do all this at once can be a demanding, even frightening, experience for some. Advice worth following is "to put the unit into recess until the leader has done some of her Stage 1 Training". During the recess some girls may leave. Often these are the older girls who are inclined to leave anyway when a new leader takes over, as they find it more difficult to accept such a change. If they find new, worthwhile interests no harm is done.

It is helpful for any new leader, whether opening a new unit or taking over an established one, to be working with a unit while she is attending training. She can then to some degree put the theory into practice. This enables her to understand it better, and gives her the opportunity to discuss with trainers any point which arises from practical experience.

A new assistant leader may be working with her own unit — in which case the leader responsible should understand her role in helping with the assistant's training. There should be ample opportunity provided for the assistant to put the training into practice. Commissioners may need to discuss this aspect with the unit leader. It can be very frustrating for a woman if she is not allowed to put the training into practice and so develop her own leadership potential.

To be a Youth Leader is a privilege accompanied by considerable responsibility. A new leader will slip more easily into her role if she receives from her colleagues kindly understanding, support, encouragement and practical assistance to meet the challenge of responsibility.

### How did your garden grow?

Looking back over this year, did those seeds of ideas, suggestions, and wonderful plans made by the groups in your District flourish, or did many of them wither and die without being given a chance to grow and develop? Can you look at each individual in the District and say she was encouraged to grow during this past year?

A District is a collection of groups, all with their particular part to play in Guiding. If growth is to take place, it is vitally necessary for each group to understand and accept responsibility for its role. The role of these groups is clearly set out in P.O. & R. The Local Association — Rule 23, page 21 The District Meeting — Rule 20, page 18, The Units — Rule 1 page 11. Within these groups, individuals have certain duties and responsibilities, and these too are clearly set out in P.O. & R. The groups are very interdependent on each other, and in a District where understanding and co-operation have developed a wonderful feeling of drive and growth can be felt.

Groups are collections of individuals — in Guiding we are concerned with the individual and her development. A District growing steadily is not one which is organised as a slick, smooth-running business, but one which recognises it is there to serve the Girls in Guiding.



**The Local Association Rule 23** in P.O. & R. mentions relationships with local authorities, educational bodies, parents and general public and goes on to list various ways this can be done. A Local Association cannot carry out its role unless its members understand the principles of guiding and have an opportunity to learn of its work in the community, nation and world. It is a fallacy to believe that just because parents allow their daughters to join Guiding they understand what it stands for. Have the individuals in your District Local Association had opportunity to grow in understanding of Guiding and its work this year? Did members attend the Local Association Conference? Did some of the members attend a Local Association training day? Local Associations in some areas are concerned by lack of growth in membership over the year. This is a concern not only in Guiding but in support groups in many areas of service. Once again it returns to the individual — people must feel needed, and of some worth, in the group or they will drift off. Both chairman and members have a vital role to play in the success and growth of their Local Association. The new member should feel he or she is not only useful for the bag of cement for the camp site, or the 2 dozen cakes for the stall but for his or her ideas, thoughts and presence, and it is vital that he or she gains personal satisfaction from being a member of the group.



**The District Meeting** Rule 20 in P.O. & R. states, "the administration of Guiding within the District is the responsibility of the District Meeting". Have the individuals in this group in your District accepted their role and responsibilities in this area? Has the knowledge and understanding of individual members grown during the year? A District Meeting is a group of individuals who are giving a great deal of thought, time and themselves to the service of young people. Their monthly meeting should be a time when they come together for friendship, support, sharing, encouragement, and exchange of knowledge and ideas. The Chairman and members at this meeting must play their part in welcoming the new member into the group, not only because she has perhaps saved a unit from going into recess, but because of herself and what she can contribute to the growth of the group. In a District living and growing in the Promise a new person will very quickly learn the principles of Guiding.

**The Units.** The aim of Guiding as set out in P.O. & R. is, "To develop an all-round person, self-reliant and self disciplined, with a desire to use what she has learnt in the service of others . . . each individual girl is helped to a fuller understanding of the Promise".

Have the programs held in your units this year provided opportunity for the growth of individuals? Unit Leaders must see the need for growth in certain areas of a girl's development and she must also see the overall need for growth in the life of the group. Because units are groups of individuals and these change — some leave, others join, there is always movement. This planning for growth can be really exciting and challenging, many times rewarding, often frustrating. Leaders must develop the ability to bounce back after disappointments. No two units are ever the same — they cannot be — so comparisons are unwise and dangerous. (Remember always — Guiding is training, it is not the end.)

