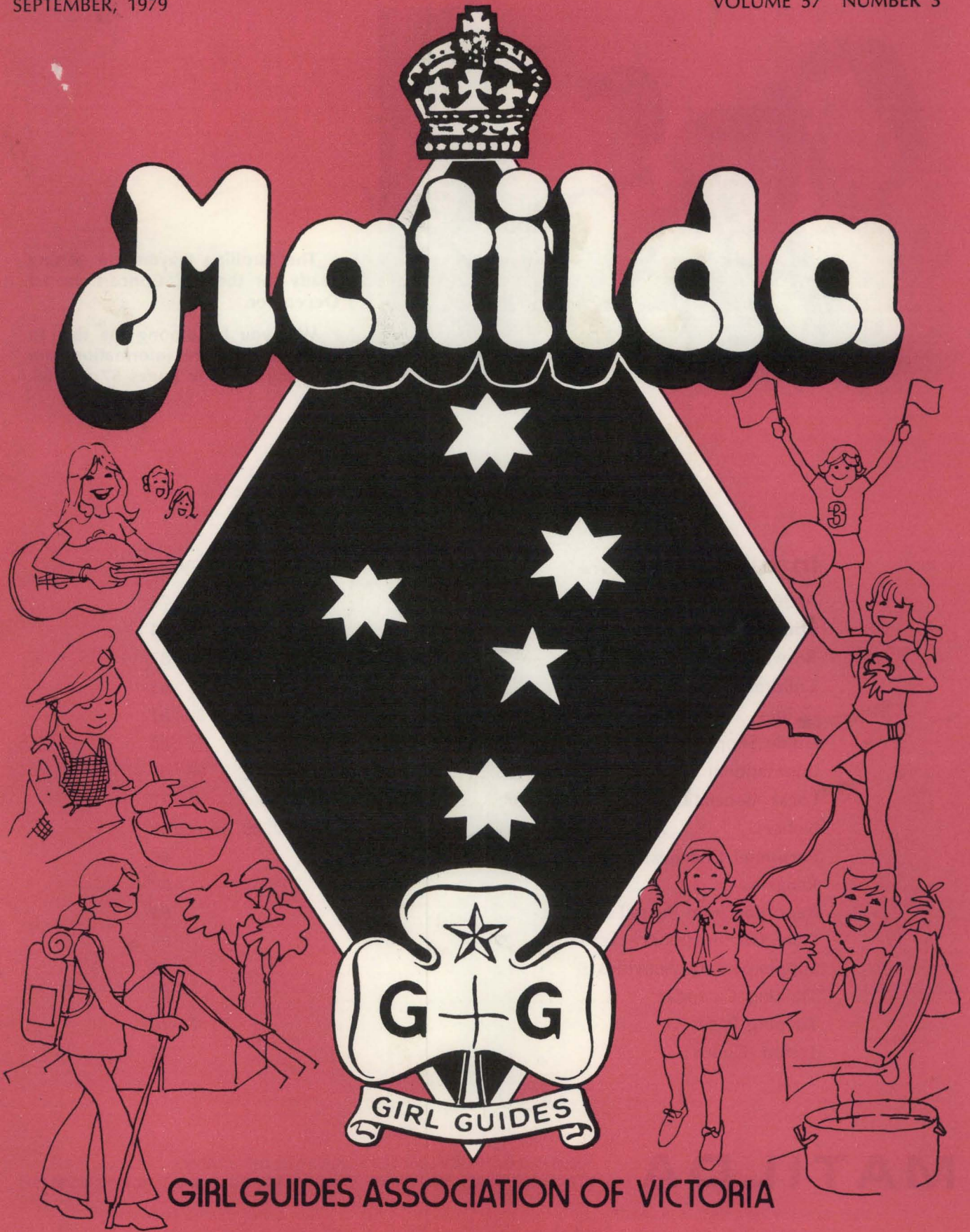


# Matilda



GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA





The Strolling Players are getting ready for the IYC Concert on 1st December.

Will you be among the first to buy tickets? See information and booking form on pages 67 and 68.

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## From our State Commissioner

Hello Everyone,

Holidays have come and gone and I hope you all enjoyed the break from routine and feel refreshed and ready for third term activities.

A special event for the Ranger Section in July was the Ranger Debutante Ball, with a Spanish theme, 'Castanet Capers'. The debutantes looked delightful and congratulations go to Plenty Ranger Guide unit for excellent organisation. The ball was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present, and especially by Mitcham Extension Rangers.

My assistants and I attended East Metropolitan Region Local Association Luncheon and met many from the region who found the talk by Matilda editor, Mrs Joan Richardson, most enlightening.

The auxiliary which works for the handicapped girls held their Annual Meeting in July; this small group of ladies assists the Extensions in many ways providing money for transport to unit meetings, outings, camps, etc. Miss Wendy Swift gave an interesting talk on the work she does in the Burns Unit at the Royal Children's Hospital. A few weeks ago I visited Yooralla Brownies, who were so happy when one of the girls gained her Hostess badge.

Jill representing me, with Jean Twist and Robin Collins, attended Sunraysia Conference held in Mildura where the theme was 'The Individual — The Child'. A Catholic school choir sang beautifully, reminding everyone of this special year. Plans are going ahead for Yandiah House and campsite — a good attendance assured an excellent conference.

Verna and I were happy to go to Yarrowonga in August, where I opened the new Guide Hall. The hall, formerly a Methodist Church, is ideal for a youth organisation such as ours and I am sure people who had previously attended the church would be happy to see it being used in this way.

The large gathering included people involved in Guiding in Yarrowonga many years ago. Some travelled great distances to see the culmination of years of hard work. Congratulations to Terry Lyons and the local association at Yarrowonga for such a successful day.

At the last meeting of State Council, the revised constitution was adopted and, I am sure, will streamline the running of the movement. Sincere thanks to Mrs Edna Richards, Mr. Gilbert Farrow, our honorary solicitor, and members of State Council for the time and thought spent on the constitution.

Sixty-eight Brownie guiders joined together to "Meet and Greet" in South Metropolitan Region and gained much from the day, especially songs taught by guiders who attended the Australian Brownie Leaders' Event last year. Those songs, with simple melodies, are to be compiled in a book.

The 21st State Conference of Local Associations, held at Springvale Town Hall, was attended by 500 people, which showed the great need for such a conference. The theme "Operation Back-Up" was very apt because local association members do just that for the uniformed members and we appreciate their interest. Congratulations to Mrs Margaret Pennington and our Local Association Adviser and her committee on the success of the conference.

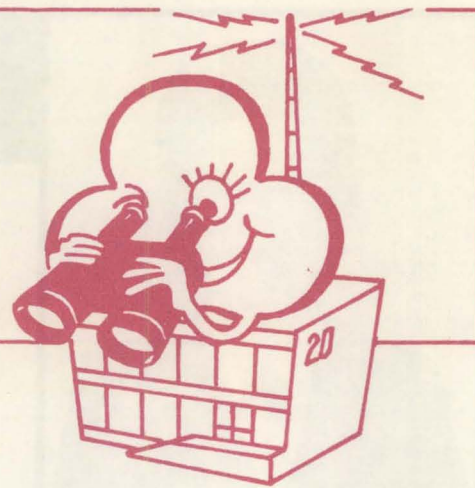
There are some important events ahead. Firstly, the opening by The Governor, Sir Henry Winneke, of the indoor accommodation log cabin at 'Iluka', Shoreham, on 23rd September, the realisation of much thought and planning by many people. Then, the Annual Meeting of State Council, and of course we are looking forward to the concert at the Myer Music Bowl on 1st December, which should provide a fitting climax to this special year.

Kindest regards to you all,

*Marjorie E. West*



# REPORTING FROM RUSSELL STREET



## ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting (State Council) is to be held on Monday, 1st October, at 8.00 p.m. at Melbourne Church of England Girls' Grammar School, Anderson Street, South Yarra. The Guest Speaker will be Lady Price, Chairman of the World Committee, who will speak on the International Year of the Child, and brownies from 4th South Yarra Pack will entertain guests with two songs especially chosen to suit the IYC theme. Members and friends are welcome to come to this meeting, but for catering purposes those wishing to attend are asked to notify Headquarters by 21st September.

## MOBILE GUIDE SHOP

The Mobile Shop will open in the **Bendigo Guide Hall** in Howard Place on **Tuesday, 9th October**, between 2.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.

Two weeks later, on **Tuesday, 23rd October**, the Shop will be at the **Wangaratta Guide Hall** from 2.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m.

Please be sure everyone connected with guiding in these two areas hears about the visits, as it takes over twelve months to return to the same or nearby towns, by the time the whole State is covered by this service.

## INTERNATIONAL

We have received exciting information concerning vacation jobs at "Our Cabana" for 1980-81. Further details from International Adviser, C/o Headquarters.

**International Camp, Mexico, 28th July-2nd August, 1980.** Girls should be between 15-18 years. Further details may be obtained from Headquarters.

**State Selection Day** — 10th November, 1979, from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Uniform to be worn and applicants to bring a packed lunch.

## TRAVELLING COMMISSIONERS

If you are/were a Commissioner who likes talking to others about guiding you may like a part time position as Travelling Commissioner. Please contact Muriel Pollock at Headquarters if you would like further information.

## BUILDING GRANTS — DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION

Although previously there was no closing date for applications for Building Grants, advice has just been received from the Department that a reduced amount is available to subsidise youth buildings and projects this financial year and a closing date of 31st October, 1979, will apply. Late applications will not be able to be processed. Any district contemplating lodging an application should therefore act without delay.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23rd September — Official Opening, Residential Centre, Camp Iluka, Shoreham.

25th September — Mayoresses' Luncheon.

1st October — Annual Meeting of State Council.

