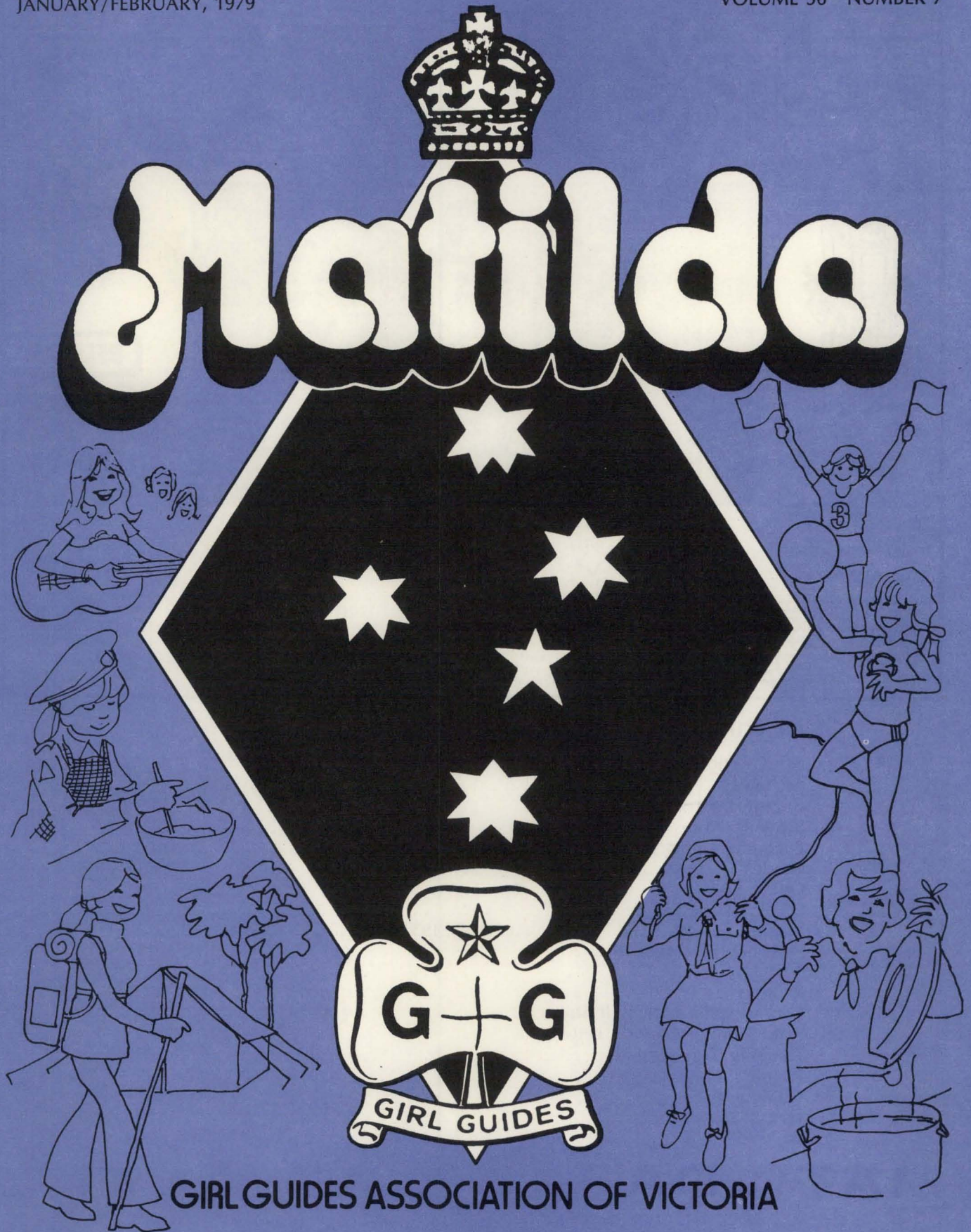
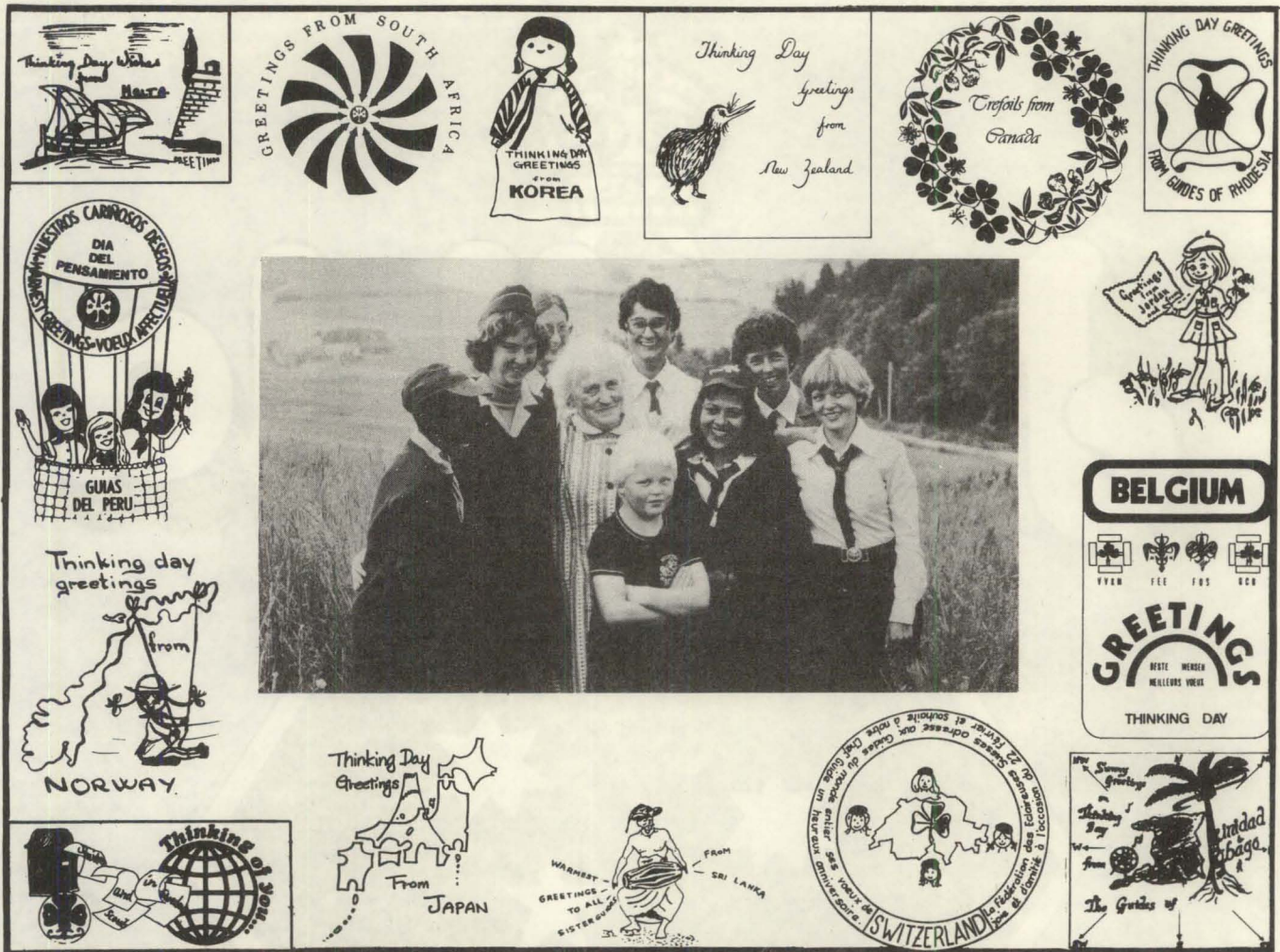


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## From our State Commissioner

Hello Everyone,

A very happy New Guiding Year to you all; I hope it will be interesting and rewarding, particularly as this is the International Year of the Child.

One of the last exciting things that happened in 1978 was the presentation of the Red Kangaroo Award to Mrs Joan Grimwade for her services to Guiding, at the luncheon preceding the last State Council meeting. We were honoured to have our State President, Lady Winneke, present this high award, and to have Joan's husband Fred with us on this occasion.

The State Council meeting was well attended and a highlight was the account of the 23rd World Conference in Iran, given by the Chief Commissioner for Australia, Mrs Charlotte Renshaw Jones.

What beautiful weather heralded the start of 1979, being perfect for cricket and tennis but, more importantly, the first joint guide and scout camp, Jamborella I, held at the delightful Scout property, Gilwell Park at Gembrook. I was pleased to visit the camp with my husband, John, and my Assistants Jill, Muriel and Verna and their husbands. We all found it very stimulating and exciting, and I am sure the girls and boys will have happy memories for a long time. A guide and scout officially opened the camp, comprising 380 guides and 540 scouts. The co-operation between guides and scouts, guiders and scouters was tremendous, and knowledge gained from this shared experience will benefit both organisations enormously.

Sir Henry and Lady Winneke were present on the closing day and, after an informal tour of the camp, Sir Henry unveiled a cairn, made of stones from districts represented by campers, to commemorate this event. A highlight was the closing ceremony, conducted by the guides and scouts, and officially closed by Sir Henry Winneke. There was an atmosphere of excitement, tinged with sadness at the knowledge that the camp was finishing.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs Vicki Trembath and Mr Dennis Robertson for leading the committee which worked so hard to make this camp such a success. It was indeed the start of a New Era.

As I write, Camp Patanga is about to start, and hopefully the weather will continue to be warm and pleasant, to enable the girls to enjoy the experience of a State Camp. A tremendous amount of thought and preparation has gone into this camp, and I am sure it will be successful.

Holidays are nearly over once again, and I hope you are feeling refreshed and ready to start the Guiding year. One of the first events is the Commissioners' Conference, always a stimulating start to the year, and, of course, that very special day, Thinking Day. I bring you a message from our Chief Commissioner:

*"Thinking Day, 1979, will have additional significance in the International Year of the Child. Our movement has always had a constant commitment to the well-being of the world's children through W.A.G.G.G.S. and, by giving generous support to the Thinking Day Fund, we can assure that Girl Guiding-Girl Scouting grows in strength and is able to make a real contribution in areas of need.*

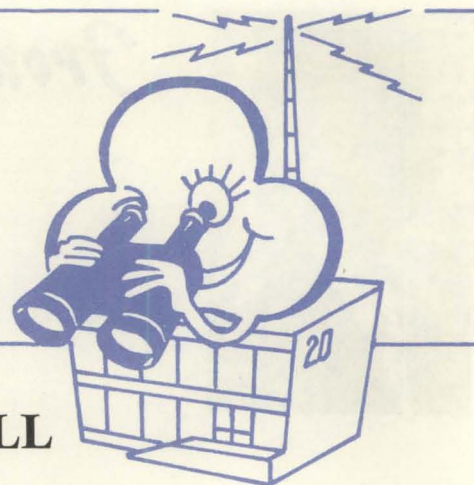
*Whilst throughout the year, States will be actively engaged in specific schemes to aid the children of Australia, let us ensure that, on 22nd February, our thoughts to members of our world-wide sisterhood are accompanied by practical action in giving and earning finance for the Fund. Will YOU help make Australia's 1979 contribution the best ever?"*

Kindest regards to you all,

*Marjorie E. West*



# REPORTING FROM RUSSELL STREET



## THINKING DAY GREETINGS TO ALL

### INTERNATIONAL CAMP

An International Camp will be held at the Tara Campsite, Taylors Road, Silverdale, N.S.W., from the 10th to 17th May, 1980. A very interesting and exciting programme is on the drawing board and this will take into consideration international visitors. Guides and Guiders who would like to apply for this event, please watch March Matilda for further information.

### BRITANNIA PARK CONVENER

Back from overseas is Mrs D. G. Sargood and Britannia Park is now in her loving care again. Our grateful thanks go to Pat Gray, who held the fort most ably during Yolanda's absence.

