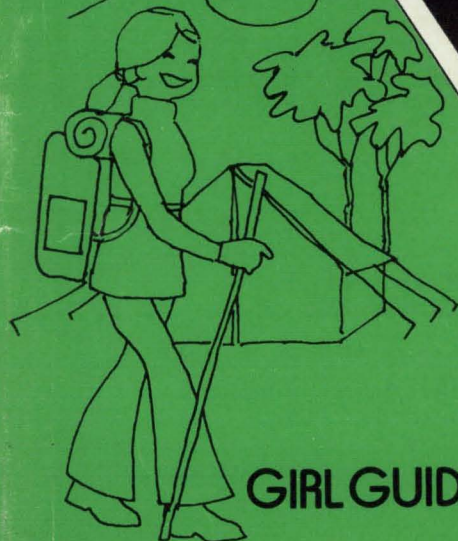


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From our State Commissioner

Dear Everyone,

Finance, budget, profit and loss are all words which have a depth of meaning for anyone who runs a business, hence their importance to our Finance and Executive Committees. Recently our Treasurer, Mr Colhoun, advised us that over the past year the Association had made a loss of over \$3000. Whilst this did not worry us unduly as we are in a sound financial position with good assets, what does worry us greatly is that our budget for the year ending 30th June, 1978, for running expenses alone, allows for a deficit of \$52,000, and this type of deficit we cannot carry.

After a great deal of deliberation we regretfully decided that the only way we can maintain the existing standard of Guiding and the services to which you are accustomed is to increase the annual membership fee payable to Headquarters. For the year ending 30th April, 1978, the membership fee will, therefore, be \$6.00 per year or \$2.00 per term. I am sorry that the notice given to you is short but I do ask for your co-operation to raise this extra amount. Whilst it may not be easy for those who have already paid their annual subscription to their unit there are many ways units can make up the difference — from unit funds, by a special effort or by using part of your portion of 1978 April Action.

Whilst I do not like increasing membership fees, I do not apologise for doing so — our membership fee is amongst the lowest in Australia and the value received by girls for this \$6.00 is inestimable. I know units will continue to help girls or families where there

is genuine need, as will Headquarters in cases of hardship if requested.

Part of this added income will be used to benefit all our members and will go towards the next stage of Iluka, Shoreham, which will enable Brownies and Extensions to use this campsite, and the building of the Water Activities Centre at Sandringham in conjunction with the Scouts.

We also feel it is important that we carry out a more intensive development program—and additional funds will go towards this. Over the next few years we can see no way in which our expenses will decrease and if there are not to be annual increases in membership fees then we must increase our overall number. We have tended to concentrate our efforts on enlisting adult members, but the time has now come when we must also look at attracting more children to our ranks, and again I would ask for everyone's help.

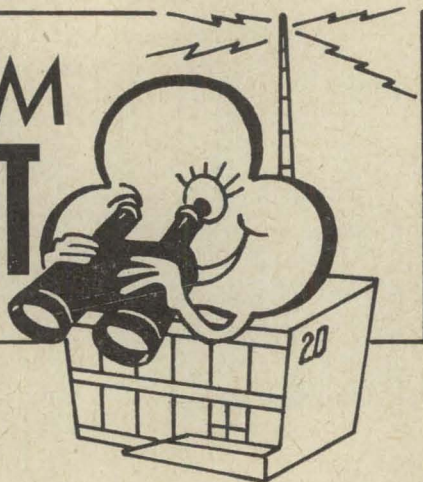
Recently I attended the launching of the Colgate-Palmolive "Be a Sport — Help Young Australia" campaign in Sydney. This was launched by The Hon. Kevin Newman, M.P., Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Affairs, and at this luncheon John D. Alder, Chairman and Managing Director, handed over a donation of \$50,000 to the Scouts and a similar amount to the Girl Guides. I hope that your girls are planning to participate in this campaign. They will be helping to make war on waste for their group as well as assisting a major Guide project in this State.

Did you go to the Gang Show? It was a great evening's entertainment and I am sure enjoyed by the many thousands who saw the show. My congratulations go to all those involved and it is wonderful to see how the Gang Show has grown over the past 25 years — and it is particularly pleasing to see the increased Guide participation over the years.

With love and best wishes to you all,

Joan E. Grimwade

REPORTING FROM RUSSELL STREET



ANNUAL MEETING — 24th OCTOBER

The Annual Meeting of the Association is an important event in our Guide Calendar and the support of all members and friends of Guiding in Victoria is sought. Please show that you care by sending in your acceptance to be present immediately if you haven't done so already.

Time and Place — Monday, 24th October, at 8.00 p.m. at Kew Civic Centre.

ANNUAL REPORTS

District parcels are expected to be ready for collection at the Annual Meeting on 24th October. Commissioners, if you want your parcel to be taken to Kew Civic Centre for you to pick up please advise.

STAFF VACANCY AT HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters requires the services of an experienced stenographer for full-time work in the General Office and we would like to hear from anyone who may be interested in filling this vacancy, which is a permanent position. Whilst preference will be given to a member of the Movement, this is not essential, and we will welcome applications from any persons qualified as shorthand-typists. Applications in writing to the State Secretary, please.

BINGO

As Bingo as a form of fundraising is now legal in Victoria, the Association has given thought to basic policy and it has been agreed that, subject to several important conditions, adult support groups may raise funds by this means. As soon as these conditions can be properly clarified and defined, full details will be printed in "Matilda", but meanwhile members wishing to have further information should telephone or write to the State Secretary. Please note that obtaining official approval from Headquarters will be an important step in obtaining a Permit to run Bingo Games.

DISCARDED UNIFORMS

One of the World Committee Members while visiting Girl Guides in another country saw a number of girls, not Guides' wearing discarded uniforms of another Member Organisation. The insignia and proficiency badges were still on the uniforms. No doubt, these had been given to a charitable organisation and they found their way across the sea and were being used and enjoyed.

Would you please ask your girls and leaders to remove all insignia before giving away an out-grown or outdated uniform.

1978 CALENDARS

There are still some calendars waiting to be collected. Please arrange to collect your parcel immediately.

THE COUNCIL FIRE

October is the month to renew or take out a subscription to The Council Fire, our World Association publication which tells us so much about the Movement throughout the world. Headquarters will be pleased to receive your subscription — \$2.00 for one year (four issues) or \$5.50 for three years.

LADY B.P. ROSE

You have already heard about this special rose which is to be released in the winter of 1979. Mr Brundrett, who is growing this rose for us, needs an indication **now** of the number of roses that may be required so that he can establish the stock plants. If you think you will want to purchase one of these Lady B.P. Roses which promise to be really extra special, please let Headquarters know now. One at every Guide Hall, throughout the State, yes?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LONES?



Have you ever wondered — Who are the Lones? — How and why does a girl become a Lone?

In Lone Section, girls are enabled to become Guides and Ranger Guides, girls who otherwise, because of work, studies or distance from an active unit, would be unable to attend meetings in the usual way. Girls who, for similar reasons, have had to resign from their units, are also enabled to continue as members of the Movement. They enjoy the same training and adventure as active Guides and Ranger Guides, except that most of their Guiding is done through correspondence.

A monthly unit meeting letter from the Guider takes the place of the usual unit meeting. This is a small magazine, especially compiled to meet the needs of the members of the Lone unit. It contains items of interest which are relevant to all aspects of Guiding and keeps the girls informed of each other's activities, interests and progress. One letter usually goes around a Patrol, being sent one to another until every member has had opportunity to read and note the contents. It is then sent back to the Guider with answers to games, questions or competitions. Some Lone Ranger Guide units send out individual unit letters to each girl.

The girls are encouraged to make their own contributions to the unit letter, and to contact each other as much as possible. The whole family often becomes involved in Guiding within the home, as the girl practices hike cooking, prepares for challenges, and tries out new things.

Lones are encouraged to join in activities with active units whenever possible. Promise ceremonies are arranged with the nearest active unit and they often receive invitations to camp with an active unit. They

are also encouraged to transfer to an active unit if the opportunity comes.

In the very near future we are hoping to open our first Lone Brownie units in Victoria, as an experiment. Enquiry and research has shown that there are a number of girls in the Victorian Correspondence School, and girls who are hospitalised for long periods for whom activities the 'Lone' way would help quite a lot.

Southern Cross Trefoil Guild caters for Lone former Guides, Rangers and Guiders who, though no longer active, still wish to keep in touch with Guiding.

The Lone Local Association meets at Headquarters four times a year. It gives very valuable help to the Units.

To become a Lone, applications should be made to the Lone Adviser at Headquarters.

THE ORIGIN OF LONES

I often ask people, Guides and Guiders, if they know which branch first came out of the Tree of Guiding after the seed had been planted by the Founder. Most people say Brownies or Rangers, but the true fact is that Lones can claim the honour of being the first off-shoot of the Tree! They did it in much the same way that the Crystal Palace "gate crashers" started the whole idea of Guiding. They just made a nuisance of themselves! They kept writing to the Guide Office in London, England, saying that they wanted to be Guides but lived far away from

any company and, please, would someone tell them how they could join! This all happened in 1912 and this is the story of how Lones began.

I had been a Guide since 1910, and a Scout for two years before that. For a few months I had worked in the Guide Office and had helped at various camps. One morning in September 1912 I had a phone call from London asking if I would write to some of these persistent letter writers and perhaps work out a scheme by which they could be "Guides by post". Miss Agnes Baden-Powell suggested they might be called "Posties" or "The Lonely Ones"! I did not like either name and I hope you agree that the word "Lones" refers to the fact that you are on your own and not in a crowd, but it certainly does not mean "lonely". With all the enthusiasm of youth, I agreed to answer letters and, in fact, to be the Captain of the 1st Lone Company.