20th October — Melbourne Drug Seminar.

27th October — Shepparton Drug Seminar.

1st December — The Event of the Year, the IYC Children's Concert.



# Children's



# Week



IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD



## OCTOBER 21 - 28 1979

UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY, OCTOBER 24

Children's Week in Victoria, from 21st-28th October, will focus attention, as it does every year, on the place of children in the community. The 1979 theme, What's WRONG with children's RIGHTS? will reinforce the overall concerns of the International Year of the Child.

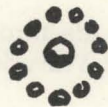
At the mid-point of Children's Week on Wednesday, 24th October, **Universal Children's Day** will highlight the needs and rights of children in a world context.

Universal Children's Day is the annual occasion to highlight links of understanding and friendship between children everywhere. This purpose relates closely with our own multi-cultural society and to the special needs of children in developing countries.

This year attention will be directed to the plight of some 250,000 children of Asian, Latin American and tropical African countries who are threatened with blindness each year due to lack of Vitamin A in their diet.

Sunday, 21st October, opening day for Children's Week, will again be a Family Play Day, at the Albert Park Sporting Complex, in conjunction with the 'Life be in it team'. This is the day children ask their parents out for the day — to a fun day, with a mini-fair and a complete information centre.

Information and ideas for celebrating Children's Week are available from UNICEF Committee of Victoria, 289 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, 3000. Telephone 63 1129.



Mrs Kath. Hillman, Ballarat Region Commissioner, died suddenly on 21st August. A memorial service will be held at 7.00 p.m. on 18th September at Pleasant Street, Uniting Church, Ballarat.

Time now to be making plans for this very special day. In this International Year of the Child the Day could be an opportunity for special displays and activities, to show local communities what has been done in the way of projects for children by Guides/Girl Scouts throughout the world. World Bureau ACTION REVIEW (No. II, 1, June/July/August 1979) is full of information on IYC activities. With imagination, pictures of brownies, guides, rangers from the countries named, or use of the international uniforms which some State headquarters make available, and members of units (all ages), districts, divisions, there is plenty of scope for interesting and informative displays, pageants, etc. Girls, leaders, members of local associations and the community would learn much from such activities — and become more aware of what we as a Movement are doing around the world — and of what we could be doing!

Please send notes on how Universal Children's Day has been celebrated in your area, to International Adviser, Miss Wendy Swift, at Headquarters.

### United Nations Observances

Some of the special United Nations Observance Days, which would be of interest to guides (all sections) and around which activities could be planned, are —

- International Literacy Day — 8th September (in a number of countries members of the Movement are running special literacy programmes for adults and children alike);
- United Nations Week — 21st-26th October;
- United Nations Day — 24th October;
- Universal Children's Day — 24th October;
- Human Rights Day — 10th December;
- UNICEF's Anniversary Day — 11th December.



# IRENE FAIRBAIRN FUND

## Why the Irene Fairbairn Fund?

Because we remember Mrs Fairbairn — our very first Chief Commissioner for Australia who had a great love for Guiding. This love showed, through her untiring service to the movement from being a Guide in the U.K., before coming as a bride to live in Skipton, Victoria, right up until her death in 1974. Over the years she served as a District and Division Commissioner, State Commissioner, Victoria, 1st Federal Secretary, 1st Federal Commissioner, then 1st Chief Commissioner for Australia, member of the Sangam sub-committee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

She was a true Guide. She lived by the Promise and Law. She loved nature and the out-of-doors. She had a great sense of humour. She had many affiliations with World Guiding, particularly with Sangam, India. She was known, admired, loved. She always saw their point of view, and had an affinity with the younger members of our movement, and it was her constant concern that young people should be encouraged, and provided with opportunities to travel to meet with their sister Guides all over the world.

Small wonder, then, that the Girl Guides Association of Australia in 1955, as an expression of their affection and appreciation of their first Chief Commissioner, established a fund for the specific purpose of benefiting young members of the Movement.

In 1957, this fund became known as the Irene Fairbairn Fund, with Mrs Fairbairn as its chairman, and a committee of three. It has been building up over the years and helps a few members each year to attend gatherings both in Australia and overseas. In January, 1979, Western Australia received a grant of \$1000 to enable five Lone Guides to travel to an International Lones Camp in New South Wales. \$500 was used to bring a trainer from Singapore to attend the International Training for Trainers in Melbourne, in May, 1979. In August the fund is helping to send a guider from Western Australia, who is a student teacher, to go to Sangam in India.

Many more members could benefit if more money was available.

This is the Australian Travel Fund, and as members of the Australian Association we MUST help it GROW. Victoria has not contributed greatly to

the fund over the past few years so we need YOUR help. We should be able to do better.

Can we make a concerted effort?

How would you suggest?

Please send your suggestions and/or contributions to Headquarters (marked IRENE FAIRBAIRN FUND).

An Irene Fairbairn Day — or — Week — or — a Special effort — OR ???

We are waiting to hear from you!



## INTERNATIONAL GUIDE UNIFORMS

Over the past twelve months, International Department (Victoria) has added considerably to the replicas of Guide and Brownie uniforms from other countries, and can now let companies and packs use these uniforms for pageants, district annual meetings or just a different meeting night.

For \$5.00, plus postage both ways, you can hire a case of twenty Guide or Brownie uniforms. Postage in Victoria is approximately \$2.00 each way. (You may call to collect them, if you live near Mount Waverley.) Smaller quantities cost 40 cents per uniform plus postage.

We also have a supply of plastic button badges with copies of international uniform badges (Guide only) available for sale at 20 cents each. These are suitable to wear on Guide camp hats, etc. They may be ordered when uniforms are booked.

It is necessary to book early, especially around "Thinking Day". If writing, please offer alternative dates if possible.

Bookings may be made through Mrs D. Walker, 2 Irving Street, Mount Waverley, 3149 (telephone 277 1749).

— To add further to the enjoyment of our guides and brownies, we would be thrilled to use those old uniforms you have stowed away in the "bottom drawer", gathering dust, and any badges, especially "interest variety" from other countries you may have.





# International Year of the Child



## OVERSEAS FRIENDS IYC ACTIVITIES

**Norway:** The Association is publicising the needs of children in developing countries in an effort to increase international understanding.

**Trinidad and Tobago:** The Association is concentrating its efforts on the problems of handicapped children and those from low-income families. It hopes to establish a campsite on Tobago where these children will attend sessions. The hope is that many will become involved in the Movement.

**Turkey:** The Association is planning a series of camps for children this summer in a rural area, to teach literacy, hygiene, nutrition and cooking.

**Barbados:** A one-week workshop was organised for underprivileged children, who were taught games and crafts — seed and shell work, needlework for carpets and towels, matchbox doll furniture. The children were then able to take home the articles they had made.

**Botswana:** Girl Guides in Lobatse supply soup to a nursery school for underprivileged children. They bought dishes for them and are planning to make covers for their mattresses.

**Papua New Guinea:** Girl Guides run nutrition centres for mothers, and have a handicrafts training centre in a rural district.

**Hong Kong:** Girl Guides clean up beaches, and display posters on environmental health and hygiene in disadvantaged areas.

For all of us — a thought for this issue and IYC.

In Girl Guiding our aim is to build with the next generation and subsequent generations, the qualities of leadership, decision making and social responsibility.

Through our programme we have the privilege of choice on what we do and when and how we use our resources.

Children are the world's future — and our challenge.

Children are the world's most valuable resource.

The child cannot wait —  
Tomorrow is too late.

What have you done for **Encouraging Encounter**? Please send news of your projects to Mrs M. McLean, 2 Wyatt Street, Seaford, 3198, so it can be published in Matilda.

## IYC CONCERT

Exciting news concerning our Children's Concert on 1st December.

Many of the youth organisations have replied to our invitation to take part and the first half of the concert will be presented by the children of Victoria with guest compere Daryl Somers.

The second half of the evening will be Johnny Young and the Young Talent Team in concert. We are presently negotiating for a guest artist for this segment.

This is the biggest Children's Concert to be held in Victoria for the International Year of the Child.

The Girl Guides Association has the honour and privilege of staging this concert "For Children — by Children". By inviting other organisations to take part we are presenting a rare opportunity for children to share the diverse traditions, cultures and heritage, which, in Victoria they now enjoy.

Do not miss out on this very special occasion. It may be a long time before we are able to again involve professional talented artists in a venture staged by us.

Surplus money from the concert will be sent to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to help children in other countries.

If you have not yet been able to embark on an "Encouraging Encounter" programme, attending the concert could be one way of helping other children.

**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW! TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS! COME! ENJOY! BE IN IT!**

**Block Bookings:** If your unit numbers less than 20, combine with another unit or include family members. Do not forget to include your new friends made through Encouraging Encounter.

**Hospitality:** Members of the Guide Movement who require hospitality or who can offer hospitality, please contact Mrs D. Spratling. Details with hospitality form are in August issue of Matilda.



Girl Guides Association of Victoria

proudly presents

**JOHNNY YOUNG AND THE YOUNG TALENT TEAM**

**IN CONCERT**

with the CHILDREN OF VICTORIA

Guest Compere — DARYL SOMERS

SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1979, at 8.00 p.m.

at the SIDNEY MYER MUSIC BOWL

The concert will take place regardless of weather conditions.



**CHILDREN'S CONCERT TICKET MAIL ORDER FORM**

Send to — Children's Concert,  
Girl Guides Association,  
20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....POSTCODE.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

UNIT (if applicable).....

Please send me tickets for the Children's Concert at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl on Saturday, 1st December 1979.

**Reserved Undercover Section:**

Adults at \$5.00 each. Number.....

Children at \$3.00 each. Number.....

**Lawn Area:**

Adults at \$3.00 each. Number.....

Children at \$2.00 each. Number.....

