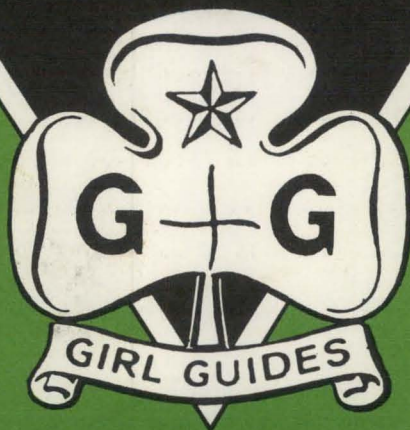
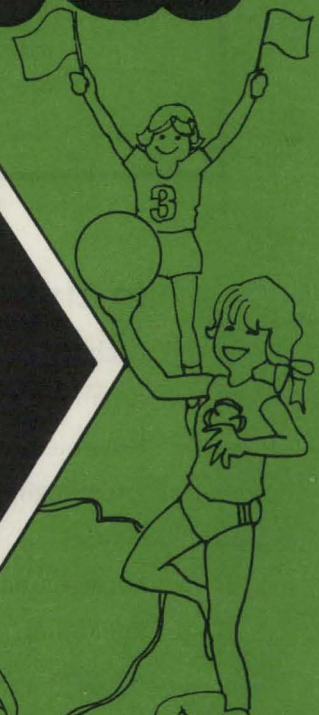


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From our State Commissioner

Hello Everyone,

Exploring the arts is a part of our programme that interests me very much and I was delighted to attend Bayswater District Concert. It was a very happy night and there is obviously a great deal of talent in Bayswater. It was good to see the willing co-operation from Scouts assisting in many ways.

'Scouting on the Move' was the theme for the Scouter Conference held at Monash University and attended by about 300 leaders. Verna and I attended part of the time and noted that many problems and concerns are common to both associations. Dr Peter Cock spoke on 'Future Community Changes' and gave us much food for thought, while discussion groups gave leaders opportunity to exchange ideas.

It has been quite a Scouting month as Peg and I attended the Scout Association Annual Meeting and it was obvious from the report that Scouting is on the move as evidenced by a rise of 4% in numbers.

I congratulate Dr Norman Johnson, Scout Chief Commissioner for Victoria, on his appointment as Australian Chief Commissioner, which will commence in November. I am sure with the wonderful co-operation of his wife Helen and family, he will carry out this task with great dedication.

I hope many of you were able to see the 3rd Sunshine Guide Unit on television in September. It was great to have publicity for the Movement and I am sure they enjoyed the experience.

Opening Night of Gang Show was attended by a number of people from Headquarters and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. What an exciting experience it is for young people to perform in front of such a large audience. It is great to see that girls are so much part of the show now.

The Ranger Folk Fest held at Britannia Park in September, attended by 68 girls, was a great success. I was pleased to see so many country girls there and many thanks to leaders who provided transport. A varied programme included singing, folk dancing, voice production, Swiss dancing, New Zealand repertoire and a musical instrument workshop. An excellent opportunity again to explore the arts and a chance for more friendships to be made.

Our new enthusiastic Special Activities Co-ordinator, Mrs Elaine Wallbridge, held a successful Crafty Capers Camp in September and provided the girls with many practical craft ideas. Elaine is concerned that everyone does not realize the exact role of S.A.C. It is to supplement the programme if the girls want something not already provided. I hope all leaders realize that each region has a supplementary activities representative, so do use her if you need something extra.

For many years there has been growing awareness of the need to present Guiding in a national publication. I am pleased to announce that as from the beginning of 1980, Matilda will "go national". Her content will be incorporated within the pages of GUIDING IN AUSTRALIA.

Since I last spoke to you my family has given me a surprise birthday party. This birthday is one you either celebrate or ignore, but I will certainly remember mine for a very long time. I think families are really wonderful.