A notice was put into the "Scout", the weekly paper which all good Guides received, and in no time at all letters were pouring in — thirty in the first week! I borrowed a typewriter and set to work! The letters were easy to cope with, but every would-be Guide had conscientiously worked on her Tenderfoot and Second Class test, and had sent the practical results of her labours by post!

Union Jacks appeared in every form, sewn, painted and embroidered. Knots came tied in every variety of cord from the thinnest string to thickest rope, and pressed flowers, specimens of wood, bark, leaves, dried insects and stones tumbled out of parcels in a bewildering heap! Most embarrassing of all were the efforts of the girls who followed all too literally the original Scout Test "Be able to skin and cook a rabbit!" So I had rabbits boiled and rabbits roasted, and skins galore! Now, since many of these grizzly relics came from Scotland and I lived in Southern England, you can imagine my family's reaction! As a matter of interest, all the rabbits were buried at the foot of a certain rose tree which thrived well for many years on its rather peculiar fertiliser.

Many of these original Lones remained in Guiding and started their own companies.



MORE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Queen's Jubilee Celebration family barbecue and bonfire, attended by about 160 Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts, their parents and friends, was of special importance to four **Alexandra** Guides.

Rosslyn Rennie, Lynette Collier, Leanne Hodson and Jane Findlay received their Queen's Guide badges at a ceremony before the celebrations began.

—JOAN COLLER,
Guider, 1st Alexandra Guide Company.

Highlight of the celebration tea and bonfire enjoyed by **Rosedale** Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts and Nambrok Cubs was when each Brownie, Guide, Cub and Scout was presented with a Jubilee badge which we have proudly sewn on our uniforms.

—1st Rosedale Guide Company.

Continued from previous column

Perhaps one of the best known is Marguerite de Beaumont, who wrote "The Wolf That Never Sleeps", but there were many others who went on to reach the highest ranks of the Movement.

Referring to her Lone Guide days in the "Story of the Girl Guides", Miss de Beaumont recalls that I made her Patrol Leader of the Thistles and that she had to write to six other girls. Later on, during the First War, the monthly letter was started, but it all began with the 'stickability' of a few girls who would not take "No" for an answer. If you have set your heart on a certain goal, which is good for others and not just for yourself, work steadily toward it and get the feeling that those first Lones must have had. "We've done it! We're Guides at last!"

—NESTA ASHWORTH.



UNDER the ONE UMBRELLA

Australian Ranger Gathering '77

Perth-York, Western Australia

Recently twenty Rangers/Ranger Guides and three Leaders met at Tullamarine for the start of our 1977 Ranger Gathering. The aeroplane flight was most enjoyable and included a couple of most exciting events: one was the opportunity to munch on three-tier sandwiches and the other the Investiture, over the Great Australian Bight, of two self-conscious Ranger Guides from 'Voyager' Ranger Guide Unit.

Once in Perth we were given a warm welcome by our Western Australian billets and taken to our homes. Next morning we met with all the Rangers from every State and travelled to our campsite at 'The Barn' and 'Faversham House' in York. We were divided into three groups — Monger (18-25's), Marwick and Dale. Our opening ceremony was performed by Miss Lambie, Chief Commissioner for Australia.

Monger (the guinea pigs) headed off for a 36-kilometre overnight hike whilst Dale settled into Faversham House and Marwick into the Barn. Within our groups we were further split into four smaller sections for easier activity work. Activities available were canoeing, pottery, gemstone jewellery making, spinning, weaving and sporting, none of which was compulsory. All of us were challenged to knit a beanie in the colour of our group (Dale — yellow, Marwick — blue and Monger — red). Each of us also had to make a patch for a patchwork quilt and sign our name and unit on it.

Good deeds were flowing thick and fast as everyone tried to help her 'Manito' (secret friend). Our raving reporter (for our camp newspaper 'Regnar') heard of one secret friend who made another Ranger's bed — but added weeties. Clearly she showed concern for any possible starvation in the middle of the night.

After five days of fun together it was time to travel back to Perth. Our buses stopped at 'El Caballo Blanco' to show us the dancing horses and have a barbecue lunch.

Early next morning we all enjoyed a tour of the city sights. We had picnic lunch at Kings Park — a major tourist attraction. Next day was devoted to raiding the Guide and Scout shops and the mass invasion of souvenir shops in the city centre, then a dance at night.

An emotional closing ceremony was held at 'Paxwold', the West Australian equivalent of Britannia Park. The Victorian contingent would like to express our thanks for the hard work which enabled the gathering to be the success it was.

Forever may we shelter 'under the one umbrella' of guiding (or put it in our pockets).

—GATHERING '77—Victorian Contingent.



PRESENTATION OF EMU AWARD TO MRS. JESSIE GUEST



Mrs Guest (right) receives congratulations from her District Commissioner.

(Photograph — Mr Bates)

A very successful "Surprise Party" was held at Ringwood Guide Hall recently for Mrs Jessie Guest, when she was presented with her Emu Award.

The Award stated that Jess gave unusually good service to the Guide Movement over a period of 29 years.

For 26 of those years she has been Ranger Guider with the Ringwood Rangers and for 20 years with 1st Melbourne Rangers (Extensions).

She has been a District Commissioner and a member of the Victorian and the Ranger Central Committees.

As Q.M. she has catered for many large camps and has always been available to help others in this field. She has served not only the Ranger Section but other sections of the Movement in countless ways. She is loved and respected by all who know and work with her.

Many of her friends of earlier days were there to congratulate her and help eat the marvellous supper provided by the Local Association and prepared by District Leaders.



RANGER SECTION SERVICE PROJECT, 1978

STATE-A-THON . . . to aid Cancer Research by the Anti-Cancer Council. During January, February and March next year all members of Ranger Section will be working toward raising \$3900.00 for special equipment to help a research doctor at St. Vincent's Hospital in the fight against cancer.

Each Unit will decide its own type of physical fitness activity, which could be a Walk-a-thon, Dance-a-thon, Skip-a-thon, Push-a-thon, Canoe-a-thon, etc. . . .

Ranger Guides, Rangers and Guiders, do not miss this wonderful opportunity of taking part in a fantastic State-wide Service Project. Please send in your money to Mrs J. May, 119 Johnstone Street, Broadmeadows West, 3047, no later than 23rd March, 1978.

We will then be ready to present our cheque to the Anti-Cancer Council at the RALLY on 8th April.

As girls will be seeking sponsors for their activities we hope that all parents, friends, Brownies, Guides and Commissioners will support them.

More information next month.

CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

Ranger Section Surprise Christmas break-up will be held at Girl Guide Headquarters on 9th December — all members of Ranger Section welcome.

BASKETBALL AT DANDENONG

Dandenong Region Ranger Council organised a Lightning Basketball Match at the Dandenong Guide Hall for all our Ranger Guide units.

Congratulations to Noble Park as the winners and Berwick, who came second.

—MARITA THOMPSON.

BRASS RUBBING

Guiders — facsimilies of mediaeval, monumental brasses brought to unit meetings. Lecture given and opportunity for girls to make their own brass rubbings.

Enquiries — Mrs Margaret Angus, 16 Ingrid Street, Scoresby, 3179. Telephone 763 6811.

Note — Not available Monday nights.



What is happening in the GUIDE SECTION?

More About the B-P Emblem

Introduction of the B-P. Emblem gives us opportunity to try an administrative network which gives Regions responsibility for the standard reached by their own Guides. Therefore, authorisation for presentation of the B-P. Emblem will be at Region level.

This will involve a number of adult personnel.

The benefit of any badge is dependent on the standard set for, and achieved, by the girl. It is you, the **Guide Guider**, who lays the foundation by incorporating into the Company meeting program, activities, training and opportunities for the girls to increase their skills and develop attitudes in line with the Promise and Law.

As a **District Commissioner** you have the responsibility to ensure that the testers you approve understand what to expect of each girl and have the time and interest to cover every clause in the badge syllabus.

Guide Guiders, Commissioners and Testers who are "easy" or encourage the use of "loopholes" are hampering the girl's development; especially in regard to the moral standards embodied in the Promise and Law. Conversely, adults who expect too high a standard or are rigid in how things should be done, do harm by discouraging the girls from trying again.

As Guide Guiders and Commissioners you need to meet frequently to discuss how you can contribute to the presentation of a consistent, reasonable standard for the Guides. Use of the pamphlet — "How to Use the Australian Guide Badges"—is recommended. Interpretation of a badge syllabus should be uniform for the Guide Guider who trains

and checks the girl and for the Tester who assesses the Guide's knowledge and extends her interest in the topic.

The Guide Section Committee will supply broad guidelines so Regions do not radically differ from each other. This is so girls transferring can carry on their work without meeting different expectations, to keep Regions up to date on revisions, changes, new ideas, etc., as they come to hand, and to prevent conflict between girls and adults who may hear of noticeable differences in standards of other Regions.

The Guide Section Committee is also working on guidelines for the Guide Knowledge and Camper badges which they hope will help Guides and Guide Guiders understand what the testers will be expecting of them. However, you Guide Guiders and Commissioners need to meet at local level to talk of the detail of the other badges needed for the B-P. Emblem. The Challenge Emblem (which will also be available next year) syllabus is included this month as, to get the benefit of working for the B-P. Emblem, a Guide needs to work at a consistent standard from her entry into the Company.

The Challenge and Junior badges are an excellent "first step". The standard and skills she gains for these badges depend on you, the girl's own Guider.

A Record Card for the B-P. Emblem (which includes the Challenge Emblem) for the girl's use will be available in the new year.