Block booking (20 or more) at \$2.00 each. Number.....

I enclose cheque/money order for \$.....payable to Children's Concert, Girl Guides Association, with a **stamped** self addressed envelope for the return of tickets. (We regret refunds will not be available.)

**TICKET PRICES**

**Reserved Undercover Area:**

Adults — \$5.00.  
Children — \$3.00.

**Lawn Area:**

Adults — \$3.00.  
Children — \$2.00.

**Block Booking — Lawn Area only:**

Groups of 20 or more (children and/or adults) — \$2.00 per head.  
(Children are 18 years of age or under. There is no charge for children 4 years of age or less.)

Tickets will be on sale from 12th September.

- Mail order or personal sales from Girl Guide Association Headquarters.
- Personal Sales — all Scout Shops.

After 12th October tickets will **also** be on sale from Celebrity Services, J. C. Williamsons and Myer (City).



# SUPPLEMENTARY



# ACTIVITIES

## SAC ON THE BEAT

Yarra Valley Region SAC representative visited Preston Division Guiders' weekend at James' cottage. Everyone had lots of fun getting to know each other through various games in which they needed to help and trust one another.

(Can you balance more than two golf balls one on top of the other?)

SAC was pleased to help West Metropolitan Region with ideas for their Challenge for Fun Day to be held in October. Should be a great day.



Over 250 brownies, guides and cubs took part in twenty-five different crafts in Sunraysia Region. They were very happy to have with them six children each day from the W. J. Christie Retarded Children's Centre. Ranger guides joined many mothers and worked hard to teach copper work, macrame, candle making, enamelling, raffia dolls and many other interesting crafts. They look forward to another similar activity which they plan to hold next year.



Western Border Region had a great day with everyone joining in activities supplementing the eight points. In the evening most districts provided an item for the concert, which finished with a campfire.

Brownies in the Far Western Division combined for a kite flying day which was lots of fun.

## REGION "REPS"

Where are you?  
Please contact me, telephone or write  
to let me know what your region is doing.

## CRAFTY CAPERS CAMP

SAC is sorry so many missed out on this camp. Please apply early next time.

## GUIDE HISTORY

As you already know, our committee is supplementing the programme planned by the Archives Committee for their Guide History Day on 6th October.

(See page 56 in August Matilda.)

Activities popular in each of the six decades of our history will be featured.



## HOST FARMS

The Host Farms Association Directory listing day tours, homestead, self-contained accommodation, caravan and camping sites is available. Write to The Secretary, 8 Kalang Road, Camberwell, 3124, for details.



# NATURE NOTES

## NEW HOME AT SANCTUARY

A "lot of water has flowed under the bridge" since last I wrote to Matilda.

In actual fact, **our** bridge at the moment is about to be washed away as Brucknell Creek sends a swift torrent swirling through our "jungle".

As you will gather, we have moved from the small quiet country town of Terang. We are now the honorary caretakers of a sanctuary deep in a hundred acre plot of forest.

The Ralph Illidge Sanctuary is cared for by the Victorian Conservation Trust and it is our duty to maintain the property and help visitors to understand the relationship between man and nature and the importance of conservation.

Situated at Naringal, 21 kilometres from Terang and about 30 kilometres from Warrnambool, the sanctuary was owned by the late Mr Ralph Illidge, who was a photographer from Warrnambool. When he died, he asked the trust to take over this beautiful property and use it to help teach people about nature and the need for conservation in a world where so much is being destroyed.

Perhaps now that we are settled and my health has improved I may be able to take you tramping through our sanctuary — even if only through the pages of Matilda.

Naturally Bill and I would really like to meet you all personally down here in the wild. So if you are in the area during holidays, do call in. The Sanctuary is always open at weekends and holidays . . . and someone is always home, and it is on the Warrnambool-Cobden Road.

Barbecue and picnic facilities are available. No charge is made but as the sanctuary relies entirely on donations for maintenance, we hope the donation boxes are noticed!

—ANNE L. FRASER,  
Conservation Co-ordinator.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations to the following on being appointed members of their region training teams — Mrs Lorna Ballinger, East Metropolitan; Miss Heather Falloon, North Metropolitan; and Mrs Betty Stillwell, South Metropolitan.

## WOMBLES AND POTS

If you are fond of that loveable television character "Uncle Bulgaria", you would certainly love the "pot".

Now the pot I speak of has no handles, nor is it much use in the kitchen.

The "POT-O-ROO" is a very rare little marsupial which manages to still survive in some parts of Victoria, although in most areas it has become extinct. Animals die out or become extinct because people clear land for farms and roads and so small animals have nowhere to live and no food to eat. The rat-tailed kangaroo, as it has been called, is only small, not big like a real kangaroo. About the size of a rabbit, the potaroo eats just about anything — he is omnivorous and my family says he is like a guinea-pig.

Pots are very quiet, shy creatures and rarely seen. They live in heavily covered scrub and make their own busy little roadways through the undergrowth. Their legs and feet are the same as those of a real kangaroo . . . specially made for hopping, the feet having the same toes including the twin claws for combing their fur.

Maybe some day you will meet one. I hope so.

—ANNE L. FRASER,



## LET US BE IN IT!

Brownies and cubs of Wangaratta and Ovens Districts plan to hold a "Be In It Day" on Sunday, 30th September, from 10.45 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., at Wangaratta Racecourse.

Exciting visitors, activities and entertainment are planned for the children and their families. While drinks, tea and coffee will be available, it is suggested you bring your own lunch.

—B.W.

MATILDA



# DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

More details are now available about the **GUIDE HISTORY DAY** to be held at 20 Russell Street on 6th October. As stated in last month's *Matilda*, guides and ranger guides wishing to take part in the programme of activities arranged by the Archives Committee and Supplementary Activities Committee are asked to send in their applications by 21st September, accompanied by the fee of 40c, to the State Archivist, Miss Mary Lambe, 13 John Street, Kew, 3101.

Sessions will start at 10.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. The programmes will be different, except for 20 minutes Slide Show, so you may come for the morning or the afternoon, or bring your own lunch and stay all day. Photographs of some of our old pictures and documents will be on sale, as well as a few old books and souvenirs. It is hoped that some members of the Trefoil Guild who are holding their Annual General Meeting during the afternoon will come upstairs to look at our display.

The following notes are taken from a logbook of an English guider, writing of the days when she had gone up to a Guide Company from her Brownie Pack in the days of the first World War.

*"We wore wide hats (always clamped on our heads), white haversacks, and belts dangling with knives, whistles, tin openers, scissors, etc. Uniform was a difficulty during the last year of the war. I wore a Sea Scout shirt tucked in a school skirt and too large a hat with a newspaper lining. When Queen Alexandra reviewed our first Rally in Hyde Park in 1918 I pipeclayed my lanyard with the oddest effect as it dusted off on my shirt, and for no apparent reason I tramped round all day carrying one end of an empty stretcher.*

*"Our company meetings took place chiefly in Kensington Gardens on Saturday mornings. We stood on seats signalling morse; we practised First-aid with bandages laid out on a carriage rug supposedly for hygienic reasons, and we laid ingenious trails. We laid an onion one as we soon tired of small boys who removed the tracking signs, and the sight of us sniffing round trees and railings*

*prompted an elderly lady to inquire if we were preparing for a poison gas attack. As onions do not leave an easy trail, when dried by sun, we tried aniseed one day. This was a failure, every dog in London found the trail first. Finally we tried lentils in small quantities and dead flowers stuck in unusual places. Both made good trails."*

Before Lord and Lady Baden-Powell came to Australia on their World Trip in 1934-35, the following advertisement appeared in the English 'Guider':

*"To rent, Pax Hill, Bentley, Hampshire. Five reception rooms, large hall, eleven bedrooms, three bathrooms, central heating. Two cars — available with or without chauffeur. Indoor staff of six maids available if wished. Wages of two gardeners included in rent. £15.15.0 per week."*



The picture shows the Founder and the World Chief Guide with two of their children, in the Hall at Pax Hill.

—MARY LAMBE.





During the month I have visited Sale and Warracknabeal to speak to ladies interested in forming Trefoil Guilds. The Sale ladies are to hold another meeting to elect office-bearers and at Warracknabeal it was decided that a guild should be formed and office-bearers were elected and arrangements made for the next meeting.

Ballarat now has a third guild and another has formed in Box Hill North. Happy days in Trefoil to all these new members.

**ASHGLEN** Trefoil has been going round the world at their meetings. Jocelyn Ray took them to the Four World Centres, Margaret Shaw spoke on her trip to China and the highlight of Jean Mitchell's overseas travel talk was the description of a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

**EASTERN SUBURBS** again catered for luncheon for Yooralla Society of Victoria. Thirty-eight patients and ten helpers enjoyed the lunch and the demonstration of portable ramps. Later this year members will help with the Mini Mart for the Blind Association at Kooyong.

**CARINE** Trefoil invited the Trefoil members from Jaynefield to one of their meetings held at the Canterbury Guide Hall. They walked in the park before lunch and then all joined in making chocolate crackles for the visitors to take home.

**CARINE** guild has bought a Lady Baden-Powell rose to plant at the Eva Tilley Memorial Homes.

The luncheon and mannequin parade organised by **C.O.G.S.** was a great success, raising over \$380 for their week-end away.

Trefoil members from many suburban guilds have been busy at Headquarters counting and packing calendars. Mrs Nala Jones of the Public Relations department was delighted with the support given and wishes to thank all the busy workers.

Do not forget the concert for the Baden-Powell Memorial Homes Project to be held at the Camberwell Civic Centre at 8.00 p.m. on 18th October. Tickets, \$5.00 each, can be obtained from me by telephoning 89 3898.

—M.S.

