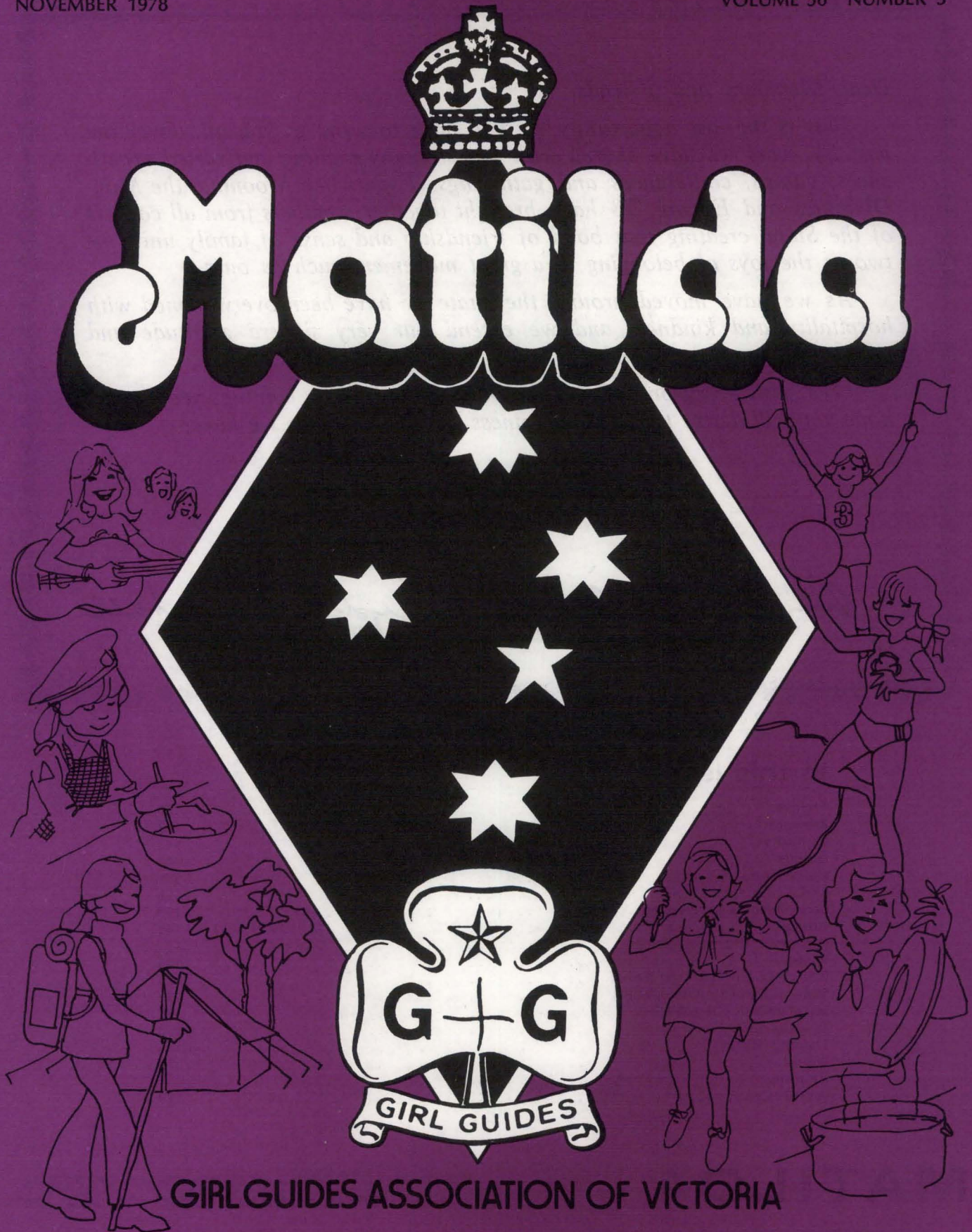


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GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Dear Members and Friends,

This is the last opportunity we will have to write to you all. Over the past 5½ years we have shared with you so many exciting and varied experiences, camps, conferences and gatherings. Events like Moomba, the Mini-Olympics and Encore '78 have brought together members from all corners of the State, creating that bond of friendship and sense of family unity — two of the joys of belonging to a great movement such as ours.

As we have moved around the State we have been overwhelmed with hospitality and kindness and we extend our very sincere gratitude and appreciation to you all.

We wish every one of you the very best in the coming years, and hope you will derive the same happiness from Guiding as we have.

Joan E. Grimwade

Jean Oldfield

Lynette Turnbull

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From our State Commissioners



Dear Everyone,

This is the last letter I shall write to you all as your State Commissioner, for tomorrow night (Monday, 23rd October) I shall hand over to Mrs John West. I face the prospect with very mixed feelings — joy at the thought of having more time to spend with Fred and for all those jobs at home, and sorrow at the thought of ceasing to be Irrabella — Mum to my very large and wonderful Guide family.

The last month has been very full. Theme of Barwon Region Local Association Conference was Communications — and needless to say "Matilda" was greatly in evidence. Our Annual Luncheon for Mayoresses and Wives of Shire Presidents was once again a great success and everyone was most interested in hearing Barbara Kearney speak on the work with migrant girls.

The All Adult Seminar held at Presbyterian Ladies' College was magnificent, and my congratulations go to Dr. Kay Patterson and her committee for organising such a stimulating day with such inspiring guest speakers. I am sure that during the course of the day we all put the Promise in perspective and saw more clearly the role of Guiding in today's world.

Cricket on the Common at Glenaroua Homestead was great fun — Executive members and advisers joined Fred and me for lunch at the Homestead and then we met the rangers at 2 p.m. at the shearing shed. Two teams from each side battled throughout the afternoon, the final result being a win to the rangers by one run!! Dame Edna Everage (alias a rover) presented magnificent trophies — and Grimmies Gorgeous Guiders were not disgraced, the highest scorer for the day being Miss Peg Barr. Thank you Karingal Ranger Guides for organising such a great afternoon.

The Australian Executive meeting saw several new faces around the table. Our new Chief Commissioner, Mrs R. Renshaw Jones, chaired the meeting and we welcomed Dr Margaret Rosenthal (New South Wales) and Mrs Lane (International Commissioner) and Mrs Read (Public Relations Adviser).

Wednesday night we were delighted to hear members of the Australian delegation tell of the World Conference in Tehran — and on Thursday Executive members took me to dinner to say goodbye, which was a very kind thought.

This last weekend has been one of farewells. The team had an afternoon tea party for staff members on Friday to say thank you for all they have done to help us over the years.

Yesterday morning we had a wonderful morning in the Fitzroy Gardens being farewelled by guides and brownies who seemed to have come from everywhere. Thank you, girls, and thank you for your good wishes and flowers.

Today was the opening of the Ranger Boating Season — a superb day at Sandringham and loads of fun for all. Many of us took the opportunity to inspect the proposed site of the new Water Activities Centre which hopefully may be ready for next season.

I am sure that you will all enjoy working with your new State Commissioner. Marjorie West has been a local association member, a very enthusiastic district commissioner and, until her appointment as State Commissioner-elect, our Extension Adviser. She is a person of great friendliness and enthusiasm and I am confident that you will all be very happy under her leadership.

Thank you very much for the trust you placed in me. It has been an extremely happy and rewarding time for me — and I thank you all for the friendship and the joy I have experienced as

your State Commissioner. My last request to you as State Commissioner is — *please never forget that Guiding is a game — but a game that is based on the strongest spiritual and moral principles — a game that is fun for the youngsters and fun for the adults, and please remember that if Guiding is to succeed then it must be based on love — once we lose that we lose everything.*

My love and best wishes go to you all for the future — May the flame of Guiding burn true and strong for evermore.

Joan E. Grimwade



Hello Everyone,

In my first talk to you, I want to say how much we have all enjoyed Mrs Grimwade's letters, written with such warmth and concern about events that have occurred, decisions made, and information given about the wider field of Guiding in Australia and overseas.

Having had the privilege of attending the Australian Assembly, where decisions were made by Australia on how our contingent would vote at the World Conference, it made me realize, more than ever, what a big Guiding family we are, and how our influence for good is being carried out in so many countries.

May I say that I feel very humble but very proud to have been chosen as your State Commissioner. I realize that I have a great responsibility to you all, to uphold the high standard of Guiding already set; to promote Guiding to the public; and to endeavour, with help, of course, to make the right decisions. I also hope to get to know as many people as possible, particularly the girls.

I promise that I will do my best.

Speaking of standards and doing one's best, I would like to say that I sincerely hope there is no change in the wording of the Promise. Much has been said lately about this, and I feel that if we alter the words "Duty to God", we will lose something very special; in fact, the whole basis of our Promise. We ask a girl to do her **best** to

do her duty to God — surely that is all we can ask of anyone? Hopefully, as a girl matures, she will make up her own mind on this aspect of the Promise, as on all important issues.

I would like to introduce my family to you — my husband John, who is a civil engineer, Robyn, a pharmacist, Julie, a physiotherapist, Debra, a primary school teacher, Sally, a secretary, Peter 5th form and Michelle 4th form. My husband and children have all said they will support me in this task, so I consider myself very fortunate.

I look forward to the future with great anticipation and enthusiasm, and feel sure that Guiding in Victoria will continue to grow and flourish.

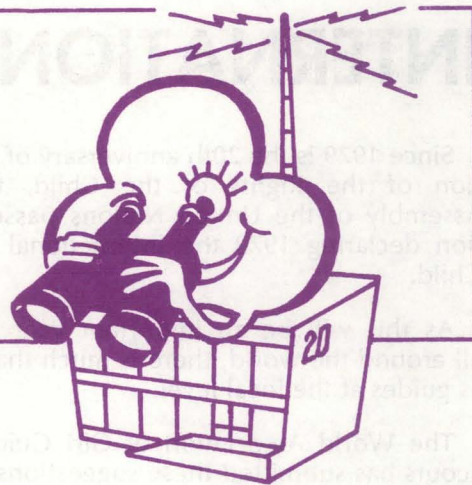
Kindest regards to you all.

Marjorie West



Syllabus for new Queen's Guide Award for Ranger Guides appears on page 145.

REPORTING FROM RUSSELL STREET



BROWNIE LEADERS' HANDBOOKS

We are becoming increasingly aware of the difficulties being experienced by Brownie Guiders who are unable to obtain copies of the Brownie Leader's Handbook, which has been out-of-print for some time. It is suggested that as many copies as possible be sought from former Leaders in Districts, Divisions and Regions for incoming Leaders to use until the new Leaders' Handbooks are available.

COUNSELLORS — RANGER SECTION

Appointment Cards for Ranger Counsellors are now available at Headquarters and will be issued on receipt of an application form signed by the Commissioner and Ranger Unit Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Unit Leaders are reminded that membership subscriptions for the six-month period from 1st May, 1978, to 31st October, 1978, are now payable at Headquarters, \$3 per girl being the amount due. (Remittance forms and details were printed in the October issue of Matilda.) It will be appreciated if all returns can reach Headquarters by the due date, i.e., 30th November.

GUIDE BISCUITS

Arnott-Brockhoff-Guests Pty. Ltd. has advised that the price of Guide Biscuits has been increased to \$7.04 per case as from October.

ANNUAL REPORT

We regret to advise that in the Association's Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1978, the name of the unit giving land at Britannia Park for the Monica Canobbio Cabin was incorrectly shown as 1st Ivanhoe. It was 2nd Ivanhoe Guide Company which made this generous and thoughtful gesture and we apologise to all members of that unit for this error.

COMMISSIONER OR LEADER ??