In introducing the B-P. Emblem I mentioned the term "Guide Guider Assessor". I see her to be an experienced Guide Guider nominated by the Region and Division to

help maintain a uniform expectation of B-P. Emblem candidates. She would be the second person to help assess the girl's participation in such clauses as teaching the Promise and Law, taking part in a Ranger activity, etc. Her task would be to alert the primary assessor (Patrol Leaders' Council, Guider-in-Charge of an outside activity, etc.) to points which they many not have considered. This second opinion would be provided for all — i.e., even if the girl's Guider were an Assessor herself, she would still have the help of a second Assessor.

As the B-P. Emblem comes into operation next year, we need to start our preparation this year. Regions, through Region Commissioners, need to nominate their "B-P. Emblem Co-ordinator". Ideally this would be an experienced Guide Guider who could cover the technical and practical administrative side for the Region. She would be invited to attend (country fares subsidised on application) a workshop on the B-P. Emblem in February 1978.

CHALLENGE EMBLEM

1. Junior First Aid OR Junior Nurse.
2. Camp Tenderfoot OR Bushman Challenge Badge.
3. Junior Lifesaver OR Self-Improvement Challenge Badge.
4. Creativity Challenge OR Housekeeper Challenge Badge.
5. Carry out a 'Giving Service' challenge set for you by Partol Leaders' Council.
6. One Eight Point Badge.

—YVONNE JAMES,
Guide Adviser.



BE A SPORT — HELP YOUNG AUSTRALIA

By now you will have received your "Be A Sport" Kits, and be off and running in your collecting campaign.

A large proportion of the donation by Colgate-Palmolive is to be used to benefit Victorian Guiding as a whole. The rest has been allocated in prizes designed to be used for a Guide project chosen by the winning groups — for example, equipment, camp site needs, Guide Halls, Ranger Sailing School, and so on. Six prizes in each group category — that is, 1-10, 11-30 and 30-plus people — will be awarded: 1st \$200; 2nd \$100; and four prizes of \$25 each, thus making 18 prizes in all.

Completed Tally Sheets must reach Guide Headquarters by 21st November. Please mark the envelope clearly "Be A Sport Campaign". Winners will be notified directly, and also by announcement in the media.

Any queries should be directed to the "Be A Sport" Campaign liaison, Mrs R. T. Spratling, 1 Arden Crescent, Rosanna, 3084 (telephone 45 2385).



WELCOME

"WELCOME" is a lovely word — it means so many things;

The warmth of human friendship — and the pleasure that it brings.

True greetings of the kindly hearts who share what they possess.

The cheery hearth — the cosy home — and joy and happiness.

For hospitality does not depend upon our store,

It's what we mean by "Welcome" when our friends are at the door.

ESPECIALLY for BROWNIE LEADERS

AUSTRALIAN BROWNIE LEADERS' EVENT — (A.B.L.E. '78)

Further information now available—

Cost: \$48.00 plus fares. Victoria's quota will be 40.

Aim of Event: "To enable Brownie Guiders of Australia —

- (a) to meet for fun and fellowship whilst exchanging ideas, discussing problems and consulting with experts;
- (b) to assess their leadership role to see if and how this role could be improved."

Brownie Guiders interested please apply to Brownie Adviser, Mrs E. D. Cooper, c/o Headquarters, marking outside of envelope "A.B.L.E. Event '78" **NO LATER than 18th November**, and enclosing two stamped, addressed envelopes. All applicants will be notified by 9th December who the lucky 40 will be to attend this Event.

The following details are required:

- (a) Name and address of Guider
- (b) Date of Warrant
- (c) Trainings attended (if any)
- (d) Qualifications held (if any)
- (e) Unit

SPECIAL GUESTS AT GREYTHORN

Mrs Winn, from California, visited 2nd Greythorn Brownies recently.

Mrs Winn has been writing to our pack for over four years. She came with her daughter Sarah and Sarah's penfriend Elizabeth from Templestowe.

Mrs Winn showed us photographs of American Brownies on holiday and camping.

We sang Australian songs and enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea before farewelling our very special visitors.

—HELEN MIGNOT,
2nd Greythorn Brownie Pack.

VICTORIAN BROWNIE GUIDERS CONFERENCE

When: Saturday, 22nd October, 1977.

Where: Wesley College, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne.

Time: 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Time will be taken to share fun, friendship and laughter. We want this conference to be different. You can help! Your Guiding friends can help!

Further details can be found in August and September issues of "Matilda".

Tea, coffee and soup will be provided, however, you **must** bring your own lunch.

We look forward to sharing the day with you.



THINKING OF OTHERS

1st Coleraine Brownie Pack in their activities for 'Thinking of Others' have made and packed twenty containers of mixed biscuits and delivered them to elderly folk of the town.

Also, like "Fairies in the Woods", they spent one afternoon at the school pine plantation picking up pinecones. They filled a trailer. Later they sorted the pinecones into twenty-six cartons which they delivered to elderly folk who still have open fires to light during the winter. Both activities were enjoyed and proved most invigorating to all who took part.

—HELEN CAMERON,
BELINDA BROWN,
1st Coleraine Brownie Pack.



BRITANNIA PARK

Please Remember to Come to our Wood Collecting Day at Britannia Park on Sunday, 16th October, starting at 10.00 a.m.

Bring your families and friends, something to chop wood and vehicle to cart it, and a cut lunch.

Hot water will be provided.

Some of you have been very generous in sending gifts of blankets and rugs for the houses, and money to maintain the property in many ways. These are some of the uses we have made of your donations recently:

Four bags superphosphate for campsite (\$22.60), Chain for chainsaw to cut firewood (\$17.40), Extension cord for Guide House (\$8.00), One ton firewood (\$23.00), Towelling for roller towels (\$22.00).

Perhaps not very exciting, but necessary, and we would like to buy some new native plants to replace many lost when they were crushed by falling trees in a storm last month. Every Thursday a small group of helpers spend the day at the Park, gardening, painting or doing general odd jobs. If you would like to bring a car load and join us one day, please ring me (82 2924) for further details and we can make plans.

A warning to Guiders responsible for Guides and Brownies sleeping in top bunks in the houses. Sometimes restless sleepers fall out of bed and those in sleeping bags can have a nasty fall. Please take precautions.

Here is our wonderful list of Maintenance Fund donors up to the end of August:

4th April: Niddrie Local Association.

3rd May: 2nd Moorleigh Guide Company.

4th May: 2nd Moorleigh Guide Company.

21st May: 4th Moorleigh Guide Company.

26th May: 4th Moorleigh Guide Company.
6th June: Cavendish Local Association.

15th June: Hartwell-Camberwell Local Association.

16th June: Hartwell-Camberwell Local Association.

26th June: 2nd West Heidelberg Guide Company.

18th July: 1st Parkdale Guide Company.

23rd July: Deepdene Local Association.

26th July: Noble Park Local Association.

28th July: 1st Overport Guide Company.

29th July: 2nd Overport Guide Company.

1st August: Dandenong Local Association.

2nd August: Dandenong Local Association.

3rd August: Dandenong Local Association.

4th August: Dandenong Local Association.

5th August: Dandenong Local Association.

6th August: Miss N. Young.

7th August: Syndal Local Association.

8th August: 1st Bonbeach Brownie Pack.

9th August: 1st Bonbeach Brownie Pack.

14th August: 2nd Dandenong Guide Company; Mrs B. J. Turner.

15th August: Mrs B. J. Turner.

16th August: Mrs B. J. Turner; 1st Research Guide Company.

17th August: Mrs B. J. Turner.

18th August: Mrs B. J. Turner; Diamond Creek Local Association.

19th August: Wonthaggi Local Association; Plenty Local Association.

21st August: Ferny Creek Local Association.

22nd August: 2nd Deepdene Guide Company.

26th August: Surrey Hills Local Association.

27th August: Macleod-Rosanna Local Association.

28th August: 2nd Wheelers Hill Brownie Pack.

30th August: Clayton Local Association.

Thank you one and all.

—YOLAND SARGOOD.



From all over the World

THE WORLD CHIEF GUIDE

Since the death of the World Chief Guide on 25th June, 1977, many hundreds of messages, telegrams and telephone calls have been received at the World Bureau. All express a sense of great loss mixed with joy and thanksgiving for the wonderful life of Olave, Lady Baden-Powell.

It was her wish that there should be no mourning for her; for, as she said in her last message: 'I have firm belief in Almighty God and in the life in the world to come, when he and I will be reunited, and together we shall watch over you who have been enrolled as members of this world family, and go on caring for your progress and your well being.'

GIRL SCOUT TROOP IN FACTORY

A troop of Korean Girl Scouts extended their social service to a textile factory where more than a hundred young girls were working. They met these factory girls once a fortnight in evening sessions and they sang and played games with them and carried out other girl scout programs.

This was a trial case where efforts were made to help the working class women to overcome their moral and emotional problems.

(from ASIA-PACIFIC NEWS LETTER).

BENIN — RURAL GUIDING PROJECT

The **Guides du Benin** are continuing to achieve good results from their project, started in the summer of 1972, to promote Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting in rural areas. Originally intended as an introduction to the idea of Guiding, prior to establishing regular units in the villages, the Guides set up a mobile camp in Houin, a village in the province of Mono; this proved to be so popular that at the request of girls from the rural areas three other village centres were started.

The program followed in these centres comprises handicraft and home economic education; literacy classes; social gatherings; and talks on current events and topical problems. A play and a camp end each year's program, followed by a month's holiday, after which the meetings begin again with renewed vigour!

The successful establishment of rural Girl Guiding is of particular value to the many girls living in these isolated areas who would otherwise be denied altogether the benefits of education.