**'CREST OF THE WAVE'  
VARIETY CONCERT**

The Baden-Powell Scout and Trefoil Guilds will present their 'Crest of the Wave' Variety Concert at the Camberwell Civic Centre at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 18th October, to raise funds for the Baden-Powell Memorial Homes.

This excellent evening of family entertainment to be hosted by television personality Roy Hampson will feature popular television and recording artist Seona McDowell, the renowned Frank Traynor's Jazz Preachers, widely acclaimed duo, tenor Graeme Wall and soprano Margot Cory and the superb Scout Gang Show Chorus.

Admission is \$5.00 and all proceeds will aid the Baden-Powell Scout and Trefoil Guilds.

Tickets may be obtained from the Baden-Powell Guild (telephone 547 3333 or 560 4804); Trefoil Guild (89 3898); all Scout Shops (347 8044); Guide Shop (63 7911); Camberwell Civic Centre (811 0222).

For further information, please contact Michael Baden-Powell (telephone 82 8224 or 29 5009) or Bob Gregory, APA Promotions (878 3953).

**BRASS RUBBING**

Hold a brass rubbing night with your brownies and guides. Facsimilies of English monumental brasses are available for hire, or a demonstrator can come to your meeting.

**Country Kit.** Miniature facsimilies, materials and instructions can be rail freighted to country areas.

**Christmas Cards.** Take a rubbing from a nativity scene plate. All materials supplied — cards 8c each, plus postage.

Mrs Margaret Angus, 16 Ingrid Street, Scoresby, Victoria, 3179. Telephone: 763 6811.

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Friends of Mrs Angus will be pleased to learn that her daughter, Kirsty Elizabeth, was born on 4th April.



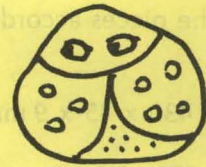


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# TRAINING PAGES

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## ROCK PAINTING



### A NEW LOOK AT AN ANCIENT CRAFT

The next time you take the members of your unit to the beach or into the bush — make sure you have some strong carry bags or a plastic bucket and the chances are that you will come home from your walk with all the basic material you need for this fascinating activity. If you know of a spot where you have safe access to a river or stream bed you are in luck — but make sure suitable footwear is worn, either gum boots or old gym shoes.

The next step is to get your stones home. Brownies have a tendency to want to take the lot — help them to understand the importance of taking only what they really need. The stones or rocks then need a good scrub in hot soapy water before being put out to dry.



#### Materials needed

*Paints* — water or oil based paints can be used with equal success.

**OIL BASED** — the work is slower with oil based paints (and more expensive) because the drying time is longer and each colour must be completely dry before the next is applied. If you decide to use oil based paints you will find it less tedious to work on several stones or rocks at the same time.

**WATER BASED** — In our pack we use the water based paints, making sure that we choose clear bright colours, and we often varnish the finished rocks to give them a good gloss and to preserve our painting.

**BRUSHES** — For fine work you will need a selection of small brushes. For larger rocks or for filling in we use household sponges cut to suitable size.

**INDIAN INK** — Fine lines can be drawn using Indian ink either with a mapping pen or with a very fine brush.

*Procedure.* The shape of your pebbles or stones will be the deciding factor in the design you select. Many suggest fish shapes, but others will conjure up images of animals, insects, reptiles, plants, while some may just appeal as a good base for an abstract design. You may wish to glue several stones together to make your shape. The handyman's bar at your hardware store has the correct type of adhesive available for this purpose.

If — like me — you are not known for your artistic ability — you may find it helpful to trace the outline of your stone or rock on paper and sketch in the design you want to make. Or you may like to outline it directly on the stone with either pencil or chalk.

Either way take a great deal of time really looking at your stone from every angle — let your imagination have free rein and you will be delighted at the interesting designs that will spring into your mind. The finished article has a variety of uses — as a paperweight, door stop — ornament or as YOUR OWN PET ROCK.





# How to make your own Pack Frame

Since rucksacks, particularly good ones, are expensive — why not make your own packing frame and sew your own packing sacks? It is not difficult and the result will be so good that your equipment can be used on more advanced hikes.

To make the sacks, you can use any good quality cloth of canvas type. Nylon cloth has the advantage that it is very light. If different colours are used, it helps to identify the bag you need quickly.

Use any kind of hard wood.

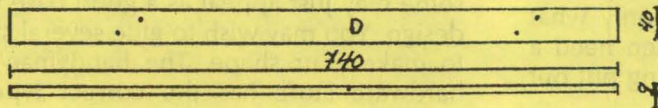
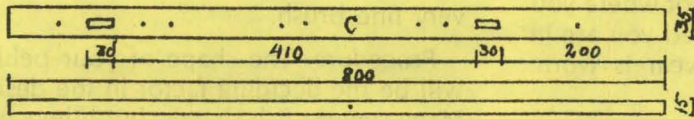
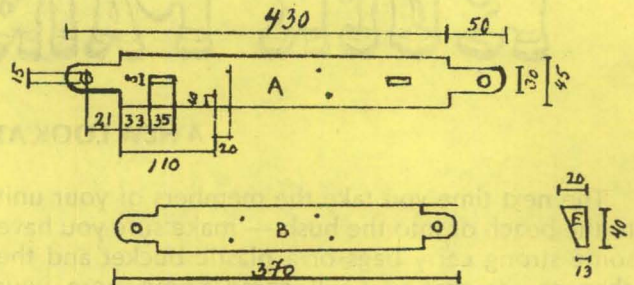
Cut the pieces according to the following dimensions—

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1 piece 370 x 45 x 9 mm

2 pieces 800 x 35 x 15 mm

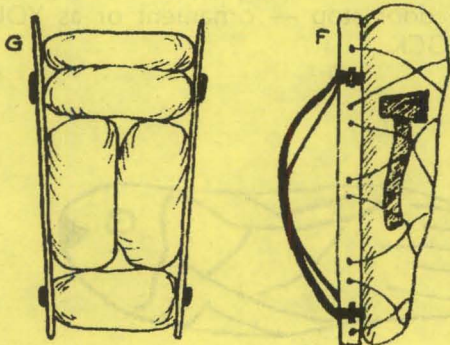
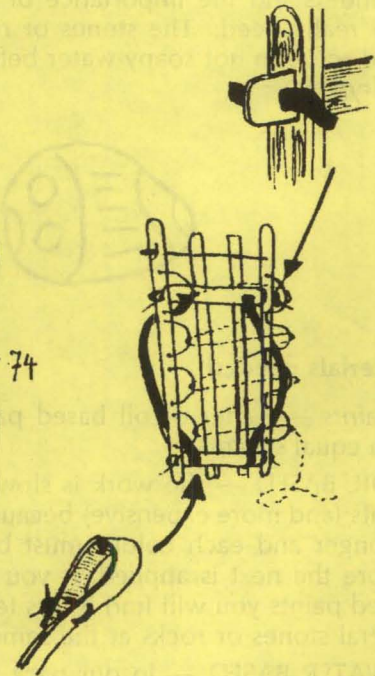
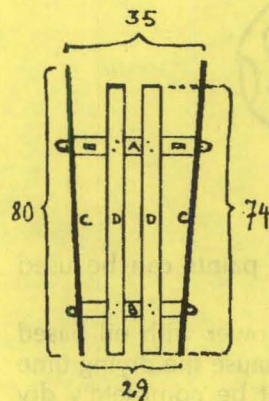
2 pieces 740 x 40 x 10 mm.



To fasten D's to A and B use a leather thong.

To fasten A and B to C's it is advisable to use wedges made of thick leather (see E) but you can also use a leather thong.

The two long slits at A are for the two straps.



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SWEDISH GUIDE AND SCOUT ASS.



# Do you find Screening difficult?

## Try this method

### Requirements

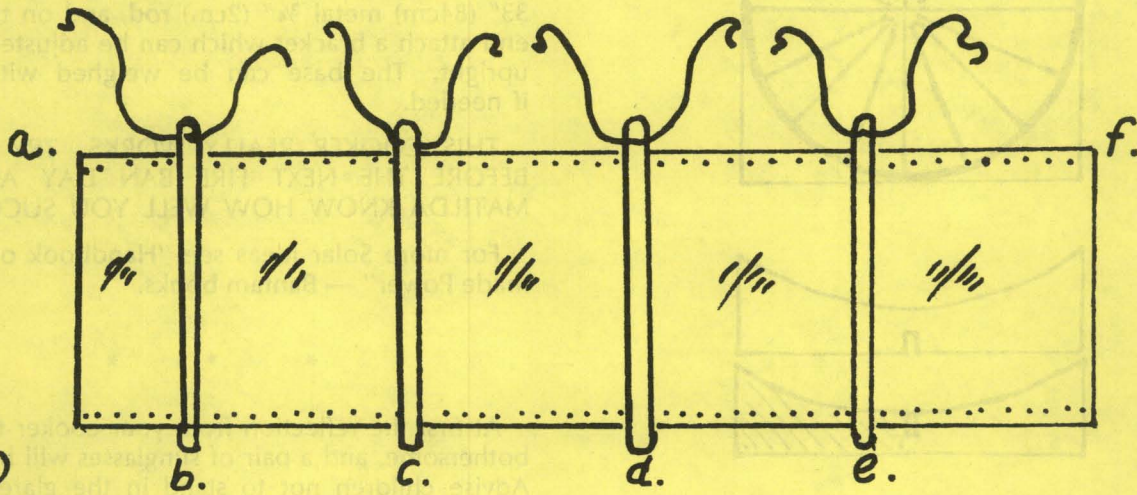
1 piece of screening, approx. 670 cm long

4 poles approx. 200 cm high

4 lengths of rope approx. 610 cm long

12 pegs

10 short pieces of rope.



fig(i)

1. Spread the screening out and after allowing for a 61 cm overlap, divide into four. Make this measurement on a string.
2. Lay poles on inside of screening as shown in fig. (i).
3. Using short pieces of rope and nearest eyelets, tie poles securely to top, and bottom of screening (e.g. West Country whipping).
4. Make clove hitches in centres of four ropes and attach to top of poles (fig. i).
5. Using marked string (step 1), measure a square on the ground where the cubicle is to stand and put in four marker pegs. Two paces from these markers put in eight pegs, two for each corner (fig. ii).
6. Carefully lift poles and place at marker pegs, matching letters as shown in fig. (ii).
7. Tie "f" securely to top of "b".
8. Tie "a" to nearest eyelet in "f"/"e".
9. Attach guy ropes to peg with a round turn and two half hitches.