Some months ago through this column members were asked to express their opinions on a suggestion that the name Commissioner should be changed to Leader and we thank the many people who wrote in giving their thoughts on this idea. Everyone will be interested to know that the Australian Executive Committee, after full consideration of all points of view, has decided that the name Commissioner will be retained.

UNIFORM — BERET DIAMONDS

Another recent decision of the Australian Executive Committee is that all Leaders will wear beret diamonds (appropriate to their Sections), the only distinguishing mark between a Leader and an Assistant Leader being the warrant badge. This one will come into effect in Victoria from the beginning of 1979.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

Since 1979 is the 20th anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, the General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution declaring 1979 the International Year of the Child.

As this will be an important year for children all around the world, there is much that we can do as guides at the local level.

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has submitted these suggestions for thought and action, to involve us all:

★ Establish a special programme for children with handicaps — concentrate on action programmes which aim at rehabilitation — through play, recreation, education, training. IYC is also a good opportunity to emphasise your on-going programme for the handicapped.

★ Provide information concerning children and their needs to the public — suggest possible ways of action.

★ Have children's days or present dramas, etc., on children to "celebrate" children as a resource for the future.

★ Organise a children's art, music, writing competition, showing how children see their life and country in the future. ENTER THE AUSTRALIAN WRITING COMPETITION.

★ Prepare materials which can be used in a programme to help children to foster international friendship.

★ Become involved in projects to build playgrounds, parks or recreation centres for children to play in safety.

★ Study the effects of violence, the mass media (television, films, newspapers), drugs on children and propose some solutions.

★ Choose a project in a developing country to which your organisation can contribute — not only financially.

Let us know about on-going projects already begun.

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WHAT WE HOPE TO DO IN VICTORIA ENCOURAGING ENCOUNTER

As 1979 is the International year of the Child emphasis should be on both giving and receiving since **our** children must benefit too. The theme is "For children, by children".

AIM: Encountering new cultures and extremes in our community, with people with whom we normally have little contact.

BROWNIES — Brownies are friendly.

GUIDES — Getting to know people.

RANGER GUIDES — Relationships with other people.

This will be a service to the community in its widest sense, involving relationships with people.

With the current emphasis on small family units, children in OUR age groups may have little opportunity of ENCOUNTERING very young children or youngsters with different cultural backgrounds from their own.

Leaders should be encouraged to help the girls to think of someone the UNIT could befriend:

— example — Maybe a migrant child in their class at school, youngsters from different cultural backgrounds in their street, or any young child who would benefit from the ENCOUNTER.

This ENCOUNTER should continue for a sustained period; with the aim that this will develop into a lasting FRIENDSHIP of caring and sharing.

The whole project will culminate in a Children's Concert, hopefully to be held at the Myer Music Bowl at the end of 1979, to which we hope your units will bring the friends they have made during 1979.

* * *

What to do:

Select one of the following —

1. young children
2. youngsters of different cultural backgrounds
3. families of different cultural backgrounds.

Listen to

Talk with

Play with

Learn with

Learn about and generally enjoy friendships with the friends of your choice.

Share with others, do it yourself . . .



WRITERS WANTED

A book of Guiding stories, poems, playlets about brownies or guides (8 to 12 years) is to be produced by the Australian Girl Guides Association in 1979, to coincide with International Year of the Child.

- Authors may be brownies, guides or rangers.
- The object is to promote Guiding through exciting, adventurous, humorous, realistic, heart-warming, probable and possible stories **written by the girls**.
- Stories, poems or plays may be illustrated. The illustration need not be the work of the author but should bear the name and age (if under 18) of the artist so that, if used in publication, credit can be given.
- All entries should be clearly marked with the name, age, address of the brownie, guide or ranger author, and should bear evidence from a qualified adult (e.g., librarian) as to originality, this to be organised locally.
- Stories should be not more than 3000 words, poems short and snappy, plays suitable for a unit concert.
- All entries should be sent to Mrs R. Read, Australian Headquarters, 7 Wilmot Street, Sydney, 2000, by 31st May, 1979.
- Certificate awards and a copy of the book will be given to authors whose work is published.
- This is your way of doing a Good Turn for Guiding, by helping to put a book into the hands of **all** children, and so promote Guiding.
- As a special good turn for International Year of the Child it has been suggested that each unit present a copy of the book about Australian brownies and guides, written by Australian brownies, guides and rangers, to a children's library, hospital or home, etc., for many children to enjoy.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR GIRLS TO PUT PEN OR BRUSH TO PAPER.

IYC BADGE

The following clauses are those for the IYC badge to be earned by brownies, guides and rangers in the International Year of the Child, 1979. It is hoped that all 'guides' will earn this badge early in the year in order that it may be in evidence throughout the year.

Clauses

1. Know what the letters IYC stand for, the IYC logo and the Guide theme for the year.
2. Be actively involved in an IYC 'Guide' scheme or activity.

Comments

1. The Brownie and Guide unit leaders should give opportunity for girls to gain the knowledge and to participate in an IYC project so they can fulfil the requirements for the IYC badge.
2. The leaders will hold the badges and present them to the girls. This is the same procedure as that which was followed for the Irene Fairbairn badge.
3. The IYC badge will be worn in the same position as all 'special' badges, i.e., Brownies — beneath the Venture badge on short sleeves and above the left cuff on long sleeves. Guides — on the right breast below the world badge.

THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

UNICEF has available excellent sets of slides, films and posters which would be ideal material for use in unit or local association meetings — particularly during International Year of the Child. One of these sets is on **The Rights of the Child**. The set of 26 slides comes with a clearly printed commentary and sells for about \$4.00. It is available from the UNICEF office, 49 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, 3000, as is a complete catalogue of UNICEF films, slides, posters and publications. Slide sets and films can also be hired.

It would be appropriate during IYC to include a showing of some of these at District Annual Meetings, when a wide cross-section of the community is likely to be present.

—JOAN BURCH,
U.N. Liaison.

Gifts for the 23rd World Conference

Although only five of us went to Iran, took our places in the Conference Hall and lived in the Olympic Village in Tehran, we were always conscious that we represented all members of the Australian Association and that you were all with us in spirit.

Delegates and observers from other countries, Guiders and Scouters of the Iranian Association, members of packs and companies and some small children belonging to camp "staff" enjoyed receiving greetings from Australia in the form of gifts which had been so generously supplied by members of our Association.

Our bag of "goodies" was so vast and varied that we were able to distribute things from beginning to end of the conference and, sorting suitably, had gifts appropriate to the occasion and personnel. These tokens were particularly appreciated as we always stressed that the souvenirs were made by our members especially for presentation at the 23rd World Conference. In addition to the "official" gift of the Australian Association (a preserved flower picture) we presented souvenirs to the Scout and Guide Associations in Iran and gifts to Miss Lyn Joynt, Director of the World Bureau; Miss Barbara Styles, Deputy Director of the World Bureau; Mrs Iran Mansuri, Chief Commissioner (Girl Guides of Iran); Miss Afsar Farkhondeh Kish, Secretary (Girl Guides of Iran); and Mrs Manzar Blasband, Chairman of the Hostess Committee; all of whom worked ceaselessly during the conference.

We of the delegation wish to express our sincere thanks to the great number of members from all areas of the Movement who supplied these gifts and souvenirs — we can assure you that they were used to convey greetings from Australian Guiding and we should like you to know how proud we all were to be YOUR representatives and to show that not only a small delegation but all Australian Guiding was playing its part as a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

—CHARLOTTE RENSHAW JONES
Chief Commissioner and
leader of the delegation.



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR TRAINERS

In last month's "Matilda" information was given concerning this Training Conference to be held in Melbourne next May. We are now able to tell you that India has accepted our invitation. The cost of the return air fare from India is \$1500.

THINKING DAY 1979

Since January 1977, 38 Victorians have represented their country at various events overseas. The events concerned have been held in Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, Canada, Papua-New Guinea, India, Sangam, Norway, Sweden, Austria, United Kingdom, Tanzania and Portugal.

If you are planning to hold an International night for Thinking Day, why not invite one of these girls along to share her experiences and ideas with you and the members of your unit.

For further information please write to the International Adviser, Miss Wendy Swift, c/o Guide Headquarters.

PEAK '80 — JULY-AUGUST 1980

Selection Camp

Derbyshire County Girl Guides have invited guiders, ranger guides and guides (aged 13 to 16 years at time of camp) to attend a camp in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, U.K. Programme will include outdoor and craft activities.

It is hoped that many guiders, ranger guides and guides will apply to attend this event.

Selection will be in the form of a camp at McGowans Road, Donvale, on 24th-25th March, 1979. There is no restriction on the number of girls or leaders from a region attending for selection.

Application must be made to the Region International Representative, who will forward an application form and further inquiries to Mrs B. Cornell, 3/30 Ryeburne Avenue, East Hawthorn, 3123.

CHILDREN'S DAY PARADE — MOOMBA 1979

We have received letters from several units wishing to present their own mini-floats in this special Year of the Child Parade. We think this is a great idea and any others wanting to do the same thing are asked to contact the Public Relations Department at Headquarters. Theme of the parade is "Happiness is Guiding" and we would like to present International Guiding using our international uniforms.



Victorian Leaders' Tour of the Four World Centres

*"A chain of friendship we'll achieve,
Friends in every nation."*

How true!! Those two lines of the theme song, composed by Beverley Stewart of Dunolly, for the tour of the four World Centres, contained prophetic words, for that is exactly what did happen.

The 21 leaders and two husbands now have friends in every country they have visited and know people from other countries, because they met other folk at the World Centres. We have also made friends while we were touring on the Continent, waiting in departure lounges at airports, watching the changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, attending a Folk Lore Concert in Innsbruck, and studying paintings in the Louvre. Yes, Thinking Day for us all will have a new dimension next year as we remember our friends around the world.



Ready to leave Our Chalet.

Because the weather was fine throughout the six weeks of our tour, we were able to hike in the Swiss mountains, see high peaks like Popocatepetl in Mexico, row into the famous Blue Grotto on the Isle of Capri, listen to the Sunday oration of Pope John Paul I in St. Peter's Square, hire gondolas and Italian musicians to serenade us along the canals of Venice, and enjoy the experience of crossing the English Channel in a hovercraft.

Of course, the main purpose of our trip was to visit the four World Centres. We loved them all because they were all so different and we were given such a warm welcome at each one. We

will never forget the ceremony at **Sangam**, when we were given a traditional Indian welcome, or the joy of sharing ideas and badges with guides and leaders at **Our Chalet**. While we were at **Olave House** we heard of the World Conference decision to obtain another building as a memorial to our loved Chief Guide, and were thankful for such vision. At **Our Cabana** we just could not help joining in the singing and dancing at the Mexican Fiesta. Whoever would have believed we could do the Mexican Tap in Mexico! We also visited Fox-lease in the south of England and the World Bureau in London, and we can still feel the glow of friendship we found in both places.

Each Sunday we had our Guides' Own, and sang "No Man Is An Island", as we thought of all the people who had helped us throughout the week — the pilots, drivers, fuel carriers, food processors, etc. — all making it possible for us to enjoy our journey. And now we can say we have circled the globe. We have visited the Universal Studios, been to Disneyland with child-like anticipation and not been disappointed, we have missed a plane connection in Rome and thereby had the thrill of meeting the South African Delegation on their way to Iran; we have received many compliments about our summer uniforms and we liked wearing them; we have met people of all colours and races and creeds, and seen happy and sad faces in crowds. But most of all we have experienced the friendship of belonging to a world movement. No one can ever take that from us. We want to share it with you. It is a tremendous feeling to have friends in every nation. It is tremendous being a Guide . . .