(from World Bureau Newsletter.)

KOREA THINKING DAY CELEBRATIONS

Girl Scouts in Korea held two special ceremonies on Thinking Day this year. On Thinking Day itself every council and every troop on Korea held a candlelight ceremony where they lit candles to the World Chief Guide and then to Girl Guides/Girl Scouts all over the world. With each candle they sent thoughts of friendship and joy to Lady Baden-Powell and to their sister Guides around the world. Then on 26th February an English Speech Contest was held, with Senior Girl Scouts taking part. The theme was 'Faithful Girl and Peaceful to Our Neighbours' — which is also their program theme for 1977.



FROM 12th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FORMER SCOUTS AND GUIDES

It was a great pleasure and joy to be able to attend part of the 12th General Assembly of Former Scouts and Guides held at Montreux, Switzerland, recently. In that brief period I met up with fellow Australians, shared a table in the dining room with a couple from Belgium, a Scouter from Holland and a Trefoil member from Sydney.

Sitting in on the conference was very rewarding. We realised there are many, many people around the world working for the boys and girls in their respective countries.

I also visited Girl Guide Headquarters in Colombo and renewed friendships I had made on a previous visit.

At London Headquarters I was pleased to meet Mrs G. Mettrick, Trefoil Adviser, and then on the way home I called at Headquarters in Fiji and once again exchanged greetings with the folk there.

—D. HENNING,
Wannon River Trefoil Guild.



TREFOIL GUILDS' WEEKEND

I am looking forward to meeting Trefoil Guild members at our annual week-end at Britannia Park, 22nd-23rd October, 1977.

For any information please contact me at 89 3898.

—MARIE STUBBS,
Trefoil Adviser.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the recent Doncaster District Annual Meeting when retiring District Commissioner, Mrs Helen Wedd, was thanked for her contribution to Guiding in Doncaster. Thanks badges were presented to Mr John McKillen and Mr Morrie Pilens for their special assistance in areas of property maintenance and photography.

Representatives from each unit gave a brief report on one of their activities during the past twelve months. Gaynor Stanford (3rd Guide Company) said one of their most important events was the amalgamation of 3rd and 4th Guide units. Lisa Thomson (Rangers) spoke of their participation in community service, helping a five-year-old boy suffering from brain damage. Julie Rumph (3rd Brownie Pack) told of a visit from Fitzroy Brownies to share 3rd Pack's 11th birthday. Kate Albiston and Elise Day (2nd Brownies Pack) spoke of their success in having accepted for publication in "Matilda" details of their unit's fund raising stall. Anne Layton (1st Brownie Pack) reported on their doll show to aid the Box Hill Hospital and on their Walkathon for April Action. Paula Adams (1st Guide Company) gave details of an overnight sleep-in in the Guide hall where they were kept company by possums in the roof.

A film of the Guide Mini Olympics was shown, followed by supper.

REMEMBER

Remember the flowers and not the weeds.
Remember life's best — friendly words,
kindly deeds.
Remember the pleasure; forget the pain.
Then only good memories will remain.
Remember the sunshine, forget the rain.
Remember your blessings, the boon not the bane.
The prayers that were answered, the goals achieved,
The wishes fulfilled and gifts received.





TRAINING PAGES

ORIENTEERING

"Everybody's Doing It!"

"Where is it this week?"

"Oh good, we'll have a barbeque."

"Wonder who we'll see this week."

Believe it or not, these are our first thoughts for a sport we have been participating in for six years. It is called Orienteering — or, as the car stickers say, "Cunning Running" or the "Thought Sport". The aim is to find a series of markers in the bush by reading given points on a map. I am far from what they call a runner, but by walking or occasionally down hill running, I can finish the course in good time. Others overtake me at higher speeds and some even seem to be going in the opposite direction. I just tell myself they are in another group. With the large number of people involved it is amazing where they go.

When booking a time to start we must work out what standard we wish to attempt — A, B, C, or Novice, and whether we are Under 16 years old, under 19, under 25, under 35, under 45 or even a group. All members of a family are catered for.

All sorts of people take part, long distance runners, parents with their children can participate, older folk and even those too young to walk.

Anytime between 10.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. people take off into the bush. On arrival we are allocated a time, a map (compasses for hire), a clue card and punch card. Near our time we move off to the start.

I smile at the start for when it is time to "go" the youth takes off like an F-111; the man tries to keep up with his dog, and the family, baby in a papoose pack, travels as fast as its slowest member. We set out with a map to copy down the route and markers. The map is orientated to the field.

A compass bearing is made and we head towards markers. (i) A track junction is indicated. After following the bearing and the distance, checking at recognised points, we discover marker one. We punch the card with the punch on marker 1 and look at the map for marker 2, "side of the hill". The pace quickens just a little as we approach the second marker and punch the card again. Now for marker 3. "A creek bed". We must go down the hill . . . cross over the track . . . we are starting to run by now . . . this is easy . . . and so on until all the markers are found. Then to the finish — running — as though we had done the course at that speed.

The Novice Course is the best one to start with and is best done in groups of two to help each other with the map reading. Too many in a group sound like a herd of elephants — the novice course is mainly along tracks marked on the map. The C grade course goes more into the bush, while A and B grades are over hills, along creek beds and around mountains, where you have to rely on the compass for direction.

Courses are planned all over Victoria, at Ballarat, Kinglake, the Dandenongs, and it is a good way to get around Victoria, and out into the bush with the family or friends.

Running of an event takes a lot of preparation. First a suitable area has to be chosen and the maps checked for accuracy. The different courses for the various grades have to be worked out on the map and then marked out on the field with punch markers and, finally, result sheets and personnel on the day.

Orienteering has grown with each year. There are now interstate events, teams going to New Zealand, individuals travelling overseas to compete in England and Sweden. There are also relay events locally. In summer courses are planned around the bayside streets and followed by a swim in the bay.

One course was prepared in the bush for physically handicapped people. As each competitor was in a wheel chair the course was chosen to avoid fallen branches. It proved highly successful.

There are several permanent courses, one at Studley Park, others at Wattle Park and in the You Yangs. This means that one course can be done over and over again to improve your time.

Before Participating:

1. Practice reading an army survey map and recognising spurs, creeks, tops of hills, whether you go up or down between point A and B. The distance of contour lines, the shapes of the mountains or hills by contour lines.

2. Practice with a compass (oilfilled silva type compass) how to get bearings, back bearings, magnetic north, true north.

Things That Are Needed:

Metal whistle to wear around neck (for emergency use).

Plastic bag to protect map.

Red biro for recording route.

Long sleeves and slacks for protection from bush.

Sandshoes.

Do not wear red (this is the colour of a marker).

Change of clothes in case the bush is wet.

Lunch.

A word of warning — once you start you will be unable to stop!

Our expert wisely advises us to practice first — but for some of us it may mean starting at the very beginning.

Using a Compass:

For the beginner, obtain a simple compass, preferably without a locking device.

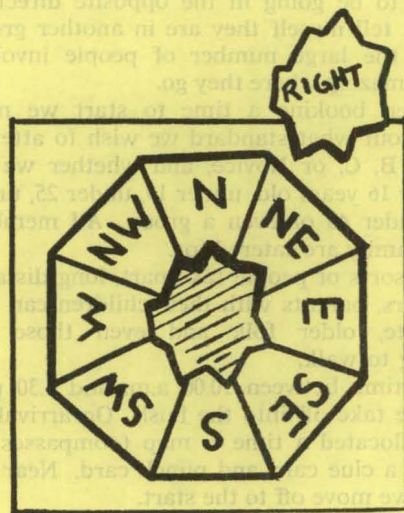
Word of Warning: Do not leave a compass locked, the magnetic properties of the needle will be affected and become weak. This will be indicated by extreme needle quivering when trying to set the compass or needle may not line up with the magnetic north. Page 119 Brownie Guide Handbook illustrates a simple compass and gives good hints on care and use. For most Brownies all orienteering practice should be done with this type of compass and the compass points. For someone more able to cope, move on to learning degrees and the use of a 'Silva' compass. The Guide Handbook explains degrees.

Compass Cards

Print compass points (first letters only) on small cards and place in centre of playing area. Players take turns to pick up cards and go to that part of playing area. A boundary line may need to be defined. When all have had a turn, collect cards and change compass to a different spot, begin again. Emphasise that direction to be taken from new position.

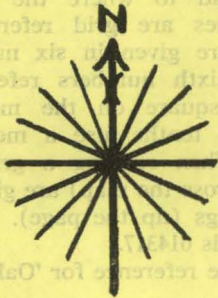
Make a Jig Saw

The centre piece is shaped so that it will fit in only if all points are in order. It can be made with 16 points.



Tell Me the Compass Point

On a large sheet of paper draw the lines of the compass points.



Place sheet on floor, players stand around it. Articles are placed on the eight main points. After a moment's look, girls turn outwards and two articles are changed over. When all turn inwards players **describe** change, **no pointing** allowed, e.g., "Book on north and cup on south-east have been switched". Repeat until all players show a good knowledge. Gradually introduce more points.

Compass Turning

Each player chooses a position about two metres from her neighbour. With the aid of a compass, each takes sighting on the eight points. Each player holds ten counters. Leader calls a point and on the word "go" everyone turns to face that point. "Freeze" is then called and those incorrect lose a life (a counter). Winner is one with most 'lives' left.

Practice Pacing:

Measure off a distance of 10 metres. Everyone walks this distance several times counting steps each time until the same number is reached every time. Everyone then measures her own pace — even adjusting it for easy reckoning. Extend the overall distances, say to 20-30 metres.