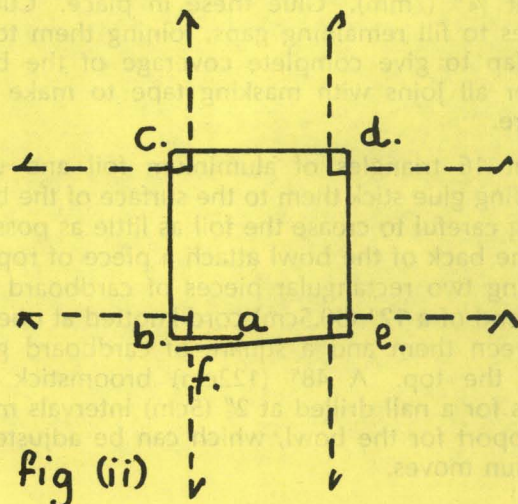
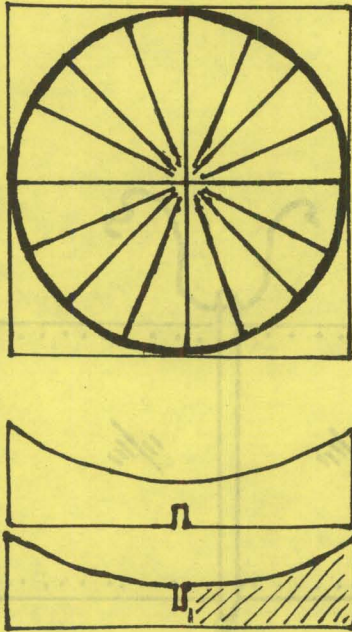


fig (ii)



# SOLAR COOKER

To make a solar cooker use  $\frac{3}{16}$ " (5mm) cardboard 48" (122cm) square. Take a pencil tied to a piece of string 24" (61cm) long. From the centre of the cardboard draw a circle. Draw a perpendicular cross from the centre. Draw four partitions in each quarter at regular intervals. The ribs forming the base for the cooker bowl are glued to these lines.



Make the main ribs by using a 36" (91.5cm) radius. Make slots as shown and make 12 half ribs using half main rib as pattern. Slot main ribs together and glue in place, using bonding glue on each surface. Masking tape helps to strengthen all joins. Glue half ribs in place. Glue pieces between open ends of ribs at outside. Cut triangles of poster board to fit each second hole with an overlap of about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (7mm). Glue these in place. Cut triangles to fill remaining gaps, joining them to the overlap to give complete coverage of the bowl. Cover all joins with masking tape to make very secure.

Cut 16 triangles of aluminium foil and using bonding glue stick them to the surface of the bowl, being careful to crease the foil as little as possible. To the back of the bowl attach a piece of rope by glueing two rectangular pieces of cardboard with one end of a 12" (30.5cm) cord knotted at one end between them. and a square of cardboard glued over the top. A 48" (122cm) broomstick with holes for a nail drilled at 2" (5cm) intervals makes a support for the bowl, which can be adjusted as the sun moves.

To find the focal point, make a 6" (15.2cm) disc of card and place a 20" (50.8cm) piece of curtain rod through the centre. Drill a hole slightly smaller than the size of the rod in the centre of the bowl. The marker is placed firmly in this hole. Point the bowl at the sun, and move bowl until the shadow of the marker disappears and the sun illuminates the rod. This is the hottest point.

## The Stand

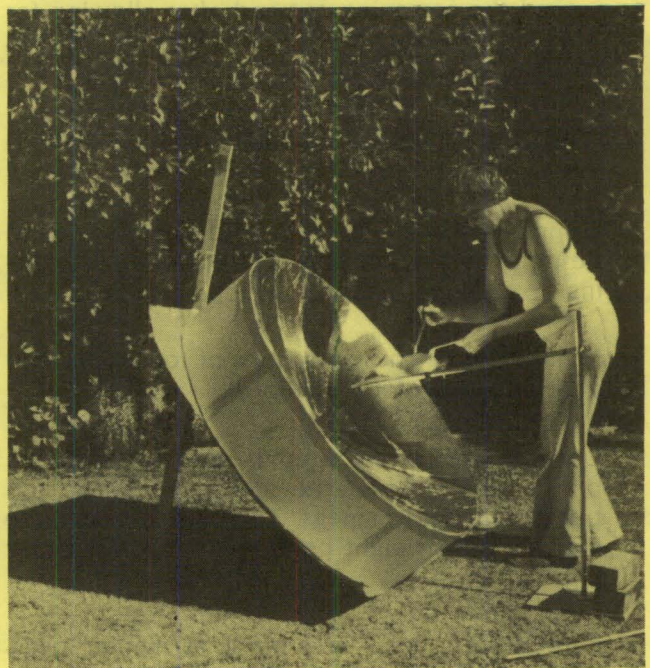
Use a solid piece of wood 24" (61cm) by 18" (45.7cm). Screw a flange bracket to fit a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (2cm) rod in the centre. This rod should be 40" (101.5cm) long. Mount a grill plate on a 33" (84cm) metal  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (2cm) rod, and on the other end attach a bracket which can be adjusted on the upright. The base can be weighed with bricks if needed.

THIS COOKER REALLY WORKS. TRY IT OUT BEFORE THE NEXT FIRE BAN DAY AND LET MATILDA KNOW HOW WELL YOU SUCCEEDED.

For more Solar ideas see "Handbook of Home-made Power" — Bantam books.

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At first the reflection from your cooker might be bothersome, and a pair of sunglasses will be handy. Advise children not to stand in the glare.





# LOCAL



# ASSOCIATION SECTION

## Thought for the Month:

A stranger is a friend you have not met.

## Response to Conference

The Conference Committee is delighted that the response to our conference has been the best for some time with five hundred expected to attend, representing over 160 local associations. Many are obviously prepared to travel very long distances to come. Our Adviser would like to express her thanks and appreciation to all attending and to all who, while unable to attend, sent with their apologies a host of good wishes for a happy and profitable day plus the \$1.00 we requested to help defray expenses.

However, she is disappointed that almost 200 of the local associations currently registered with headquarters did not reply at all. She wonders if they still exist. Perhaps they do not appreciate how much the conference can mean both from the stimulating experience of attending and from the flow-on benefits. Perhaps they have not notified Headquarters about a change of secretary so that registration papers went astray. Perhaps they do not realise how expensive such a conference is to stage these days, with the hall hire alone costing well over \$100 and the cost of sending one letter to all Local Associations taking almost another \$100 in postage, to mention but two of our expenses.

The committee would like to be able to follow-up the conference by informing you all of decisions and suggestions made and information gathered for your benefit. Many of those apologising have asked for this service. But the Committee has no money other than that collected as registrations and donations with which to meet all costs.

Questions submitted to conference will be answered in 'Matilda' as soon as possible. Answers will be spread over several issues.

## Facts and Fun Days

Very successful and enthusiastic days were held in Rushworth and Wodonga on two successive days in July. At Wodonga a record was created with 55 members in attendance, including 13 enthusiasts from over the border.

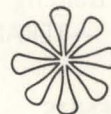
Metropolitan members, how about setting out to break that record at the Facts and Fun Day at Headquarters on 2nd October? See the Training calendar for details.

## Country Mothers With City Daughters

While there is great excitement at being on your own in a new environment, the city can still be a bewildering and daunting place for country tertiary students and job-seekers, especially after dark. It is very comforting under these circumstances to move into a ready-made group of peers where familiar things are said and done and familiar standards are respected. Be assured, city rangers welcome their country sisters with open arms into their units and can provide them with friends, social outings, families and, if need be, substitute mothers with broad shoulders.

So if your daughter must go to the city either to work or study, consult your district commissioner together, look in the Personnel Book for units close to her new home, and encourage her to make contact with a city unit. For girls who live right in the city in hostels or nurses' homes, the 1st North Melbourne units (Stradbroke Ranger Guide Unit and Ann Rylah Rangers) meet weekly at headquarters and usually have a high proportion of country girls as members.

Anyone wishing to make contact with either of the two units which meet at headquarters may write to the units care of the address at the bottom of this page.



## RECIPE CORNER

### Lemon Cordial

3 large lemons, 2 large oranges (or any combination of citrus), 2½ lbs. sugar, 1½ pints boiling water, 1 oz. citric acid, ½ oz. tartaric acid, ½ oz. epsom salts.

Wash fruit, cut up roughly (pips, skin and all). Put into bowl with sugar, acids and epsom salts. Pour on boiling water, stir until dissolved, strain and bottle. Makes 2 litres and keeps almost indefinitely in fridge.

**Store lemon juice** by freezing in plastic ice cube trays and bagging in small quantities in freezer.

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



## BROWNIES!

We urgently need your help.

A new Brownie Guide Pack has opened in Surrey Hills for recently arrived Indo-Chinese girls. There are five 'sixes' — Junjarins, Moora Mooras, Mullokas, Tintookies and Woorails.

The pack will require lots of equipment and the girls will need a uniform, handbook and help with paying membership fees.