Just as a garden will not grow and flourish if there is no plan and care taken of it, so it is with the groups in a District. If you feel that your Guiding garden needed more care this year, then make a New Year's resolution to take stock, and plan for growth from the beginning of the new year.

## POSTAGE STAMPS

Most families receive extra mail at Christmas time, so perhaps this is the time to start a collection of used stamps which can be an ongoing Unit Good Turn. If the girls prepare a bag as described for their collection, it can be hung in a suitable place at home where it can become a family project.

The stamps need to be soaked off envelopes at home (one of the girls interested in stamp collecting will be able to explain the best way to do this.)

In the New Year these stamps can be sorted into "window" envelopes and sent to Miss L. Cuzens, Flat 6, 86 Park Street, St. Kilda, 3182, telephone 94 1168.

The stamps are then sold and proceeds help Guiding.

**Stamp Collecting Bag.** Each girl needs a new paper bag of suitable size and a piece of thin card the same width as the bag (about 3 inches).

The card is glued or stapled to one side of the bag opening. This extends the depth of the bag and makes a firm backing for the opening. Each girl can then write her name and Six/Patrol on the bag and decorate it if desired. A small hole for hanging completes the bag.



# THE DAILY NEWSPAPER

Does the family of each member of your unit collect newspapers for unit funds or a worthy cause?

A new way to do this is to obtain from the grocer a firm box which is the same size as a newspaper folded in half. Cut off the lid, then make a slit down the centre of both ends and sides of the box to the base. Cut two lengths of twine, place these through the slits crossing them at the centre of the inside bottom of the box. Place your folded newspapers in the box, when you have a reasonable sized bundle draw the ends of the twine up from the ends and tie off, then from the sides and tie. You then remove a neat bundle from your box to deliver to the collection centre.

## Have you used newspapers for games and activities in your unit?

When next you are program planning, you may like to consider some of these.

- Give each player a half sheet of the "Sun". Form a circle. The game is controlled by a whistle — at 1 whistle the players run in a circle, 2 whistles all hop, 3 whistles all skip, 4 whistles stop — place paper on floor and stand on it with both feet. Players fall out if they fail to answer a signal or alternatively receive a bean and continue playing. Player last in the game or the one with the least beans is the winner.

- Form players into groups of 5 or 6. Give each group a newspaper and 6 pins. Using these articles they are to fashion a dress and hat for a given occasion e.g. Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Conclude with a parade.

- Form players into small groups. Give each group a newspaper, and according to the age group ask them to select from food advertised in their paper a balanced meal for — Home — Camp Meal — Lightweight Hike, alternatively ask for articles or pictures for or against environment. These may be displayed and discussed.

- For this activity you need a paper for each player and reference books on World Association. Give each girl a newspaper; from it she is to select a news item from an overseas country which interests her. She is to find from the reference books if there are Guides in that country and if their Promise differs in any way from hers, and any further information about Guiding in that country.

- Form small groups and give each group one complete newspaper. The papers must be identical issues. From a list prepared beforehand call for a news item, an advertisement, picture etc. First group to produce it wins a point. Pick out some curly ones e.g. Where can I find soap at 15 cents — the daily temperature — an announcement about a baby called Natasha etc.

- Divide into 2 equal teams. Players in one of the teams are given a sheet of newspaper each. Members of each team are given animal names — same list used for both teams. Players circulate in a darkened hall making suitable noise denoting her animal. When players find their animal partner they then tear the shape of their given animal from the sheet of paper. Note: Set a time limit when lights will be switched on and animals displayed.

- Give each player two sheets of newspaper. From this they are to fashion something to entertain a small child. Note: Page 226 in the Guide Handbook would help with this one.

- Each group is given a newspaper from which they are to make a display depicting the Guide Law. Note: This can be in poster form or articles with a story to be discussed.

These simple activities cover all 8 points of our program and illustrate clearly that it is not necessary to have elaborate equipment to have stimulating games.

The Training Department would like to take this opportunity to thank all training personnel for the help given over the past year and to convey our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

# NOTICES

## STATE CAMP "URALBA" "Home between the Hills."

This camp will be attended by 932 girls from all over the State. Visitors Day will be Sunday, 11th January, and the camp will be "open" between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Interested people are welcome to attend on that day. Visitors will **not** be permitted to use the swimming pool.

## JANET WHITLAM MEMORIAL PARK South Belgrave.

Campers who have used Janet Whitlam Memorial Park 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.

## SANDRINGHAM REUNION

Past members (guides, leaders or Local Association) of Sandringham District are invited to join in 50th Anniversary celebrations on 21st-22nd February, 1976.