With South African delegation at Rome Airport.

DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

Probably most members of the Movement who joined as Brownies or Guides have at one time collected badges for a camp hat or blanket. Naturally, older ones with historical associations are the most sought after, but even from those badges issued within the last ten or fifteen years a good deal of our Guide history can be learned.



One of these was produced in 1975 and in the book 'Guiding in W.A.', published in 1960, we read of a public meeting held in Perth on 28th June, 1915, to discuss the founding of the Movement there. Several companies were soon in action, one of them, 1st Perth (Pioneer) being the earliest company with an unbroken record.



Not all the early badges were in the form of a trefoil, but the inclusion of it was one of the requirements for membership of the World Association when it was formed in 1928. This badge comes from the Netherlands, and shown in the centre is the ten-pointed star which was their original badge.



Many Victorians have enjoyed a stay at Olave House and have brought home with them one of these badges.



One of the earlier badges, when this World Centre was known as 'Our Ark', is in bright blue on yellow. Perhaps someone can tell me when it was in use. This example belonged to pioneer guider Miss Barfus, who was Warden of Our Ark from 1953 to 1959.

These badges and lots of others will be on display at the State Camp in January, and some of them in the shelves in the Members' Lounge at Headquarters. They provide many interesting facts of our 'Guide History Through Badges'.

—MARY LAMBE,
State Archivist.

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL

Have you ever thought that YOU — our leaders and girls — are the best advertisement for the Girl Guides. YOU are the ones seen in your local areas by the public, and it is the way you appear to those outside Guiding which gives the Movement a good reputation — or otherwise.

Therefore, it is vital that you always look your neatest and best in uniform when taking part in Guiding activities, whether you are going to or from your unit meeting, are at your unit meeting, or on an outing or representing Guiding on an official occasion.

From top to toe, you should look your best!

Let us start at the top:

Is your hair neat and well-groomed? If you have long hair, please be sure it is tied back neatly in a pony tail or pinned tidily. This applies to leaders as well as girls. Now, when the hair is right, be sure your beret is at the correct angle with the badge over the left eye.

We ask that you do not wear fancy earrings with uniform — they do look quite out of place. If those of you who have pierced ears need to wear something in them, please keep to plain studs.

We like our leaders to wear make-up, but try to keep this soft and simple. We do not want to look like painted dolls, but we do want to look feminine in uniform. Natural or pale pink nail polish looks feminine, too, but please, no red, blue or other bright colours.

Now the uniform itself. Is it clean, well-pressed, well-brushed and tidy — no buttons missing or hems down? No slips showing and, if possible, a dark slip under winter uniform and a light-coloured one under the summer dress.

Stockings and pantyhose are a neutral shade which is worn by most women. Check that there are no holes or ladders. Please, no blue or white stockings. These are not part of the uniform. Socks for the girls are fawn ankle or knee-high length, or fawn tights for winter, and ranger guides and rangers wear pantyhose.

Shoes, bag and gloves. Leaders may still wear navy, black or brown accessories, provided they all match, but navy really does look the smartest with the navy uniform. Remember this when next you need to buy new shoes for your Guiding activities, or colour-change an old pair to tide you over. Ranger guides and rangers wear navy accessories with their smart uniform and make sure shoes are a suitable style, either navy lace-up or low court shoes. Guides and brownies should wear flat-heeled lace-up brown or black shoes, or brownies may wear brown or black closed sandals. Whichever of these you wear, please be sure that they are clean, well-brushed and polished.

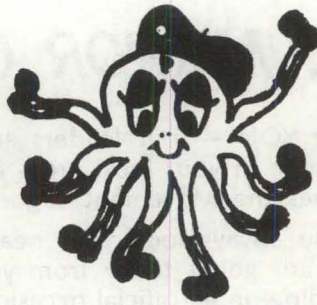


Last, but by no means least, make sure that all your badges are in their correct positions and that metal badges are shiny and bright. Try to get into the good habit of polishing your badges each time you wear them. You will be surprised how shiny they will become. If you are not quite sure where badges are placed on your uniform, check diagrams in the chapter on uniforms in P.O. and R. You can find all details of uniform in pages 78 to 90.

Now, check everything in your mirror and ask yourself:

"AM I THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL?"

SUPPLEMENTARY



ACTIVITIES

ROUND-UP 3

This will be a residential Horse Riding weekend for guides and ranger guides (10-18 years) at an excellent riding school.

Numbers are limited to **20**, so send in your application early.

DATE — Saturday, 27th January (10.00 a.m.) to Monday, 29th January (4.00 p.m.), Australia Day weekend.

PLACE — Tooradin Estate, Lynes Road, Tooradin.

CAMP FEE — \$34.00.

Closing date for applications — 18th December, 1978.

It is most important that each applicant has a **hard** hat which fits snugly and has a chin strap.



ROUND-UP 3 APPLICATION

Please send to Mrs M. McLean, 2 Wyatt Street, Seaford, 3198, particulars of name, address, telephone number, unit, age, height, weight, riding experience **in detail**, i.e., beginner or experienced (ridden **regularly** for at least 12 months) with deposit \$18.00 and following certificate —

My daughter.....
has my permission to attend Round-Up 3 from
27th January to 29th January, 1979.

SIGNED.....
(Parent or Guardian).

Please enclose stamped addressed envelope with application, deposit and certificate.

WHOOPEE DAY

This will be a tremendous family day on 25th November at Woodend.

Why not have your Christmas break-up in a lovely bushland setting, enjoy lots of activities and share in the fun and laughter?

Only 70 cents a single or \$2.50 per family.

Send in your application now. Details and form in October "Matilda".



FOTO FUN

Have you your application form yet? They are available in your region or from Headquarters.

Come on, all you budding photographers.

Get out your cameras and start taking photographs now, so you can enter the Greatest Photographic Competition organised by the Guide Association. See October "Matilda" for details.

SAC ON THE BEAT

Barwon Region will hold a "Spring Ding" involving all units in the Geelong area.

Dandenong Region plans are almost finalised for their Water Activities Weekend in December.

Mornington Peninsula Region has held a successful Horse-riding Weekend and a Copper Enamelling Workshop. Plans are under way for a Square Dance Night.

North Metropolitan Region is planning a Horse-riding Day and **Sunraysia** Region has held a Puppetry Workshop.



STROLLING PLAYERS CLUB

We are seeking **20** more members for this newly-formed club.

Membership is open to the following—

1. You **must be** a member of a unit, and a guide or ranger guide aged 10 to 18 years inclusive.

2. You must be able to **sing in tune** and have experience in **one** of the following as well — instrumental music, drama, dance.

Auditions will be held and all applicants will be notified of the time, date and place of their audition.

Closing date for applications is 8th December, 1978.

STROLLING PLAYERS CLUB — APPLICATION

NAME.....
 ADDRESS.....
 TELEPHONE NUMBER.....
 UNIT.....
 AGE.....
 MUSIC EXPERIENCE:
 (Please give details — school choirs, concerts, etc.)
 SINGING.....
 INSTRUMENTAL
 (Instruments played, standard achieved, performances, etc.).....
 DRAMA (School plays, drama classes, clubs, etc.)

 DANCE
 (State your specialty, e.g., classical ballet, jazz, Scottish dancing, callisthenics, etc.; standard achieved and performances, etc.)

I am willing for my daughter to apply to become a member of the Strolling Players Club.

SIGNED.....
 (Parent or Guardian)

Please send application with stamped self-addressed envelope to Mrs M. McLean, 2 Wyatt Street, Seaford, 3198, no later than 8th December, 1978.

ESPECIALLY FOR BROWNIES



CAMP "PATANGA" BROWNIE DAY

Brownie Day at State camp "Patanga" will be Wednesday, 17th January, 1979.

Please note that all brownies and leaders participating will need to bring packed lunches.



LINK BADGE

The LINK BADGE is now available. As an interim measure the Brownie and Guide leaders concerned are **both** asked to sign the Interest Badge book to say the syllabus has been completed by the brownie, and the badge can then be issued. Details of syllabus were published in June "Matilda". A Link Badge card will be available from the shop at Guide Headquarters at a later date.

PHILLIP ISLAND FARM HOLIDAYS

Spacious attractive surrounds, beachfront, horse-riding, hay-rides, animals, etc. 4 new log cabins. Recreation hall. Families, schools and groups. Telephone Mrs Jeffrey on (059) 56 7288.

TREFOIL TALES

At the end of October the members of the National Joint Council (the governing body of the Australian Fellowship) will come from Queensland to hand over their duties to the new committee in Victoria. The new committee will include Mrs I. Lister (Australian Trefoil Adviser), Mrs M. Stubbs (Victorian Adviser), Miss Amy Bush from Trefoil and Messrs. Michell, Markham and Howell from Baden-Powell Guild. An evening has been arranged to allow our visitors to meet as many Trefoil and Baden-Powell Guild members as possible.

Thank you to all Trefoil members who helped count and wrap calendars in Headquarters.

Trefoil members were invited to the Baden-Powell Guild Annual Meeting. Mr Dennis Robertson, from the Scout Association, told of improvements to be made at Gilwell Park.

EASTERN SUBURBS guild played a tape of the Memorial Service for Lady Baden-Powell held in Westminster Abbey, at their Annual Meeting. The tape was an excellent one. Soloist and speaker Lady Joyce Price were wonderful to hear.

The committee from **TALLARINGA, MANNINGHAM** and **MAROONDAH** guilds who organised the Maroondah Singers Concert had great pleasure in handing a cheque for \$912 to Mrs Lister for the Baden-Powell Memorial Homes Project.

FINDON held a jewellery demonstration and invited Janefield girls to the meeting. Thirteen girls had an enjoyable morning viewing the jewellery and choosing what they wanted to buy.

CARINE invited members from nearby guilds to their Annual Meeting and showed slides which brought back memories — a street march in Canterbury, the opening of Headquarters, Lady Baden-Powell at Guide House, Britannia Park scenes and some scenes of New Zealand.

For their monthly meeting **ASHGLEN** had a craft demonstration. Members and friends showed their particular hobby — patchwork, bark painting, Christmas decorations, wood pictures, etc.

Contact me (89 3898) if you want to order a Fellowship Plate from Denmark.

We have three new Trefoil Guilds to welcome — **YARRAVILLE, MT. ELIZA** and **GLENELG** (Casterton). There are still many areas that have no guild within reach. If you are in one of these areas, why not start one. For information contact the Adviser, M. Stubbs, 1 Halsey Street, Box Hill, 3128 — 89 3898. —M.S.

CRICKET ON THE COMMON — MATCH OF THE YEAR

On a brilliant sunny Sunday afternoon ranger guides, leaders and commissioners, their families and friends, gathered at "Glenaroua", Mrs Grimwade's home, to see who would take off this year's trophy.

The scene was set, wickets prepared amid a sea of yellow daisies, umpires in place, scorers and time-keepers poised, and the match (or matches) commenced.

Ranger guides dressed in proper blues gathered around their captain for instructions and the State Commissioner called together her gorgeous gremlins dressed in correct cricket creams (though we did see a couple of ring-ins garbed in baseball and football gear).

While correct (??) cricket was played on one wicket a funny game of continuous cricket involving one bat, lots of bowlers and fieldmen carried on nearby, drew much laughter and applause.

We saw some stylish batting and bowling, our State Secretary, Peg Barr, carrying off the cup for the highest score and a certain well-known leader winning a trophy for the greatest number of lives! At one stage Mrs Grimwade was seen being removed from the field by first aiders with a wheelbarrow.