Practice Walking Towards a Point:

Two matching objects, e.g., pair of socks, for each player. One sock is placed approximately 6-7 metres from players, second sock is another 6-7 metres on but not necessarily opposite its partner. Players sight their object, then are blindfolded (two or three may move at a time if space permits, there should be no fear of colliding as this would upset concentration). The aim is to pick up sock from first line, then its partner. If anyone is hopelessly 'lost' someone stands by object and calls the lost one's name.

Variation on above for the more skilful and a small group.

A distant object is chosen, players are blindfolded, one by one they walk towards it until they think they are within three metres of it and sit down. When whole groups are seated, remove blindfold and check accuracy.

DISCUSSION TOPICS



Exchange games on compass and map reading that your girls enjoy.

Share knowledge and orienteering experiences.

Could you arrange an orienteering course in your area?

Practice Taking Bearings:

—around your meeting place.

Each player has foolscap sheet of paper, pencil and compass. Select landmark, take compass bearing. For Brownies and young beginners use compass points, for others use degrees, note down description of landmark, count paces to it and note these and the direction. Each girl keeps own notes. Take a back visual bearing at each point until course completed. On return follow paces towards visual bearings, reversing the compass readings. Progress to parkland, follow sensible safety rules and keep in groups.

Practice Making a Course:

—in the bush.

Keep paces to a limited number, 40 at the most. Use a marker which must be found by followers before proceeding to next point. Markers can be wool, coloured card or natural objects . . . the latter will help training in recognition of surroundings. Remove any markers you have placed after all have completed the course.

Practice Reading Maps:

- obtain Army survey maps (John Donne, 372 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne)
- street directories.

Signs and symbols

Make a master chart of signs and symbols. Make small cards, two or three of each mapping symbol. Use these in recognition games, e.g., Kim's game, concentration.

Making a map

On large sheet of paper sketch in roads, tracks, railway, rivers and some buildings. Players place cards on appropriate place to build a map.

Variation on above . . . which also gives practice in map sketching.

Players 'build' a scene using models, made of plasticine, clay, cardboard or polystyrene. Coloured paper is used for roads, rivers and railways. Experienced players include hills and valleys. Having built the scene each player sketches a map.

TREASURES FROM TRASH

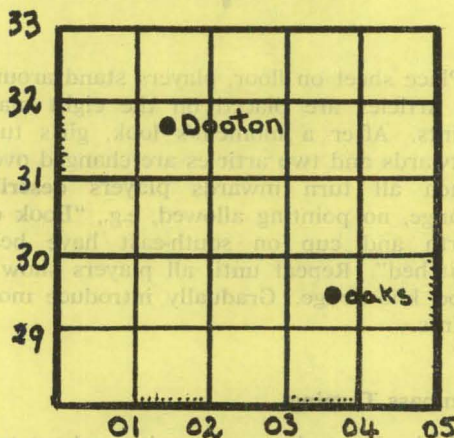
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Plastic cartons, lids, bottles; tops — tinfoil, of pressure-pak bottles (crinkled edge) of 'clag' (hole in centre) bottles and tooth paste tubes; broken floral china; wine flagons, baby food tins; dead matches; boxes — match, shirt with lids; apple seeds (black); panty hose; hessian bag and binder twine; greeting cards; red net vegetable bags; scraps — material, contact, vinyl; men's old ties; old gumboots; egg cartons; tie wire from packing cases; polystyrene ice-cream sticks; cardboard — sheets, tubes; dolly pegs; magazines; school exercise books.

Grid treasure hunt

Choose from a map a number of place names from which the first letters can be combined to make a word, it may be an action word which is to be demonstrated or it could lead to where the 'treasure' is hidden. Clues are grid references. Grid references are given in six numbers. The third and sixth numbers refer to tenths. Each grid square on the map is again divided into tenths, use a measure to be accurate. When reading a grid reference, eastings (across the map) are given first and then northings (up the page). On our grid 'Dooton' reads 014317.

What is the reference for 'Oaks'?



The Guide Handbook, page 241, gives more explanation.

Books to Help You

Brownie and Guide Handbooks.

'Maps, How to Read and Make Them' — E. A. Humphrey Fenn.

KTG 'Know the Game Orienteering' — J. D. Watson.

'Map and Compass Fundamentals Orienteering' — Toy Martin and Dave Lotty.

'Be Expert With Map and Compass' — Bjorn Kjellstrom.

Victorian Orienteering Association:

19 Forster Road, Mt. Waverley, 3149 — telephone number 277 9395.

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

Thought For The Month

The warmest moments in life are those shared with a friend.

Local Association Conference Report

"WIDEN YOUR HORIZON"

The foyer of Broadmeadows Town Hall was attractively decorated with the Australian and World Flags taking pride of place, the large gold Trefoil on its rotating base and bowls of glorious pink, red and white carnations among masses of greenery. This was the welcome offered to the four hundred and fifty visitors and delegates who attended the biennial Conference of Local Associations early in August this year.

After the official party, preceded by a Colour Party bearing the State Commissioner's Standard, entered the Hall, the Conference began with the singing of the Royal Anthem.

Conference Chairman, Mrs Jean Wilson of Essendon Local Association, welcomed the State Commissioner, Mrs F. S. Grimwade, other official guests and representatives from 132 Local Associations.

In opening the Conference, Mrs Grimwade said she was delighted to be able to attend the Conference, as she felt that Local Association members were a very vital and important part of the Guide family. This particular Conference was important as it was the first held since the appointment of the Local Association's own Adviser, and for herself, it was the last one she would attend as State Commissioner and would, therefore, be the last chance she would have to thank Local Association members for all they are doing for Guiding and for the children.

Mrs Grimwade spoke briefly of her recent visit to the People's Republic of China where she found the people hospitable and welcoming. She was impressed by the measure of self-discipline shown by children of

kindergarten and primary school age, and was intrigued to be told that all education in China revolves around the development of the child morally, intellectually and physically, a concept very familiar to every member of the Guide and Scout Movements. Although there are not Guides and Scouts as such in China, little Red Guards, for children of primary school age, are fairly similar.

The State Commissioner urged those present to think of Local Associations not merely as fund-raising bodies. They are an important part of the District and could do much to lighten the load of the Commissioner. Members could act as ambassadors by speaking up for Guiding wherever they might be. She then spoke of ways in which Local Association members might help: they could be more watchful for people who might make good leaders and suggest them to the Commissioner; they could offer their services as Unit Helpers or share their special skills with the children; and find ways in which they could widen the horizon of their Guiding a little more.

After wishing everyone a rewarding and stimulating day, Mrs Grimwade declared the Conference open.

Mrs Eunice Brown of Malvern Local Association, Secretary of the Conference Committee, read the apologies which included Lady Winneke, our State President; Local Members of Parliament; Municipal Leaders in Broadmeadows; several invited members of Guiding and eighty Local Associations who were unable to send representatives.

Mrs Barbara Kearney, Chairman of the Migrant Committee and a member of the National Development Team working in the inner suburbs, held the attention of the Conference as she told of the joys and frustrations of working with the children living in the high-rise flats and among migrant children. Because migrant children are not permitted out at night, the eight Units

meet either at lunch time, immediately after school or, with the Principal's permission, during school hours. Only lack of more leaders prevents more units being opened.

Mrs Kearney told of how the high-rise flats house more than 3,000 people, more than half of whom are children between the ages of seven and fifteen, of how migrant women who speak no English are virtually prisoners in these flats, and of children trying to cope with secondary education with a vocabulary of about 200 words often written in an unfamiliar alphabet.

On the brighter side, Mrs Kearney spoke of the joy the children had in going to camp and for an outing on "Puffing Billy". Thanks to the Rangers who organised a Region Camp, girls from an Extension Company for mentally retarded girls were able to attend the camp and share in all the same activities as the other girls.

This year, attention is being directed to other areas where there are large enrolments of migrant girls in schools and Units which meet after school are being opened.

The National Development Team is trying to help girls, migrant or Australian, living in high-rise flats or ordinary homes, to enjoy the fun of Guiding.

The State Commissioner was invited to introduce members of her Headquarters Team. These included her two Assistant State Commissioners, the State Secretary, many of the Advisers, the representative of the Public Relations Committee and the Property Officer.

Mrs Turnbull, one of the Assistants, then explained the symbolism of the State Commissioner's Standard. She told of how delegates to an all-Australian function some years ago had been chagrined to find their State Commissioner was the only one who did not have a Standard. Since then, many people worked hard to produce a Standard of which Victoria may be very proud. Mrs Hartley Watson made sure the design of the Standard had the approval of the College of Heraldry in England, and the Special Activities Committee raised money so that it could be made without cost to the Movement. After explaining the meaning of each of the elements of the design, Mrs Turnbull pointed out that the very beautiful Standard is used only when the State Commissioner is present.

In chairing Question Time and Open Forum, the other Assistant, Mrs Oldfield said the Local Association Adviser, Mrs Pennington, had been particularly pleased with the response to the questionnaire sent out with the application forms for this Conference. Replies to the first question, asking to place the various roles of Local Associations in order of priority, as individual Local Associations see them, will be a great help to the Adviser to see where they need more encouragement to support their Districts. A report of this question will be published in "Matilda" later.

It was decided that the second question relating to using the talents of members more effectively was best left to Local Associations to work out, to suit their own individual needs and requirements.

The third question was: "Do you think Local Associations should be able to make recommendations to the Girl Guides Association in the form of resolutions on particular subjects, topical or Guiding, which would then be discussed by all Local Associations before coming to the Conference?"

Someone queried whether a Local Association could send a recommendation direct to Headquarters without going through the Region. It was felt that a subject might be better presented if discussed more fully in the Region, or it could be sent direct to Headquarters if preferred, through the Local Association Adviser. The Conference voted that they would like to be able to bring recommendations to the Association.