### BISCUIT SCHEME FOR FUND RAISING

Arnott-Brockhoff-Guest Pty. Ltd., the firm that bakes Guide biscuits, has asked us to pass on to members updated information about this fund-raising scheme. Any group wanting to purchase biscuits for re-sale should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope or call at Headquarters for this new information sheet.

### CHANGES OF PERSONNEL

At this time of year many units have new leaders. Please be sure to send news of these changes to Headquarters, giving name of unit and name and address (including post-code) of the new leader, so that Matilda can be sent direct to each unit leader.

### BROWNIE LINK BADGE

The Brownie Link Badge Cards are now available from the Guide Shop.

### ANNUAL REPORT FORMS AND APRIL ACTION MATERIAL

Annual Report Forms and April Action material will be ready for collection from Headquarters at the end of February and we would be glad if Commissioners would arrange for these parcels to be picked up at an early date. If requested, parcels will be taken out to the Commissioners' Conference. If any country Commissioners cannot arrange to have their parcel collected either from Headquarters or at the Conference, please advise.

### HEADQUARTERS MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. Our grateful thanks go to all Leaders who forwarded their units' six-monthly subscriptions to Headquarters during November-December. The majority of Leaders responded to the request to do so with full co-operation and as a result there will be an appreciable increase in the Association's income from this source for the year, although the amount payable by each girl, \$6 for the year, was not changed.

2. Would all units which have not yet forwarded their six-monthly contributions, which were due in November, kindly do so AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. Unit Leaders are reminded that the amount payable to Headquarters on behalf of each girl on the roll on 30th April will be \$3, this amount added to the \$3 paid to Headquarters in November bringing the total subscription for the 1978-79 year to \$6, the same as the previous year. We are glad that it was possible to avoid an increase. Many Leaders will find it helpful to collect fees at the beginning of the year or each term rather than on a weekly basis. This gives the unit money in hand and eliminates the difficulty of collecting fees from girls who are absent.

### APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM STATE YOUTH FUND

Districts wishing to apply for grants to help with building costs (new hall, repairs, maintenance), general running expenses or other special projects are advised that now is the time to make application. All applications must be submitted on the official application forms which are obtainable from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne, or any of its regional offices. The closing date for general grants is usually mid-April, but requests for building subsidies can be submitted at any time.

### LADY B.P. ROSE

Members will be pleased to hear that this winter the long-awaited Lady B.P. Rose will be ready for distribution from S. Brundrett and Sons, the rose-growers who raised the rose from cuttings taken from the only plants imported into Australia several years ago. Bush roses will cost \$8.85, standards \$11, plus freight, and directions on how to order them will be given through Matilda in March. This will be a wonderful way in which to remember our beloved World Chief Guide, so how about a plant in front of your Guide Hall or in a special place on your campsite?

### PAYMENT OF MONEY TO HEADQUARTERS

#### — A PLEA FOR HELP

Our Accounts Department receives money for a wide variety of different funds (Headquarters Subscriptions, Disaster Fund, Irene Fairbairn, Mutual Aid, Shop Accounts — to mention just a few) and needs to know where to direct your payment. So, when paying any money to Headquarters, please be sure to give details of what it is for. Also, if paying by cheque, please check that you have the required number of signatories. Your help in these small ways will be appreciated.

### CAROL SINGERS 1978

Thankyou, Thankyou, Thankyou. The Public Relations Department wishes to thank every girl and leader who sang Christmas Carols outside St. Paul's Cathedral and we hope to see and hear you again next Christmas.

# Thinking Day

On 22nd February, Thinking Day will be celebrated in many different ways.

Whatever you do, I would ask you to stop and ask yourself, what does Thinking Day **really mean to you**.

Guiding is one of the few youth organisations which can offer a feeling of international friendship. Each year many invitations are received for our girls to attend events in other countries and in this copy of Matilda you will be able to read about some of the events which have been held during the past twelve months.

However, not everyone can attend and it is important to remember that it is not always necessary to travel overseas to experience international friendship, as there are many opportunities within our own districts.

On this Thinking Day see what **you** can do to prompt international understanding in your district.

—WENDY SWIFT.

During 1978 Victorians made new friends all over the world . . .

## In Fiji

To celebrate their 50 years of Guiding the Girl Guide Association of Fiji held a "Golden Jubilee International Camp" at Lautoka recently. The camp was attended by guides and rangers from all the Fiji islands, a representative from the Solomon Islands, Cook Islands and New Zealand and six from Australia.

Activities during the camp included a visit to the Lollolo Pine scheme, Lomolomo beach and the South Pacific Sugar Mill at Lautoka. On Saturday evening the Golden Jubilee Charity Queen was crowned. The money raised by the queens is to go towards building a new training centre.

The people of Fiji are very friendly and this made our time there particularly enjoyable. The members of the Guide movement in Fiji are extremely proud to be guides and it made me feel proud that I was one with them as a guide.

—CHRISTINE.

## In Mexico



## In England

During England's wettest summer for ten years I was at "Camp Heritage 78", a gathering of international guiders based at Glenbrook Outdoor Activities Centre, near Sheffield, England.

At this camp and conference there were 60 guiders from member countries all over the world.

Programmed activities included canoeing, caving, rock climbing, gliding, hill walking, archery, orienteering and pony trekking. I chose hill walking, gliding and pony trekking (all new to me) and in the handcrafts marquee I worked with wool and felt. Some visitors introduced their homeland crafts too — Japanese origami and paper dyeing, Maori flax plaiting (with paper substitute) and Greek macrame bracelets and worry beads.

One evening we shared food prepared to inherited recipes from our own countries and later enjoyed singing by our hostesses.

We discussed similarities and differences of nation and culture over craftwork and we talked about guiding policy in planned group meetings.

The humour and fellowship of this camp were truly our heritage — threads interwoven in camp-fire singing, discussions and activities.

—ROBYN.

### In England



### In Sweden

After months of fund-raising and preparation for the trip, climate and camp, obtaining a passport and having those horrible injections, we finally boarded an enormous Jumbo Jet and started on a wonderful adventure and marvellous experiences which we will remember until we are old and grey.

In London we were met by an English guider who took us to Olave House, where we rested for two days before continuing on to Sweden.

Erricson and Stromstedt families, with whom we spent the next six days, were at the airport at Stockholm to meet us, with Mrs DeMarchi, our contingent leader.

That was the beginning of 16 wonderful days of sightseeing and adventure with some of the most friendly people we have ever known. During the first six days we visited Skansen, a museum, a Viking Ship which is being restored to its former glory, the Australian Embassy, the Old City and the King's Palace.

We also visited Scout Headquarters. In Sweden there are no guides now, they are all called scouts, and a programme with four stages has been adopted. These stages are not divided by age as ours are, but by standard at school level. Some groups are all boys, some all girls, and some mixed. Their promise, very simple, is — "I promise

to do my best to follow the Scout Law". And the Law, a little different from ours, is — "A Scout reveres God and His Word, is honest and reliable, is friendly and helpful, is considerate to others and trustworthy as a friend, faces difficulties without complaining, learns about nature and is concerned with its conservation, feels responsibility for herself/himself and others".

The programme system is based on the individual's ability and not on some standards for all to be obtained. International Scouting is very important and camping is very popular. Many units have huts of their own in the countryside where they go for weekends all year round. Hiking, orienteering and mountaineering are other features of modern scouting in Sweden.

Then it was the first day of camp. The two Erricson children, Anya and Magnus, were at camp too.

Camp Ydre 78 was based on the banks of Lake Ostra Largern with mountains on all sides. There were 3500 scouts and guides from many nations.

The days at the camp were filled with activities — building, woodcraft, handcraft, competition volley ball, water activities, hiking, campfires and excursions for international visitors and daily church services were held for those who wished to attend. The overnight hike was an adventure all of its own. (Dianne went on a canoe hike and Brenda, the only English-speaking person in her group, hiked for 15 kilometres over some of the roughest country in the area with only a compass and a map (which was not altogether correct) to guide them. Of course, they got lost and Brenda soon discovered she was the only member of the group able to follow a compass and that the map-reader had been leading them the wrong way. Thanks to good guide training in Australia they finally reached their destination. (Brenda made sure she stayed close to the map-reader on the return journey.)

We spent many hours talking to new friends of many different nationalities about their countries and our own great Australian heritage. We swapped badges and other things with guides and scouts from other countries — Americans, Japanese, Canadians, Farove Islanders and many more.

Campfire on the last night will stay in our memory for years to come. The 3500 scouts and guides came together for the last time. Each country gave a typical item from their own country. At the end, after Taps, a display of fireworks with the name "Ydre 78" written in lights, marked the time to say goodbye to the friends we had made in such a short time.

—BRENDA, JOANNE, DIANNE.

## In Switzerland



## In Norway

Five Victorians, we boarded the plane bound for Frankfurt. Thirty hours later we fought off the confused tourists who thought we were air hostesses and headed for Frankfurt's main youth hostel. After two days in Frankfurt we went on to Copenhagen. Three days there allowed us to see Tivoli Gardens and the Palace, among other tourist spots. Overnight on the ferry and we found ourselves in Oslo. We made our way to Bergen to meet our host families. Both families proved to be wonderful hosts and made us feel very much at home. Norway's reputed daily rainfall did not disappoint us, but nor did it disrupt our sight-seeing. We met up with Bergen district guides and boarded the train for Oslo and Trondheim. After a hike, we arrived at our destination for the night — the gymnasium floor in the local school! Early the next morning we caught the bus to the bare campsite in the middle of a farm area. By evening 5000 Norwegians and 200 international guests had arrived and set up their canvas homes for the next week and we met up with the entire 12-member Australian contingent.

Although the area was quite crowded a sense of unity prevailed and we all participated in the opening ceremony, camp fires and other fun camp activities. Daily camp life formed a routine similar to that at our camps, except that religious services constituted the morning programmes. Special English services were given by a Lutheran missionary, recently returned from Ethiopia. A "market day" was held to raise money for her cause and we were free to buy popcorn or green pancakes, or participate in stilt races or sponge throwing competitions and other novelty games.

The camp closed on a sad note as we left our new Norwegian friends and other friends from the 19 other countries represented. Once again we were just the Victorian contingent and we came home via Holland, France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. I am one of few privileged girls who can say they were invested into Rangers in front of "Our Chalet". Although it was summer, there was still snow on the mountains above the Chalet and I could not have wished for a more beautiful setting.



Overall it was a wonderful experience that none of us will ever forget. Guide unity and friendship became a practical concept during our trip and was a part that I expect I shall never forget or be able to relive on another holiday.

—LEANNE, for SUE, DIANE, CATRIONA, JUDITH.

## In India



## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS FOR 1979

### Sangam

— Workshops for the International Year of the Child to be held throughout the year.

### W S 80 International Project and Camp

— West Sussex, England, 23rd-30th July, 1980.  
State selection camp for this event — 24th-25th March, 1979.

### Folk Fest 9

— London, 24th November, 1979.

### New Zealand Commissioners' Conference

— February 1980. State selection day, 7th April.

### Peak 80

— Derbyshire, England, July-August 1980.

### State International Workshop

— Headquarters, 21st April.

For details of any of these events, please write to the Secretary to Advisers at Headquarters or to your region international representative.

—WENDY SWIFT,  
International Adviser.



## OUR CABANA PROGRAMME WORKSHOP

Are you looking for new programme ideas and want to share yours with other leaders? Then come to OUR CABANA from 18th to 27th September, 1979, for our Programme Workshop.

Together we will share programme skills and techniques, exchange and discuss topics aimed at troop/company leaders. Participants and staff will plan this session to meet your specific needs as much as possible. Also there will be time to relax in the warm Mexican sunshine; time to appreciate and enjoy Cabana life; and an opportunity to discover Mexico.

If you are at least 18 years of age, a registered member of your Association and have an ACTIVE involvement in Girl Guide/Girl Scout programming at company level, then be sure to write NOW to your International Adviser, Miss Wendy Swift, for further information about this exciting international experience which awaits you at Our Cabana, one of your four world centres.