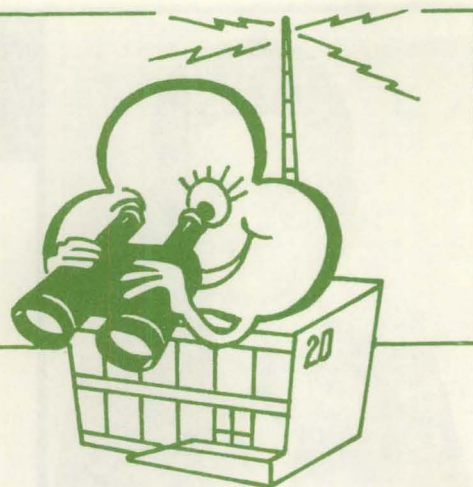
We have all been very distressed at the sudden death of Mrs Kath Hillman, much loved and respected Region Commissioner of Ballarat. A special service was held in Ballarat to remember and give thanks for Kath's life, a life that touched so many people. The church was packed with people who all agreed that it was a fitting tribute to a wonderful friend.

Even though we lose someone, we realize that life must go on and at this time of the year there is evidence of this everywhere as we look with wonder at the new life bursting forth in our gardens.

Kindest regards to you all.

Marjorie E. West

REPORTING FROM RUSSELL STREET



DIRECTOR, WORLD BUREAU

Last month Miss Lyn Joynt, M.B.E., retired after eight years of valued service to World Guiding. During her term of office as Director of the World Bureau membership of the World Association increased from 82 to 98 member countries, which today reflects an individual membership of well over seven million, and Miss Joynt played a significant part in this expansion.

She is to be succeeded by Miss Jo Caesar (Mrs. Robert Altmann). Miss Caesar has been a member of the Movement since the age of eight years, a Queen's Guide and a Sea Ranger. She has extensive administrative experience, having worked for the British Council for 20 years in various capacities with people of all creeds, races and nationalities. Victoria joins member countries of the World Association in welcoming Miss Caesar to her new position.

ANNUAL REPORT AND GUIDING PERSONNEL

Copies of the Victorian Annual Report and Guiding Personnel are now wrapped ready for collection by Districts. Commissioners, please arrange to have your parcels collected as soon as possible. Country members, please advise if you cannot arrange collection so that we can have your parcels sent to you.

Inevitably Guiding Personnel is already out of date by the time it is printed, so we ask all members to check the entries which involve them and notify Headquarters immediately of any personnel changes or corrections.

INTERNATIONAL

"Our Cabana" — Young Adult Session — 24th-31st May, 1980. Age group 18-30 years. Further details from International Adviser, C/o Headquarters.

YOUTH DAY YACHT RACE

We're going to sea again! The Great Scout/Guide Yacht Race is to be repeated with a 'Youth Day' which will take place on 25th November. The charge will be \$8 per head, and applications should be sent to Mr W. Dawson, 311 Blackburn Road, Mount Waverley, 3149, telephone 232 1922.

WORLD CHIEF GUIDE — THANK YOU KEYS

Small 'Thank You' keys are now available from the Guide Shop at a cost of 50c. Buy a key and help to say "Thank You" for all our World Chief Guide gave us during her life time — the proceeds will help to build a new Centre for World Guiding in London.

U.N.I.C.E.F.

A series of water colours by our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, have been reproduced in colour in greeting card form and are now obtainable from the Guide Shop. They are also available from the U.N.I.C.E.F. Greeting Card Shop, which will despatch country orders without charge. Order forms are available at Headquarters. These cards are delightful and we urge you to support this project, proceeds of which will help to further the work of the Scout and Guide Movements throughout the world.

A SPECIAL GUEST — DEBBIE REYNOLDS

The well-known American stage personality, Debbie Reynolds, has graciously agreed to launch the Association's forthcoming Appeal in November. Miss Reynolds has been involved in Girl Scouting in U.S.A. and we are delighted that she has agreed to help our Movement in this way.

Miss Reynolds will be performing at the Palais Theatre from 20th-24th November and any Guide parties are being offered a group booking rate of \$10.65 per ticket (normal price \$11.65). Anyone desiring a group booking should contact Savina Lee on 63 7629.

1980 CALENDARS

There are many parcels of calendars awaiting collection. Local Associations who ordered calendars are urged to collect their parcels without delay.

REQUESTS FOR HELP

The following organisations are seeking assistance. If you would like to lend a helping hand, please contact them direct:

'Life on Wheels Appeal' — need volunteers to distribute leaflets in November. (T. P. Kavanagh, 343 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, telephone 67 1287.)

'Freedom from Hunger' — a membership drive is to be mounted this month — contact your local Freedom from Hunger Committee. (There is one in every municipality.)