Questions answered by Headquarters personnel and topics discussed in Open Forum will appear at the end of the Report in this Section next month.

After a superb luncheon provided by Templestowe Local Association members, Mrs Margaret Pennington gave a short talk on how she sees Local Association supporting their Districts to the very best advantage. While fund-raising is necessary, by far the most important role the Local Association has to play is to give practical and moral support to the Commissioner and leaders.

Mrs Pennington went on to give some answers to questions on how to get parents more interested. She felt very strongly that there is no real substitute for personal contact. It is much harder to refuse a request

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KNOW YOUR REGIONS

Dandenong Region

Dandenong region covers an area from Lang Lang, at the north of Westernport Bay, across to Pakenham and Nar Nar Goon and down the Princes Highway and South Gippsland Highway to Dandenong and Springvale.

As we travel from Melbourne on the busy six-lane Princes Highway through the densely populated and industrial areas of Springvale and Dandenong towards Gippsland, we cannot help but reflect on days long gone, when the early settlers of Port Phillip District were lured to grazing areas to the east. For them it was an arduous journey by cart and bullock dray from Brighton through Cheltenham and Kingston, across to Springvale and Noble Park and on to Dandenong; a trip which took six hours or more.

Dandenong is at the junction of two creeks; the Dandenong Creek and the Eumemmering Creek. This made a good stopping place for travellers. Dandenong's earliest settlers were wood cutters who came to fell the giant red gum trees which grew in the area around the two creeks. This sturdy timber was used for building and road-making and many of Melbourne's earliest streets were paved with wooden blocks cut from the red gums at Dandenong.

Another factor which helped settlement of this area was the establishment of a Native Police Headquarters by Governor La Trobe to help quell the unrest between white settlers and the native people. A Police camp was set up at Narre Warren and later an area near Dandenong along Stud Road was used as headquarters for Blacktrackers who were brought from Queensland to assist in tracking down the Kelly Gang. Lady Franklin, wife of the Arctic explorer and Governor of Tasmania, planted a pine tree at the Stud Road Depot when passing through Dandenong in 1839, on her way to Sydney. This tree is still growing there. The Native Police corps was disbanded and later the large area of land was used as a "Stud Depot" for

Police horses, which remained until 1935. It was the presence of the Police depot that brought many people to Dandenong as a base for expeditions into the unknown land named after Governor Gipps.

The Stud Depot land lay unused for many years until 1964 when the Boy Scout Association was looking for a suitable site to hold the 7th Australian Jamboree. The "Police Paddocks", as the area is commonly called, was chosen, and once again attention was focused on it. Following the Jamboree, the Councils of Knox, Berwick and Dandenong, which take care of the paddocks, generously allotted land to both Guides and Scouts for use as campsites. We are fortunate indeed to have this lovely area of natural bush, so near to the city, for camping and day visits to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. We have named the Guide Campsite "Kooronga" — a place to come back to. The site was used again in January 1977 for the 14th Australian Jamboree, when 14,000 boys and leaders from all over Australia and from overseas, were camped there.

It was an accident of geography which gave Dandenong its most notable economic function. Literally the "Gateway to Gippsland", it was also, for pastoralists, the gateway back to the Melbourne markets; and it was not at all strange that a village so used to the sight of herds going through to Melbourne should eventually have a market of its own. When this market was acquired it became a major part of Dandenong's life-blood. The stock market is still conducted every weekday, while the produce market is open on Tuesdays and Fridays, selling a great variety of merchandise. The effect of the market is to draw into Dandenong a great number of people, many travelling long distances. It becomes a social occasion as well as a business occasion.

In the 1950's great changes came about. All around factories grew and houses clus-

tered around them. In the space of ten years Dandenong changed from a market town, serving a mainly rural population, to an industrial colossus. Three huge international companies, General Motors, H. J. Heinz and International Harvester, moved to the outskirts of the town and helped convert it into a big city. Many more industries and businesses followed. Springvale and Noble Park, once part of Dandenong Shire, now also became a city.

The Housing Commission built a large complex of houses across the creek at Doveton in what was then the Berwick Shire. This is now in the relatively new city of Berwick, which also includes Hallam and Berwick. Beyond Cardinia Creek is the Shire of Pakenham.

The search for gold brought men to the Beaconsfield hills, but they soon learned that riches were not easily found. Though now noted mainly for its pastoral lands producing dairy products, potatoes and apples, the housing sprawl is catching up with Pakenham shire. City dwellers, in search of open spaces and fresher air, are building around Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield Upper and Pakenham. Many of the apple orchards have made way for housing estates. Being reasonably close to the city enables workers to commute daily, particularly since the electric train service was extended to Pakenham and beyond.

Hampton Park is another small town that has grown almost overnight with the coming of a huge Housing Commission Estate. It is in the Shire of Cranbourne, which also includes Cranbourne, Devon Meadows, Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang. Early travellers from the N.S.W. settlement to Port Phillip noted that a great half circle of swamp-land stretched from the waters of Port Phillip across the north of Westernport Bay, fed by waters from the highlands further inland. The complexity of this land was not fully observed for many years after the first sheep men struggled to find pastures for their flocks. During the 1890's the formidable job of draining the Koo Wee Rup swamp was accomplished by labourers using only shovels, barrows and planks because it was not possible to take machines into the area. This former swamp is now one of the best farming areas in Victoria, with deep, rich peat soil. Dairying is the major primary

industry, with its related milk by-products, but the area is also noted for market gardening, potato and asparagus growing.

The Guiding Region has five Divisions, which mainly follow the municipal boundaries. They are Cranbourne, Berwick, Hallam Valley, Dandenong and Springvale. In all there are 22 districts. Guiding was known in Pakenham in 1924 and began in Dandenong in 1930. The years from 1948 saw a lot of development. Districts opened or reopened and many districts built their own halls.

The great industrial growth and subsequent population increase in the 1950's and 1960's saw the opening of companies in Dingley, Dandenong North, Springvale North and later in Keysborough. While these areas continue to grow, Dandenong itself is decreasing as the residential area is taken over by commercial interests.

Dandenong Region once covered mostly farmland and market gardens from Springvale along the highway to Pakenham, from Dandenong through Cranbourne to Lang Lang. No longer is this so. Guiding has developed alongside the change from rural to industrial with the coming of business enterprise. What were once small villages became busy shopping centres surrounded by houses. Gone are the close, handy hiking and camping sites as housing covers open spaces. But with this growth comes vitality and challenge to us all.

—M.S.

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GOING CAMPING??

How about visiting

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8 hectares of beautiful bushland 6 kilometres north of Dandenong.

Hot and Cold Showers, Septic Toilets.

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DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

A Guider has asked me why those particular topics were chosen for the sheet of 'Pictures from our Guide History' and the answer is, as some of you have probably guessed, there were blocks readily available for these pictures. There are dozens of pictures of individuals and events which are of greater or equal importance, but the cost of having blocks made was too high to permit their use.

Recently I was given a picture taken in 1931 of the World Chief Guide and the Victorian State Commissioner of that time — Lady Somers — and a friend said, "Look at their Silver Fishes — they are swimming in opposite directions!" One faced right, the other left, and it made me think of other small differences to be noticed in pictures of one individual, particularly photographs of Lady B.P. I wonder if any reader can tell me the source of a picture of the Chief Guide showing her with her War Service badge of 1916. I have seen it in a biography recently, but cannot now track it down.

Returning to the sheet of pictures, another comment made was — "Why does the picture of Lady Price as Chief Commissioner of Australia show her without the gold cord on her beret?" This puzzled me too, then I came across the original of the photograph, and the caption underneath it was "Mrs J. R. Price, Chief Commissioner Elect".

If you ever see a slightly larger photograph of Miss Agnes Baden-Powell which includes the badge and cords she wore as President, you may be able to see a small object like a boomerang under the badge on her lapel. And that is just what it is, a boomerang, made of gold from the gold-fields in Western Australia, and sent to her by the Guides of that State. At the 1937 Coronation Camp in England I was with some other Australians when we met the sister of the Founder and, learning we were from Australia, she showed us her boomer-

ang with great pride. I was not so interested in Guide history in those days and did not realise how fortunate I was to meet the woman who wrote our first Guide handbook and had so much influence in those years between 1910 and 1916.

Another privilege I have had just recently was meeting two of our own Victorian pioneer Guides. One was Mrs Rosa Wilson, who was a Patrol leader in the 1st Hawthorn B.P. Girl Guide Company. You can see her in the photograph on the sheet of pictures, in the back row on the extreme left.

On the same day I met Mrs Eileen Miller, who was the Guide Captain of the Company at Fintona, 1st Camberwell. Mrs Miller has very kindly given the Victorian Archives the autograph book, signed by the members of the company, and a fountain pen with her initials and the date 5-5-22 which were presented to her when she left the company. At that time she taught physical education in a number of schools, and she told me that as she travelled all over Melbourne (from Camberweell to St. Kilda, and always by pushbike) she just did not have the time to continue with the Company. Our meeting was the result of a reference in last December's "Matilda" to the Fintona company, and I am most grateful to her niece who read the article and then got in touch with me.

In recent months a number of isolated facts about our very early days have come to light: one of these is a mention in a newspaper of 1910 to "Girl Scouts" who marched in a procession during the Jubilee celebrations of the City of Kew. That was all, and very tantalising it was too. Can any reader add any more details?

—MARY LAMBE,
State Archivist.

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When it is all you have, a crumb becomes a feast.



Supplementary Activities

OUR AIM:

To provide activities not normally in the program.

A number of units answered the questionnaire in July "Matilda". Replies came from eight Regions. Results are interesting and will be acted upon for next year's program.