## TREFOIL TALES

Lately I have met many more Trefoil members — this time in the country. My husband drove me to Echuca and Corryong to speak at meetings (while he went fishing).

**ECHUCA** Trefoil had their meeting on a Saturday afternoon and had invited **GOULBURN VALLEY** to join them. I heard what they were doing and in turn told what is happening in Melbourne. The Brownies were having Brownie Revels that day and the Trefoil had helped finance the bus for the trip. A recent street stall had been a great success. Children's hand-knitted garments, made by members, had sold rapidly. On Sunday we travelled to Corryong to stay with Beryl Harris on the farm. Along the way we passed a familiar car — our son on his way home after staffing at a Cub Pack Holiday at Shelley.

The meeting on the Monday was preceded by a beautiful luncheon and this time **OVENS VALLEY** joined **CORRYONG**. Now when I send out a newsletter I shall be able to picture the recipients, where they meet and live.

The luncheon at "Ripponlea" was well attended in spite of petrol strike and early morning rain. Thanks to those who provided food and to **WAVERLEY** ladies who worked so hard in the kitchen, assisted by **COOPER** and **EAST MOORABBIN** members.

**WAVERLEY** has been helping "Hillside Boys' Home", Glen Waverley, by donating craft materials, games, magazines, books and furniture. Every boy was given a Christmas gift of a T-shirt and bag of sweets.

At **TALLARINGA'S** annual luncheon the speaker was Mrs Morna Sturrock of the Victorian Embroiders' Guild. Proceeds from the day paid for a plastic chair and a hand-held shower to be used in the shower recess at Britannia Park.

**CARINE'S** Christmas meeting took the form of a "Show and Tell" evening with members bringing along family heirlooms or other interesting belongings. One lady brought a padded patchwork quilt and another a lovely photograph of the lucky people who enjoyed the first World Centres Tour. A very special guest at the meeting was Carine, Lady Baden-Powell, who is at present visiting Melbourne.

—M.S.





# ENCOURAGING ENCOUNTER



## An Important Message for Leaders

The purpose of "Encouraging Encounter" is to encourage our children to reach out, personally meet and make friends with children they DO NOT NORMALLY MEET OR COME IN CONTACT WITH in their everyday lives.

In this day and age so often our energies are devoted to raising money which we send to help others, but we RARELY COME IN CONTACT with the people concerned. While many such schemes are commendable and undoubtedly assist those in need, we aim to make "Encouraging Encounter" an interesting, learning experience for all concerned.

There are two suggested parts to the programme.

**PART 1** — Girls find out something about their immediate community, particularly services and facilities available for children. One suggestion is making a map and marking in the things they discover.

**You** will have a local street directory and your local council will have a list of all the clubs and organisations.

**PART 2** — Girls choose in which area they will seek a friend, as suggested for their section. Follow this programme on a regular basis throughout the year.

Parts 1 and 2 should be done simultaneously through the year.

It is most IMPORTANT that when the unit is visiting its new friend, the girls be accompanied by a RESPONSIBLE ADULT at all times.

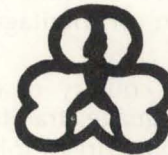
The LEADER'S ROLE for "Encouraging Encounter" is to make sure the children are aware of Victoria's programme for their section and are given the opportunity to choose what they would like to do.

Having made their choice, your role is to help, advise, encourage and assist them in every possible way.

If your unit is encouraged to participate in this programme in the spirit of friendship and learning, then IYC will become a rewarding and fascinating experience for everyone.

## BROWNIE GUIDE SECTION — SUGGESTIONS

### Brownies Are Friendly



#### PART 1 LET'S DISCOVER

- (a) Using your unit meeting place as the centre, make a map of your local area within a half-mile radius of your hall.
- (b) Mark in the names of the main streets.
- (c) Draw where the schools are.
- (d) Draw in the playgrounds.
- (e) Draw in the parks.  
Talk about whether children have enough safe places to play.
- (f) What sort of things would you like in a playground. Send your suggestions to your local council.

PART 2 (The unit, NOT the individual, undertakes the programme.)

1. Make friends with a child who is handicapped in some way.
  - (a) Does she go to a special school? Perhaps you can arrange to visit it.
  - (b) Learn about her way of life. Does she read, write or speak in a special way? What kind of games and sports does she play? What sort of things does she do the same as you do?
  - (c) If your new friend is deaf — learn the deaf sign language. If she is blind — you could have fun learning the alphabet in braille. Invite your new friend to your unit meeting on a regular basis, **or** visit her regularly as a unit outing.
  - (d) Teach her something of your way of life. Think of other things you can do for your friend.

**OR**

2. Visit a babies' home or a family with a young baby.
  - (a) Make friends and keep a chart of how he grows through the year, what he eats, how many teeth he gets and when. What toys are suitable for his age?

- (b) Try to visit the baby regularly during the year. Perhaps you can help in some way to care for him.
- (c) Make suitable toys for him during the year or knit squares and make a cot rug, **or** make suitable toys for the babies in the home including him and personally give them out.
- (d) Think of other things you can do for your little friend.

**OR**

- 3. Make friends with a child from a different culture, tradition or heritage (this includes aborigines).
  - (a) Learn about her country of origin, the food she eats, her language, traditional sports and games, her national dress, folk dances or folk songs.
  - (b) Does she celebrate Easter and Christmas? If so, is it in the same way as you do?
  - (c) Make a scrapbook of your way of life and give it to your new friend.
  - (d) Learn to say "hello" "goodbye" and "how are you" in your friend's language.
  - (e) Invite your new friend to your unit meetings regularly. Think of other things you can do for her.



## GUIDE SECTION — SUGGESTIONS

### Getting to Know People

PART 1. Using your unit meeting place as the centre, draw a map of your local area within a one-mile radius of your hall.

- (a) Write in the names of the main streets.
- (b) Mark in schools, playgrounds and parks.
- (c) Mark in baby health centres.
- (d) Mark in libraries.
- (e) Mark in meeting places of other Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guide units and Scout units.
- (f) Mark in meeting places of other youth clubs or youth organisations.
- (g) Mark in recreation and leisure time facilities available for your age group.
- (h) Design a leisure centre that appeals to you, write down what activities would take place at the centre. Send your suggestions to the local council.

PART 2 (The unit, NOT the individual, undertakes the programme.)

- 1. Make friends with a child who is handicapped in some way.
  - (a) Learn about her way of life, her school, the games and activities she plays, the difficulties experienced in society.
  - (b) Invent a game or activity especially for your friend.
  - (c) Invite her to your unit meeting on a regular basis **or** visit her regularly as a unit outing. Think of other things you can do for your new friend.

**OR**

- 2. Visit a babies' home or a family with a young baby on a regular basis.
  - (a) Find out as much as you can about baby care. Help to care for the baby throughout the year.
  - (b) Make a chart of his progress during the year. Make a set of baby clothes for him.
  - (c) Invite the infant welfare centre sister to come to speak to you or arrange a visit to the centre. Know what infant inoculations are available at welfare centres and against which diseases they protect babies.
  - (d) Learn how to bath a baby properly. Think of other things you can do for your little friend.

**OR**

- 3. Make friends with a child from a different culture, tradition or heritage. It may be someone at school or someone who lives in your street or is newly arrived in your community from another country.
  - (a) Learn about her country of origin, the food she eats, traditional sports and games, her way of celebrating Christmas and Easter.
  - (b) Teach her an Australian song or Australian game and how to cook an Australian meal.
  - (c) Perhaps she can teach you a folk dance, how to prepare and cook some of her food, traditional ceremonies or ways of celebrating special days. Perhaps you could make "Welcome Bags" and take them to the nearest migrant hostel to welcome our new arrivals.
  - (d) You could visit them regularly until they move into their own house and help them to learn some English, understand how to use the telephone book, find out the nearest hospitals that have interpreters.
  - (e) Think of other things you could do for your new friends.

**OR**

- 4. Make friends with another group of children in another youth organisation or youth club.
  - (a) Visit their meeting place and take part in their programme.

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## BEVERLEY EDITH ORR

Called to Higher Service.

Guide and patrol leader in 1st Bendigo Company, State Commissioner 1948-1953, and Assistant State Commissioner 1959-1963. Awarded the O.B.E. by Her Majesty, the Queen, for her services to Guiding, and the Silver Fish by a grateful Movement.

From an early age Beverley knew what Guiding was all about, for both her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard V. Lansell, of Bendigo, keenly supported the Movement. Mrs Lansell was a district and division commissioner, and the Lansell car, always a large one to carry guides and their equipment, travelled many miles, on long country trips. Mr. Lansell, usually the driver on these occasions, proudly wore his thanks badge, which gave him much joy.

It was in the immediate post-war years, full of difficulties and challenge, that Beverley Orr became our State Commissioner, and with her assistants, Miss Florence Mitchell and Miss P. M. Russell, that challenge was met, for enthusiasm spread and numbers increased all over Victoria for the first time since before the war.

Beverley Orr was a gracious and much loved member of our Movement, a friend and sister to all Guides. Her kindly and generous-hearted nature won for her an ever-widening circle of friends, none of whom she ever forgot. She truly carried out the seventh Guide Law for during her illness she displayed infinite courage and remained cheerful to the end. Her courageous spirit gave great comfort to all those who were near to her.

We give thanks for the life and work of Beverley Orr — may her example live on in our Girl Guide Movement.

—M.C.



# APRIL ACTION

Your efforts for "APRIL ACTION" in 1978 were magnificent, resulting in an increase of \$2000 from the previous year. This has helped towards meeting all the necessary commitments to maintain and develop guiding throughout the State. Try to do as well or even better in 1979!



From all reports, you had a lot of fun planning and carrying out your activities, and this is as it should be. After all, guiding is fun, and even when fund-raising is involved, you should always enjoy what you are doing.

When you receive your "APRIL ACTION" literature during the next few weeks, you will see that the folder contains a friendly letter from your new State Commissioner, Mrs Marjorie West, as well as a list of suggestions for either individual or group activities, with your remittance form on the back of the folder. Leaders, please read this carefully and adhere to the dates as closely as possible, even if you have not received all your local money. Send whatever money you have in hand to your next line of communication by the due date, then forward any late receipts as they come to hand. This helps everyone concerned in the handling of this money, and gets it to its destination sooner.

You will also receive job cards which must be used by the girls doing individual activities for friends, relatives and neighbours. These cards have been designed to fold in half to fit into uniform pockets. More cards are available at Guide Headquarters if required. Lones will receive their folders and cards through the Lone Adviser and Lone guiders. Parcels for collection will be available at Headquarters from 15th February, or will be taken to the Commissioners' Conference at the end of February for distribution.

Have a successful and action-packed "APRIL ACTION" in 1979!

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**ENCOURAGING ENCOUNTER** (Continued from Page 190)

- (b) Invite them to visit your unit and be part of your programme.
- (c) Discuss your programmes and the kind of activities you do.
- (d) Perhaps you could work together on a project to help other children.

**OR**

- 5. Make friends with children who belong to a specialist club, e.g., Pony Club, Ham Radio, Photography, Swap Cards, etc.
  - (a) Find out what their hobby entails, how often they meet, what equipment they need.
  - (b) Invite them to your unit meeting to talk to you and teach you about their hobby.
  - (c) In return you can teach them many of the activities we do in Guiding.



**RANGER GUIDES AND RANGERS—SUGGESTIONS**

**Relationships With Other People**

PART 1. Using your unit meeting place as the centre, make a map of your local area one mile in radius from your hall.

Mark in the following:

- (a) Names of the main streets.
- (b) Schools, playgrounds and parks.
- (c) Recreation facilities for children.
- (d) Drop-in centres, discos, theatres.
- (e) Babies' homes, children's houses or cottages, special schools, day-care and child-minding centres.
- (f) Locations of meeting places of other youth organisations or youth clubs.
- (g) Discuss what kind of facility would be ideal for your age group in the community, e.g., recreation centre, drop-in centre, workshop centre, job information centre, coffee lounge, a combination of all these or something else. Send your suggestions to the local council.