Overnight accommodation is available. For full details of weekend, please telephone Mrs. Alma Heard (Hunt) at 598 6480 or Mrs. Edith Meech at 99 1628.

## RANGER NOTES

Rangers — reserve 12th December for "Central Corn and Culture Crackup" and 17th and 18th January for a sports weekend for Rangers at Britannia Park. You have lots of time to train for this exhilarating weekend.

## SEAMANSHIP TRAINING

Weekend for would be sailors will be held at the Sailing School, Sandringham, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on 31st January and 1st February, 1976.

### COMMISSIONERS PLEASE NOTE

Conference Treasurer, Mrs. O. Davidson's telephone number is 878 7917, not as previously advertised.

## 1976 CALENDAR

All calendar orders should have been paid for by the end of November. There are still many outstanding accounts and these must be paid **immediately**. Please send cheques for full amount to Calendar Sub Committee, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000. It is now too late to return unsold calendars.



### WATER ACTIVITIES

#### Canoeing, Boating, Bathing

We are concerned that some guiders appear to be making arrangements for water activities during Summer without considering rules on pages 73-76 of P.O. & R.

**Please make sure all necessary requirements are covered when you are planning your activities.**

## YOUNG LEADERS' GROUP

Young leaders will meet at 8 p.m. on 20th January, 1976 at 6th Brighton East Scout Hall, corner Union and Frances Streets, Brighton.

Light supper will be provided and new members will be welcome.

For further details please telephone Jean Parkin at 729 7714.

# LOCAL



# ASSOCIATION SECTION

## Thought for the month:

God bless the master of this house,  
And its good mistress too,  
And all the little children  
That round the table go;  
And all your kin and kinsmen,  
That dwell both far and near;  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year.

## Lunch baskets for hire

Sandringham Local Association has purchased 100 baskets for use at basket luncheons. They are available for hire at 2 cents each, which is considerably less than hiring professionally. For further enquiries, ring the Local Association Secretary, Mrs. Meech, on 99 1628.

## Music and Games:

Dartmoor Local Association held a farewell evening for retiring Commissioners, Mrs. G. T. Savill and Mrs. I. E. Jones. Presentations were made by the Local Association members, guides and brownies, as well as leaders from Heywood. Brownies and guides combined in singing items and games, and former brownie, Kaylene Ferguson entertained with organ music. Other features of the evening were a display of prizewinning arts and crafts, and a successful stall held by the guides. Altogether, a very happy evening.

## RECIPE CORNER

Let the children try these recipes for Christmas and the summer holidays.

### Lemon Supreme

Drain a small tin fruit salad and mix with  $\frac{1}{2}$  packet chopped white marshmallows. Make up 1 packet Lemon Pie Filling according to directions, but using only  $\frac{1}{2}$  quantity of water. Cool mixture. Mix all ingredients together and add a little cream if desired. Serve cold.

### Cherry Slice

$\frac{1}{2}$  lb. malt biscuits,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. butter, 1 tin condensed milk, 2 cups coconut, 4 ozs. glace cherries cut up finely.

Crush biscuits, add melted butter and mix well. Press half crumbs on base of flat tin and chill till firm. Spread mixture of other ingredients over this, then press remainder of crumbs on top. Ice top with pink icing or sprinkle with coconut. Set firmly in refrigerator and cut into small pieces.

### Honey Crackles

4 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 heaped tablespoon honey, 5 cups Corn Flakes. Melt sugar, butter and honey in small saucepan and pour over Corn Flakes. Mix together and put dessertspoons full in patty pans on oven tray. Cook in moderate oven for 10 minutes. Makes approximately 3 dozen. Leave to cool and dry. These keep best in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

### Quick Rice Salad

3 cups cooked rice, one small tin each of crushed pineapple, 7-Vegetable Mix, and sweetcorn, drained well.

Mix well together with a little mayonnaise. Serve cold.

### Bean Salad

1 large tin 3-Bean Mix drained and rinsed,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. frozen beans cooked 5 minutes only, 1 green pepper and 1 white onion sliced finely.

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup oil,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup white vinegar,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon black pepper. Place in refrigerator overnight. Drain before serving.

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



## TREFOIL WEEKEND

Location: Guide House, Brownie Cottage and the Thank You Chalet, Britannia Park.

Weather: Inclement — and how.

Dress: Woollies, raincoats, gumboots, scarves, brollies, etc., and on the way home, sunglasses!

We gathered from city and suburbs, country and seaside.

Sandra Bradshaw helped by five "Wrinklie" trefoli members, cared for the Extensions and made their participation worthwhile.

Everyone shared the chores and meals were superb.