Girls (in order of preference)

1. Horse riding — way out in front!
2. Pottery.
3. Art.
4. Photography, Crafts.
5. Sports, Chinese Cooking.
6. Music.
7. Drama.
8. New Games.
9. Puppetry and Gardening.

CRAFTS (in order of preference):

1. Leatherwork.
2. Weaving.
3. Macrame, Spinning.
4. Sewing, Copper Enamelling, Crochet, Modelling (clay and toy), Plastics, Rug Making, General Cooking, Fashion Modelling.

SPORTS (in order of preference):

1. Football, Softball, Netball.
2. Tennis.
3. Archery.
4. Cricket.
5. Hockey, Athletics, Fencing.
6. Swimming, Basketball (5 a side).
7. Canoeing, Ski-ing, Squash, Golf, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Ice Skating, Roller Skating.
8. Sky Diving.

LENGTH OF ACTIVITY (in order of preference):

Most units said it would depend on the activity.

1. Weekend.
2. One day, two days.
3. Residential week.

Adults (in order of preference)

1. Pottery.
2. Horse Riding, Chinese Cooking.
3. New Games, Music, Craft.
4. Drama, Gardening.
5. Art, Puppetry, Photography, Sport.

CRAFTS (in order of preference):

1. Spinning, Weaving.
2. Embroidery, Macrame, Sewing, Crochet, Leather Work, Variety, Simple Crafts for Children.

SPORTS (in order of preference):

1. Archery, Gymnastics, Racquet Ball, Fencing.

LENGTH OF ACTIVITY (in order of preference):

Most leaders said it would depend on the activity.

1. One day.
2. Weekend.
3. Two days.
4. Residential week.

Any other activities

(suggested by girls and leaders):

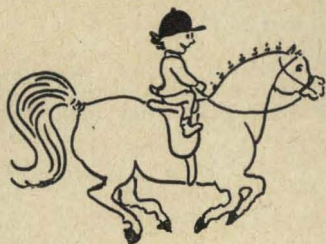
Dancing — Old Time, Square, Modern; Rambler Club; Hobbies Exhibition; National Folk Dancing and Singing Festival (like Oktoberfest); Safety in the Home.

Leisure Time

This seems an opportune time to bring to your attention that many of the crafts are often done by Leisure Time Activities Committee at Headquarters. They held a two-day workshop for children during the recent school holidays. Watch "Matilda" for future activities.

My grateful thanks to all of you who took the time and trouble to answer the questionnaire. The committee will act upon your suggestions.

—MARG. McLEAN, S.A.O.



HORSE RIDING

In order to determine how feasible horse riding is as an organised activity for Guides I took five youngsters from 4th Mt. Waverley Guide Company to Miss K. Irving's property for one day during the school holidays. The youngsters were chosen by me, because their unit was the first to answer the July Questionnaire.

Miss Irving is the founder of Pony Clubs in Victoria, and the chief instructor for Victoria.

Resident at her property were experienced youngsters being prepared for Show competition. These youngsters assisted Miss Irving during the day by instructing our Guides in the care and grooming of the horse, general safety around the horse, and how to correctly put on, and take off, the bridle, saddle and cover.

Each Guide rode a horse twice during the day. Each time they were accompanied by Miss Irving or her sister, both also on horseback.

Our youngsters learned how to correctly mount and dismount, how to hold the reins and to control their sitting position, while walking, trotting and cantering. Each beginner's horse was guided by a lead rein, held by the instructor riding alongside. In this manner they were safe to ride in a nearby paddock and receive personal instruction throughout the ride.

At the end of the day each Guide was allowed to ride the horse at **walking** pace around the mounting yard, at the same time learning to control the horse by using the reins to guide him.

I describe in detail what was done, for those of you who think horse riding is easy, and just a matter of leaping on a horse and galloping off into the sunset!!

Our youngsters did not expect such detailed instruction, the comments are, therefore, most interesting.

CAROLYN (aged 11 — beginner):

"I liked everything. I liked cantering the most. I would like to ride again with Miss Irving."

JANICE (aged 11½ — beginner):

"I liked everything, except being shown how to do something by an 8-year-old, and I would like to take horse riding lessons."

ROSLYN (aged 11 — beginner):

"I enjoyed the day immensely and I hope to go again very soon."

KERRI (aged 13 — beginner):

"I really enjoyed the day, especially when we had a ride by ourselves."

JACKI (aged 13 — lessons at riding school):

"I enjoyed today, because I learned how to care for horses, and I had good control over the horse."

The youngsters enjoyed themselves because they learned safely, and were given time to gain their own confidence.

Finally, a word of advice from Miss Irving to unit leaders and parents:

"It is unwise to allow your youngsters to go on trail rides or pony treks until they are experienced riders, able to effectively control a horse."

We will now investigate horse riding possibilities further, as this is the most popular activity requested.

—M. McLEAN, S.A.O.
(alias Biscuit).

APPLICATION FORM FOR KITE FLYING DAY

"COME FLY WITH ME" Family Day, 10th December.

I wish to attend "Come Fly With Me" Day
on 10th December.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Single.....

Family.....Number.....

Unit.....Number.....

BEGINNERS

I wish to receive a kite and learn to fly it.

Number.....

COMPETITION (under age on the day)

I wish to enter "Best Decorated Kite".

Under 10 years Number.....

Under 15 years. Number.....

Open (anyone over 15) Number.....

Competition fliers must provide their own
kites.

VENUE — PRINCES PARK, just north of
Carlton Football Ground.

NEW GAMES

I wish to take part in the NEW GAMES

Number.....

Your receipt for fees paid will be given
to you on the day, in the form of a special
tag. Please present yourself at the entrance
to the ground to receive the tag.

Only those wearing tags may receive a
kite or take part in the competition.

(See September issue of "Matilda" for
details.)

Please mail Application Form (or fac-
simile) with fee to: Mrs M. McLean, 2 Wyatt
Street, Seaford, 3198, **no later than 30th
October.**

Cheques/money orders payable to "Supple-
mentary Activities Committee".

Dear "Matilda",

After reading in 'Matilda' the Leyland
Brothers would show films, Blackburn South
District made a date with them.

We had a most successful evening. Mr
Neville showed two very different films of
the Leyland Brothers' travels around our
country, one on Tasmania and the second on
the outback around Alice Springs and Lake
Eyre.

This type of evening was an easy fund
raising effort, only a telephone call, the bor-
rowing of some chairs, and two sturdy
tables needed for the speakers from the Ley-
lands' equipment.

We would like to recommend this evening,
the films were both entertaining as well as
educational for all age groups.

—J. PERKINS.



ILUKA Piggy Bank

Your ILUKA campsite is looking beautiful
— how is your Iluka "Piggy Bank" looking?
For information and encouragement please
contact Della Hutchinson, 3/89A Mont Albert
Road, Canterbury, 3126 (telephone 836 0793).

APPLICATION — Strolling Players

14th-22nd January, 1978.

NAME..... AGE.....

ADDRESS.....

.....POSTCODE.....

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

All applicants **MUST** be able to sing in tune.

We are looking for combinations of singer/
instrumentalist, singer/dancer, singer/
actress.

In other words — the only pre-requisite is
that the applicant be able to **sing in tune**.

1. SINGING EXPERIENCE:

(e.g., Badges, School Choir, Pop Group, etc.)

2. INSTRUMENTAL:

INSTRUMENT/S PLAYED.....
STANDARD ACHIEVED (e.g., Badges, Ex-
ams passed, School Band, etc.)

3. DRAMA

ACTING EXPERIENCE (e.g., School Plays,
Poetry Recitations, Mime, etc.)

4. DANCE

TYPE OF DANCING (e.g., Classical Ballet,
Jazz Ballet, Scottish Dancing, Callisthenics,
etc.)

DANCE EXPERIENCE (e.g., Exams Passed,
Performances Given, Number of Years Ex-
perience, etc.)

PARENTS' PERMISSION

I enclose \$10.00 deposit with the applica-
tion for **STROLLING PLAYERS**. Should my
daughter be selected she has my permission
to attend.

SIGNED.....
Parent/Guardian.

PLEASE NOTE: Cheques are payable to:
Supplementary Activities Committee. Un-
successful applicants will be refunded \$10.00
with notification before 10th December.

Please mail Application Form (or fac-
simile) with fee to: Mrs M. McLean, 2 Wyatt
Sreet, Seaford, 3198.

(See September issue of "Matilda" for
details.)

SIMPLICITY CHOCOLATE CAKE

3 tablespoons butter, 2 level tablespoons
cocoa, 1 cup S.R. flour, 1 cup sugar, ½ cup
milk, 2 eggs, ½ teaspoon almond essence.

Melt butter, put all other ingredients into
a large basin and pour melted butter on top.
Beat really hard for 3 minutes. Bake in a
greased tin in moderate oven for about 30
minutes. When cold, ice with chocolate and
decorate with walnuts. For variety, split
this cake in two and fill with the icing.

CHERYL CATTANACH,

2nd South Shepparton Guide Company.

FOR SALE

Commissioner Suit, size 36, \$20.00. Please
telephone Mrs Irene Phelan (306 5636) or
Mrs Joan Staines (306 9157).

MACEDON DIVISION GARDEN DAY

Thursday, 27th October

\$2.50 includes morning coffee at 10.30 a.m.
at "Lowland Farm", Mt. Macedon, viewing
some of the best private gardens and lunch.

Why not make up a busload, but let me
know the numbers please.