PART 2. (To be undertaken as a unit project.)

- 1. If you already have a programme underway, perhaps you could expand it in some way for IYC.

**OR**

- 2. Contact Rotoract, Young Apexians, Young Lions or other youth groups of your age group.
  - (a) Find out about their programme, its objectives, etc. Teach them something of your programme.

- (b) Perhaps you could join with such a group, to run after-school activities for children in your neighbourhood.

**OR**

- 3. Are there enough playgrounds in your area? Could you establish one or maintain one in your neighbourhood?  
Make friends with the children who play there. Ask the children what kind of playground they would like and see if it is possible to provide it by seeking help from outside firms and seeking permission from the necessary authorities.

**OR**

- 4. What kind of facilities are there for handicapped children in your area? Do you know the difference between quadriplegic and paraplegic? What kinds of accidents cause this physical handicap? What is Foundation 41, Nerve Deafness Association, Multiple Sclerosis, to name a few. Perhaps you can find out from some of these organisations whether you can help with any of the children's programmes on a regular basis. Make friends with the children concerned.

**OR**

- 5. Perhaps you could help in the children's ward of your local hospital on a regular basis, or in a babies' home or in a children's home.

**OR**

- 6. Perhaps you could help migrant children learn English and to understand our way of life a little better. Learn all you can about their way of life, their traditions and customs. Learn something of their language.

**OR**

- 7. With a group of children, do a survey on television. What programmes do they watch, what do they like? What effect does advertising, violence, etc., seem to have? What do you think of children's programmes on television today? Discuss with them what sort of programmes they would like to have on television and what time of the day. What about a children's news show? Send your findings to the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

These are suggestions to be discussed with your unit, so they understand the aim of Victoria's programme. The programme is FOR CHILDREN — BY CHILDREN, and in Victoria to be achieved by personal contact, caring and sharing with other children in the community.

Your unit will probably come up with ideas that are suitable. We will try to make a few more suggestions next month as well.

Let us help the children to make this a memorable year — for the world's future is in their hands.

## MOVEMENT'S POLICY ON SOCIAL ISSUES

From time to time members of the Movement are asked to comment on some of the social issues that are topical within our community. Because our members come from diverse backgrounds and have very individual views on many of these matters, it is not possible to formulate an opinion which would be truly representative of all. Also, the Association cannot involve itself in issues that are likely to have a political connotation. Members are therefore warned that, although they have the right to express an opinion as an individual, they must take great care that the name of Guiding is not associated with that opinion.

As commissioners and guiders sometimes find themselves in a situation where an expression of the Movement's policy is sought, our Australian Association prepared a statement which may be of help to them. It is as follows:

*"If you are asked the Policy of the Girl Guides Association on drug abuse, alcohol abuse, pornography and all other things which could be harmful to girls and adults — the Policy is —*

- (i) *The Girl Guides Association is opposed to anything that is harmful to girls and adults.*
- (ii) *The principles expressed by the Promise and Law present a code of ethics for members to follow and the programme provides the opportunity for these ethics to be practised."*

### THE GREAT SCOUT AND GUIDE YACHT RACE

Be a part of the biggest Yacht Race ever held on Port Phillip Bay on Sunday, 25th March, from Sandringham Yacht Club at 10.00 a.m.

**ADULTS** — Be a host or hostess on a Racing Yacht.

If you have 12 friends who would like to donate \$7.50 each, and supply a picnic lunch for the thrill of participating, you may share it FREE.

**GUIDES AND SCOUTS** — Any guide or scout over 12 years old may 'crew' on a yacht free of charge.

**ANYONE** — If you prefer to view, rather than participate — for a donation of \$5.00, you may share the fun on a motorboat.

**ALL PROCEEDS TO THE GUIDE-SCOUT WATER ACTIVITIES CENTRE.**

To be a host or hostess — please present your guest list now to Mr Ken Brewster (telephone 20 2839) or to Mrs Robin Collins (telephone 527 3936).

## NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

What makes guiding in the inner suburbs different?

Is it —

working with the girl who shakes her fist at you and dares you not to return next year?

working with guides in a school where all the class wanted to join the new unit, and where they resolved the situation themselves by voting who would be first to join?

working with the brownie whose mother (a deserted wife) tells you she is not an alcoholic even though she has a drinking problem and, because she herself was once a brownie and a guide, she would like her daughter to join?

We enjoy our work with girls from many varied backgrounds — both cultural and economic. But to help more girls and to develop further we need more interested people to help us.

Could we have you?

We need guiders to run or help run units; testers for various badges; folk to help with transport for camps and pack holidays; visitors to come to unit meetings to show interesting ideas, hobbies, etc.

If YOU have time to spare or are keen to join us in this project, I am sure we can find just the right place at the right time — guides or brownies.

We have unit meetings on — Monday and Thursday in the evening, Tuesday after school, Wednesday and Friday during school time.

CAN WE HEAR FROM YOU?

Please telephone Barbara Kearney (89 1221) or Ro Lawson (92 8742).

We would like to thank all districts for help we have received, uniforms, and also camp uniforms. We will be very pleased to accept more uniforms if they are available.



### TYNONG NORTH CAMPSITE

The new storage shelter and toilet block is ready for use. The 800-gallon rain tank for campers' drinking water is FULL.

The old equipment room at the west end of "Alcheringa" will now be used only to house the campers' refrigerator and to sling wet canvas.

Camp fee: 75 cents per head per 24 hours.

Booking Secretary: Mrs S. Williamson, 6 Haines Street, Cheltenham. Telephone 93 2467.

# Dates for your Diary—1979

## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

<p><b>FEBRUARY</b>            22 Thinking Day            23-25 Commissioners' Conference            23-25 Trefoil and B.P. Guilds' Seminar</p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b>            9 Region Commissioners' Meeting            State Conference — Local Associations</p>
<p><b>MARCH</b>            3- 4 Ranger Regatta            4 Children's Parade, Moomba            10-12 Foto-Fun            10-12 Back to Britannia Park            12 Moomba Parade            18 Region Conference — Mornington Peninsula            25 The Great Scout and Guide Yacht Race            31-1 April Guide Guiders' Weekend</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b>            25 Luncheon for Mayoresses and Shire Presidents' Wives</p>
<p><b>APRIL — April Action</b>            2 Lady Delacombe Golf Competition            3 Region Conference — Wimmera            20 St. George's Day Service            28 Film Day for Brownies</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER</b>            1 State Council Annual Meeting            6 Trefoil Guild Annual Meeting            Jamboree-of-the-Air            31 Region Commissioners' Meeting</p>
<p><b>MAY — Annual Census Returns Due</b>            6 Scout Association Walkathon            9 Region Commissioners' Meeting            15-24 International Training for Trainers</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>JUNE — Annual Reports due at Headquarters</b>  <b>April Action Money due at Headquarters</b>            2 Region Conference — Hume/Acheron/Outer Eastern            9-10 Trainers' Weekend            23-24 Ranger Section Conference            26 Open Day for Commissioners</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b>            1 Children's IYC Concert</p>
<p><b>JULY</b>            4 Region Training Advisers' Meeting            14 Ranger Guide Leaders' Conference            20 Ranger Ball</p>	<p>NOTE: Changes or additions to the above will be made known through Matilda as new dates are known — READ MATILDA REGULARLY TO KEEP IN TOUCH.</p>



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# TRAILING



What is trailing? Dragging something behind you? Following? Trail blazing? Trail bike riding?

NO, IT IS A HIKE WITH A DIFFERENCE AND LOTS OF FUN.

It is following a track or returning over paths you have already trod, but seeing and experiencing new things.

Trailing is for a few or for many. You need enthusiasm, a certain amount of energy, imagination and a real desire to become aware of and to learn what is in OUR world around us.

## Trailing through a park or in a garden

Dip a jar into a dam or pond and look through a microscope at the result. What looks like murky water turns into darting, swimming mites.

Look more closely at the tree that stands out from the group. It may have long roots hanging like hair from it. Why do roots hang down outside the soil? It may be a tree with an unusual shape or a weird texture to touch.

Are there eyes peering out from among the branches and leaves, move closer and identify? Are there scratch marks on the tree?

What of the bird life? You will need binoculars and you will need to be very quiet and move slowly. The very demanding business of attending to nests and young can be easily observed from a distance that will not disturb the birds. Look for the tiny birds eating the seeds, the swans and the variety of duck on the pond or lake. How many different types of cobweb can you find. Are the spiders at home? What have they caught in their trap? Have you experienced a blindfold walk up a hill, down steps, among ferns, **knowing** only by smell, feel and hearing? This can be done with the aid of a partner or by a string trail. Slip a safety pin on the string for the follower to slide along until she meets a marker — perhaps a note telling her what to do or observe or, if she is to remain blindfolded, a streamer may lead her to “feel” some interesting object — another pin would be “picked up” on the other side of marker. You will suddenly become alerted that cars ‘swish’ along the road; water drips, runs and sprays. Stones, leaves and soil feel cold, warm, rough or smooth. Wire, concrete and steel are unresisting, wood is smooth, rough or prickly.

A day of surprises among familiar nature subjects.

## Try a photographic trail

Photographs taken at odd angles can make an object difficult to recognise, but in searching for a subject you will discover many things of interest. The knot hole in the tree becomes a home for a winged family. A close-up photograph showing a lot of diamonds turns out to be markings of a particular tree.

A photograph of initials carved in a post brings to mind the unnecessary vandalism, minor or major, that is ruining our surroundings.



### 1978 TRAINING PAGES

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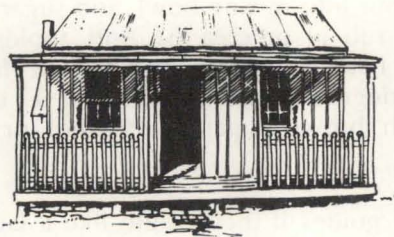


## Trailing around the suburbs and in the city

Look at the town hall, have you been inside and seen where your city officers work? What is the meaning of the city coat of arms? Visit your local church. What beautiful fittings, carvings, paintings, windows are there? Can someone accompany you and explain the meaning of your neighbour's church and its symbolism? Has your local park a focal point? Has it a name and what is its origin? What special plants grow there? That old building you have seen often and wondered about, can you arrange to visit and perhaps go inside? Find out about its history.

The railway station is a common sight but have you noticed the type of railings, the wooden counter, the lamps, the ticket collector's window grating?

On a trail around Melbourne take time to study the mural at Spencer Street Station, visit the Seamen's Mission in Flinders Street Extension — this is a place that gives welcome to lonely sailors who visit our city from every country around the world. Along Collins Street, there are many points of interest — special architecture, historical plaques, the Stock Exchange, the Town Hall, etc. At the eastern end there is Parliament House with its stately rooms, the Queen's chair and the beautiful ceilings. There is St. Patrick's Cathedral and tucked away behind trees and buildings you will also find St. Peter's Church. The I.C.I. building is worth a visit. From the 18th floor there is a wonderful view of Melbourne and the bay.



## Choosing your trailing subject

This can be influenced by the season, by the desire to seek a new interest or to further study an old one. The possibilities are endless but it could be:

- A visit to the seashore
- Our natural surroundings
- History and early life of Melbourne
- Following an early explorer's trail
- Statues
- Churches
- Public Buildings
- Art
- Architecture
- ... or a mixture of these.

## Planning

The success is in the planning. Therefore time spent in preparation is valuable. Decide where, when and how long a duration, how far to walk, etc. Cover the trail yourself before you take a group, note the points of interest as well as the length of time it takes you. Check places for rest stops, toilets, lunch. Will there be any costs such as entrance fees, refreshments, transport fares? Check tickets, timetables and concession fares on trams, buses and trains. What equipment is necessary? Binoculars, microscopes, plastic bags? Even if it is not essential to inform the owners of buildings or responsible authorities, it can be good public relations and often places have their own guides to assist you.

## Good trailing to you!

There are lots of surprises and interesting observations around just waiting for you to seek them out.