During the afternoon the organisers, Karingal Ranger Guides, provided other entertainment — three streakers (in brief bikinis) dashed across the cricket pitch, a beautifully dressed cheer squad performed in the centre of the field and at half-time afternoon tea and drinks were dispensed. To complete a wonderful afternoon we had the pleasure of receiving trophies from Dame Edna Everage (a rover) and the secretary of the Victorian Women's Cricket Association (we believe she was scouting for new cricket talent!).

And who won this year's match? The Ranger Section, by ONE run.

Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Grimwade for the beautiful venue, and to Karingal Ranger Guide Unit and their helpers for a terrific afternoon's sport (???)

CADET REUNION

1st Melbourne (Metropolitan) Cadet Company (1954-1963) Reunion at 'Tapestry' — 10th, 11th, 12th March, 1979.

Please circulate this information to anyone you think may be interested.

For your first information sheet write as soon as possible to Mrs Annabel Brownell, 37 Range Street, Camberwell, 3124.

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.



TRAINING PAGES

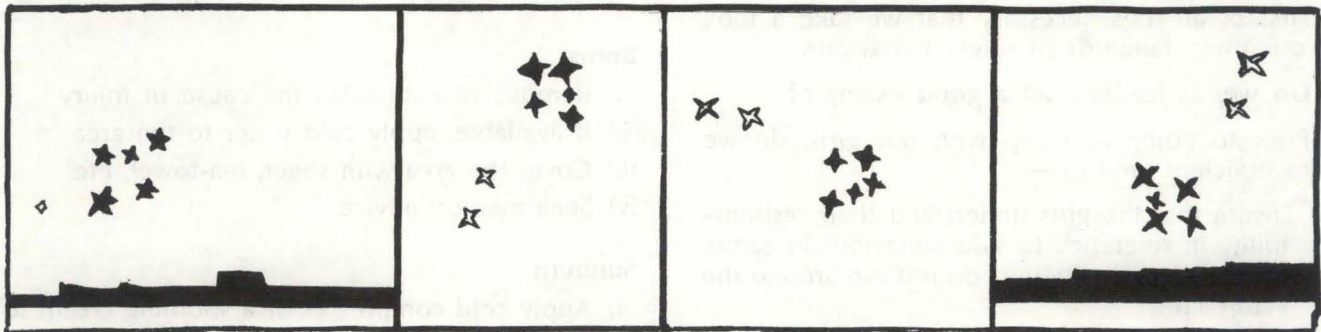


ADOPT A STAR



Has your unit **ever** been star gazing? Did you ever point out any particular star or make the girls aware of their birthday constellation? Did you find that some constellations did not appear in the sky that night? Have you also noticed that if you go star gazing at 7.00 p.m. and look at a particular constellation, e.g., the Southern Cross, and then go back a few hours later, say at 12.00 midnight, it has apparently moved.

Encourage your unit, patrol or six to adopt a star or a group of stars that appears in our heavens above the eclipse all the year round. Get them to look at it at the same time, once a week or month. Make sure they record the date, weather, time and place. Note any differences in the position to other stars. Make a simple progressive wall mural of what they see, e.g., the Southern Cross.



December—Summer
8.00 p.m.

April—Autumn
8.00 p.m.

July—Winter
8.00 p.m.

October—Spring
8.00 p.m.

Find out its different position at each time of the year. Does it ever appear to be upside down?

Obtain, beg or borrow a pair of binoculars. First get the girls to look at the stars with the naked eye and jot down what they see. Then have them look at the same stars with binoculars and notice the difference. If they look closely they may find there are not only five stars in the Southern Cross.



Aborigines have several legends concerning the Southern Cross. Here is one:

Mululu had four daughters, but unfortunately no sons. He was worried about their future as he was getting old and soon expected to die. As they had no brother to protect them he would like them to leave earth and meet him in the sky.

Conduk, the clever medicine man, would assist them to reach their new home.

Mululu died, so the daughters set off in a northerly direction to find Conduk, who was reported to have a thick, long beard. Reaching his camp, they found a huge pile of silver-grey hair rope plaited from Conduk's beard, the end reaching high up into the sky. With encouragement from Conduk they climbed to the top of the rope and found their father at the end waiting for them. . .

Now the daughters are the four bright stars of the Southern Cross and close by is their father, the bright star Centaurus.

There are lots of legends regarding the stars. Can you find one for your adopted star?



PLAY IT SAFE

During November, December and January the St. John's Ambulance Association will be co-ordinating a State-wide 'Play It Safe' campaign.

The aim of this campaign is to make the people of Victoria more aware of the situations in which accidents can occur.

Every Christmas holidays hundreds of people are involved in accidents which need not have happened had the people concerned taken more care in the first place.

How can we help the girls in our units to become more aware of the hazards which cause accidents?

First of all it is necessary that we take a look at our own standards of safety behaviour.

Do we, as leaders, set a good example?

Prior to going to camp with our girls, do we take sufficient time to —

- i) Ensure that the girls understand their responsibility in reference to **safe** behaviour in camp. Do they know **why** they do not run around the camp site?
- ii) Organise and discuss the health aspect of the camp? — Remember that a healthy camp is a safe camp.
- iii) Ensure that the girls know how to use camp equipment correctly.

At meetings, do you ensure that the surroundings are safe, that the girls know what to do in the case of an emergency?

Prevention is better than treatment

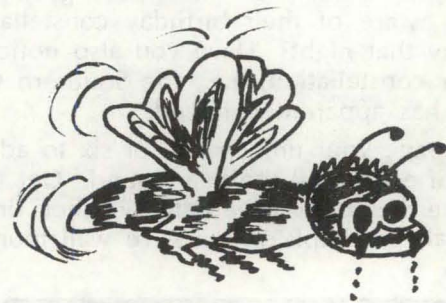
When the unexpected occurs the following is a **brief guideline** for the first-aid treatment of the more common types of accidents, the A.B.C. of First Aid.

Always check that the patient has —

- A — Adequate airway
- B — Breathing
- C — Adequate circulation to maintain life.

Insect bites

- i) cold compress over the area of bite
- ii) if symptoms other than local swelling occur, seek medical advice.



Burns

- i) Remove or extinguish the cause of injury
- ii) If available, apply cold water to the area
- iii) Cover the area with sheet, tea-towel, etc.
- iv) Seek medical advice.

Sunburn

- i) Apply cold compresses or a soothing cream to ease pain
- ii) If the area involved is extensive, seek medical advice.

Cuts

- i) Wash under running water
 - ii) Apply a clean dressing such as a gauze square or adhesive bandage.
- IF THE CUT IS SEVERE
- i) Apply direct pressure, and a bandage.

Grazes

- i) Clean gently with soapy water
- ii) Apply an antiseptic such as mercurochrome.

Fractures — broken bones

If fracture is suspected —

- i) Immobilize area to prevent pain, shock, and possibility of a simple fracture breaking through the skin
- ii) Seek medical advice.



Drowning

- i) Remove child from water.
- ii) Place child face down to get rid of as much water as possible from lungs.
- iii) If child has stopped breathing, start mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Foreign objects

In ear or nose — consult medical advice.

In the eye — ask child to close the eye for a few minutes in the hope that tears will wash particles away.

Do not allow child to rub the eye.



Remember that this information is only a broad outline.

As the Christmas holidays approach, if you are going camping check that your First-Aid kit is adequate.

Have a safe holiday!

For further knowledge consult The Guide Handbook. Miss W. Swift (c/- Guide Headquarters) is willing to give further assistance on prevention of burns and accidents.

Sleeping Bags — Possible Dangers

Fatalities have occurred due to the use of sleeping bags which had been dry cleaned and were not aired before use.

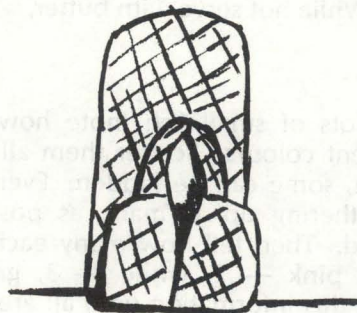
In the last case reported, the bag was returned from dry cleaning tightly rolled and was opened up immediately before use within a small tent. Death came after the person had occupied the bag for about eight hours. An enquiry established that some of the dry cleaning chemical had remained in the bag and had evaporated during the bag's use, forming a poisonous vapour.

The following facts are a result of further investigation:

- a) Down or wool filled bags are the more dangerous as they hold the chemicals longer.
- b) The presence or absence of the chemicals can not be detected by smell.
- c) The colder the weather the longer the chemical will remain in unused bags.
- d) As it may take up to two hours in a heated tumbler-dryer to remove all the chemical, the dry cleaning firm cannot reasonably be expected to carry out complete removal.

Some effects such as sickness and headaches have resulted from other items of wool or other absorbent materials freshly dry cleaned being worn where fumes can be continually inhaled, e.g., on head or around the neck; used as a pillow, etc.

Sleeping bags or other similar items received after dry cleaning are to be unrolled and hung loosely in a dry place for a minimum of twenty-four hours in warm conditions or three days in cold conditions. These articles are never to be re-issued for use without airing.



A Saint Andrew's Day Meeting

30th November is St. Andrew's Day and your girls might enjoy a programme centred around Saint Andrew. He is represented on our Australian Flag by the white diagonal cross on the blue background. We have it on our flag because of our early historical association with Scotland. When Captain Cook landed, the flag he raised on our shores was that of the Union flag of Scotland and England. St. Andrew's Cross was chosen by the Scots as their national symbol because he is their Patron Saint. The story of Andrew is worth telling. He was a man of great faith and courage. Look on your library shelves for "Standard Bearers" by Elizabeth Clark or "Patron Saints" by R. F. Heath. Training Department has a few copies. The Bible will give you the story of his early discipleship and missionary work. There is also the story of how the Scots chose him as their patron and their national symbol. This is a story of adventure, humour and great belief in God.

Build your programme about these stories, search your favourite games books and see if you can adapt any to suit the theme.

Learn a Scottish dance, sing some Scottish songs. Cook a Scottish Dish — Scottish Griddle Scones and share a delicious afternoon tea or supper. The original girdle was like a large iron frying pan with no sides but had an iron basic type handle . . . thus it could be suspended over an open fire or used on a wood stove. Nowadays an electric frypan could be used and as all meeting places would have a power point this makes it an excellent activity for a unit meeting.

To make 24 scones you require — 1 dessert-spoon of shortening; 2 cups of self-raising flour; salt; ½ cup of milk.

Sift flour and salt into bowl. Rub in shortening with fingers. Mix to a firm dough with milk, turn on to floured board and knead lightly. Press out to ¼" thickness and cut with scone cutter.

Heat frying pan to 380 degrees, grease **very lightly** with butter, place scones in pan, turn when browned — scones will take from 5-7 minutes on each side. While hot serve with butter.

Fishing

Cut out lots of small fish (note how many) in three different colours. Scatter them all over your playing area, some can be hidden. Everyone goes 'fishing', gathering up as many as possible until all are found. Then tell how many each colour is worth, e.g., pink — 1, white — 3, green — 6. Do not give this information until all are found.

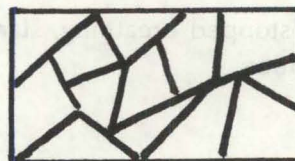
Scores are totalled to find the winner.

This may be played individually, in sixes, patrols or teams. Do check to see that none are left lying about afterwards.

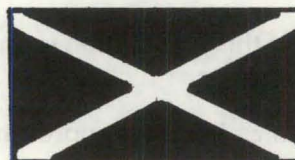
Another fishing game is in the May 'Matilda', "Fanning the Fish".