—Mrs. C. PRICTOR,
"Lauriston Park",

Wayside Delivery, Kyneton, 3444.
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and groups. Telephone Mrs Jeffrey on (059)
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MITCHAM 50th ANNIVERSARY

Messages of greeting were read from past members all over the world, and every State in Australia, when over 200 Brownies, Guides, Guiders, past and present, gathered at Mountview Church Centre, Mitcham, to celebrate 50 years of Guiding in Mitcham. Many of the girls who had been with Mrs Haddy (also present) when she started 1st Company in 1927, were there.

The day commenced with a "Guide's Own Service" conducted by Miss Marian Robertson, former Guider, followed by a Promise ceremony for two Guides and a Brownie.

After lunch, Brownies and Guides pre-

sented items and a parade of uniforms from the past. We enjoyed the visit of some apparently decrepit old Guides with their song parodies.

A wonderful collection of old photographs, log books and yellowed newspaper cuttings were displayed and these were pored over while women of all ages tried to recognise themselves in the black stockings, wide-brimmed hats and uniforms of yesteryear.

But mainly the day was talk, talk and more talk, with a fervent wish that perhaps a few of those present might see the 100th anniversary.



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from someone standing face to face than to answer a letter or notice sent home. Local Association members can be appointed as Liaison officers for each unit, to have contact with the parents and to invite them to join the Local Association. A monthly newsletter is another way of getting parents interested and keeping them informed of Local Association and District matters.

Mrs Pennington hoped that all Local Association members would be encouraged to make the Promise and be proud to wear their badges. She also recommended the booklet "The Why and How of Local Associations".

The Adviser extended the congratulations of the Conference to those members who had been honoured by receiving the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal. She also thanked members of the Conference Planning Committee for all they have done to make the day so successful.

The Chairman then introduced Guest Speaker, Lady Price, who is currently Chairman of the World Committee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Lady Price is a former Victorian State Commissioner and Australian Chief Commissioner. Lady Price told the Conference that prior to becoming a Commissioner, she had

been a Local Association member who was conscious of the values her daughters were getting as Brownies and Guides, and felt she should go along and help. It was as a Local Association member that she began to feel what being a member of the Guide Movement could mean. Although she is now a World Committee member, the objectives are the same and by exploring the theme of the day, "Widen Your Horizon", Local Association members should work together to achieve their objectives and help each other. As Local Association members, they had the privilege of working close to the grass roots, close to the girls themselves.

Australia was a foundation member of the World Association and from membership fees paid, a small portion goes to the World Association for the privilege of being a member of this world-wide family.

The World Committee of twelve members from twelve different countries administers the World Association and usually meets only once a year, so much of the work is done by correspondence. Members have to be sure that decisions they make are right for girls of different national, racial and religious backgrounds.

Lady Price continued by telling a little about the World Conference in 1975 where delegates from 94 member countries met to

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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. Early application for all trainings is recommended. Training fee is \$3.00 unless otherwise stated.

Summer Training Week

Britannia Park, Yarra Junction: 24th January, 10.30 a.m. to 31st January, 3.30 p.m.

Subjects to include Stages 1 and 2, Outdoor Activities — Water Safety. Photography — sharing crafts.

Indoor and outdoor accommodation available. Training fee \$38.00 (transport not included).

Applications and \$10.00 deposit to the Train-

ing Department, Guide Headquarters by 12th November.

Pack Holiday Training

Donald: Weekend 19th-20th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Overnight hospitality available in Guide Hall if required. Applications and \$5.00 to Mrs. M. Creek, RMB 358, Nhill, 3418 by 29th October.

Changeover training for guiders changing to the Ranger Guide Section

Mildura: Weekend 12th-13th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Apply immediately to Mrs. A. Smith, 10 Barry Avenue, Mildura, 3500 — training fee \$1.50.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (Continued from Page 112)

decide on World policy for the following three years. One of the many subjects discussed was the relevance of the Promise and Law in all parts of the world, and it was decided very firmly that there should be no watering down of our commitment. She outlined the objects of the World Association which are to promote unity of purpose and common understanding of the Girl Guide and Girl Scout Movement throughout the world, to encourage friendship between girls of all nations within the frontiers and beyond, to further the aims of the Association which is to provide girls with opportunities of self-training in the development of character, responsible citizenship and service to the community.

The World Association is also required to assist member countries and those working towards membership in the development of Guiding and Scouting. Much of the work of the World Committee is delegated to Sub-committees to cover such things as Finance, Constitutions, Promotion, Regions, and for the World Homes.

To finance all the World projects, there are the individual membership fees, the Mutual Aid Scheme and the Thinking Day Fund. Lady Price thanked all members for the big increase in Thinking Day donations from Australia last year.

In order to keep up with world events and widen their horizon, Lady Price recommended that Local Association members read "The Council Fire", published four times a year, and any other publications on World Guiding available in the Guide Shop.

Lady Price concluded her address by saying that she hoped that, in widening their horizons, those present would feel it is wonderful to belong to this world family, where all countries can come together to give the girls of the world a life that is based on the Promise and Law — the kind of life that will lead to love, understanding and peace throughout the world.

Mrs Cath. Pye, of Malvern Local Association, thanked Lady Price for her talk, in which she had certainly widened the horizon of everyone present by telling them so much of the World Guiding Family.

The Conference then closed with the following thoughts read by Mrs Marcia Wertheimer, of East Brighton Local Association:

God, open our eyes that we may see
And feel Your presence close to us;
Give us strength for our stumbling feet
As we battle the crowd of life's busy street.
And widen the horizon of our unseeing eyes,
So, in passing faces we'll recognise
Not just a stranger unloved and unknown,
But a friend with a heart that is much like
our own.

From the **GUIDE** **SHOP**

NEW ITEMS

Styreen Guide Badge — 13" diameter Suitable for hall doors, etc.	\$3.00
Girl Guides Calendar 1978	90c
Australian Pictorial Diary	\$2.50
Sheet of Pictures of Our Guide History	20c
Lady Baden-Powell Memorial Supple- ment to Matilda	5c
Thinking Day Stamps	Each 3c
.....	Sheets of 10 25c
Guide Notelets (4 new designs in packet of 12 with envelopes)	\$1.50
Great Australian Folk Songs	\$3.75
Leisurecraft Series —	
Pin and Thread No. 2	\$1.75
Making Cushions	\$1.75
The One Burner Cook Book (for Campers, Hikers, Canoeists)	\$7.50
The Book of Survival (How to Think, Act and Stay Alive in Any Emergency)	\$2.75
Map and Compass Fundamentals Orien- teering by Toy Martin and Dave Lotty	\$4.95
(Fun and Fitness with Map and Com- pass, recommended for teaching map reading to children and as an exciting and novel introduction to orien- teering).	
A Brownie Guide Prayer Book — new edition with music	\$1.05
(Includes prayers for Promise, Law, Pack meetings, Pack Holidays, Special Seasons and Brownies everywhere).	
Nature's Way Series —	
The Butterfly Cycle	\$2.95
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(A book about Insects in Australia for children).	
Fairy Penguins	\$1.20
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Miss A. Hall, Essendon North.

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(20 years): Mrs R. Harbridge, Bacchus Marsh; Mrs E. Porter, Churchill; Mrs B. Morris, Herne Hill.

(10 years): Mrs J. Thom, Yarrowonga; Mrs J. L. Howlett, East Reservoir; Mrs E. Williams, Preston; Miss M. Denis, Frankston; Mrs N. Schultz, Mt. Waverley; Mrs W. Escott, Box Hill South; Mrs I. Wallace, North Geelong; Mrs F. Fisher, Cobram.

Combined Long Service

(20 years): Miss M. Ireland, North Brighton; Miss N. Hutton, Cowes; Mrs M. Eaves, Maryborough.

(10 years): Mrs A. Talsma, Herne Hill; Mrs J. Colvin, Grenville.

Local Association Long Service

(30 years): Mrs M. Elsbury, Preston.

(10 years): Mrs A. S. Stirling, Kooyong; Mrs L. Adams, Tecoma; Mrs S. Pluim, Upwey; Mrs C. Attwood, Buninyong; The late Mrs P. Mather, Upwey; Mrs J. Bentley, Preston.

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Thanks Badge

Mrs R. G. Pearson, Doncaster; Mrs J. Johnstone, Strathmore.

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REGISTRATIONS

Waverley North Ranger Guide Unit; Bass Division Ranger Guide Unit; Kyabram Ranger Guide Unit; Drouin Ranger Guide Unit; Collingwood Ranger Guide Unit; Northcote East Rangers "B"; Monash Rangers "B"; 3rd Frankston Pack; 3rd Upwey Pack; 3rd Korumburra Pack; 1st Kingston Heath Pack; 3rd Hoppers Crossing Pack; 4th Cheltenham North Pack; 5th Brighton Company; Banongill Division Trefoil Guild; 1st Nunawading South Pack; 2nd Elwood Pack; 3rd Wantirna South Pack; 1st Gardenvale-Brighton Company; Carrum-Bonbeach Ranger Guide Unit; Montrose Ranger Guide Unit; East Doncaster Ranger Guide Unit; Loch Ranger Guide Unit; Edenhope Ranger Guide Unit.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Division Commissioners

Mrs. P. Bucknell, Balcombe; Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Kananook.

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Mrs H. M. Wright, Monbulk; Mrs W. B. Larkin, Stawell; Mrs J. G. Menzies, Keysborough; Mrs R. E. Timmins, Black Rock; Mrs B. A. Lenscak, Morwell; Mrs G. M. Walker, Mt. Eliza; Mrs J. E. Teed, Mt. Waverley; Mrs K. Russell, Caramut; Mrs B. R. Large, Springvale; Mrs K. R. Smith, Tawonga and Mt. Beauty; Mrs J. C. Brisbane, Stratford.

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