'Community Aid Abroad' will hold a Statewide Spring Clean on 28th October on a sponsorship basis, the funds so raised shared equally between C.A.A. and the participating organisations. Further information from R. C. Harris, Appeals Officer, C.A.A., 75 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, 3065; telephone 419 7055.



If only we were young again!

Our company visited the Tom Mitchell Pre-School at Tungambalanga and entertained the children by playing our musical instruments, which include guitars, recorders, tonette and a flute.

The children loved the music and joined us in actions and singing.

Then we all had a turn at finger painting, construction play, etc.

At the end of the morning all the guiders agreed that they wished that they were young again.

—MEGAN WALLACE, 1st Kiewa Guide Company.



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

at the SIDNEY MYER MUSIC BOWL

The concert will take place regardless of weather conditions.



Have you bought your tickets yet

for the Children's Concert at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl?

AIM of the concert is to have a grand celebration of IYC and to give you opportunity to bring your new friends made, as a result of Encouraging Encounter. Of course, in some cases this will not be possible.

PROCEEDS of the concert will go to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. In this way your unit will be able to help International Guiding, and at the same time members will enjoy a tremendous evening of entertainment, given by children from a number of different organisations in our community.

TICKETS AVAILABLE from 12th October at—

- Girl Guides Association (General Office, Headquarters).
- All Scout Shops, City, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong.
- Celebrity Services. • J. C. Williamson.
- Myer (City).

For **MAIL ORDERS** please see September Matilda.

TICKET PRICES:

Reserved Seats: Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00.

Lawn Area: Adults \$3.00, Children \$2.00.

Group Bookings Lawn Area (20 or more people): \$2.00 each.

- As reserved seats are selling very quickly please indicate if you are prepared to accept lawn area tickets, if undercover seats are not available; difference to be refunded.

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FACTS CONCERNING THE CONCERT

1. The LAWN AREA is fenced, with six entrance gates.
2. Seating capacity for the lawn is 10,000. By regulation of health authorities seating capacity was reduced considerably, following complaints from audiences that they could not see. So, **NO MATTER WHERE YOU SIT**, you will be able to see at this concert.
3. The gates open at 6.30 p.m. to allow you to choose your lawn area seating, and have picnic tea.
4. Security for the entire venue will be provided by the Police Scouters Association and the Victoria Police Force.
5. St. John Ambulance personnel with van will be in attendance.

6. The concert will finish **no later than** 10.15 p.m.
7. Block bookings apply to the LAWN AREA ONLY.



HELPFUL HINTS TO UNIT LEADERS

This segment is in answer to questions some guiders have asked.

1. If you are coming in private cars but intend sitting as a group, arrange a meeting place, outside the fence, and do not go in until the entire group is present.
2. Enlist the help of as many other adults as you may need to supervise your group. Parents and local association members would be willing, I am sure. This is why the group of 20 can be a mixture of children and adults.
3. There will be foodstalls outside the fence. However, we suggest you encourage youngsters to bring their own food and drinks. Supervision of your group will be easier.
4. To help you easily identify the location of your group on the lawn, we will have numbers on the fence (like a Car Park).
5. If you are concerned about identifying your own group (particularly Brownie guiders and their pack) we suggest they wear a coloured armband of patterned material or use some other similar idea.

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The concert is a very special occasion. It is the culmination of our Encouraging Encounter and the opportunity for the Victorian Guide Association to reach out to other organisations and share this evening with them.



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2000.

"Each one teach one"

International Craft Seminar

Sixty commissioners and guiders gathered in Derbyshire, England, for an international craft seminar — "Each one teach one".

Representatives from Austria, Norway, Denmark, America, Ireland, Barbados and four Australian guiders, visiting United Kingdom at that time, as well as representatives from many parts of England took part.

Sessions were held each day by various members participating — instructing in many activities such as candle decorating, beadwork, macrame, lace making, brass rubbing, crochet, pegcraft, corn-dollies, decorated blown eggs and many others. Paper finger puppets and flower making from pantyhose were popular demonstrations given by Australian guiders.

Conducted in groups of eight, friendly conversation and exchange of ideas went on while we learnt a new craft activity. Evenings were spent in singing and folk dancing activities.