## Resources:

Gould League — 67 High Street, Prahran, 3181. For a fee of \$4.00 you may become an affiliated member.

National Trust: Melbourne Walks

Victorian Railways

Victorian Tourist Bureau

Local Library

Field Naturalists

Historical Society

Know Your Region pages — 'Matilda'.

Keep these dates free

## COME & JOIN US

	1979
TRAILING IN THE EVENING	28 <sup>th</sup> March. 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
SEA SHORE SURPRISES	19 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
PARKLAND PLEASURES	19 <sup>th</sup> September 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## DISTRICT DISCUSSION TOPIC

"Trailing in your own area"

Plan a trail for your District. Could you make it a family happening?

# A Saint Patrick's Day Meeting

If your unit decided to remember the days of saints represented on our flag, 17th March is St. Patrick's day.

Patrick's story is an exciting one. He was born on the west coast of Britain, captured by pirates, sold as a slave, escaped on a ship and was wrecked on the lonely coast of France. He made his way home but it seemed he was being called back to Ireland to teach the word of God, so he became a monk and eventually he went to Rome where the Pope made him Bishop of Ireland.

At the time of his arrival in Ireland it was the Druids' feast of Tara. That night all fires had been put out and everyone was waiting for the sacred fire of Tara to be lit, so that they could then re-light theirs. It was also Easter eve and it was a Christian custom to light a fire at dawn to celebrate the Resurrection. Patrick and his companions did this and across the plains it was seen in Tara. The Druid priests said to the High King, "Unless this fire is stamped out tonight it will never be quenched and he who lighted it will be more powerful than the Kings of Ireland". They rode out to confront Patrick, but he was able to convert the High King and this enabled him to travel throughout the land.

He went as the friend of the people and they loved and believed in him. There are many legends but we also have facts from his own writings.

The shamrock with its three leaves in one is worn in his memory because he used it in a sermon to help explain the doctrine of the Trinity.

Another story is that Patrick banished the snakes from Ireland.

St. Patrick was not a Christian martyr, therefore he does not have a cross as a symbol but because the red diagonal cross was used to represent Ireland on the Union flag it has become customary to refer to that cross, on a white background, as St. Patrick's cross. Some sources say that the red cross was actually taken from the coat of arms of an old family of Irish kings.

## Resources:

Guide Games and Recipes

Games from many lands

Musical Fun with Brownie Pack

Brownies Around the World Part 2

The Story of our Flags

Books on saints as recommended November 1978.

## Programme ideas

- Decorate with shamrocks and red diagonal crosses on white backgrounds.
- A quiz on Patrick of Ireland. Give cut-out shamrocks for correct answers, snakes for incorrect. Or use motifs for noughts and crosses.
- Play "Snake". Two girls hold long skipping rope close to the ground and wriggle it, players try to move from one end to the other without being touched by rope.
- Light a fire. If not a real one then a paper one with a stand-up flame.
- Have a campfire meeting if conditions suit.
- Learn some Irish folk dances and songs.
- Have an Irish supper. Roast potatoes or cook an —

## Irish Apple Cake

8 oz. S.R. flour, 4 oz. sugar, 4 oz. chopped butter, 4-5 cooking apples peeled and sliced, brown sugar.

Put flour into mixing bowl, add sugar and butter (do not rub in or cream). Add apples. Put into greased baking tin or cake tin, bake for an hour at 350 degrees. Just before hour is up sprinkle top with brown sugar. Serve hot or cold with cream.

- Ask guides if they would like a Guides Own. They could include the hymn St. Patrick's breast-plate, "I bind unto myself this day the strong name of the Trinity" and a prayer of his —

"May the strength of God pilot us.  
May the power of God preserve us.  
May the wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the hand of God protect us.  
May the way of God direct us.  
May the shield of God defend us.  
May the host of God guard us against the snares of the Evil One, and the temptations of the world.  
May Christ be with us.  
Christ before us.  
Christ in us.  
Christ over us.  
May thy salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore. Amen."

# LOCAL



# ASSOCIATION SECTION

## Thought for the month

Minds are like parachutes; they only function when open.

## 1979: Local Association Conference Year!

If your local association feels there is a need to discuss a particular aspect of guiding, or would like to see a change in the format of our one-day conference in August, please write to our Adviser, Mrs J. C. A. Pennington, 28 Rowland Street, Kew, 3101, as soon as possible.

## New Year Resolutions

Make your selection . . .

Hold a brief committee or executive meeting prior to the first local association meeting; sort out any business which has accumulated during the holidays, plan your agenda, get a clear idea of the state of finances from the treasurer and an estimate of what will be required, arrange to notify all parents of the first meeting.

At your first meeting make everyone feel welcome and involved. Plan the main programme for the year — meetings, functions, annual district meeting, speakers, outside service, etc. Decide on the level of fund-raising and methods. Budget for known necessities (rentals, maintenance, equipment, allowances, trainings, insurance, etc.), and also for the surprises which turn up each year (uniforms, special camps and outings). Set the level of voluntary donations (if any). Thank those who come along.

Increase your involved membership. Be determined to bring someone else to a meeting each time. Have a small group of members to contact new parents in a welcoming and involving way. Be accommodating about your meeting times so that all can have the chance to attend some of the time.

Determine to have preparations for your district annual meeting well in hand early in the year by discussing with your district commissioner and guiders the date and form the meeting will take. Remember it is the DISTRICT annual meeting and not the local association's annual meeting — even though your elections are held and your financial statements presented at this time and even though basic organisation will fall on you. If you want the girls to take part and enjoy it (remember it is

their annual meeting too), give your guiders plenty of time to organise and practise their section of the programme. Write to your busy special guests a long time ahead to make sure of free space in their diaries.

Draw on the pool of fascinating speakers at Headquarters. Parents are always wanting to know more about the mysteries of guiding. Buy a copy of the Personnel Book at the Shop, or borrow your district commissioner's copy, and look up names and addresses of those who hold interesting positions. They are usually very happy to speak about their own special area of interest. But do remember they are very busy voluntary workers with heavy wear-and-tear on their time, uniforms, families, jobs and pockets. Flowers are always beautiful and loved, but a cheque to cover expenses and a "little something" to console the family, Pooh-Bear fashion, are very welcome thank-you tokens.

Read Matilda — all of her! Pass around your local association copy, encourage as many as possible to subscribe and ask one member to be a regular reporter to meetings. Having read, ACT upon the requests for help whenever you can and enthusiastically support your guiders and daughters in the ventures you have read about. Write to the local association page — reports of events, fresh ideas, recipes, photographs and beautiful thoughts!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## RECIPE CORNER

**Zucchini Bread** (for all suffering a zucchini glut and for those who trip over hidden monsters in the garden!).

3 eggs, 2¼ cups caster sugar, 1 cup oil, 3 teasp. vanilla, 2 cups grated zucchini (including skins and liquid), 1 cup chopped walnuts, 3 cups plain flour, ½ teasp. baking powder, 1 teasp. carb. soda, 1 teasp. salt, 3 teasp. cinnamon.

Beat eggs until frothy, add caster sugar, oil and vanilla and beat again. Stir in zucchini and walnuts. Mix in sifted dry ingredients. Bake at 350°-400° in 2-loaf tins for 1¼-1½ hours.

(Known in our house affectionately as Green Ant Bread. Make it and find out why!)

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



### WORLD BADGE = INSTANT FRIENDS

During a recent visit to the United Kingdom, I was very happy on two occasions to be able to point to the World Badge I was wearing and say, "Hello, I am a Brownie Guider from Australia!"

Firstly in Cardiff, Wales, a group of brownies gathering for a picnic tea (daylight saving there too), and their two leaders, with wonderful smiles and warm handshakes welcomed me. After a quick chat about our respective packs, they posed for this photograph and I rejoined my tour bus.

And then three young girls in hiking uniform and with camp packs stood beside me in a shop in Scotland. Again indicating the World Badge and asking if they were Guides, I was told they were and that they came from Germany. Although our conversation was brief because of our different languages, we had communicated with each other, and I am sure we were all happy to have experienced that link of friendship in Guiding, brought about by wearing the World Badge!

—J. BENNETT,  
1st Croydon West Brownie Pack.

### ELLIMINYT PARTY

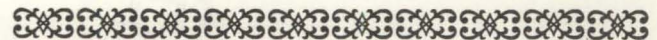
We invited Beac Brownie Pack to join us in the fun at our 11th Birthday Party. We made many new friends and had a beautiful big birthday cake.

—KATRINA and NADINE,  
1st Elliminyt Brownie Pack.

### CAMBERWELL-HARTWELL ANNIVERSARY

Camberwell-Hartwell District is celebrating 60 years of Guiding at the Annual Meeting on 10th May, 1979. We would like to contact any former guides, guiders or local association members who have been actively involved in Guiding during the past 60 years. Photographs, etc., would be welcome for a display of memorabilia.

Please contact Mrs R. Blakely, 931 Toorak Road, Camberwell, 3124.



### BROWNIE FILM DAY

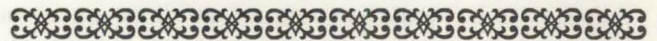
To celebrate the International Year of the Child.  
Saturday, 28th April, 1979.

10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

At the Balwyn Theatre, Whitehorse Road, Balwyn.

**Tickets \$1.00.**

Further information and application forms in **March Matilda.**



### 'ALCHERINGA' HOLIDAY

Sleeping in bunks, hiking in the rain, visiting Mill Valley Ranch and a museum made our pack holiday at 'Alcheringa' very exciting.

—KATHRYN HUME-COOK,  
TRACEY STOCKTON,  
4th Box Hill Brownie Pack.



We celebrated our 46th birthday with a tea party and invited special guests from Monkami — a centre for retarded children and adults in Croydon. Here Mitcham extension ranger Wendy receives from Lynda and Margaret some of the cassettes we gave our Monkami friends to use in their sheltered workshop.

—ALICIA MOATE,  
1st Croydon Brownie Pack.



# GO GUIDING

An open letter to Guiders and Commissioners —

At the end of last year I received the following comment from a guider:

"After talking to guiders throughout the year about the Olave Patrol Challenges, I feel that many guiders do not understand the main aim of the challenges, that is, to build up and strengthen the Patrol System. Some looked upon the challenges as a threat and interference to their programmes, simply because they were not consulted and given a copy of the challenges. I pointed out that they could easily copy a patrol leader's challenge to keep for reference and as a guide to encourage the patrols, but many did not do this.

If you are running a similar event next year, how about a good straight talk to guiders and commissioners through our February Guide page in Matilda?"

So, as we are running a similar event this year, it seems I have to try some "straight talk".

In 1976 we held a Patrol Leader's Gathering. The girls were 12 and 13 and the weekend was designed to discover the sort of support needed to help these younger girls build their patrols into the sort of groups Baden Powell envisaged.

At the Gathering we were pleased to learn that many guiders were having success in "developing" patrols with spirit, but others were not so lucky. The girls pinpointed their areas of difficulty — lack of ideas, poorly motivated members, and trouble in maintaining control.

The Guide Section was fortunate in having a small money grant to "help promote the Guide Section" and, after discussion with Guide region representatives, came up with the idea of a State-wide patrol challenge. The approach was designed to strengthen the Patrol System with participation being voluntary and the aim to supplement — not take over — unit programmes.

The scheme was announced through Matilda, which meant patrols did not know of the challenges unless their guider told them. The grant money paid for challenge papers and pennants.

The patrol leader (not the guider) had to accept responsibility for writing and applying for the

challenge. The guider may have encouraged, but the choice and responsibility was firmly upon the girls.

P.O. and R. describes a patrol as a group for work and play, under its own girl leader. Baden Powell emphasised that the only way to make the system work is to give the patrol leader REAL responsibility.

Material presented in the challenges was designed for a patrol to do during patrol time at company meetings, or at patrol meetings arranged in a member's backyard. There was limited choice (so as not to confuse) and direction on how to carry through the activities.