On Saturday afternoon we sang around the open fire, and in the evening, Amy Bush spoke about the 11th General Assembly, and showed magnificent colour films from Aalborg, Denmark. Amy said that a highlight of the Assembly was when Mrs. Joyce Price, Chairman of the World Committee, addressed the gathering.

On Sunday, after Guild's Own organised by "Twigs", lunch brought the weekend to a close.

B. W.

## TREE PLANTED

During the Trefoil weekend at Britannia Park South Yarra-Toorak guild planted a tree in memory of the late Joan Harper, formerly guider, naturalist and valued member of the Guild. Her sister, Mrs. Kirkhope, later gave a book to the Thank You Chalet, and a painting to Guide House.

B. W.

## TEA URN FOR GUIDE HOUSE

"Twigs" Trefoil guild would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who helped them to give, in Win Cozen's memory, a six gallon hot water urn to Guide House. During the recent Trefoil weekend Q.M.'s were pleased with the quick and plentiful supply of hot water the urn provided.

We hope this urn will be used for many years by many people.

Hilda Driver.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Trefoil Guild Annual Meeting was held at Guide Headquarters. The hall was full even on such a wet day and a cup of tea, as we chatted to old friends, was particularly welcome.

Mrs. Lister, State Adviser, opened the meeting, and welcomed everyone, especially those who had travelled long distances from the country, and to those attending for the first time. Many apologies were tendered because of the weather. We learned that there are nearly 600 members in 41 Guilds in Victoria.

Treasurer's report showed a satisfactory state of affairs, and many interesting and varied reports of Trefoil activities were mentioned.

Guest speaker, Miss Judy Rogers, newly appointed as recruitment leader, told us of her work in Guiding, and suggested ways in which Trefoil guilds could assist her to attract and interest more leaders for the units.

Miss Sue Hill of "Wrinklies" guild was elected as the Trefoil representative to State Council. To complete the day, Miss Amy Bush showed films of the General Assembly held in Denmark earlier this year.

Barbara Williams.





## SHOREHAM

Our new Campsite at Shoreham was officially "opened" by our State Commissioner, Mrs. F. Grimwade. It has been named "ILUKA" meaning "Near the Sea".

It was a very happy occasion, sun shining, Rosebud and Sorrento Guides camping, and all those who attended were delighted with the property and the progress to date.

Mr. Alan Hutchinson, Chairman for the Planning Committee of Stage 1, was presented with a "Thanks" Badge in appreciation of his tireless enthusiasm and work to reach the completion of Stage 1.

The three campsites adjacent to the Bush Haven structure were named — Gregory Campsite, Squire Campsite, Hutchinson Campsite. Several other campsites will be named as progress continues.

After the Opening trees were planted and guests were invited to view the campsite and the camp which was open for inspection. All then enjoyed Afternoon Tea served by the Town and Country Trefoil Guild.

A Planning Committee is now being formed to proceed with Stage 2. Mr. Alan Hutchinson has consented to be Chairman of this Committee.

J. L.

## DISNEY ON PARADE

Have you made your bookings for "Disney on Parade" yet? We have tickets for the matinee on 8th January and the evening performance on 9th January. Della Hutchinson, 8 Marshall Avenue, Kew, (80 3820) will have these tickets, but can make arrangements for you to obtain them at Headquarters at selected times if this is more convenient for you.

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A turtle never makes any progress until he sticks his neck out.

## AUSSIE PASS LAUNCHED

We joined members of other youth organisations at the Ansett-Pioneer coach terminal in Melbourne. We had been invited to take part in a coach trip to Canberra promoting "Aussie Pass", a new concept in travel introduced by Ansett-Pioneer. Mr. Brian Dixon, the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation farewelled us and cut the blue ribbon to speed us on our way. Then we settled down to a very comfortable trip to Canberra, stopping at Albury for lunch.

Our coach captain told us about safety and comfort features of the clipper including iced water, reclining seats, personal reading lights, toilets, air-conditioning and air suspension, all contributing towards luxurious travel on the express route. His lively commentary was a highlight of the trip, teaching us much about the country through which we were travelling.

Aussie Pass is a new "bulk travel" ticket, valid for travel anywhere in Australia on Ansett-Pioneer bus lines. For \$175 you get 28 days travel, 10% discount at accepted hotels/motels, on Budget, Avis and Kays Rent-a-cars and on Pioneer tours. You may break your journey wherever you wish and resume it simply by booking on the next available coach. Within the 28 days it is possible to include \$500 worth of travelling. The Pass may be used in conjunction with trips to interstate jamborees or other fixtures enabling you to see more of the state you are visiting.