Jig-saw quiz:

Equipment: Two large cards, length twice the width. On one side of one card depict the white diagonal cross on a blue background. On the other side mark out a jig-saw pattern and on each shape write something relating to St. Andrew. Cut out pieces. On the other piece of card trace around the shapes and write in corresponding statements. Vary order of each set.



- A covenanter's secret sign . . . a fish
- Monk who took Andrew's bones to Scotland . . . Regulus
- What Andrew found and took to Jesus . . . Loaves and Fishes
- Name of Andrew's brother . . . Simon Peter
- Jesus asked Andrew to be a . . . Fisher of men
- Andrew is the patron saint of . . . Scotland
- This town is near where Andrew is buried . . . St. Andrew
- The floral emblem of Scotland . . . Scottish Thistle
- Andrew died on this . . .



Blue of the Scottish flag represents a . . . Twilight sky.

To play: Each team takes master plan of jig-saw, pieces are in centre. Members of teams take it in turn to run up and collect pieces, any incorrect piece is returned by next runner. Pieces are placed on master sheet, flag side uppermost.

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

Thought for the Month

Problems are only opportunities in work clothes.

Wanted: Weekend Tealadies at Headquarters!

Why? To allow Trainers the maximum time with their guiders.

Time: 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Duties: Making morning tea and lunchtime drinks and leaving things ready for afternoon tea. All ingredients are provided, travelling expenses are paid and the guide garage is open for a car if necessary. Please contact Sandra, the Training Secretary at Headquarters if you can help occasionally in this way.

120 Years of Service in Preston District

Masses of spring flowers and a warm log fire welcomed guests at Preston District's 48th annual meeting. A special feature was presentation of long-service badges to five women who between them have given 120 years of splendid service as uniformed and local association members. Miss Wall, Security Officer with G. J. Coles, spoke both entertainingly and with wisdom to the guides and guests.

Christmas is coming

Start thinking "Guide Shop" and begin your city trek at 20 Russell Street. The range of present possibilities is very wide: practical and fun gifts for brownies, guides and rangers who may be looking forward to a pack holiday or camp or bush-walking trip; beautiful gifts for guiders and commissioners who may be retiring, moving, getting married or just plain being loved and remembered by their girls at Christmas; books, books and more books — novels and short stories about brownies and guides, annuals, how-to-do-it books about crafts suitable for anyone, including Grandma, books about nature and practical books about camping and bushcraft; records and songbooks to keep your daughters singing happily all year round; notepaper, gift cards and many other small things.

All are quality goods and reasonably priced and you can buy with the knowledge that the profit margin (entailed in any business) helps to run our Victorian Guide Association.

As an extra bonus, if you did not start your shopping at Headquarters and your feet are killing you, go through the side door into Headquarters itself and ask the smiling receptionist if the urn is boiling and make a cup of tea (for a minimal charge). Sink into a chair in the lounge and take a well-earned rest. Freshen up in the washrooms (male and female and free) and you will feel ready to face the outside bustle again.

Do you have a handicapped friend who would dearly love to do her own Christmas shopping this year? Headquarters was designed so that wheelchair members and friends can enter by a ramp and use the whole ground floor — shop, lounge, toilets and training room. Shop staff are accustomed to handicapped customers and the display shelves are set out in such a way that things are easily seen from a lower level.

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RECIPE CORNER

Avgolemono Soup (Greek, delicate, different and delicious).

For 6 to 8 people, the necessary quantity of lightly seasoned home-made chicken stock (no herbs). Cook rice in the stock until soft but not mushy. Just before serving — beat 2 eggs with a little cold water in a medium-sized basin, add strained juice of 2 lemons and beat till frothy. Add hot stock to egg mixture a little at a time until the basin mixture is quite hot (to prevent eggs curdling). Add to rest of soup and serve with a dash of black pepper on top.

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Please send contributions for this section to Mrs W. Pye, 31 Kerferd Street, East Malvern, 3145.

N-E-W-S

from all directions



Did you ever wear a uniform like any of these? Box Hill District discovered and displayed them at a recent district celebration.

SURREY HILLS RANGER JUBILEE

Fifty years of rangers in Surrey Hills will be celebrated with a reunion of past and present members at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church at 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 1st December, 1978. Please contact Mrs June Bull (89 8341) for details.

FRANKSTON REUNION

Former members and friends of 1st Frankston Guide Company are invited to join 50th Birthday celebrations on Saturday, 2nd December, 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., at the Quality Street scout and guide hall.

For further information please contact Lorraine Warren (786 5009).



"JAMBORELLA ONE"

VACANCIES FOR GUIDES —

Contact Mrs J. Thompson, C/o Guide Headquarters, for application forms.

URGENT — Volunteer tradesmen (plumbers, carpenters, etc.), needed at working bees at Gilwell Park every weekend. Contact Geoff Phillips — 277 1786.

AT MANSFIELD

To enable parents, leaders, guides and brownies of Eildon Division to meet and get to know one another, two fun days were held at Mansfield — one for guides and one for brownies.

Both days were hosted by Mansfield leaders with each district contributing to the programme.

Wide games, a nature walk and hay rides provided lots of fun for the brownies and, during the guides' day, Elizabeth Neely spoke about the Patrol Leaders' Gathering she attended in Ballarat.

—M. McMILLAN.

INDIAN COOKING

Miral Dimbla, a Rotary exchange student from India and one of the leaders of 2nd Waverley North Guide Company, helped them organise an Indian cooking night. They made chappatties (like bread to taste, but rolled in thin circles) and fried them in ghee (a type of butter).

They also made bean and egg curry, which tasted delicious with the chappatties.

—LISA BURROW.



Mrs Joan Lewis (having served as Brownie, Guide and Ranger leader, District Commissioner and Local Association president in Croydon area) recently received her 40 years long-service badge at a surprise party attended by many of her Guiding and community friends.

At the same gathering, Mrs Lewis (right) presented a 20 year long-service badge to her daughter, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Croydon Ranger Guide leader.



Bentleigh District girls and leaders took part in a "FAB"-ulous exercise. They collected lemons from neighbours', friends' and their own trees and, in a "lemon charged" good turn delivered this trailer load to hospitals in their area.

BRASS RUBBING

Hold a brass rubbing night at your meeting.

The history of monumental brasses is explained to your brownies or guides and they are shown how to take off their rubbings from facsimilies.

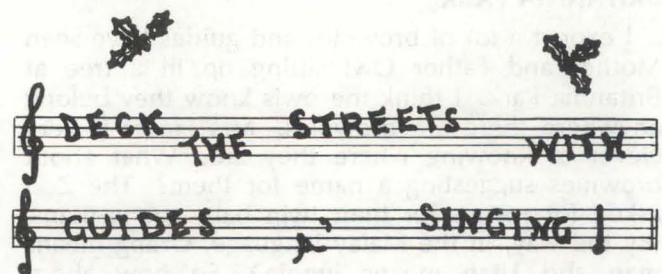
For as little as 90 cents, each girl can take home her own rubbing complete with poster hangers. Detail paper, heelball and masking tape are all supplied.

A demonstrator is now available for Monday evenings and to reduce the waiting list.

Country enquiries welcome.

Write or telephone for samples and price list.

Margaret Angus, 16 Ingrid Street, Scoresby, 3179 (telephone 763 6811).



We will be singing Christmas Carols to Melbourne shoppers from 12.00 noon to 3.00 p.m. on 21st and 22nd December.

If your unit would like to join in, please contact Mrs N. Jones, Public Relations Department, Headquarters.

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AROUND OUR CAMPSITES

JANET WHITLAM MEMORIAL PARK

Have you visited this bushland Guide property in Belgrave South?

What about a day hike? Travel by train to Belgrave and then walk to the site on Mount Morton Road.

Or travel by car directly to the site — refer Melways Map 84, EF4.

Facilities include toilet-shower blocks, light, power, wet weather shelter, water (M.M.B.W.), camping equipment — permit or licence, animals, birds and wildflowers.

Plan evergreen — conservation is one of our responsibilities, not only as Guide leaders but also as members of the human race. We must use wisely what we have.

Use and enjoy our native heritage — help your guides and ranger guides appreciate our bushland — teach them to enjoy the wonderful outdoors.

Would you like to see an orienteering course, pathfinder course or skills of camping course there? Give Janet Whitlam Memorial Park new life. Please send your ideas to Mrs J. Lamond, Camping Adviser, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.

BRITANNIA PARK

I expect a lot of brownies and guides have seen Mother and Father Owl sitting up in a tree at Britannia Park. I think the owls know they belong anywhere there are brownies. Mrs Fraser is very clever at knowing where they are. What about brownies suggesting a name for them? The Zoo asked for names for their twin baby orang-utans. (By the way, in the Malay language, **Orang** means **man** and **Utan** means **jungle**.) So how about it, brownies, a name for Mr and Mrs Britannia Park Owl?

Great excitement . . . under the Thank You Chalet last week. A man came to spray all buildings against ants, etc., and when he went under the chalet there were four eyes looking at him. He quickly called Mr Fraser and old Rastus. Rastus, a terrific hunter, went under the chalet and there was a great commotion and out shot Mrs Wombat. Still more commotion, and finally Mr Fraser had to rescue Rastus from a great big, frightened Mr Wombat. Everyone likes the Thank You Chalet, even wombats.

A very nice letter from 2nd Ferny Creek Pack telling us what a good Brownie Revels they had recently. I liked the bit where they said . . . "Learnt about a particular part of Britannia Park". I wonder if leaders ever show the children the booklet called "The Story of Britannia Park", which tells how so many people worked so hard to raise money to buy it for us nearly 40 years ago.

Organisation has started for our **40th Birthday weekend**, 10th-12th March, 1979. It is for adult members and retired members of the movement. Outdoor and limited indoor accommodation will be available. Please contact Mrs Elizabeth Thompson for details, on 45 3418.

Thank you once again to all the wonderful people who are helping through the Maintenance Fund, Miss Holtz and I have chosen material for new bedspreads in Brownie Cottage. We are still looking for the right floor covering for both houses.

Thank you to the following —

4th West Waverley Guide Company (24th, 25th April), Barwon Trefoil Guild (21st May), Syndal Local Association (7th August), Diamond Creek Local Association (18th August), Wonthaggi Local Association (19th August), 3rd Donvale Pack (19th August), Camberwell South Division (23rd August), 2nd Wheelers Hill Pack (28th August), Heathmont Local Association (1st September), Caulfield Local Association (Fathers' Day, 3rd September), Overport Local Association (7th September), Maffra Local Association and units (14th September), Eltham North Local Association and units (15th September), Vermont Local Association (16th, 17th September), Hazelwood Local Association (20th September), 2nd Mentone Pack (21st September), Mrs I. C. Wallace (23rd September), Armadale Local Association (20th, 25th September), 2nd Overport Pack (28th September), Strathmore Local Association (30th September).

—PAT GRAY.
Acting Convener.

MITTAGONG CAMPSITE (LARA)

Newly appointed booking officer for this campsite is Mrs A. Woodyard, 8 Rigel Road, Lara (telephone Geelong 82 2054).

GET GOING



GET GUIDING

Money Raising — Identification for Guides

At a recent Region Guider Representatives meeting it was again reported that girls had presented themselves at various houses asking for money for the Girl Guides. They had no identification and the leader of the unit to which they claimed to belong did not know of their activity.

It is commendable that the girls were prepared to work in exchange for money, and I hope that guides will continue to "earn", rather than to seek "donations". However, it is our responsibility as guiders to know when our girls are involved in projects and to have approved of the method they employ.