It was intended that the girls do the challenges "their way". It was not intended that the activities be used for company programming. As adults, we sometimes forget that some of our own best learning experiences have been through trial and error. Certainly we want guides to be skilled, and adult teaching and supervised activities are an essential part of the meeting programme. However, patrol time belongs to the girls and its value is that it is not adult dominated. This is why the challenge papers go to patrol leaders, not to guiders.

In patrol time the girls chose what they would do and how they would do it. Many guiders have relayed their experience of the challenges. Some were greeted by excited patrol leaders rushing to show them the new challenge as soon as it arrived — others never saw a paper but learned at Patrol Leader Council that patrols needed twice the usually allotted patrol time to carry out their plans. I myself was never shown a challenge paper and could only gauge progress by seeing a patrol pulling members round the hall on a very poorly constructed "chariot", which fell apart after three rides.

The patrol was also wholly responsible for reporting at the end of each challenge. We did not require any of their efforts to be checked by a guider, for part of being a Guide is that you are trusted. We showed that we trusted them to have put effort into what they had done, and that was the standard we accepted.

I am not so naive that I disregard the part the guider must play if the patrols are to benefit from doing the patrol challenges. I know the need to jog and encourage the girls to continue, to remind them frequently when time is running out, to be ready to show and teach if they ask for help, to be able to point to where equipment is available when asked, and to show pleasure at their efforts. I also know of the control needed to stand back and watch a patrol dither, mess about, and be totally inefficient — and of the time spent later cleaning up after they had thought they had cleaned up. But it is their Guide company, and they must be given opportunity to try their own way of doing things. A guider has to be mature enough to be not upset if her unit does not show itself to the outside world as the smart efficient group it may have been if she had assumed total control.

So, guiders and commissioners, if you are among the few who felt the challenges a threat and an interference, I am sorry. Fortunately the majority have recognised that the Olave Patrol Challenges were to help patrols.

They provided ideas for patrols and by acknowledgement of their effort at Headquarters, members' motivation was helped.

Having started with a quote from a guider, I would like to finish with a letter from a patrol leader.

"Thank you for letting us join in the Olave Patrol Challenges, we really enjoyed them. It had been hard work but good fun and the Field day which was met with much enthusiasm turned out to be great. The day gave me so much confidence and showed me what a good patrol I have."

So, for this patrol leader and others like her — THE GUIDE SECTION HAS PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING THE 1979 OLAVE PATROL CHALLENGES.

## FUND RAISING

Why not include a Fashion Parade in your programme this year.

Charge admission and collect 10% commission from all sales.

New season's knitwear, skirts, slacks, suits and dresses, all at much below retail cost.

Have a Fun Night, save money and raise money. For further information ring Edna Taggart 758 3398, or call into 21 Francis Crescent, Ferntree Gully. Inspection welcome.

## 1979 OLAVE PATROL CHALLENGES

There will be three challenges.

Challenges 1 and 2 will be sent to patrols to be done during their patrol time at company meetings or at patrol meetings.

Challenge 3 will be available to patrols which complete and report on Challenges 1 and 2 before 17th September, 1979, and which meet other criteria explained in Challenge 2.

Challenge 3 will be an opportunity to camp as a patrol.

Patrols completing Challenges 1 and 2 by the end of the year will be awarded a pennant.

## How to obtain the Olave Challenges

1. The Patrol Leader registers her patrol by sending to — Olave Patrols, Girl Guide Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000 —

- Name of her patrol and name of her company.
- Patrol Leader's name and address.
- A stamped envelope addressed to the Patrol Leader.

2. On receipt of these details at Headquarters, the Patrol Leader will be sent the first challenge. When the patrol completes this challenge, it sends a written and illustrated report to Headquarters, and in reply receives the second challenge.

**Remember**, whenever a patrol writes to Headquarters, it must include

- Patrol Leader's name and address.
- Patrol's name.
- Company's name.
- A stamped self-addressed envelope.

Last year we were not able to reply to some patrols because they forgot to include these details.

**Guiders** — give your patrols the opportunity to use their patrol time productively and enjoyably — encourage them to tackle the Olave Patrol Challenges.



## Guide Guiders Weekend

Guiders — if you have not applied to attend this "event of 1979" — do it now!

See December Matilda for details.

—YVONNE JAMES.

# RANGERING AROUND

## NEW SERVICE CERTIFICATE

### For Ranger Guides and Rangers

Public Relations Certificate.

1. Find out general information about the communications media. Visit a newspaper, radio or television station and write a report on the visit including something about its history, development and workings.
2. Write an article for the State Magazine, Ranger Section Magazine or local paper about the Girl Guides Association, and the Ranger Section in particular. Illustrate the article if possible.
3. Plan and put into action a Public Relations exercise (other than a written article) to promote Guiding to the community, e.g., to be available to hospitals, councils, libraries, Brownie packs, Guide companies, etc.

The following may be utilised — public speaking, poster and ticket writing, photography, press releases, or displays.

Before presenting the article to the local paper and carrying out the public relations exercise, the approval must be obtained from the District Commissioner and the Public Relations Adviser.

This certificate offers opportunities to use and develop many skills — such as public speaking, photography, writing and sketching, and points to ways in which you may find out more about our communications.

You will also be able to help your unit, and the Ranger Section as well as the Guide Movement to promote Guiding in the community.

The Public Relations Adviser and her committee would be pleased to hear from any ranger guide or ranger working for this certificate; and if you require any advice please ask.

—JEAN TWIST,  
Ranger Section Adviser.

## QUEEN'S GUIDE AWARD FOR RANGER GUIDES 14 TO 18 YEARS

When ranger guides consider the requirements for this award they will see a number of areas which help in the carrying out of that part of the Ranger Guide Promise which says — "my further responsibility is to be of Service to the Community". I am confident this extra challenge will help us set and maintain the highest possible standard for rangers in Victoria.

**The Record Book.** Ranger guides apply to the Ranger Section Adviser **before** beginning work on the award. Please send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

**Assessment.** The Ranger Challenge is assessed by the ranger guide herself, with assistance throughout of her unit and her leaders . . . Assessment of the five other clauses will need to be carried out by people with special expertise in the appropriate fields — for instance "Knowledge of the Movement" — the assessor must be approved by Girl Guide Headquarters.

**A Training Weekend** is to be attended by all candidates working on the award, and the training department will be responsible for this.

**A Form** will be available from the Ranger Section Adviser for the recommendation of the Unit Council — six months prior to the expected completion of the award.

**An Assessment Weekend** may be held, depending on the need.

**The Record Book** is to be submitted to the Ranger Section Adviser when the requirements are completed, for her signature before the award is given.

**The Badge**, decided by the girls' vote, is to be the smaller darker version of the metal Queen's Guide badge used prior to the one currently in use.

—JEAN TWIST,  
Ranger Section Adviser.

## RANGER SECTION "MAY WE SELL IT" SERVICE PROJECT 1979

As a result of the vote throughout Victoria Ranger Guide and Ranger units have decided to work towards raising funds to buy a plasma-pheresis machine for the Royal Melbourne Hospital. The cost is approximately \$15,000.00. If each ranger guide, ranger and leader earns \$5.00 we will have \$10,000.00, the amount we raised last year if we raise more, then we may be able to pay the whole amount.

It is up to us ALL, we CAN do it if every unit gets going and organises their "MAY WE SELL IT" any time from now to the middle of May (all money is to be sent before the 30th May to Miss J. Gibbs, 9 Ashlar Road, Moorabbin, 3189).

The Service Project Committee is selling special badges for camp shirts and blankets (20 cents each and available from Anne Meech, 196 Reserve Road, Beaumaris, 3193. Please send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

## FOUR CORNERS FIXTURE

28th/29th April.

LAND: WATER and AIR and Leadership — 7th-8th April at Headquarters.

WATER — "Country Cousins Aquatic Carnival" at Geelong.

AIR — "Burrana" (To Fly) at Berwick.

LAND — Royston Rubicon Ramble.

More information next month. Application forms with January Newsletter.

## LEADERSHIP SKILLS TRAINING

Where — Girl Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.

Date — 7th-8th April.

Times — 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily.

Cost — \$1.50.

This is part of the FOUR CORNERS FIXTURE and is being held early in the month to allow ranger guides and rangers to take part in both weekends if they wish. Any ranger guide or ranger may attend, and as girls working on the Leadership Skills Certificate MUST attend a weekend training, this is your chance!

Application forms were available with the January Newsletter and MUST be returned by 20th March.

## SAFETY DURING WATER ACTIVITIES

Rangers and ranger guides involved in water activities should be aware of the safety requisites for these activities. These safety requirements are listed in the Australian Ranger Guide Handbook, Part 2, under the heading "Land, Water and Air Safety", pp 24-6; and also in P.O. & R., Rule 38. The main safety rules include

- every person involved being able to swim 50 metres and keep afloat for 5 minutes in ordinary clothes;
- having a qualified lifesaver in attendance;
- life jackets being worn when sailing or canoeing, and being carried when rowing, one for each person on board.

The wearing of sandals when boating is recommended.

Boats must be in charge of a person holding the appropriate boating qualification.

Booking Secretary for the Sailing School is Mrs D. O'Shea, 16 Murawa Street, Frankston, 3199. Telephone 783 6485.

## Rowing Practice Days

Practice for those who need to learn to row and also for those ranger guides and rangers wishing to pass boating permits will be held at the Ranger Section Sailing School, Sandringham, on 4th, 11th and 18th February, and a day for tests for rowing qualifications will be held on 25th February.



## REGATTA AT MORNINGTON

DATE: 3rd-4th March.

TIMES: Races on the beach begin at 1.00 p.m. on Saturday and conclude on Sunday at 4.30 p.m.

Application forms were with the November Newsletter.

## DISASTROUS RETURN OF COMMANDO CAPERS

Easter Friday, 13th April, to Monday, 16th April.

Do you want to experience (or experience again) the thrills (and spills) of testing your body against the elements? Do you want to try an exhilarating commando course? Do you like surprises?

If you do, then Tapestry Activities Committee have just the thing for you. Application forms with January newsletter.



## SURPRISES: SURPRISES: SURPRISES

Have you seen a Punch and Judy Show, made Fairy Floss or met ten Mother Hubbards recently?

These were a few of the surprises waiting for the 200 rangers, ranger guides and leaders when they arrived at Headquarters for the Central Surprise Christmas Party.

Everyone came in her best pre-school party dress accompanied by her favourite Teddy Bear, to be greeted by a large Old English Sheep Dog waiting for his bone.

The fun continued on the three floors of the building as girls and leaders took part in a scavenger hunt around the city, games in the basement and a Teddy Parade to find the oldest, smallest, growliest, best loved and most unusual Teddy. Fancy hats were made from paper and lots of glue and glitter; mother duck came out of the Punch and Judy Show to lead her large family around the block singing "Three Little Ducks". To complete an exhausting and fun-filled night a grand parade up and down stairs to find the best dressed and most unusual party dress was held. Then Father Christmas arrived to spread cheer with presents and lollies. There followed a scrumptuous supper and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

Thanks to everyone for joining in, and to central committee (alias ten old mother hubbards) for lots and lots of fun.

## "BACK TO BRITANNIA PARK"

A camp for adult members of the movement is being held 10th-12th March at Britannia Park to celebrate the 40th Birthday of Britannia Park (see December Matilda). Rangers over 18 are invited to apply. However, if you wish to lightweight camp and cook for yourselves the fee will be only \$2.00.

Applications available from Mrs J. Thompson, 97 Darebin Street, Heidelberg, 3084. Please send self-addressed, stamped envelope.



## THINKING DAY

A special Thinking Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, 18th February, for all ranger guides, rangers and leaders, starting 10.30 a.m. at Guide Headquarters and finishing on the Yarra Bank. Application forms were with November Newsletter. Come and celebrate the birthdays of the Founder and the late Lady Baden-Powell, and find out more about exciting international events our members have attended.