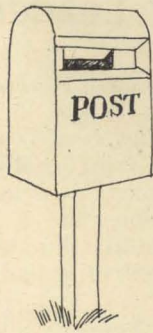
On arrival in Canberra, we were greeted at Parliament House by the Minister for Tourism and Recreation, the Honourable Frank Stewart, before going to Noah's Lakeside Motel where we changed into uniform. We were joined by a busload of young people from Sydney at a delicious smorgasbord meal. During the evening Aussie Pass was officially launched by Mr. Stewart and we learnt more about its organisation. The rest of the evening was free so some of us visited Parliament House as Parliament was in session.

Next day, after a tour of Canberra, we returned to Melbourne via Yass, Albury and Wangaratta. We were given a folder of information about the ways Aussie Pass can benefit individuals and organisations with varying travel requirements.

Helen Malcolm,  
3rd Victorian Lone Rangers.

MATILDA





Dear Matilda,

Sixth Brighton Extension Guides recently celebrated their 40th Birthday.

The Company began in 1935, when there was a polio epidemic in Victoria. Mrs. Nancy O'Donnell started a Post Guide Company for the handicapped girls, and we were registered as 6th Victorian Post Guides.

Today, as 6th Brighton, we still have Mrs. O'Donnell as our leader. She has done her best to give the joys of Guiding to many physically handicapped girls.

To celebrate we had a display of "40 Years of Guiding", with photographs of days long ago, of Guides old and new. Guests included the Extension Adviser, the President of the Extension Auxiliary, friends from 6th Moorabbin Extension Guides and Mrs. Dulcie McAliece, our very first guide!

During the afternoon, Mrs. McAliece, presented our newest guide, Jenny Cassidy when she made her Promise. We played a parcel game, and then had an ENORMOUS party tea! During tea, Mrs. McAliece cut our birthday cake amid cheers from all of us.

After tea, we enjoyed campfire, highlighted by a film of the Extensions' Easter Camp. As "Taps" brought the day to a happy end, I could not help thinking that our 40th Birthday was a proud day not only for 6th Brighton, but for Extension Guiding as a whole.

Kaye Gooch.  
Assistant Guider,  
6th Brighton Extension Guides.

Dear Matilda,

Guides from 1st Donvale Company went on a train trek with guides and scouts from East Doncaster. We slept in guide and scout halls. We went to Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement, sailed on the Murray River in a paddle steamer. On Saturday night we were joined by the guides and scouts from Swan Hill for a barbecue and camp fire.

We had great fun on the train trek.

Brenda Toy,  
1st Donvale Guide Company.

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It is not uncommon for Girl Guides to provide support for a Scout event — especially food. But it was a turnabout at Carlisle, U.K. when two Venturer units supported a sponsored walk by Rangers. Picking up a challenge in "SCOUTING" magazine to walk across any one inch survey map in a single day, the Rangers obtained sponsors to raise money to convert an old schoolhouse into a Guide activity centre. They started early and while some did not complete the 30 mile route, all made it to their schoolhouse halfway across the map. The Venturers manned checkpoints and cooked lunch served at the school.

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### WASTE PAPER AND SHEEP

Australian sheep find wastepaper from government offices more digestible and palatable than newsprint, according to an experiment conducted in Canberra.

Mature sheep gained weight at the rate of 117 grams per day on a diet of feed pellets consisting of 65 per cent government wastepaper, 32 percent linseed meal and three percent minerals.

Diets containing over 80 percent of newsprint were unpalatable to the sheep, but they accepted feed that was around 40 percent newsprint. However, they did not thrive very well compared with their performance on a similar intake of government and computer print-out paper.

The experiment showed that the costs of feeding wastepaper to ruminants were competitive with those incurred in recycling wastepaper for other commercial uses. Since sheep and cattle produce materials of direct value to man, whereas recycled paper in industry is used almost solely for packaging, it could be argued that wastepaper should be channelled into animal feedlots.

(UNESCO FEATURES)

# 'You, Your Daughter and Her Leader'

Springvale North District recently held a Getting To Know Guiding Day, entitled "You, Your Daughter and Her Leader", at the Guide Hall, Mackie Road, Mulgrave.

Youth and Recreation Officer for Springvale, Mr. Digby Jessup, detailed the role of parents in the Guiding Movement, and stressed that youth leadership was essential if the range of activities undertaken by children, was to be expanded.

Marje Smith, Region Commissioner, told of the administrative side of Guiding, which includes districts, regions and State Council, and the role each one played in the Movement.