Ideally, the girls limit house approaches for jobs to people to whom they are known, but even then they should be able to present identification. Cards are issued as identification for "April Action", and also serve as a means of accounting for money received in the name of Guiding. For local efforts a similar authority could be produced. The temptation for children to use money collected for their own purpose is strong and, whilst we attempt to train our members to be responsible, we can find non-members using Guiding's name to elicit funds. If our girls carry identification it will help the public distinguish between guides and the non-genuine.



CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations to Miss Barbara Reynolds on being awarded the Guide Training Certificate.

Olave Patrol Challenges

Patrols still working on Challenge 2 have until the end of December to forward their reports to me at Headquarters. They will have missed doing Challenge 3, which was held at the October Field Days, but a pennant is awarded to patrols that complete Challenges 1 and 2.

Details of the 1979 Olave Patrol Challenges will be announced in February "Matilda".

Guide Section Region Representative Meetings, 1979

These meetings are held once a term. The invitation is extended to each region to send one Guide guider to be a link between the region's guides and guiders and the Guide Section. It is through this group that the section is able to discover what is happening at unit level, and to arrange events like our coming 1979 Guiders' Weekend.

Meetings for this group will be:

Term 1 — 31st March-1st April at the Guiders' Weekend.

Term 2 — 16th June, at Guide Headquarters.

Term 3 — 13th October, at Guide Headquarters.

Who Is Important?

Seniority in Guiding? What is that?

Do we start as a brownie and aim to become State Commissioner?

Or do we look for — and do — the job which we do best?

Perhaps it is hard for people "outside" the movement to see that an Assistant Ranger Guide leader, with her lack of braid, is not "under" a commissioner — but "inside" the movement, we know that everyone is important provided they undertake the task for which they are best suited, and do it well.

Not RANK — but pegs in the right holes!

—YVONNE JAMES.

RANGERING AROUND

USING YOUR INITIATIVE

Not knowing what was ahead, a group of ranger guides and a few rangers arrived at Gilwell Park, Gembrook, to take part in an INITIATIVE COURSE.

After receiving instructions from leaders, everyone set off in teams of six to find their way to their starting point (it is amazing how the bush all seems the same when one is finding the way by compass).

Eventually teams arrived at their starting points from where, throughout the day, they moved from one stunt to another. These stunts, planned to test skills, knowledge and experience, consisted of a sandstorm which meant erecting a tent while blindfolded; the removal of a box of explosives from a site without blowing up everyone, rescuing a parachutist with a broken leg who had been caught in a tree and landed in a creek bed; coping with a firebug who had injured a forest ranger; and rendering first aid to casualties from a canoe accident.

Having been told the evening meal would be provided, everyone returned to base expecting a nice hot dinner to be ready. Imagine the dismay when each team was presented with flour, sugar, eggs, butter, milk and unscaled fish and told to cook their own dinner — nothing daunted, fires were lit and a good dinner prepared very quickly.

Next morning the tables were turned and the teams set up stunts for the organisers to try.

A wonderful experience for all who took part. Many thanks to 1st and 2nd Mount Waverley Ranger Guides and their leaders, and to the venturer scouts and leaders who spent so much time arranging this very worthwhile weekend.

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

At Girl Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, from 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd December.

Ranger guides, rangers and leaders, come to Central Committee's surprise breakup. Wear your pre-school party dress and be prepared for lots of surprises. Information from Fiona Clark (telephone 878 2156).

SKIING ON BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

Fifteen rangers were lucky again this year! Lucky to spend a week at the Rover Chalet on the Bogong High Plains. The only means of transport available for the eleven kilometres between Falls Creek and the Chalet is Nordic or cross-country skis. Fortunately, it was a lovely day and the weight of our packs was forgotten as we delighted in the glorious scenery.

In the Chalet, chores, organised on the patrol system, were quickly and efficiently disposed of. Outside the snow was beautiful and we revelled in the fast downhill skiing, trying to improve our skill and technique as the week progressed. A rope tow provided an easy way up the hill, and allowed much more skiing than without it.

There were many cross-country tours. Mt. Cope, Timm's Lookout, Wallace's and Wilkinson's huts, Investiture Point, and Tawonga Huts are always popular. A small party of fast skiers made a 34-kilometre dash to Mt. Fainter one day. It was a clear day and they were rewarded with splendid views. A 24-kilometre tour to Tawonga Huts by a larger group resulted in one dislocated shoulder. It took an hour to ski back to the Chalet for the akja (snow rescue sled). On contacting the Search and Rescue people at Falls Creek on the two-way radio (our only means of communication), we found there was a helicopter in the air and within ten minutes it had picked up our injured Rover and transported him to hospital. In the meantime, the resourceful group of skiers had constructed a sled from six skis and a rucksack, and transported him about four kilometres.

One day a cross-country race of five kilometres was organised, and provided hilarious spills and lots of fun. An igloo was built and slept in overnight, just for the experience, to see if one could survive when protected from snow and wind in this way.

Our thanks go to the rovers for sharing their facilities with rangers again this year.

—S. HOPWOOD.

NEW QUEEN'S GUIDE AWARD FOR RANGER GUIDES

HERE IT IS!

We now have the syllabus for the NEW Queen's Guide Award which may be earned by ranger guides, 14 to 18 years old. I am sure anyone undertaking this challenge will delight in the freedom of choice in the Ranger Challenge, and the opportunity for learning and imparting of knowledge in other sections.—J.T.

Syllabus

1. Achieve the Ranger Challenge at the highest possible personal standard.

2. The Promise

Participate fully in your unit's activities and accept your share of responsibility towards the running of the unit. Show by your attitude and behaviour that you understand the Promise and its relevance in everyday life.

Unit Council should recommend your application (to the Ranger Section Adviser) at least six months prior to completion of the Queen's Guide Award.

3. Service

Find organised regular service for the unit and make sure it is carried out for at least three months.

Prepare a report on this service and present it to Ranger Guide Council or the Ranger Section Adviser.

4. Out-of-doors

- (a) Gain any outdoor qualification, such as camping, boating or flying.
- (b) Show you are willing to help other members of your unit to gain a similar qualification.
- (c) Participate in another outdoor activity which would be a challenge to your fitness, such as abseiling, canoeing, archery, orienteering, gliding, etc.

5. History of the Movement

- (a) Have a good knowledge of the history of the movement, including local, state, national, international and World Associations.
- (b) Know the life history of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.
- (c) Share this knowledge or particular areas of it for about twenty minutes with a group of people such as a local association, Trefoil guild, guide company.

6. Community Awareness

- (a) Earn a Ranger Service Certificate.
- (b) Take part in a "Teen Leadership" training weekend.
- (c) Discover and record, in an interesting way, the resources of your own community, such as local government departments, community aid organisations, youth council, charities, adult education and other local facilities.

A Record book is to be applied for from the Ranger Section Adviser before ranger guides begin work on the award.

Participants should attend a training weekend whilst working on this award.

TAPESTRY WORKING BEE ROSTER

Do you know the date in 1979 when your Ranger Council has been rostered to work at Tapestry? Contact your Region Council for details.

TOOLS FOR TAPESTRY

If you can help Tapestry by donating saw, hammer, screwdriver, pliers, spanner, putty-knife, fence wire strainer, vice, tin-snips, chisel or hacksaw, please telephone Marg Owen (45 3657) to arrange for collection.

TAPSY TOUR

At Tapestry, Strathewen, on 9th-10th December.

If you have never seen Tapestry or if you have never attended a lightweight camp, now is your chance! Come to visit the Ranger Section beautiful property at Strathewen, learn lots of new skills and enjoy meeting old friends and new. Applications with August Newsletter. Further information from Mrs J. Beales (309 6491) or Mrs B. Davis (478 9656).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

MUTUAL AID SCHEME

Guides around the world have a special way of helping each other. Do you know about it?

Mutual Aid is the name given to a world-wide scheme whereby National Organisations in countries needing help in various ways can inform the World Bureau of these needs. The World Bureau then compiles a list which is distributed around the world.

Mutual Aid not only helps those guides who really need help, but also is one very good way of letting us all know we are part of a VERY LARGE world-wide family. This movement of ours is a growing thing, a vital thing, and the Mutual Aid scheme can tell us where we can be most help to others. How good it is to know that the money we send really does something practical, as you can see by excerpts from the latest list of projects.

Any contribution, however small, that you can make to a project is a great encouragement to the National Organisation whose work is frequently hampered by lack of funds or equipment.

Many links of friendship and understanding between countries have been made as a result of this Mutual Aid Scheme, and it is hoped that this aspect of the work will be of growing importance.

Earlier this year enquiries were made all over Australia to find out which projects Australian guides would like to support. The most popular were — Handbooks for Brownies, Guides and Rangers in **Peru**; Camp Equipment in **Togo**; Publication of Handbook on Guiding in native language in **Malaysia**; and Cooking Utensils in **Rwanda**.

We would need to raise about \$2500 to cover all these projects, but perhaps your unit would like to concentrate on one project and learn about the guides in that country through games and activities. (Trefoil Round the World is a good information source.)

Please discuss this with your unit — it is a wonderful way to become part of the wider world of Guiding.

Donations (and details of how you raised the money) will be very welcome at Headquarters, c/o International Adviser.

WORLD PROBLEMS

Here are six of the problems facing our world today which Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are working hard to try to lessen.

Problem 1

1975-2000: Estimated increase in world population: 100%

People, often young people, stream to the towns and cities hoping for a better life; they do not all find work; many live in squalor.

And conditions in the rural areas do not attract young people to stay there; but who will grow more food if the fields are neglected?

Problem 2

There are over 800 million illiterates in the world

Not only children but also adults in many countries are unable to read.

Problem 3

There are over 310 million unemployed in the world

Lack of training in trades and skills places even greater limits on the ability of some young people in finding employment.

Problem 4

There are more than 1500 million hungry people in the world

Limited knowledge of agricultural management and dense population in certain areas aggravates this problem.

Problem 5

There are more than 400 million handicapped people in the world

Training leaders to work with handicapped people and giving vocational guidance and help with finding employment are two important areas of concern.

Problem 6

Floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, etc., etc. — "Natural Disasters"

Every week we hear of tragedy of sufferings caused in all parts of the world through "Natural Disasters".

There are many more problems, but these six will keep us all busy in the coming years.

Give generously and give with love to the Thinking Day Fund on 22nd February, 1979.

"A little shrub may grow into a tree" (African proverb).



THINKING DAY MONEY—

Where does it go?

Who does it help?

Our money does not always go direct to a project in action — a project which Girl Guides or Girl Scouts have undertaken to help overcome one or several of the problems encountered in many parts of our world.

Recently Thinking Day funds helped some of our national organisations to develop ways of meeting needs of rural girls; leaders from these organisations shared with 12 other countries their experiences and they returned home to put this knowledge into practice with their members so that they, too, could help in the more isolated and deprived areas. So a grant from Thinking Day funds to run these seminars benefited 12 countries.

Sometimes it is one experienced leader who goes to a country to help them develop programmes; sometimes several people travel to see the work in action so that they can return home to start. Such programmes are exciting and achieve great results for those who undertake them, as well as for those who participate. BUT they cannot just be started on enthusiasm; they need careful preparation and training. Thinking Day Funds make this possible.

And you need the tools for the job. Textbooks, papers to write on, crayons, cloth, aids for deaf children are just a few examples.

Thinking Day Funds can provide these.

You also need to get to the place where you are needed. (Sometimes in a country if you cannot walk you have to fly.) It costs money; and if work is to be effective the leaders and the girls need to return regularly to an area. Thinking Day Funds help with this necessary travel.

Sometimes it is essential to have a full-time leader to co-ordinate these schemes, to train others to undertake them. Thinking Day Funds make this possible.