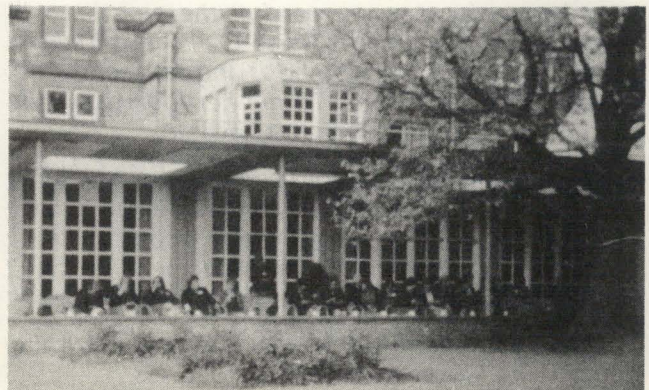
An afternoon bus tour was taken through a picturesque area of Derbyshire, visiting a village where Annual Well dressing takes place. A ceremony to do with water wells of earlier days involves various organisations including Brownies and Guides who decorate the wells in thanksgiving for water in the area.

Highlights of the gathering were the visit by Carine, Lady Baden-Powell, and a fine display on the final day.

Home hospitality was given to visiting guiders before and after the seminar and throughout the entire week many lasting friendships were made.

A friendly gathering, a wonderful experience — lasting memories.

—M. GORMAN.



Dear Matilda,

I would like to share with you a delightful letter I received recently from a district commissioner who had just completed her five year term of office. It is a heartwarming letter and I am sure many adult leaders will derive pleasure and inspiration from it.

Peg Barr

State Secretary.

"I will shortly complete my five year terms as district commissioner. There are a few thoughts I would like to share with you.

Firstly I would like to say how much Guiding is like a family. There is always room to grow and there is a lot of tolerance shown while the growing is happening. I have appreciated this tolerance from my division commissioner, my region commissioner and yourself. I trust I have grown in the right directions and made your tolerance worth while.

Secondly I would like to thank the Guide Movement for allowing me to work with the girls in my area. Guiding is something special and I feel rather humble now when I look back and see how many people's lives have been touched by mine, because of Guiding.

Thirdly, thanks to Guiding, I am quite sure there will never be a situation with which I will not be able to cope. If Guiding has not trained me for it, then some guide or leader has said, "Ask the D.C., she'll know", and with faith like that in you, there is no room for failure or doubt. You get the answer quickly.

During my life, I have held many positions and been known by many names but the one that will always be my favourite is 'Wise Owl'. The look on a new brownie's face as she is introduced to me, I guess is a look of awe. To me her look has made my term of office seem very worthwhile.

I have learnt a tremendous amount about children and my fellow man. To a certain degree I have changed and grown during my term of office. I look forward to leaving the Guide Movement so that I can then start to see what 'Guiding has made of me'.

Thank you for the help you gave me. Wishing you and the Movement continued success."



OUR "STUPID" FRIEND

Our baby no longer needs a bottle and we no longer have to wash his nappies and hang him by the stove for the night.

He does suck his finger though, like many babies, and he loves to be cuddled or taken for a walk in the bush.

Trouble is — although he is only about as high as the hem of my skirt, when he gets going he moves at 12 kilometres an hour!!! It is very hard to catch a baby that moves so fast!

Sometimes he gets out of his bed and — PLONK! — he leaps onto our bed in the middle of the night. He does get lonely. Then he nibbles eyebrows and hair.

He IS a very UNUSUAL baby.

In fact he only comes home to sleep and one day soon he will leave us forever.

Because he is such a delightful dope we call him "Stupid" and we have been his Mum and Dad since his real mum was killed by shooters.

"Stupid" really is a lovely little kangaroo and now that he can eat grass he will be able to go bush and join the other animals.

Kangaroos are protected native animals. There are very heavy fines for shooting them and people are not allowed to keep them as pets.

"Stupid" was lucky a kind person found him and brought him to our shelter. If you ever find a sick, orphaned or injured native animal or bird, you should report it to the Wildlife Department, as they know where to send them.

Australia has such unusual and delightful creatures we should try to take very good care of them and do anything we can to protect them.

Meanwhile, "Stupid" has not come home tonight. I wonder if he has gone bush forever.

—ANNE L. FRASER,
Conservation Co-ordinator.



ENCOURAGING ENCOUNTER



Thank you to all units that wrote to tell us of Encouraging Encounter projects.