Packs could help by making equipment or raising money for equipment or handbooks or sixer emblems or different parts of the uniform or fees. This could be part of your IYC project.

Please contact Mrs Barbara Kearney, 8 Stanhope Street, Mont Albert, 3127 (telephone 89 1221).

Leaders, please discuss this matter with your brownies as soon as possible.

## MATCH BOX GIFTS

Last year we covered match boxes and filled them with Australian things to be given to international visitors.

One of our brownies, Mary Anne, has received a letter and two badges from a guider in Scotland who was given a matchbox when she attended the international trainers' training.

—TERANG BROWNIE PACK.

## SIGN LANGUAGE FRIENDS

My friend Debbie is deaf. She talks to her family by sign language.

I wanted to be able to talk to her and know what she was saying too, so when her mother started sign language classes at our school I went along with two of my Brownie friends, Suzie and Heather.

We learnt so much that we were able to earn our Communications interest badge.

—LISA KANE,  
2nd Wattle Park Pack.



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## JARA

Brownies in 2nd Lalor Pack decided to raise money to buy a guide dog for blind people.

They started by saving aluminium cans, but that was taking too long.

So they held a fashion parade (great fun) and soon had enough money to buy a dog.

Four Brownies and their leader (with lots of advice from the others) went to buy their dog. They all decided on a black labrador and have called her JARA, which is an aboriginal name meaning eyes.

They presented the puppy to the Lady Nell Seeing Eye Dog School.

—JUSTINE BERRY,  
2nd Lalor Brownie Pack.



## RINGWOOD CELEBRATION

To celebrate our 30th Birthday we went roller skating, had a concert and slept the night in our hall.

One of the first leaders came to join our celebration. Her Brownie name is Toot and she is now 80 years old.

—ROZLYN and DIANNE,  
1st Ringwood Brownie Pack.





1st Malvern Brownie Pack was re-opened as an Extension Pack on 14th September, 1968, with Nell Hutton (Goldie) as Brown Owl. She retired from active Guiding in 1975.

In 1973, 2nd Malvern Pack went into recess through lack of leaders so it was decided to take brownies from there as an experiment, combining handicapped brownies with active (non-handicapped) girls. Brownies in 1st Malvern Pack are physically handicapped with any retardation being relatively small. In the first year, there were six handicapped and nine active brownies, and it was agreed that the experiment was successful, being beneficial to both handicapped and active brownies, 1st Malvern has remained a combined Pack.

Currently there are five handicapped and six active brownies working well together. It is definitely beneficial to all the girls, though it provides organisational difficulties at times. The handicapped brownies have the opportunity to mix socially with active children, especially

important as most of the brownies live in a hostel for much if not all of the year. It also gives them opportunity to compete with active children in a situation where they are the only handicapped child among many active, as they would be in a non-Extension pack. This is noticeable as I watch the pack play together. Active brownies help the others when necessary but still run into them with as much disregard as they would another active child.

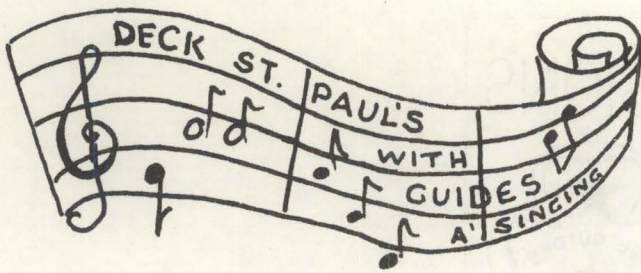
Our activities are as varied as those in any unit. Recently they have included art and craft activities, joining 6th Syndal North on their Pack holiday, nature outings in the park, singing, running games or riding if you happen to be in a wheelchair, a lamington drive for April Action and swimming.

We meet every alternate Saturday morning at the Scout Hall, Dame Mary Herring Hostel, Armadale.

—DEBBIE GARDINER.







### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Last year's carol-singing at St. Paul's Cathedral was fun, with great promise for future growth and success, so we are calling now for singers.

The day chosen is Friday, 21st December, and the time is from 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m. This year we will be backed by the Strolling Players.

Will all interested units please contact the Public Relations Department for song lists as soon as possible so that you can start practising NOW.

### GUIDING DISPLAY

Recently, South Metropolitan Region promoted Guiding in Southland.

Displays included posters, photographs and pamphlets from headquarters, and examples of artwork done by the girls in their units. There were camp gadgets, a mini tent and campsite as well as an excellent lightweight display with signs explaining each item, and camp blankets with badges galore.

During Friday and Saturday, Local Association members and guiders acted as information officers and outside school hours girls set up active displays of the fun they have in Guiding. Each district entertained shoppers for an hour with music and activity. World badges were placed in shop windows around the shopping complex and the girls engaged in an orienteering course to find them. We found some very wide awake brownies during this activity.

Results of the promotion are thrilling. We met a guider from England, in Victoria for a holiday; a trainee teacher watched our activities, then asked how she could become involved; a Ranger Guide guider from another region asked for a link with one of our units; a guider from Queensland came to introduce herself; grandmothers took enrolment forms for their grand-daughters; girls came to enrol themselves, mothers to show their daughters some of our historical material and guiders came to say how much their girls had enjoyed helping us.

We have made contact with four possible leaders, gained many enrolments, answered many questions and enjoyed meeting and making friends with so many people.

—M.M.

### CAMP "DROP INS"

Disbelief showed on parents' faces as they arrived at the Guide House, Rowallan, to collect their daughters from camp and were met with wild tales of crashing balloons.

The balloon "Cyberiad" certainly picked an excellent spot for a forced landing. First Strathmore Guides were most surprised to see Cyberiad drifting past in true Jules Verne "Round the World in Eighty Days" style.

The well-planned morning programme was cast aside when it became apparent that the balloon had come down. Guides were quickly on the scene to find Cyberiad slowly deflating on a nearby hillside.

Piloted by a crew of three, Cyberiad had left Mount Macedon in full sail about 8.30 a.m. and landed at Cherokee.

After a successful take-off from Cherokee the balloon drifted over the forest, was caught in a down draught and forced to the ground.

Fortunately, although much shaken, there were no injuries, except for a nasty tear in Cyberiad's colorful nylon exterior which hit an unfriendly tree in the rapid descent. The balloonists were very happy to accept the Guides' enthusiastic help in folding the balloon — perhaps the first time a good deed has involved a balloon . . . Lunch and hot coffee was also provided for the balloonists as they waited the arrival of their ground crew.

Guiders in charge at the camp felt that the planned programme tossed aside could always be used again — but just how often does a real live "Round the World" balloon drop into the middle of a Guide camp?

—D.H.







# GO GUIDING

## GUIDES ARE UP!

At a recent district meeting our Brownie Guider played "gipsy" and read teacups. My fortune forecast included a "turn at mid-year". With the publication of the 1978-79 membership figures I have found that the turn is "up".

For the first time in over 10 years the Guide Section figures in Victoria have stopped falling.

I realise that not everyone finds figures exciting, or even comprehensible — but here is the horrible picture which each census has been giving of the Guide Section regarding numbers of Victorian Guides:

1972 — 16,321; 1974 — 14,134; 1976 — 12,658; 1978 — 10,578; 1979 — 10,594.

Perhaps you do not think 16 extra members is very exciting? Have you ever heard the saying "things cannot get worse, they must get better"? That 16 is us "getting better".

Now we all have to work at moving those numbers up and up. We are the ones to do it.

In 1977 many companies closed or combined when Ranger Guide units were formed. Now is the time to reopen and divide. I know leaders are hard to find, but then everything we try is hard and it is not impossible.

There are many companies which could take more members. Companies of between 20 and 30 members seem to have more fun than those with less than 20. Have you been to the local schools to encourage the 5th and 6th graders into Guides?

Do you know where our greatest loss is? Brownie Section figures rose this year too, to 15,637. What happens to those 5000 brownies who never reach Guides?

How well is the Brownie-Guide Link badge being used? This was designed to introduce and enthuse the girl about Guides while she was still secure within the pack. It is too late to encourage girls when they have become "browned off".

I have heard that some Guide companies say having brownies to visit interrupts their programme. It will if the whole pack arrives, but those two or three older brownies will melt into the patrols and get a better taste of what Guiding will be if there is no alteration to the normal programme.

If the Link badge is not being utilised in your district then it is likely the Guide guider is failing to invite the older brownies to the company and to ensure that the guides make her welcome.

This theme of membership would not be complete without mention of the less happy feature of the census. The Ranger Guide figures are down. Between Guides and Ranger Guides there is a loss of 9000.

As with the brownies, we Guide guiders must shoulder some of the blame. There has been a suggestion that perhaps a Guide-Ranger Guide Link badge could help. The Ranger guiders think it a good idea — do you? If you want the Guide Section to join with the Ranger Section in proposing this, write with your ideas on what it could contain and how it might operate.

I am going to let Robert Baden-Powell finish this article with a quote from "B.-P.'s Outlook", 1932.

*"I'm not satisfied, although one might think I ought to be. . . . But there is too much leakage and also too little character-growth — as yet. Leakage of Cubs not going up to Scouts; of Scouts not going up to Rovers, etc. — this comes from various causes. In some cases it is difficult to remedy, but in many cases the reason is that the boys have become tired of scouting . . . where the same old programme, or want of a programme, goes on week after week, and month after month, boredom is only natural.*

*Where a Troop resounds with jolly laughter . . . and the fresh excitements of new adventures, there won't be any loss of members through boredom."*

—YVONNE JAMES.



# RANGERING AROUND

## CASTANET CAPERS

This year's debutante ball was a great success, thanks to Mrs V. Trembath and Plenty Ranger Guides, who organised it all.