Headquarters Trainer, Margeurite Pritchard, speaking on Guide Lines and Values in Today's Society said that basic values are of paramount importance, and that where yesterday's children grew up in a close family environment with relatives living near by, today's children are growing up in an urban society with relatives living interstate, and in some cases, in other parts of the world.

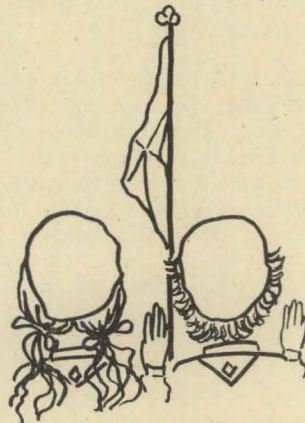
A recent Guiding Survey in our area asked "Why did you join Brownies, Guides or Rangers?" Some rather interesting answers were recorded. They included "because Mum said I had to" (Mum's reason was a very sound one, as she was thinking of the values which her daughter could be taught). Another answered, "because my sister (or cousin) joined". We wondered if, "I joined because I had nothing to do on Monday nights", meant this girl's parents thought of Guiding as a good childminding centre.

Miss Judith Rogers, Headquarters Leadership Officer, explained the role of the Guider, specifically as a Youth Leader. She said that girls must conform to certain discipline at home, at school, or in any youth organisation. The 8 Point Program encourages self discipline through a well balanced selection of activities.

Headquarters Trainer and Region Camp Adviser, Margaret Tharle, showed slides of Brownies, Guides and Rangers enjoying outdoor life, camping, and Sandra Russell, 2nd Springvale North leader, showed slides of Guide Houses in other parts of the world. (Our Cabana in Mexico, Olave House in London, and Our Chalet in Switzerland.)

A parent, I was left with the questions, "Will Guiding teach my daughter the values I wish her to be taught?" and "Am I willing to support the Guiding Movement?"

A. L. K.



## NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

We wish to thank the following people for second hand uniforms and hand books:

Cooper Trefoil, Seville District, Greythorn District and Local Association, 2nd Camberwell Company, Mrs. H. Withers, 2nd and 3rd Morwell Packs, Mrs. E. Wallbridge, 3rd Noble Park Company.

R. Lawson and B. Kearney.

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# Victorian Newsletter

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DECEMBER, 1975

Dear Everyone,

This is the last "green sheet" I shall write to you all. As from the first edition of Matilda next year there will no longer be a green newsheet in the centre of Matilda. For some time now we have felt that this was no longer necessary; many of the items can be included in the body of Matilda and those last minute notices will go into a "Stop Press". For my own part I have found it increasingly difficult to write two letters each month — a little from lack of time, but mainly through lack of inspiration! As I have read Matilda it has always seemed rather ridiculous to have two letters from me. I feel that the green sheets have served a very useful purpose but we can now do without them whilst still keeping Matilda up to date with all news.

Often we hear the expression, "They at Headquarters say" — well — THEY at Headquarters do now say to all Commissioners and Guiders you **MUST** read Matilda. This is one of our main means of communication with you and the reason why we are sending Matilda to each Commissioner and Unit is so you can be kept up to date with activities and can play your role properly. From some of the questions and requests before the Visit of H.R.H. The Princess Margaret, we realized some people were **not** reading Matilda as soon as it arrived.

This fact upset me greatly and I hope by now the message of how vocal I was on this subject has reached you from your Region Commissioner via your normal lines of communication.

When Matilda arrives — make a cup of tea, sit down and read it — (a) it is interesting, (b) it is informative, (c) it is VITAL. Don't put it off until tomorrow or when you think you will have time — tomorrow never comes and often we never have time.

In some ways I shall miss my second letter to you all — but I think through it you have got to know me and my family quite well, and in future we should be able to include everything of importance in one letter.

I have suffered a very traumatic experience — I have lost my diary! Great consternation as I have tried to fill in all those things I was supposed to do in November and December. I just hope I have managed to include everything — if I have not arrived somewhere, I do apologize and you now know the reason why.

As you read this you will be preparing for Christmas and the holidays. May you all have a very happy Christmas with your families and very wonderful holidays. I look forward to seeing many of you at Camp Uralba in January.

With all good wishes for 1976,

Love from,

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

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

### Emu Award

Miss H. L. Jones, Traralgon.

### Guiders Long Service

(25 years) Mrs. N. Rowland, Camberwell; Mrs. J. Cardie, Rosebud.

(15 years) Mrs. K. N. King, Kyabram; Mrs. G. Daniels, Kyabram; Mrs. A. Clydesdale, Mooropna; Mrs. B. Saville, Footscray.