We would like to hear from more units, particularly Ranger Guide and Ranger units. Do keep the letters coming in so we can share your experiences with everyone.

IYC

1st Churchill Brownie Pack rehearsed and performed at the district annual meeting mime segments based on the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child. We copied the mime segments from "Council Fire" report of the 23rd conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts held in Iran.

—KATH TANIAN.

1st Boronia Guide Company had a day when a play group of children who are slow learners came to visit. We gave them a big box of toys we had made for them.

2nd Vermont Guides returned to the Migrant Hostel with our Puppet Plays. The patrols completed all puppets during June and put their plays together (again with the help of our SAC expert and friend). We were rather worried about the quiet narrators. However the venue at the hostel was great as it was a long narrow room with good acoustics.

Our audience was mainly boys (Help! from our girls), mostly primary school age, but there were

a few high schoolers too. The plays were a little hard for our Vietnamese audience to comprehend, but the children certainly enjoyed and joined in our 'Interludes' of a Bunyip Hunt and the Eskimo Song.

Our girls took supper. Our guests are well used to Australian party food — quite different from Vietnamese Festival Food. We learnt that their main festival celebrates the Chinese New Year. There are only three large cities in Vietnam and many of our guests used to live in rural towns. Their favourite sport is table tennis.

Since our visit, the unit has discussed our over-all IYC programme. The girls agree we have succeeded in what we set out to do — they all have a puppet at home to remind them too. Although the programme continued over many months it has been very rewarding and worthwhile.

The leaders feel the patrol system has had a boost too. Certainly without IYC we would never have attempted such a programme.

—NINA COLE and MARG. EDDY.



Universal Children's Day, October 24

In Bangladesh, a girl watches her brother swallow a high-dose Vitamin A capsule. Why does he need Vitamin A? How does Vitamin A save sight? Ask questions about UNICEF and Vitamin A.



OCTOBER, 1979





ENCOURAGING ENCOUNTER

2nd Wodonga Guide Company decided to make Murray Valley Centre (a school for handicapped children) our encouraging encounter. As we knew nothing of their handicaps or how the centre operates we invited a representative of the centre to come to give us ideas about areas in which assistance was needed.

Following this discussion each patrol made a scrap book with large pictures and writing and covering different themes, e.g., food, sport, animals, etc. Two weeks later the patrols held stalls, proceeds of which were used to purchase equipment required to cover 50 books for the centre. Covering the books was quite a challenge to many of the girls. On school correction day several guides visited the centre and assisted in the kindergarten and with primary students.

We have a reading day and a Christmas activity planned and as a follow on with this theme I told the company about extension guides and their activities.

The girls found their Encouraging Encounter hard work, fun, thought provoking and interesting, they are really looking forward to their next contact with the Centre and the children.

—JANENE GEE.

Snippet of IYC news from Port Moresby, from some friends of Guiding:

"We spent all day at the Port Moresby Show. Part of the time we were involved with selling crafts and tee-shirts for the Occupational Therapy Department and Sheltered Workshop at the hospital. Our biggest success was tee-shirts printed with 'Yia Bilong Pikinini 1979' (International Year of the Child)".

**Jamboree
On The Air**



20th - 21st October



BROWNIES ON HOLIDAY

Highlight of our pack holiday at Britannia Park was having lunch at the waterfall and visiting all the special places in the park like Brownie Cottage, the Giraffe House, the Quiet Place and the outdoor chapel.

—KAREN KESSLER,
4th Overport Brownie Pack.

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3rd Warragul Brownies went on pack holiday to Glengarry where there is a camp called 'Burnet Park'. We were travelling around the world aboard a boat. We "went" to Asia where we had Chinese food, to North America with Indians. We made head bands and beads and went trailing. We went to Disneyland and made a big Mickey Mouse of rocks. We had salad, wore leis and listened to music in Hawaii. Then we went to Holland and made windmills (they turned out very well). We enjoyed roast chicken in England and went for a walk through the heather of Scotland. We went to Monte Carlo and the gambling Casino where we played Bingo for pieces of fruit. We saw beautiful birds, white winged chuff, crimson rosella and the blue bower bird. In Italy we ate spaghetti bolognese and had a little party of chips and cakes!!

—JOANNE DYE,
3rd Warragul Brownie Pack.