Practices, held in Heidelberg Scout Hall every Sunday for several months, helped us gain confidence and master the steps for our presentation dance, the tangoette. We made many friends during these sessions and had lots of fun.

On the big night we arrived early at Union Hall, La Trobe University, for photographs. Girls in lovely white dresses, boys in stunning black and red outfits, all excited and just a little nervous.

When the eighteen-piece band began "our" tune we were on our way! There was no stopping it — presentations to Mrs Renshaw Jones, Chief Commissioner for Australia, went smoothly and our exhibition dance was performed with grace and poise (so we were told!). The delicious dinner which followed was very welcome and we danced away the rest of the night.

The whole evening was a raging success and one that I consider memorable and perfect.

—MANDY CHAPMAN,  
North Melbourne (Ann Rylah) Rangers.

## MIRRABOOKA WEEKEND

Nine ranger guides and two leaders took four young mentally retarded girls to "Mirrabooka" Brownie Cottage for a weekend, as part of our programme for the Year of the Child. All involved had a marvellous time.

We played games, made animals from natural materials, visited the animals at Finnegan's Zoo, and made and flew kites.

The weekend was successful as the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, it gave their parents a little time to themselves and it was an "eye opener" for the rangers and leaders taking part.

I am sure we will soon repeat this activity as we gained so much knowledge and experience and everyone had so much fun.

—ANNE STONEHOUSE,  
Bellevue Ranger Guide Unit.

**CENTRAL CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP** will be held on Friday, 14th December, at Headquarters.

## RANGER GUIDE SECTION DINNER

Ned Kelly candles, red and white table decorations and dim lights set the scene for the dinner held at The London Hotel after the Ranger Guide Leaders' Conference.

One hundred and twenty girls and leaders looking very smart in uniform arrived at 7.00 p.m. for pre-dinner drinks.

Lots of talk and laughter accompanied a delightful meal, and towards the end of the evening our guest of honour, Miss Margaret Callister, the Australian Ranger Guide Section Adviser, was presented with a thank you gift from Victorian ranger guides and rangers.



Miss Margaret Callister

Mr Charles Douglas, our guest speaker, talked about Ned Kelly and why we have turned him into a folk hero.

The evening concluded with the presentation of our annual fun awards and the singing of "Blame it on the Kellys" led by Yarraville Ranger Guides.

## UNIFORM

Wanted to buy — Ranger uniform (dress and jacket), size 12.

Please contact Jenny Escott, 13 Bendigo Avenue, Elwood, 3184, or telephone 531 4716.





### "80's ESCAPE"

#### "Every Single Challenge a Possible Escape"

RANGER GUIDES and RANGERS! Start planning now to get to Victoria for the second Australian Ranger Guide-Ranger Gathering to be held between 23rd and 31st August (inclusive), 1980, at Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education at Churchill, 130 kilometres south-east of Melbourne.

There you will meet new friends, visit new places and try all types of activities . . .

Try all kinds of boating — canoeing, sailing and rowing — on the warm waters of the Hazelwood Pondage; snow sports on Mt. Baw Baw; hiking in the rugged mountain range near the old gold mining town, Walhalla . . .

Take part in the programme of craft activities such as patchwork, pottery, bark pictures, leatherwork, screen printing, crochet and spinning and weaving. Try "mind-boggling" computer games, radio announcing and photography . . .

Extend your skills doing the "Churchill Challenge" and other spare time activities including orienteering, tennis and other sports. See paper being made from the time logs enter the mill until the finished product emerges.

Evenings will be spent dancing — square, ethnic and disco — with local venturer scouts and rover scouts, joining in camp fires, and film nights.

Official Closing will be at a central venue in Melbourne, and there will be time for shopping and sightseeing.

What will it cost? A mere \$145.00 includes transport to and from Churchill, all food, accommodation, travel to the various adventure sites, plus all activities including craft materials and hire of equipment.

Although numbers are limited, you may be one of the lucky ones, so start thinking of ways to raise the money to pay your way — so you do not have to ask your parents to pay it all. Plan now to organise money raising activities — your friends may help.

Details regarding applications and Victorian selection will follow shortly.



## DRUG SEMINARS

A seminar is to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Spring Street, Melbourne, on Saturday, 20th October, from 9.15 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Apply by sending name and address to Mrs J. Surry, c/o Guide Headquarters.

Another seminar is to be held at the Wanganui High School, corner Packham and Bauman Streets, Shepparton, on Saturday, 27th October, from 10.15 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Apply by sending name and address to Mrs J. Surry, c/o Guide Headquarters.

These seminars have been arranged by the Guide and Scout Associations, and are to help leaders to a greater understanding of the problems associated with the use and abuse of drugs in today's society. Meals will be provided and there is no conference fee, all costs being borne by the Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, which is organising the programme for us. This programme will be of special interest to Ranger guiders, but all leaders are welcome.

As numbers are limited at both seminars, late applications may have to be returned.



### BRING AND BUY

We planned, baked and held a street stall. Most of the money we raised was sent to the Children's Hospital Audio Visual unit to help patients in the burns ward. The rest bought a new broom for the hall where we have our Brownie meetings.

—NICOLA RUSSELL,  
3rd Keysborough Pack.

**Jamboree  
On The Air**

**20th - 21st October**



# BRITANNIA PARK

We are fortunate to have a special Britannia Park noticeboard in the foyer at Headquarters where we display photographs of events and activities. If you have a good picture of your recent stay and would be prepared to lend it for a few weeks, please put your name and address on the back of it and send to me at 35 Tourello Avenue, East Hawthorn, 3123.

It is wonderful to keep discovering new friends of Britannia Park. The latest of these are Mr Stan Connaughton and his son Michael, who voluntarily and expertly tiled the Thank You Chalet laundry and shower room for us. Our grateful thanks to these friends of Mrs Lorna Carthy.

Two more Olave Baden-Powell roses have been planted near the Thank You Chalet — a gift from Miss M. Shaw, and there is a continuous programme of replacing dead trees with new plants — mostly native flowering trees and shrubs which will attract the birds. The dead trees are being gradually removed by the warden, thus providing a little valuable firewood and also minimising the dangers of falling branches. Mr Fraser has also widened the main bus entrance to make the turn into the property from Britannia Creek Road easier for bus drivers.

In September the property has many visitors. Please remember to let the warden know what time you will arrive or if you have to cancel your booking. We have been glad to put some of the new blankets into use in Guide House in the cold weather to make it more cosy.

A special welcome to the Ranger Section for their Folk Fest on 14th-16th September.

Thank you to the following Maintenance Fund supporters:

Balwyn District Local Association (19th May), 1st Doncaster East Pack (1st, 2nd June), 1st The Basin Pack (24th June), and in July 1st Ferntree Gully Guide Company (1st), Miss V. M. Brett (2nd), Barree Region (3rd), Strzlecki Trefoil Guild (4th), Mrs E. Tait (5th), Chadstone Local Association (7th), Bright Local Association (9th), Hampton Park Local Association (16th), Surrey Hills Local Association (17th), 1st Parkdale Guide Company (18th),

Doncaster Local Association (19th), Miss A. Cockerell (20th), 1st Yallourn Pack (21st), Springvale South Local Association (22nd), Deepdene Local Association (23rd), South Yarra-Toorak Local Association (25th), Noble Park Local Association (26th), Karlingal Local Association (26th), Argana Trefoil Guild (27th), Blackburn South District (29th), Richmond-East Melbourne Local Association (31st).

You are all wonderful.

—YOLAND SARGOOD.



## MANSFIELD ACTIVITIES

To commemorate IYC our brownies and guides planted an "Olave Baden-Powell" rose at "Jonathan House", the new schoolhouse at our local Autistic Centre.

We plan to supply and plant a garden at the centre and to help the children maintain it.

Brownies visited the centre to entertain and play with the children and plan another visit soon.

Our guides entertained parents and friends with a very colourful Chinese night at which they enacted three Chinese legends.

Miss Myra Roper came to Mansfield especially for the evening and spoke about "Children in China today".

—M.McM.





# 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

**Headquarters:** Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th October and 31st October at **Studley Park, Kew**, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **17th September**. TRAINING FULL. NO MORE APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED.

**Headquarters:** Weekends 27th-28th October and 17th-18th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **24th September**.

**Kilsyth:** Weekends 13th-14th October and 10th-11th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs R. Anderson, 17 Oliver Street, Ringwood, 3134, by **24th September**.

**Lakes Entrance:** Weekends 6th-7th October and 3rd-4th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs M. Frawley, P.O. Box 641, Sale, 3850, by **20th September**.

**Willaura:** Weekends 13th-14th October and 10th-11th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs G. Swainston, 13 Wright Street, Skipton, 3351, by **20th September**.

**Moorleigh:** Weekends 27th-28th October and 24th-25th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs L. Jones, 14 Walker Grove, Cheltenham, 3192, by **6th October**.

## Stage 2 Programming and Activities for WARRANTED Leaders

**Chadstone:** Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th October, times 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., plus weekend 27th-28th October, times 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Training fee to be advised. Applications to Mrs P. Miller, 28 Olive Avenue, Mount Waverley, 3149, by **20th September**.

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

**Kerang:** Weekends 27th-28th October and 24th-25th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs B. Whelan, 8 Hope Street, Kangaroo Flat, 3555, by **2nd October**.

**Red Cliffs:** Weekend 6th-7th October and **Mildura** 17th-18th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Miss E. Cameron, P.O. Box 107, Wentworth, 2648, by **20th September**.

## Ranger Lightweight Camping

**Scoresby:** 6th-7th October and 3rd-4th November at **Donvale** and 24th-25th November at **Tapestry**. Times 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Cost of weekends to be advised. Applications and \$4.50 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **20th September**.

## Holiday Permit

**Headquarters:** Thursday 18th, 25th October, 1st November, times 9.45 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and \$2.00 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **1st October**.