We have tried to explain that support and preparation is necessary. Kitchen gardens with nutritious food — to take only one example — do not just happen! Someone must know how, must know how to teach others, must have the tools, must be able to get to the place where the need is! Then the kitchen garden and the healthy children can become a reality. It takes love, time and money. Thinking Day Funds.

You may wish to make Thinking Day more personal for your girls.

Let them use their imagination. Let them estimate in their own currency the cost of:

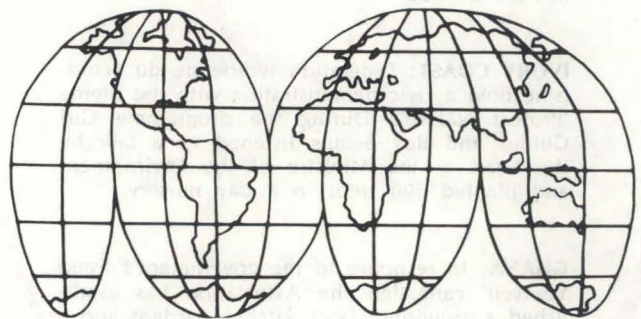
- Bricks for a new home
- Textbooks and exercise books
- Packets of seeds
- Nutrition schemes
- Repairs to damaged homes, etc., etc., etc.

The list is endless. The quantities can be small or large. You can set targets for units, patrols.

We have told you how Thinking Day Funds get to the roots of these world problems in different ways.

The results help many children. Help goes where it is needed most. And those who help to give the service (and this includes those who give money), are also benefiting. Each one learns through doing; each one develops **herself** and finds her Promise and Law is, indeed, part of her daily life.

LET US ALL GIVE MORE TO DO MORE.



On the next pages you can see ways in which Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are already helping. Some of the projects mentioned are helped with money from the Thinking Day fund and through the Mutual Aid scheme.

IRELAND: Girl Guides have cleaned up canals.

U.K.: Brownies in Scotland raised enough money to buy a record player for their local hospital. Several Girl Guide units have worked alongside other local organisations, helping with children's holiday schemes and summer play schemes. Members continue to help old and blind people by running errands, reading to them and writing letters for them.

BELGIUM: The Association has links with the Federacao das Bandeirantes do Brasil. It has provided funds for an incubator and a grain silo and has co-operated in organising rural and urban maternity classes and sanitation projects.

TANZANIA: Among the very successful Service Projects conducted by the National Organisation is the developing of a six acres farm near a village. The Girl Guides and Boy Scouts go and work on the farm at least once a week. Part of the farm is used as a camping site, and the rest will be used by the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts and will be cultivated to grow fruit trees for the villagers. They are expecting to dig a well for clean water for the villagers. The aim of the farm is to encourage and educate the villagers in ways of getting fruits, etc.

EGYPT: Rangers and young Leaders are trained in how to give literacy courses according to the curriculum of the state. During their school holidays they launch campaigns to teach as many illiterates as possible.

EGYPT: Rangers and Rovers built playgrounds in a Giza suburb. Guides, as friends of the police, help regulate the traffic.

SIERRA LEONE: A group of Rangers spent an adventure weekend in a hillside village eight miles from Freetown. They gave service during the weekend by weeding the land around a church near which they camped. They also shared their meals with local children who were in need of food.

IVORY COAST: Fédération Ivoirienne du Scoutisme held a civic demonstration with the theme 'Protect Nature'. During the programme Girl Guides and Boy Scouts listened to a talk by the head of the Ministry of the Environment and planted 300 trees in a day nursery.

GHANA: In response to the government's 'Feed Yourself' campaign the Association has established a groundnut farm, kitchen gardens and a rabbit farm.

RWANDA: Members of the Association made posters for a health campaign, showing the importance of personal cleanliness, of keeping the home clean, of purifying drinking water, of proper conservation and preparation of food.

DENMARK: The Association has co-operated with the Falcons in work with migrants and in running outdoor activities for children during summer holidays.

GERMANY: Girl Guides and Boy Scouts of the 'Bund der Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder ev' ran a camp, jointly with the Lions Clubs of Bavaria, for handicapped and non-handicapped young people, who undertook all aspects of the camp together.

FRANCE: Members of the Association held a Vietnamese evening, with songs and dances from Vietnamese Scouts and Guides. They were also entertained by a typical children's festival.

LUXEMBOURG: Supporting European Cultural Heritage Year, 50 Rangers and 'Routiers' (senior Guides and Scouts) conducted a workcamp to restore the medieval castle of Bourscheid.

ISRAEL: The Israel Boy and Girl Scouts federation helped undertake a census, organised by the Welfare Office, to establish the number of blind people in the country. Groups of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts spent a month visiting areas around their homes, and some discovered blind people who had not been listed previously.

NEPAL: Girls and boys in the Nepal Scouts Association have, with the encouragement of the Nepal Scouts headquarters, been involved in such important fields of community development as afforestation, health and drinking water projects. Programmes on balanced diet and health which are being conducted by the Association are meeting with an encouraging response from local people at another village panchayat.

PAKISTAN: Branches of the Girl Guides Association hold regular courses for teachers at adult literacy centres. The Association has produced several text books and follow-up material for the centres, and the national office published a quarterly magazine for the newly literate.

INDIA: Nightingale Scout and Guide groups of Barrackpore celebrated their Group Anniversary Day by assisting in the malaria control campaign. They inoculated 250 people and eliminated all possible places where standing water might collect in one square mile.

SRI LANKA: Leaders and Rangers talk to villagers and offer to accompany them to family planning clinics if they so wish.

GIRL GUIDES AND MEETING THE



HONG KONG: The Association organises education programmes for Girl Guides and Boy Scouts on the dangers of drug taking.

THAILAND: Senior members of the Association receive instructions from specialists on the subject of population awareness. They then share their knowledge with families in rural areas.

MALAYSIA: Members of the Association have cleaned up public buildings and planted fruit trees.

INDONESIA: The Association held a seminar on population awareness and is to publish a book on the subject. Senior Scouts and Rangers visited villagers to prepare them for visits of Family Planning teams.

PHILIPPINES: Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts were among the thousands of children who joined UNICEF Executive Board Members in the opening ceremony of the 1977 sessions in Manila.

PHILIPPINES: A joint group of Girl Guides and Boy Scouts are trained in disaster preparedness and relief work.

PHILIPPINES: Members of the Association help distribute free contraceptive pills. Adult Leaders and older girls are educated about population awareness.

AUSTRALIA: Rangers and Rovers undertook a Service Job at the Autistic Children's Centre. Play equipment and furniture was painted, a new sandpit constructed and sewing aprons provided for the children.

AUSTRALIA: The Association lends its campsites to the Education Department during term-

CANADA: Members of the Association support Red Cross blood collecting campaigns. They help set up beds and equipment and assist Red Cross personnel with refreshments and baby-sitting for donors.

U.S.A.: The TV programme 'Wild Kingdom' featured six weekly shows on Girl Scouting, topics included wildlife rescue efforts by Seniors in California and wildlife education with Juniors and Cadettes in Wyoming.

EL SALVADOR: The Association co-operated with UNICEF in the Children's World Drawing Contest. It promoted the contest through circular letters, television interviews and exhibitions, and provided some of the prizes.

BARBADOS: The Association held a 'Clean-up Day' when members gathered together to clean and beautify the headquarters grounds and building.

HAITI: In the town of Jérémie, Guides and Scouts rent a house to provide a dispensary and adult education school for the community. They have now begun construction of their own Community Centre aided by 50 sacks of cement sent by National Headquarters and some funds from former Haitian Scouts in the U.S.A.

TRINIDAD and TABAGO: The Girl Guides assist several organisations at their annual fund-raising events — Red Cross, Amantes de Jesus, the Field Naturalists Club with bird feeding and clearing of lakes.

ECUADOR: The Association organises literacy campaigns as part of its community development project.

PERU: The Association has literacy programmes for groups of disadvantaged families in Juliaca, Puno and Lima.

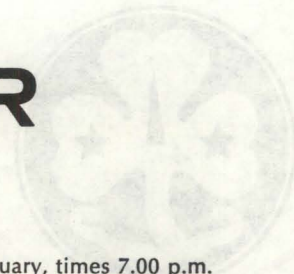
PERU: Girl Guides co-operate with the Ministry of Public Health in massive vaccination campaigns — poliomyelitis, measles, etc.

PERU: The Association has recreation programmes at a home for the handicapped, child care centres and orphanages. The Association is a member of the Association for Wheel Chair sports and co-operates in carrying out activities for the group at national and international level.

GIRL SCOUTS CHALLENGE

(From **ACTION REVIEW**. Published by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.)

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 fee is \$3.00 unless otherwise stated. Please note: Acceptance cards are not sent out until the closing date.

Stage 1 Training

Creswick: Weekends 24th-25th March and 28th-29th April, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs G. Platt, 2 Beresford Crescent, Darley, via Bacchus Marsh, 3340, by **2nd March.**

Headquarters: Wednesday, 21st, 28th February, 7th, 14th, 21st March, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **3rd February.**

Headquarters: Weekend 24th-25th March and 28th-29th April, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **21st February.**

Moorleigh: Weekends 3rd-4th March and 7th-8th April, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs W. Cash, 21 Munro Avenue, Edithvale, 3192, by **14th February.**

Stage 2 Programming and Activities for WARRANTED Leaders

Leitchville: Weekends 10th-11th February and 3rd-4th March, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs B. Whelan, 8 Hope Street, Kangaroo Flat, 3555, by **22nd January.**

Mortlake: Weekends 17th-18th February and 24th-25th March, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs G. Swainston, 13 Wright Street, Skipton, 3361, by **31st January.**

East Metropolitan Region: Weekends 24th-25th March and 28th-29th April. Further information available from Mrs F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108.

Pack Holiday Training

Headquarters: 3rd-4th March, times 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$4.50 to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **14th February.**

Otway Region: Weekend 10th-11th February. Further information available from Mrs J. Swinton, 260 Merri Crescent, Warrnambool, 3280.

Shortened Campcraft Course

Donvale: 3rd-4th March and **Britannia Park** 12th-13th May, times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Those applying must have had experience in outdoor guide camping, including staffing as an adult. Give these details with your application (number of camps, job as staff and total of camping days). Fee for weekends to be advised. Applications and \$3.00 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **16th February.**

Campcraft Training

Ballarat: Tuesday, 13th, 20th, 27th February, times 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m., plus Saturday, 24th February, at **Lingbogol**, times 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., plus weekends 3rd-4th March, 7th-8th and 28th-29th April, at **Lingbogol**, times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Cost of weekends to be advised. Applications and \$6.00 to Mrs G. Platt, 2 Beresford Crescent, Darley, via Bacchus Marsh, 3340, by **8th February.**

Brogie Park-Warragul Campsite: Weekends 17th-18th February, 31st March-1st April and 28th-29th April. Note: Times and cost of weekends to be advised. Applications and 6.00 to Mrs K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818, by **31st January.**

Wodonga: Weekend 24th-25th February, times 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday, plus 24th-25th March, 7th-8th April and 28th-29th April, times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Cost of weekends to be advised. Applications and \$6.00 to Miss H. Smith, 21 Cusack Street, Wangaratta, 3677, by **31st January.**

Stawell: Weekend 17th-18th February, times 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday, plus weekends 17th-18th March, 21st-22nd April and 5th-6th May, times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday at **Kanya Campsite.** Note: Cost of weekends to be advised. Applications and \$6.00 to Mrs G. Swainston, 13 Wright Street, Skipton, 3361, by **31st January.**

Outer Eastern Region: Wednesday-Thursday, 14th-15th March, times 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m., and 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., plus 4th-5th April and 9th-10th May, 9.00 a.m. Wednesday to 4.00 p.m. Thursday and weekend 26th-27th May, times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Cost to be advised. Applications and \$6.00 to Mrs J. Huxtable, 93 Orange Grove, Bayswater, 3153, by **1st March.**

Indoor Permit

Geelong: Tuesday, 20th February and 20th March and 10th April, times 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications and \$2.00 to Mrs W. Podbury, 24 Lupton Street, Geelong West, 3226, by **1st February.**



CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

Guider Long Service

(40 years): Miss M. Lambe, Kew; Miss A. Cockerell, Northcote; Mrs E. J. Frizelle, Echuca.