In Celebration

Fifty years at Croydon

Croydon District celebrated 50 years of Guiding recently.

Mrs Hazel Cameron, Croydon's first district commissioner, during the years 1929 to 1940, cut the cake at the reunion held at the Guide-Scout Hall.

More than 200 people attended the celebration which began with a Guides Own conducted by Mrs Pat Potter, Chaplain of Croydon High School. During this service three guides, Maria Manson, Tanya Poustie and Delwyn Organ made their Promise.

—ANN TAYLOR.



Thirty years at Montrose

A function to celebrate thirty years of guiding in Montrose district also marked the first anniversary of the opening of the Guide Hall, known as the "Tappscott-Milbourne Centre". The hall is a spacious log-cabin type of building which blends perfectly with the secluded bush setting at the foot of the Dandenongs.

Friends, parents, children and former members of local units began arriving during the afternoon and continued to "drop in" well into the evening.



The programme included afternoon tea, activities for the children, a barbecue tea, and the screening of a film made by guides on the Explorer pennant.

Two Lady Baden-Powell roses were planted during the afternoon, and Region Commissioner, Mrs Win Beattie, cut a birthday cake, made and decorated by Ranger Guide Kerry Wagner.

Guide leader, Miss Margaret Watson, has been with Montrose District since the beginning. In 1949, with her assistant Jean Poile (now Mrs Hayes), she met with ten guides in the Montrose Public Hall and, of course, she has a fund of stories about those thirty years.

She recalls how, in 1954, Jean left to be married, and she herself went on twelve months leave to return to university. The guides were to attend Kilsyth company in her absence. To her surprise, she returned to the unit to find eight guides had been holding their regular meetings each week — although they were without a leader! They had felt lost in the larger company, and had decided to stick it out alone and retain their identity as "Montrose Guides".

This company later became the first to travel to Tasmania, and it was this trip which triggered off the Air Ranger unit. When the boat on which the guides were to return broke down, they were flown home. The girls were so impressed with air travel (or was it the crew?) that they decided to form an Air Ranger unit.

There is a spirit of enthusiasm at Montrose, among the girls, leaders and hard-working local association. It is this spirit that has brought the district to the thirty year milestone, and to the fine site and buildings where it is certain guiding will be carried on for many years to come.

—I.A.

HALF YEARLY MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is now time for unit leaders to remit to Headquarters membership subscriptions for the half-year 1st May to 31st October, 1979. This procedure, which was introduced last year, was of great assistance to the association financially and the co-operation of all concerned was very much appreciated. We know we can count on similar co-operation this year.

LEADERS: Please fill in this form listing the names of all members on your unit roll on 31st October. \$3.00 is payable on behalf of each girl and the total amount should be forwarded together with the completed form TO YOUR DISTRICT COMMISSIONER as soon as possible.

COMMISSIONERS: Please fill in the form below as you receive returns from the units in your district. Send it together with the unit forms and the membership fees DIRECT TO HEADQUARTERS by 7th December. (NOTE: Any queries or inaccuracies should be referred back to guiders before sending money and forms to Headquarters.)

FORM FOR UNIT LEADERS

Please fill in and send this form to your commissioner by 16th November.

Name of Unit:

Name and Address of Unit Leader:

Postcode: Telephone:

Names of girls on Unit roll as at 31st October, 1979.

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Number of girls on Unit roll as at 31st October, 1979:

Half-yearly membership fees payable to Headquarters enclosed herewith (\$3.00 per girl): \$.....

FORM FOR COMMISSIONER

Please fill in and send direct to Headquarters as soon as possible.

Name of District:

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<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Total Number of girls</u>	<u>Total forwarded by Unit</u>
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DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

Does any reader know what was a 'dragshoe'? A good turn done by a Scout about 1919 is described as "Picked up a carrier's dragshoe and fastened it on the hook". Could it have had some connection with a braking system? In the Archives we have a small paper-covered book called "Scout's Good Turn Book and Diary" which was published in 1919 by C. Arthur Pearson, which gives an example of a Good Turn for every day of the year, very few being duplicated. Many of those reported are similar to what would be done nowadays by both scouts and guides:— weeding garden for a disabled person — repairing and mending all sorts of objects — doing messages and so on, but there are dozens showing the difference in the lifestyles of those times. Helping horses and their drivers figured largely in the book. Scouts "replaced a nose bag — threw sand on slippery roads — picked up a carman's whip — helped carriers when their horses had fallen — took a piece of glass out of a horse's hoof — held frightened horse's head while a tram car passed — took a horse to be shod — gave a horse a drink — helped a horse with a heavy load".