## Campcraft Training

**Chadstone:** Weekend 20th-21st October, times 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday, plus weekends 3rd-4th and 17th-18th November at **Donvale** and 8th-9th December at **Britannia Park**. Times for these three weekends 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Cost of weekends to be advised. Applications and \$6.00 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **1st October**.

**Rosebud:** Weekend 6th-7th October, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and 20th-21st October and 10th-11th November at **Shoreham**, times 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday and 1st-2nd December at **Shoreham**, times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Cost of weekends to be advised. Applications and \$6.00 to Mrs R. Rae, "Craig Arran", 285 Hastings Road, Somerville, 3912, by **18th September**.

## Pack Holiday Training

**Bennettswood:** Weekend 20th-21st October, times 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$4.50 to Mrs F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108, by **30th September**.

**Deer Park:** Weekend 17th-18th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$4.50 to Mrs V. Bell, 10 Debenham Drive, St. Albans, 3021, by **24th October**.

**Headquarters:** Wednesday, 10th, 17th, 24th October, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and \$2.00 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **20th September**.

**'Mirrabooka':** Weekend 24th-25th November, times 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Cost to be advised. Applications to Mrs W. E. Podbury, 24 Lupton Street, Geelong West, 3226, by **24th October**.

## Facts 'n' Fun for Local Association Members

**St. Arnaud:** Wednesday, 24th October, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications, stamped self-addressed envelope and 50 cents per Local Association member to Mrs J. Creek, RMB 358, Nhill, 3418, by **3rd October**.

## Outdoor Day

**Donvale:** Saturday, 3rd November, times 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.20 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **10th October**.

## SUMMER TRAINING WEEK

Britannia Park, Yarra Junction.  
3rd-9th January, 1980.

Note: Send in YOUR suggestions for the programme to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters.



CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

### Guider Long Service

(40 years): Mrs N. O'Donnell, Melbourne.

(30 years): Mrs H. Gallpen, Lancefield.

(20 years): Mrs M. Elliott, Underbool; Mrs A. S. Prewett, Ringwood.

(10 years): Miss L. Hall, Traralgon; Mrs P. Webb, South Croydon; Mrs M. Turnham, Ringwood East; Miss Z. Barker, Mordialloc; Mrs G. Lake, The Gurdies; Mrs. M. Shelton, Raymond Island; Mrs H. Corben, Mt. Waverley; Mrs R. Cross, Ocean Grove; Mrs K. Bennett, Portland; Mrs J. P. Darby, Orbst.

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(50 years): Miss R. Abbott, Hamilton; Mrs V. Brown, Hamilton.

(30 years): Mrs M. Hawkins, Blackburn South; Mrs A. Greed, Hamilton; Miss N. Pedrina, Hamilton.

(20 years): Miss M. Forsyth, Hamilton; Mrs N. Stevenson, Hamilton; Mrs V. Riley, Hamilton; Mrs A. Blackney, Hamilton.

(10 years): Mrs W. Corcoran, Hamilton; Mrs B. Hill, Hawkesdale; Mrs H. Glare, Hawkesdale; Mrs M. Smallhorn, Portarlinton; Mrs B. Arthur, Quambatook.

### Local Association Long Service

(20 years): Mrs H. Whittle, Caulfield.

(10 years): Mrs G. Schmidt, Bairnsdale; Mrs V. Andrew, Doncaster; Mrs J. Hermann, Orbst; Mrs M. Knight, Belmont; Mrs B. Hallowell, Warrnambool; Mrs V. Doull, Warrnambool.

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### Thanks Badge

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### APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

#### Division Commissioner

Mrs J. Mole (Acting), Oakleigh.

#### District Commissioners

Mrs A. S. White, Birregurra; Mrs F. T. Hassell, Colbinabbin; Mrs J. M. Mackay, Ballan; Mrs D. D. Reid, Irymple; Mrs B. A. Kerboeuf, Norlane; Mrs G. Peavey, Seaspray; Mrs B. S. Chaproniere, Yarragon; Mrs K. Zikos, Carlton; Mrs G. Kenneally (Assistant), Warrnambool.

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Mrs A. Bokor, Bentleigh Rangers; Mrs W. J. Ildowney, West Bulleen Rangers; Mrs P. M. Bourke, Beechworth Rangers (Extension); Miss S. Cottrell, Kew Rangers; Mrs P. Graham, Warrnambool Rangers.

#### Assistant Ranger Guiders

Mrs M. Donnan, Beechworth Rangers (Extension); Miss M. J. Trease, Numurkah Rangers.

#### Guide Guiders

Mrs B. M. Jackson, 2nd Benalla; Mrs N. Sutherland, 1st Stratford; Mrs A. J. Turnbull, 2nd Surrey Hills; Mrs W. G. Wyatt, 3rd Vermont; Miss P. C. Hogg, 1st Springvale; Mrs G. J. McClean, 4th Bayswater; Mrs A. Bonga, 2nd Bayswater; Mrs F. A. Best, 1st Croydon; Mrs P. H. Smith, 1st Somers; Mrs G. Watson, 1st Hastings; Mrs D. J. Homewood, 1st Donvale; Mrs B. F. Eaton, 2nd Cranbourne; Mrs A. K. Robinson, 2nd Ocean Grove; Mrs S. Hyams, 4th East Brighton; Mrs G. Briggs, 1st Syndal North; Mrs S. Ballard, 2nd Ballarat (Extension); Miss L. J. Dunham, 1st Footscray; Mrs F. Sheehan, 2nd Bairnsdale; Mrs F. Howell, 1st Blackburn South; Mrs M. Pimm, 2nd Springvale South; Mrs B. Berner, 1st Merrigum; Mrs A. G. Potter, 1st Anglesea.

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Mrs P. C. Evans, 2nd Bentleigh; Mrs I. Gillett, 1st/3rd Forest Hill; Mrs N. Bagot, 4th Warragul; Mrs I. V. Maddigan, 1st West Bulleen; Mrs M. Broz, 2nd Beechworth; Mrs G. S. Jost, 2nd Bentleigh; Miss R. C. Nelson, 1st Elwood; Mrs G. Fisher, 1st Wodonga West; Mrs S. P. Jager, 1st Kyabram.

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### REGISTRATIONS

1st Knoxfield Pack, 2nd Cowes Pack, 1st Strathmore Pack, 4th Canterbury Pack, 1st Healesville Pack, 1st Yallourn North Company, 3rd Kilsyth Pack.

### RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

#### Division Commissioners

Mrs M. Taylor (Assistant), Blue Dandenongs; Mrs S. K. Head (Assistant), South Barwon.

#### District Commissioners

Mrs I. A. Steel, Keilor; Mrs M. Taylor, Upper Ferntree Gully; Mrs R. D. Lake, Yarragon; Mrs W. D. Young, Maffra; Mrs R. S. Robinson, Ararat; Miss S. B. McKay (Assistant), Ararat; Mrs W. A. Bartlett, Norlane; Mrs J. S. Egan, Wonthaggi; Mrs R. R. Chambers, Ballan; Mrs G. M. Palmer, Ivanhoe-Heidelberg; Mrs M. T. Whitbourne, Murchison; Mrs C. M. Harvey (Assistant), Hadfield.

#### Ranger Guider

Mrs R. Llewellyn, Sale Rangers.

#### Assistant Ranger Guider

Miss P. Mounsey, Fairfield-Alphington Rangers.

#### Guide Guiders

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#### Assistant Guide Guiders

Miss M. E. Collins, 1st Beechworth; Miss B. Peters, 1st Moe; Mrs P. Osborne, 1st Donald; Mrs A. Roberts, 1st Wodonga West; Mrs K. Kemp, 1st Footscray; Mrs A. G. Potter, 1st Anglesea.

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### ACTIVITY AT SHEPPARTON

We are making scrap books for the children at Shepparton Special School. We took part in a "Trash and Treasure" day and we plan to see a film called "Stranger Danger".

—NICOLE MORGAN,  
4th Shepparton Brownie Pack.

### ALL ABOARD FOR THE MOBILE SHOP!

What fun we had when we travelled to Warrnambool by bus with guides, rangers and local association members to visit the Mobile Guide Shop!

—TERANG BROWNIE PACK.

### FILM NIGHT

We invited Devon Meadows and Narre Warren Brownies and their families to join our fun at a film night recently.

—ROSALYN SMITH,  
1st Hampton Park Brownie Pack.

### BUSY KNITTERS

We have knitted 62 woollen squares and joined them together to make two knee rugs which we have given to elderly patients in Dunolly Hospital.

—P. SHAY,  
1st Dunolly Brownie Pack.

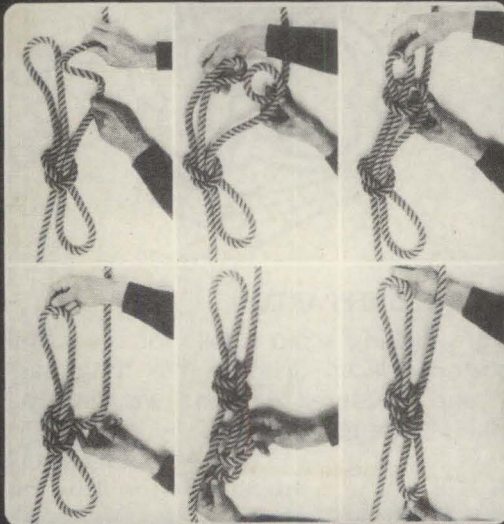


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## KEW ANNIVERSARY

Kew Local Association will celebrate its 50th  
Anniversary on 15th October and former members  
of Guiding in Kew are invited.

Further details may be obtained from Mrs Strad-  
wick (telephone 80 4810) or Mrs Tope (telephone  
80 5163).

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