### FIXTURE LIST 1979 for Ranger Guides and Rangers

January	**Service Project — begins "MAY we SELL it"	Ranger Council
January 26th-28th	Camp — Ranger Rush	Highett "Anzac" R.G.U.
February 18th	Thinking Day	S.S. Committee
March 3rd-4th	Regatta — Mornington	
April	Four Corners Fixture	
April 7th-8th	— Leadership Training	Training Department
April 28th-29th	— Land Lightweight Camp	S. Hopwood
April 28th-29th	— Air	Berwick R.G.U.
April 28th-29th	— Water	Barwon Region R.G.
Easter		
April 13th-16th	Tapestry Camp	Tapestry Activities Committee
May	Region Fixtures	
May 30th	Money for Service Project to be finalised	
June 23rd/24th	Ranger Guide, Ranger Conference	Doncaster West R.G.U.
July 14th	Ranger Guide Leaders' Conference	
July 14th	Ranger Section Dinner	
July 20th	Ranger Section Debutante Ball	Plenty R.G.U.
August	Skiing Weekend	Lilydale R.G.U.
September	Folk Fest	H. Cathcart and Committee
October	Bush Tour and Camp	Colac R.G.U.
November	Region Fixtures	
December	Central Break-up	
December	Tapestry Activities Committee	Central Committee

# DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

Readers of Matilda need no reminder of what 22nd February stands for, but I was interested to see in one of the Chief Guide's logbooks, a copy of the desk calendar for 1937, for 22nd February: Lord Baden-Powell born 1857.

"The friends thou hast and their adoption tried,  
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

The Founder spent his 80th birthday in India, at an inspection of his old regiment, the 13th Hussars, and in the above scrapbook was the stub from his cheque book, made out to the P.&O. shipping company for three first-class return fares to India. The cost? £376-10-0 for them all!

Recently I was reading a book called "The Story of the Girl Guides in Ontario" by Katherine Panabaker and I found some fascinating bits of early history of Canadian guiding. Many readers will know that guiding started in that country in the town of St. Catherine, not far from Toronto. The woman who started the original company had been at the Crystal Palace Rally in London on 4th September, 1909, and it was just two months later — 11th November — that she organised a meeting to start the new Movement. Her daughter kept a diary of those first days of guiding, and some entries are quoted here:

11th November: Two troops of Girl Guides organised in the Welland House ballroom. Mother talked. I am a patrol leader.

14th November: Meeting of patrol leaders. Learned to tie knots and make flag.

16th November. Patrol meeting. Our patrol is called 'Nasturtium'. Tied knots.

21st November: Made flag.

23rd November: Got signal notes.

25th November: Meeting. Mother spoke on flag. Patrols sworn in.

8th December: First Aid. Girl fainted at the mention of blood vessels.

In "Casa Loma", the amazing home in Toronto of Sir Henry and Lady Pellatt, who was the first Chief Commissioner for Canada, is a 'Girl Guide Room', a tiny museum of old warrants, badges, letters from the Baden-Powells, etc., etc., while around the walls are dolls dressed to show all the changes in uniform from the long white dresses of 1910 to modern times. Pictures of those early guides often show them with rows of badges on their sleeves, and they were not won easily. The Laundress badge required a guide to do the family washing for a year, and this was long before the days of washing machines and steam irons.

Like we do now, the guides held exhibitions of the work they did, but some of the objects on display were very different. A "Girl Guide Exhibition and Rally" was held at "Casa Loma" where prizes were given for — "Cooking, crochet work, embroidery, a corset cover with buttonhole, a collection of pressed leaves and a trimmed hat with three different ribbon arrangements".

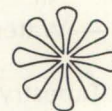
Mothers did not take their daughters to and from meetings in those days, they walked, even if it was two or three miles each way, and one company in Northern Ontario used to ski four miles to get to a meeting. Not everyone was so fit and energetic, however. At a training week in 1922 — "Great consternation was felt at the discovery that only three of the nineteen guiders present were able to pass the skipping and running sections of the Second Class badge." (Skip to 100 and run a hundred yards in 20 seconds.)

Returning to the Baden-Powell logbooks, there was a copy of the notice for one of the very first training weeks, which was held at Worthing from 22nd August to 1st September, 1916.

"Practical instruction will be given by qualified Teachers in the duties of Guide Officers, including tent pitching and striking, signalling, hay box and primus cooking.

There will be opportunities for Cycling, Sea Bathing, Tennis and Sea Boating. A walking or cycling expedition will be arranged each afternoon. 25/- per head. One lecture — 6d. A morning's tuition — 1/- each. Beds will be provided. Pillows, sheets, blankets, towels as desired to be brought by each member of the training school."

—MARY LAMBE,  
Archivist.



## UNIFORM WANTED

Wanted to buy — Commissioner summer uniform — size 16 or 18.

Please contact Mrs H. G. Butler, RMB 72, Mitta R-S, Tallangatta, 3700.

## FOR SALE

Guider summer frock, as new, size 12. \$15.00. Telephone J. Pretty — 89 9637 evening.

# BRITANNIA PARK

I thought I had said goodbye to you all in December, but here is a happy event I have to tell you about — Mr and Mrs Owl have a baby! Mrs Fraser tells us that a Brownie pack saw the family first.

Then I have a special request to guiders. Please do not put more than the authorised number of sleepers in Guide House (26) and Brownie Cottage (24). Health Authorities are very strict about these things now. Also would guiders please not move beds from one room to another.

Very many thanks for the wonderful support we have had for the Maintenance Fund during 1978, please keep it up. You have no idea how we depend on it to do all those extra things for our lovely Britannia Park.

I hope your holidays have been good ones and that your guiding will be extra good in 1979. I hope to meet many of you at the Ruby Camp in March. It should be great fun.

—PAT GRAY,  
Acting Convener.

## “REMINDER” DON’T MISS OUT!

Please send applications for “Back to Britannia Park” camp before closing date on 16th February, to Mrs J. Thompson, 97 Darebin Street, Heidelberg, 3084 (telephone 45 3418).

NOTE: Some folk have asked what we would like for an Anniversary present. The committee feel it would save a lot of headaches, if those who wish to mark the occasion with a gift, be given the opportunity to make a small contribution to the ONE 40th Anniversary Gift. Look for the Ruby Red box at the camp.

### “BACK TO BRITANNIA PARK”

#### VISITOR’S DAY

If you are unable to attend for the whole weekend, come on Visitor’s Day, Sunday, 11th March, from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Join us for Guides’ Own.

Meet our special guests.

Lift your voice in campfire songs, led by Miss Peg Barr.

See the Britannia Park story presented by our archivists.

Share our giant size birthday cake.

Bring your old photographs and mementoes, a box lunch and thermos.

This is your day — Come and enjoy it.



## AUSTRALIAN POST BOX

Last Thinking Day I spent in hospital. I woke very early and began to ‘think’ about all the countries I could remember in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. This was a kind of Kim’s game and I started with New Zealand and worked westwards.

As well as thinking about the countries I thought about the Guiding people I knew in each country and the Post Box secretaries I write to so often asking for pen friends for members of the Guide movement in Australia.

During my years of writing I feel that the Post Box secretaries have become my penfriends. When there is room on the airmail letter-form after all our business is attended to, we gossip to each other about Guiding activities, families and holidays.

During that morning my doctor gave me permission to have a holiday in Europe. My excitement was immense and I began once again to think of the secretaries I hoped to see during my holiday.

My husband and I started our holiday in July and went straight to Helsinki, where Irre showed me as much as she could in the few days we were there. One day we drove to one of the campsites and met a number of Finnish guides and guiders.

From there we went to Sweden, where Eiver and Giggy looked after us so well, then Norway, Denmark, Holland, England, Scotland and finally Hong Kong on our way home. We visited Headquarters and campsites in most countries.

The Post Box secretaries were instant friends and I proved for myself that our pens can make friends just as well as our tongues can. We all agreed that having a penfriend is a wonderful way of encouraging international friendships.

Of course we have to be sensible about this as not many of us can correspond in a foreign language and we cannot expect guides in other countries to write in English until they are older. I was lucky as all the Post Box secretaries could speak English.

In some countries families are too poor to afford education for their children or the stamps to post letters. But wouldn’t it be wonderful in this ‘International Year of the Child’ to begin a friendship in another country? Thinking Day would have more meaning if we had one or more penfriends to think about especially.

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# COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE

**FRIDAY, 23rd February, to Sunday, 25th February, 1979, at Monash University.**

Travelling from the city along Dandenong Road, turn left into Wellington Road, then left into Blackburn Road, first left into Normanby Road and left in second service road to car park and Halls of Residence, the Conference venue. Location map obtainable at Headquarters.

## PROGRAMME

### Friday

- 3.00 p.m.—Registrations, room allocations in Farrer House foyer.
- 5.30 p.m.—Pre-dinner drinks.
- 6.00 p.m.—Dinner.
- 7.30 p.m.—Meet and Mix.
- 8.00 p.m.—Ceremonial Opening.  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dennis Oakley.
- 9.00 p.m.—Supper.

### Saturday

- 7.50 a.m.—Prayers.
- 8.00 a.m.—Breakfast.

- 9.00 a.m.—"Active with the Units".
- 10.30 a.m.—Morning Tea.
- 11.00 a.m.—"Facts 'n Fun."
- 12.15 p.m.—Roll Call.
- 12.30 p.m.—Lunch.
- 1.45 p.m.—"Monash Manoeuvres" (camp uniform).
- 3.15 p.m.—Afternoon Tea.
- 3.45 p.m.—"More Manoeuvres"
- 5.00 p.m.—"Surprise! Surprise!"
- 6.00 p.m.—Pre-dinner drinks.
- 6.30 p.m.—Dinner.
- 8.00 p.m.—Campfire with Peg Barr.
- 9.30 p.m.—Supper.

### Sunday

- 8.00 a.m.—Breakfast.
- 9.30 a.m.—Guides' Own in Religious Centre.
- 10.30 a.m.—Morning Tea.
- 11.00 a.m.—Guest Speaker: Mrs Shirley Chapman, Home Tutor Scheme.
- 11.45 a.m.—"Active Abroad."
- 12.30 p.m.—Lunch.
- 1.45 p.m.—Question Box with the Advisers.
- 3.00 p.m.—Presenting the new Committee.  
Close of Conference.

Meals will be served in Farrer Dining Hall and refreshments in Howitt Hall.

Meetings will be held in Deakin Hall Dining Room.

For further information, please telephone Edyth Kirk on 277 8870 or Dawn Richards on 578 1527.

Queries re money, please telephone Dot. Chatfield on 288 7706.

## BRASS RUBBING

Hold a brass rubbing night at your meeting.

A demonstrator is available for any afternoon or evening.

Write or telephone for samples and price list.

Country leaders — miniature brasses, materials and full instructions can be rail freighted to your area.

MARGARET ANGUS, 16 Ingrid Street, Scoresby, 3179. Telephone 763 6811.

## AUSTRALIAN POST BOX (Continued from Page 207)

If you would like a penfriend send your name, address, name of unit, date of birth and a stamped self-addressed envelope to your Post Box secretary, Mrs A. Blackburn, Lowland Farm, P.O. Box 19, Macedon, 3440. It is best to give alternative choices or to indicate that a penfriend from 'any' country will be acceptable.

Happy Thinking Day!

—C. M. WILLIAMSON,  
Australian Post Box Secretary.