(20 years): Mrs H. L. Ebbs, Croydon; Miss W. Clisby, Mitcham.

(10 years): Mrs L. Swyer, Nunawading; Mrs M. Humphreys, Ballarat; Mrs G. Williams, Lalor; Mrs J. Craig, Lalor; Miss M. Park, Dunolly; Mrs E. M. Edgar, Croydon West; Miss D. Seary, Fairfield; Mrs E. B. Marvin, Nunawading; Mrs K. J. Stocks, Nunawading.

Combined Long Service

(20 years): Mrs G. B. Carter, Heathmont; Mrs M. McDonald, Willow Grove.

(10 years): Mrs J. Dalton, Tempy; Mrs M. Kerr, Tempy; Mrs V. Wilson, Elliminyt; Mrs N. Barnes, Seville.

Local Association Long Service

(20 years): Mrs J. Morley, Northcote; Mrs P. Elliott, Northcote; Mrs Meloni, Lilydale.

(10 years): Mrs D. Shean, Tempy; Mrs E. Fraser, Tempy; Mrs M. Pinnock, Strathmerton; Mrs A. Neale, Elliminyt; Mrs J. Blackney, The Gurdies; Mrs B. Boothroyd, Kew.

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Thanks Badge

Mr. E. Holt, Numurkah; Mr D. W. Wookey, Ocean Grove.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Division Commissioner

Mrs C. H. V. Priestly, Malvern.

District Commissioners

Mrs M. J. Beaumont, Bendigo Central; Mrs A. A. Drew, Heyfield.

Ranger Guiders

Mrs D. J. Mills, Morwell Rangers; Mrs M. Francis, Timboon Rangers.

Assistant Ranger Guider

Mrs N. T. Anderson, Boort Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Mrs R. McNab, 2nd Aberfeldie; Miss M. L. Lardner, 1st Leitchville; Mrs A. Mattingley, 1st Herne Hill; Mrs D. Watson, 1st Belvedere Park; Miss J. Harty, 5th Colac; Mrs J. Thompson, 1st "A" Sale; Mrs R. Kent, 1st Yarragon; Mrs H. Webb, 4th Brunswick.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs M. Thorne, 2nd Camperdown; Miss M. D. Ballinger, 2nd Camperdown; Miss A. Sheridan, 1st Greythorn; Mrs G. Prosser, 1st Newborough; Mrs B. J. Couston, 1st Stanhope; Miss J. Cooke, 6th Colac; Miss A. Short, 1st Bentleigh; Mrs M. Banks, 1st Highvale; Miss E. Barry, 1st Tallygaroopna.

Brownie Guiders

Mrs D. Hahn, 1st Mildura; Mrs B. L. Rae, 2nd Euroa; Mrs P. Saggars, 1st Wodonga West; Mrs R. H. Mile, 1st Swifts Creek; Mrs J. H. Noade, 1st Laverton; Mrs G. Young, 1st Leopold-Wallington; Mrs J. T. Lanning, 2nd Leopold-Wallington; Mrs J. Hunter, 1st West Bulleen; Mrs G. N. Munzel, 1st Gunbower; Mrs C. Taplin, 2nd Koonung Heights; Miss C. Bower, 1st Ashburton; Mrs G. R. Hadden, 2nd Hamilton; Mrs G. L. Cook, 1st Park Orchards; Mrs B. L. Collinson, 2nd Drysdale; Mrs A. B. Earl, 1st Highvale.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs N. A. Robinson, 1st Upwey; Mrs D. Cory, 2nd Sorrento; Miss B. Belcher, 3rd Moe; Mrs L. A. Watkins, 1st Bulleen; Miss R. King, 1st Mordialloc; Mrs B. J. Kibel, 1st East Doncaster; Mrs B. J. Cleary, 1st Seaholme; Mrs K. C. Morgan, 3rd Mentone; Miss P. K. Clark, 1st Fairfield; Mrs T. W. Costello, 1st Stratford; Miss D. E. Lake, 1st Yarragon.

REGISTRATIONS

Narre Warren North Ranger Guide Unit, Ferntree Gully Ranger Guide Unit, Richmond-East Melbourne Ranger Guide Unit, 2nd Olinda Pack, 3rd Gladstone Park Pack, 1st Mordialloc Pack, 1st North Richmond Company, 1st Eltham North Company, Syndal North Rangers "B" (Gleneagle), 2nd Wonthaggi Pack, Wyndham Vale Local Association, Springfield Ranger Guide Unit, 1st Patterson Lakes Pack, 2nd The Basin Pack.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

Division Commissioner

Mrs W. J. McNamara, Mt. Buffalo.

District Commissioners

Mrs B. A. Brooksbank, Macedon; Mrs J. Boyd, Heyfield; Mrs D. K. McCallum, Milawa; Mrs K. C. Rowe, Bendigo Central.

Ranger Guiders

Miss L. Prince, Fairfield-Alphington Rangers, Miss S. Nilsen, West Heidelberg Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Miss C. M. Smith, 1st Leopold-Wallington; Mrs J. A. Wright, 1st Keysborough; Mrs I. J. Jamieson, 2nd Keysborough; Mrs I. Rossiter, 1st Gembrook; Mrs N. J. Turney, 1st Research; Miss J. Cooke, 5th Colac; Mrs S. Dalziel, 1st Yarragon.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Miss J. M. Stephens, 1st Orrvale; Miss J. M. Harty, 5th Colac.

Brownie Guiders

Miss D. M. Stone, 1st Bairnsdale; Mrs F. Atkins, 2nd Keysborough; Mrs G. D. Dodd, 3rd Moe; Miss R. King, 1st Mentone; Mrs I. W. Cox, 5th Beaumaris; Mrs M. C. Rogers, 2nd Glen Iris; Mrs L. G. Goodes, 1st Solway; Mrs J. Scroggie, 1st Ashburton; Mrs M. Baxter, 2nd Neerim.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Miss D. A. Long, 1st Moolap; Miss B. K. Thorn, 1st Orrvale; Mrs G. Young, 1st Leopold-Wallington; Mrs J. T. Lanning, 2nd Leopold-Wallington.

From the GUIDE SHOP

CHRISTMAS AND GIFT IDEAS

For Brownie Guides

Notebook	30c
Half pencil printed — Lend a Hand	15c
Badged plastic mug	65c
Cloth motto bookmark	15c
Pocket size P.V.C. promise and law card	15c
Charm	80c
Miniature badge	65c
Wall hanging satin printed badge	\$3.15
Wall pennant felt printed badge	\$1.20
Gold pendant with charm	\$1.65
Gold pendant with mini badge	\$1.45
Gold pendant with mushroom charm	\$1.20
Gold bracelet with 3 charms	\$2.50
Gold bracelet with 1 charm	\$1.55
Silver bracelet with 1 charm	90c
Silver double link bracelet with 1 charm	95c
Handkerchief, printed activities	80c
Handkerchief, embroidered badge	\$1.00
Brownie Annual	\$5.45
The Brownies and the Wedding Day	\$3.25
The Brownies Throw a Party	\$5.35
Brownie Discoverers	\$5.95
The Brownies and The Christening	\$5.95
Pow-wow Stories	\$3.50
Colouring Book, Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, each	\$1.45
The Challenge Book of Brownie Stories (paperback)	\$1.20
The Lenderhand Brownies (paperback)	\$3.00
Brownie Cook-book (paperback)	\$1.65
The Brownies and their animal friends (paperback)	\$1.65
Puzzles for Brownies	80c
More Puzzles for Brownies	60c
Word Puzzles for Brownies	\$1.00
Painting Book — Rules of Health	50c
180-piece jigsaw puzzle	
The garland dance	\$2.40
Susan's garden	\$2.40
Brownies on pack holiday	\$2.40
Climbing the willow tree	\$2.40

For Guides

Notebook	70c
Half pencil printed — Be Prepared	15c
Biro printed — Girl Guides	25c
Badged plastic mug	65c
Cloth Guide Law bookmark	15c
Handkerchief, embroidered badge	\$1.00
Handkerchief, printed camp scene	80c
Handkerchiefs embroidered badge (packet of 2)	\$2.10
Wall pennant felt printed badge	\$1.20
Guide Annual	\$5.45
The Wild White Pony and other Guide Stories	\$1.25
Talcum Powder, badged container	\$1.80
Pendant, gold or silver	\$2.80
Pendant, gold or silver with charm	\$1.65
Gold biro printed Guide badge	\$3.00
Bracelet, gold or silver with charm	\$1.55
Bracelet, silver double link with charm	\$1.60
Camp cutlery set	\$1.55
Pocket knife	\$3.05

Silver Souvenirs with Victorian Heath and World Badge

Small chrome ashtray	\$2.95
Large chrome ashtray	\$3.70
Pair of candlesticks with candles	\$8.00
Tea strainer on stand	\$3.50
Sugar bowl without spoon	\$6.75
Sugar bowl with spoon	\$8.50
Teaspoon, plain bowl	\$1.75
Teaspoon, plated bowl	\$1.75
Jamspoon	\$1.75
Tea caddy measure	\$1.80
Paper knife	\$3.15
Cake trowel	\$2.95
Keyring	\$1.85
Boxed 2-piece jam and sugar spoon	\$4.85
Boxed 3-piece jam, sugar spoon and butter knife	\$7.55
Boxed 6-piece teaspoons	\$12.30
Boxed 6-piece splades	\$12.75

Now Available

1979 Pocket Secretary	\$2.10
Pocket Secretary refills—	
Tear out notes	15c
1979 Diary	75c
Clear plastic cover	25c
1979 Guide Calendar	95c
1979 Girl Guide (Letts) Diary	\$2.00
1979 Wall Planner	75c
1979 Planner (handbag size)	\$1.35

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Silver Souvenirs with Brownie or Guide Badge

Bottle Opener-Can Piercer	\$1.90
Bookmark	\$2.25
Sugar Spoon	\$2.60
Jam Spoon	\$2.60
Tea caddy measure	\$2.00
Keyring	\$2.35
Tea spoon — stainless steel	\$2.00
Boxed 2-piece jam spoon and butter knife	\$5.55
Boxed 3-piece jam, sugar spoon and butter knife	\$8.35
Boxed 6-piece teaspoons — stainless steel	\$11.85
Table bell. Guide badge only	\$5.25
Boxed 6-piece splades	\$12.75
Teapot stand	\$3.90
Shoe horn	\$2.85
Scarf ring	\$2.00
Keyring, world badge	\$1.35
Keyring, gilt trefoil	\$2.40
Keyring, brownie	\$1.40
Writing Compendium	\$4.60
Presentation boxed Parker Pen	\$5.70
printed Girl Guides — colours olive green, maroon, royal blue, brown and light blue.	

End of Year Activities

Guide serviettes — packet of 20	30c
Balloon, printed — Get Going	
Get Guiding	10c
Place ribbon — First	25c
Place ribbon — Second and Third	15c
Wide range of trophies suitable for unit, patrol and individual activities	from \$4.95