### Local Association Long Service

Mrs. H. Grigg, Springvale; Mrs. C. Grosseck, Nilma; Mrs. G. Hill, Orrvale; Mrs. L. C. Duffy, Footscray.

### Combined Long Service

Mrs. B. Luxford, Springvale; Mrs. T. W. Bruns, Leitchville; Mrs. A. W. Hawken, Leitchville.

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### Thanks Badge

Mr. A. Hutchinson, Kew; Mr. G. H. Bath, Daylesford; Mrs. R. Rosenow, Boort.

### APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

### Division Commissioners

Mrs. J. W. Kellock, Swan Hill; Mrs. N. Durham, Gippsland; Mrs. G. E. Parker, Waverley West.

### District Commissioners

Mrs. J. W. Driscoll, Sandringham; Mrs. D. B. Spowart, Mooropna; Mrs. B. C. Rees, Creswick; Miss M. F. Frost, Manangatang; Mrs. R. G. Naismith, Loch; Mrs. B. Brown, Bentleigh East; Mrs. R. McLellan, Cobram; Mrs. R. T. Nancarrow, Pakenham; Mrs. G. Boyes, Waverley West.

### Ranger Guider

Mrs. E. Muirhead, Murchison Rangers.

### Guide Guiders

Miss R. Brown, 1st Dandenong; Mrs. J. A. Hancock, 3rd Heatherdale; Mrs. B. A. Norris, 1st Mildura South; Mrs. N. T. Anderson, 1st Boort; Mrs. N. V. Foley, 1st Kinglake; Mrs. M. T. Rice, 2nd Maidstone; Mrs. R. Rad, 3rd Brighton; Mrs. C. L. Bedford, 1st Mooropna; Mrs. K. R. Medlin, 1st Bendigo South; Mrs. H. Irving, 1st Robinvale; Mrs. L. Powell, 1st Wedderburn; Mrs. R. G. Bullock, 2nd Alphington; Miss J. K. Halpin, 1st Irymple; Mrs. K. C. Mettam, 1st North Croydon; Mrs. E. Gall, 1st Parkmore; Miss N. M. Baker, 1st Murtoa; Mrs. F. B. Green, 1st Noble Park; Mrs. M. McDougall, 2nd Heywood; Mrs. A. S. Ruck, 2nd Forest Hill; Mrs. M. Broz, 2nd Myrtleford; Mrs. J. S. Parker, 1st Belgrave South; Mrs. W. Roberts, 1st Hadfield.

### Assistant Guide Guiders

Miss K. L. Greenwood, 3rd Blackburn; Mrs. W. Gill, 1st Mildura South; Miss J. M. Whitmore, 2nd Mildura; Miss M. Simmonds, 1st Drouin; Mrs. R. Edwards, 1st Kinglake; Mrs. J. A. Wright, 1st Keysborough; Mrs. J. C. Allan, 2nd Ringwood; Mrs. A. Clydesdale, 1st Mooropna; Mrs. F. T. Faulkner, 1st Thomastown; Mrs. M. G. Charty, 1st Belmont; Mrs. C. Round, 1st Wedderburn; Miss P. J. Williams, 2nd Sunshine West; Miss M. J. J. Lucken, 1st Murtoa; Mrs. A. A. Brodie, 1st Mordialloc; Mrs. G. B. Gunther, 2nd Noble Park; Miss D. A. Sefton, 1st Elliminyt; Miss M. Donohue, 1st Heywood; Mrs. J. E. Sheahan, 2nd Red Cliffs; Mrs. J. Spencer, 4th Mordialloc; Mrs. H. G. Heflingers, 1st Cowes; Miss C. Pepperell, 1st Bentleigh East.

### Brownie Guiders

Mrs. A. R. Trimble, 1st Gisborne; Mrs. A. M. Fisher, 1st Upwey; Mrs. K. Bailey, 2nd Mildura South; Mrs. W. M. Cowey, 3rd Mildura; Mrs. P. M. Ford, 1st Casterton; Mrs. E. L. Mowat, 1st Dumbalk; Mrs. D. C. Campbell, 1st Cobram; Mrs. A. Nagel, 2nd Parkmore; Mrs. H. W. Baptist, 3rd Noble Park; Mrs. C. Schulz, 3rd Benalla; Miss W. Saunders, 2nd Heywood; Miss A. M. MacBean, 7th Malvern; Mrs. B. G. Ford, 1st Red Cliffs; Mrs. G. Sparkes, 2nd Rosebud; Mrs. G. F. Pinney, 3rd Overport; Mrs. V. Strauch, 2nd North Cheltenham; Mrs. B. Hall, 1st Boolarra; Mrs. M. Sparkes, 2nd Rosebud; Mrs. I. Drummond, 5th Ferntree Gully.

### Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. D. H. Warren-Smith, 2nd Upwey; Mrs. R. G. Rushton, 9th Geelong; Miss M. A. Chisholm, 1st Dumbalk; Mrs. V. F. Nichall, 1st Patchewollock; Mrs. J. R. Jones, 1st Kinglake; Mrs. W. D. B. Curtis, 1st Irymple; Mrs. N. R. Wordsworth, 2nd Dingley; Mrs. S. Slaughter, 4th Noble Park; Mrs. J. M. Bevan, 1st Fairfield; Mrs. A. Borg, 1st Boolara; Mrs. B. J. Hannam, 1st Kilmore; Mrs. E. Burgess, 1st Hadfield; Mrs. C. Christie, 2nd Hadfield; Mrs. G. V. Westcott, 1st West Bulleen; Mrs. A. McGregor, 1st West Bulleen; Mrs. F. Burfitt, 5th Ferntree Gully; Mrs. I. W. Quintrell, 4th Ferntree Gully.

### RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

### Division Commissioner

Mrs. G. Boyes, Waverley West (formerly Jordanville).

### District Commissioners

Mrs. Worboys, Foster; Mrs. Hickman, Anglesea; Mrs. L. D. Elms, Heatherdale; Mrs. M. F. Leah, Manangatang; Mrs. M. Burgess, Loch; Mrs. G. C. Appleby, Black Rock.

## Assistant Ranger Guider

Miss L. Beard "S.R.S. Invincible".

## Guide Guiders

Mrs. D. Chatfield, 3rd Blackburn South; Mrs. R. A. Jackson, 1st Cardross; Mrs. P. F. Hosking, 5th Templestowe; Mrs. P. Hampson, 1st Sebastopol; Mrs. K. Bastow, 1st Yarra Glen; Mrs. H. Riordan, 1st Tawonga; Mrs. R. G. Hawken, 1st Leitchville; Mrs. R. C. Key, 2nd Boronia; Mrs. A. Clydesdale, 1st Mooroopna; Mrs. C. Round, 1st Wedderburn; Mrs. H. Zuring, 1st South Belgrave; Mrs. C. J. Higgs, 2nd Myrtleford.

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## Brownie Guiders

Mrs. J. Bartlett, 4th South Croydon; Miss G. M. Beavis, 2nd Doncaster; Mrs. F. T. Stephens, 1st Morwell; Mrs. J. Teed, 3rd Waverley North; Mrs. W. G. Dryburgh, 1st Stawell; Mrs. S. Sumner, 1st South Oakleigh; Mrs. W. R. Bayliss, 1st Benteleigh East; Mrs. S. Whelan, 2nd Stawell.

## Assistant Brownie Guiders

Miss R. K. Robinson, 1st Meadow Fair North; Mrs. M. Sherlock, 3rd Noble Park; Mrs. C. Read, 1st Elliminyt; Miss P. J. Williams, 5th Sunshine West; Mrs. A. Nagel, 2nd Parkmore.

## BUILDERS OF ETERNITY

Isn't it strange that princes and kings  
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings  
And ordinary folks like you and me  
Are builders of Eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools,  
An hour glass and a book of rules.  
And each must build e'er life has flown,  
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

Anon.



## SAFETY WITH HOME SWIMMING POOLS

by Edith Lewis, S.R.N., Manager, Home Safety Dept., National Safety Council of Australia, Victorian Division.

The number of children who have drowned in home swimming pools has increased more than seven times since 1968. Most of them were under 3 years of age.

It is important to remember that you must **NEVER LEAVE YOUNG CHILDREN ALONE NEAR WATER.**

Neighbour's children should not swim in a pool unless they have permission of the owner as well as their parents.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAKE YOUR POOL SAFER?

- Make sure that your pool is not visible from the street and that you have a fence round your property and a gate which is difficult for a young child to open.
- Cover your pool and put access ladders away when pool is not in use. An alarm may be useful.
- Teach everyone in your family to swim and how to apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
- Make sure that you have a non-slip surround to your pool.
- Store pool cleansing preparations out of reach of children.
- Never allow your children to swim alone or too soon after a meal.
- Empty small paddling pools after use — toddlers can drown in 2" of water, a fact of which many people are not aware.

## BUOYANCY DEVICES

Buoyancy devices are swimming aids only. They are NOT life jackets. It must never be assumed that they will save a child's life. Supervision of young children is essential.

- Inflatable toys and seats are easily tipped over and children must never be left alone when playing with these.
- Never leave the children alone if there is a ring on the door bell or telephone.