# 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

**Coleraine:** Weekends 7th-8th April and 5th-6th May, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs F. Jervies, 'Karingal', Hamilton, 3300, by **19th March.**

**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.**

**Glenroy:** Weekends 7th-8th April and 5th-6th May, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Miss M. McLeod, 3 Glenview Road, Strathmore, 3041, by **19th March.**

**Glen Waverley:** Weekends 17th-18th March and 31st March-1st April, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Miss M. Hunt, 8/7 Alcala Avenue, Chadstone, 3148, by **27th February.**

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

**Merrigum:** Thursday, 15th, 22nd, 29th March, 5th April, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs J. Murphy, 73 Balaclava Road, Shepparton, 3630, by **27th February.**

## Stage 2 Programming and Activities for WARRANTED Leaders

**Bairnsdale:** 7th-8th April and 5th-6th May, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs L. Ryan, 5 Araleun Drive, Sale, 3850, by **19th March.**

**Morwell:** 7th-8th April and 5th-6th May, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818, by **19th March.**

**Seymour:** Weekends 28th-29th April and 23rd-24th June, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs M. Gorman, 33 Batten Street, Seymour, 3660, by **7th April.**

**Wangaratta:** Weekends 5th-6th May and 2nd-3rd June, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Miss H. Smith, 21 Cusack Street, Wangaratta, 3677, by **16th April.**

**Wattle Park:** Weekends 24th-25th March and 28th-29th April, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108, by **2nd March.**

## Accent on Leadership — Special Subjects for Guiders who have completed Stage 2 training

**Boronia:** Weekends 7th-8th April and 5th-6th May, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs J. Huxtable, 93 Orange Grove, Bayswater, 3153, by **19th March.**

## 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 camping, including staffing as an adult. Give these details with your application form (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, immediately.

## Campcraft Training

**Upwey:** 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 at **Britannia Park**, times 9.00 a.m. Wednesday to 4.00 p.m. Thursday, and **Donvale:** 9th-10th May, times 9.00 a.m. Wednesday to 4.00 p.m. Thursday, and 25th-27th May, times 9.00 a.m. Friday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday at **Britannia Park.** Note: Cost to be advised. Applications and \$6.00 to Mrs J. Huxtable, 93 Orange Grove, Bayswater, 3153, by **1st March.**

**Glenroy:** Monday, 28th May, and 4th June, times 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., plus Saturday, 7th July, at **Janet Whitlam**, times to be advised, plus 21st-22nd July at **Rowallen** and 11th-12th August at **Britannia Park**, 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 M. McLeod, 3 Glenview Road, Strathmore, 3041, by **7th May.**

## Camp First Aid

**Strathmore:** Thursday, 1st, 15th, 29th March, times 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., plus weekend 7th-8th April, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications and \$3.00 to Miss M. McLeod, 3 Glenview Road, Strathmore, 3041, by **23rd February.**

## Commissioner Refresher Training

**Girgarree:** Thursday, 15th March, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.00 to Mrs J. Murphy, 73 Balaclava Road, Shepparton, 3630, by **27th February.**

## Facts 'n' Fun for Local Association Members

**Boronia:** Thursday, 22nd March, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and 50 cents per local association member to Mrs J. Huxtable, 93 Orange Grove, Bayswater, 3153, by **1st March.**

**Yarragon:** Tuesday, 24th April, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and 50 cents per local association member to Mrs K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818, by **3rd April.**

## Ceremonial Training

**Moe:** Saturday, 3rd March, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Note: Bring a cut lunch. Applications and \$1.00 to Mrs K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818, by **18th February.**

## Nature Trailing

**Montrose:** Wednesday, 21st March, times 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.00 to Mrs R. Anderson, 17 Oliver Street, Ringwood, 3134, by **1st March.**

## Trailing in the Evening

**Meet at Headquarters:** Wednesday, 28th March, times 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Applications and \$1.00 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **7th March.**

## Ranger Leadership Weekend

**Headquarters:** Weekend 7th-8th April, times 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily.

Training in leadership skills for ranger guides and rangers who are working on Leadership certificates and any who are interested in learning leadership skills.

Application forms will be available with the January-February circular and must be returned with \$1.50 training fee and a stamped self-addressed envelope to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **20th March.**

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

## New

Camp Blankets, grey, all wool, 60" x 80" .. ..	\$16.55
Camp Blankets, colours, 85% wool, 15% synthetic, 63" x 90" (both made in Australia) .. ..	\$19.25

## Swap Badges now available

Marine life — red squirrel fish .. .. .	.10c
Marine life — horseshoe clam .. .. .	.10c
Thinking Day .. .. .	.10c
Flowering Gum .. .. .	.10c
World Bureau .. .. .	.20c
Lyrebird .. .. .	.20c
Penguin .. .. .	.20c
Nauru .. .. .	.20c
Victorian Guide Headquarters .. .. .	.20c
Wattle .. .. .	.20c
Kangaroo .. .. .	.20c
Leadbeaters Possum .. .. .	.20c
Heath .. .. .	.20c
Helmeted Honeyeater .. .. .	.20c
Kookaburra .. .. .	.20c
Koala .. .. .	.20c
Golden Glory Pea .. .. .	.20c
Australian Friendship .. .. .	.12c
Victorian Friendship .. .. .	.12c
South Australia State .. .. .	.15c
New South Wales State .. .. .	.15c
Tasmania State .. .. .	.90c
Western Australia State .. .. .	.70c
Northern Territory .. .. .	.30c
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	.20c
Butterfly .. .. .	.15c
Rosella .. .. .	.15c
Aboriginal (Vic.) .. .. .	.15c
Trefoil Guild .. .. .	.25c
Fellowship of former Guides, Scouts, Asia Pacific Region .. .. .	.25c
Australian Shield .. .. .	.25c
Australian Aboriginal .. .. .	.40c
Australia map, kangaroo, koala, etc. .. .. .	.40c
Commonwealth Headquarters .. .. .	.75c
Lord Baden-Powell .. .. .	.60c
Lady Baden-Powell .. .. .	.60c
Sangam — the proceeds of this badge will go to help Sangam .. .. .	.20c
International Training for Trainers — the proceeds of this badge will help to bring a trainer from India to partake in the International Training for Trainers to be held in Victoria during May, 1979 .. .. .	.20c
Delightful Brownie swap badges .. .. .	.30c
(not worn on uniform) — These cover the eight points of the Brownie programme and have many uses. One is for Brownie Revels which you may like to use for Brownies who take part in Revels.	

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## FOUND AT HEADQUARTERS

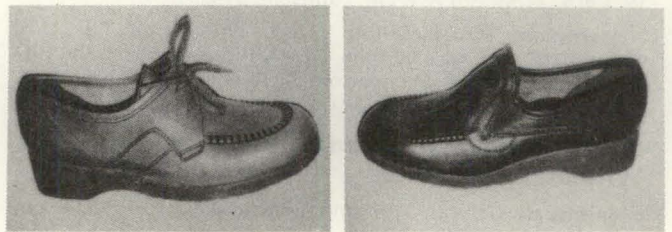
Following a Training Class held at Headquarters towards the latter part of last year, an opal ring was found in one of the cloakrooms. Will the owner please contact Peg Barr on 63 7911.

## SHOES IN THE GUIDE SHOP

Two styles of navy blue shoes are available for sale in the Guide Shop. The shoes are made by Cadet Shoes in the latest casual styles — one is a lace-up duty shoe and the other a slip-on style with a rubberised sole and low wedge heel, as seen in the photographs. Both styles are suitable to wear with Ranger and Guider uniform.

The shoes are available in the full range of sizes from 4½ to 10 (multiple fittings) in B width fitting. Both styles sell at \$24.85, which is considerably less than the retail price suggested by the manufacturer.

They should prove popular with our members as they are very comfortable shoes and would be useful for both guiding and general wear.



## "IT'S IN THE BAG!"

Many people have commented on the useful carrying bags used by the brownies of 2nd Keilor Pack at Encore '78. The bags are ideal to issue to brownies to safely carry their books to Brownie meetings, or to carry lunch and groundsheet on an outing. A pattern is available at the Guide Shop for 10 cents. Bags may be made up in any "tough" brown material.

Those already using the bags say they are very quickly and easily made.

Buying material, cutting out and preparing it for machining provide a good opportunity for brownies to learn and use new skills. A mother with a sewing machine may be needed to help complete this pack project.

—M.B.

## 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

### Good Service Award

Mrs L. Mole, Murrumbena.

### Guider Long Service

(30 years): Mrs R. S. Stuart, Menzies Creek.

(20 years): Miss M. Tharle, Dandenong; Mrs J. Brown, Eltham; Mrs J. Richardson, Doncaster; Mrs M. Campbell, Springvale; Miss B. Burch, Briar Hill.

(10 years): Mrs S. Cowan, Doncaster; Mrs. W. James, Geelong; Mrs L. Bray, Swan Hill; Mrs P. Warner, Swan Hill; Mrs M. Clark, Swan Hill; Mrs M. Pernek, Thomastown; Mrs J. Bright, Red Hill; Mrs B. Stevenson, Main Ridge; Mrs E. Ratcliffe, Springvale; Mrs C. Charlesworth, Burwood; Mrs J. W. Miller, Bass; Mrs M. Livingstone, Jeparit; Mrs B. Thurgar, Frankston; Mrs M. White, Frankston.

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(40 years): Miss G. Thurgood, Sandringham.

(30 years): Mrs G. Veitch, Box Hill North; Mrs A. T. Frew, Coleraine.

(20 years): Mrs E. Davidson, Glenhuntly; Mrs J. Cavill, Cowes; Mrs E. Robinson, Gisborne.

(10 years): Mrs W. Adams, Boronia; Mrs V. Hockey, Ringwood; Mrs B. Williams, Ringwood; Mrs S. Maclellan, Kew; Mrs V. Allan, Box Hill South; Mrs H. Wilson, Newhaven; Mrs P. Clifford, Deer Park; Mrs M. Bear, Noble Park; Mrs G. Bode, Noble Park; Mrs E. Pepperell, East Bentleigh.

### Local Association Long Service

(40 years): Mrs E. Wright, Box Hill; Mrs F. Littlejohn, Red Hill.

(20 years): Mrs M. Laurie, Box Hill; Mrs B. Wright, Box Hill; Mrs E. Smith, Box Hill North; Mrs E. Meade, Forest Hill; Mrs. M. Squire, Main Ridge.

(10 years): Mrs L. Wright, Box Hill; Mrs V. Riley, Bayswater; Mrs E. Jacobson, East Bentleigh.

## APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

### Region Commissioners

Mrs B. Carrington, Baw Baw; Mrs L. L. J. Tyack, Sunraysia.

### Division Commissioners

Mrs R. Knight, Moorabbin West; Mrs K. B. Higgins, City of Sandringham.

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### Assistant Guide Guiders

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### REGISTRATIONS

4th Highvale Pack, 2nd Red Hill Pack.

### RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

#### Region Commissioners

Mrs R. T. Porter, Baw Baw; Mrs A. C. Lewin, Sunraysia.

#### Division Commissioner

Mrs W. R. Johnson, Kananook.

#### District Commissioners

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#### Assistant Ranger Guider

Miss S. Midderham, Strathfieldsaye Rangers.

#### Guide Guiders

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#### Assistant Guide Guiders

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### WRITING COMPETITIONS

#### Reach Out and Touch a Friend

To celebrate IYC the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is holding a writing competition. Theme will be international friendship, based on the original Guide law, "A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide".

This law is expressed in many ways, "understanding others", "respect for others", "extending friendship beyond the national border" — to name a few.

No longer than 1000 words (it can be shorter), the written work can be a poem, an essay, a short fictional story, a brief descriptive piece. It should show how girls feel about friendship, what they have learned about people from other countries, how they have put friendship or understanding into practice, either at home or internationally.

Prizes will be a £10.00 cash prize for the first place winner in each category: 6-10 years, 11-14 years, 15-18 years. There will also be second and third prizes.

Winners will be announced in January and winning entries will be featured in Council Fire, April/June issue 1980.

Entries are to be sent directly to Australian Public Relations Adviser, Girl Guides Association of Australia, 7 Wilmot Street, Sydney, 2000, no later than 31st August, 1979.

#### Australian Girl Guides Association — Literary Award

Leaders, encourage your girls to produce poems, stories, playlets for the Australian Book of Guiding Stories.

You will remember these are to be written for 8 to 12 year olds — exciting, adventurous, based on actual happenings or fictional. All details of this award appear on page 127 of November 1978 issue of Matilda.

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Please note that, while entries for both the W.A.G.G.S. writing competition and the Australian Association literary award are to be forwarded to Australian Headquarters, they are two entirely separate projects.