The aircraft industry was very much in its infancy and scouts were often able to give assistance in ways quite inconceivable to us. Among the many sketches there is one of a scout standing in a paddock beside an airman who was dressed in the old-fashioned airman's kit, with a small airplane in the background, the caption reading 'Directed

an airman who had lost his way'. Another sketch shows the scout helping to push the airplane. 'Helped to move an aeroplane.' Other Good Turns reported were — "Returned to the aerodrome a piece of an aeroplane which had fallen off a lorry", "Guarded aeroplanes which had descended due to engine trouble".

In the country scouts "Broke ice on pond so that the cows could drink — mended a thatched roof — helped a lady lift a heavy parcel over a stile — blew the bellows for the blacksmith." In towns they "Assisted the lamplighter — helped a lady off a moving staircase — picked up a paintbrush for a painter who had dropped it from his ladder — showed a lady how to use a cabinet telephone — put up an umbrella for a lady loaded with parcels — lighted a cigarette for a one-armed man — picked up a rear lamp fallen from a motor car and restored it to its owner — informed a soldier that one of his numerals was loose — informed a man that he was flying the Union Jack upside down — saved a second helping of Christmas pudding for a poor child."

In every one of the drawings the scout appears in full uniform, usually with his hat, but always in his short-sleeved shirt, even in December, when he — "Took a small child to school on a sledge during snowy weather."

—MARY LAMBE,
Archivist.

The picture shows Lady B.-P. and two members of Sea Ranger Ship "Akuna", taken in December, 1934, when some of us went to the docks to welcome the Founder and the Chief Guide on their arrival for the Australian Jamboree at Frankston.





Brownies work hard for friends

During IYC our Brownie Pack "adopted" Vicki Fraser. Vicki is six and suffers from cystic fibrosis for which there is no known cure.

We invited Vicki and her mother to our meeting and learnt all about this disease and saw the therapy Vicki has each day and the mask she has to use to help her breathing.

The brownies were so interested they decided to raise money for the cystic fibrosis appeal.

Proceeds of a Brownie Helpathon have already been sent to the appeal organisers and plans are well in hand for a Pet Show.

Our brownies have worked very hard for Vicki and research into her disease.

—SUE HEGGIE,
2nd Horsham Brownie Pack.

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During last term 4th Blackburn Brownies each knitted a square (some of us had to learn how to knit) and we joined them together to make a knee rug. One of our clever brownies crocheted around the edge and we worked out some entertainment and invited our elderly citizen to our hall for "some fun and a cup of tea".

We gave her our rug and then entertained her with some skits and our special Brownie songs.

A lady came to talk to us about the poor children in Sri Lanka.

She had adopted a little girl from Sri Lanka and sent parcels to the people of that country.

We made up a parcel to send to the Sri Lankan children too.

—4th WHEELERS HILL BROWNIE PACK.

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1st Patchewollock Brownies for the Royal Children's Hospital project held a competition to guess the name of a doll we had made. Her name was Dolly and we raised \$22.00.

—SHARON SMITH.

Our Brownie Pack held a stall to raise money to help a Donvale boy who suffered brain damage when he fell from a very tall pine tree last December. He is still in hospital.

The reason we raised money was because when Steven goes in the car he needs a special car seat. We raised \$88.00.

—SUSAN BAXTER, KYM MALLAMACI,
NICOLE SARFATI,
1st Donvale Brownie Pack.

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Our Pack held a Pancake and Popcorn Party. Each girl brought a friend and a few dressed up.

We had balloons for decorations and played games and had disco dancing. For tea each girl cooked her own pancakes (we used half a bucket of batter!). After that mess was cleaned up we popped corn and ate it while it was still hot.

It was such fun, no one wanted to go home.

—1st WODONGA BROWNIE PACK.

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We had so much fun when we celebrated our 50th birthday. Miss McArthur, the pack's first Brown Owl, cut the cake which we had made. We made Miss McArthur a cushion with 50 knitted squares. Many past brownies and leaders came to tea with us.

—SHARON CAMERON,
2nd Camperdown Brownie Pack.





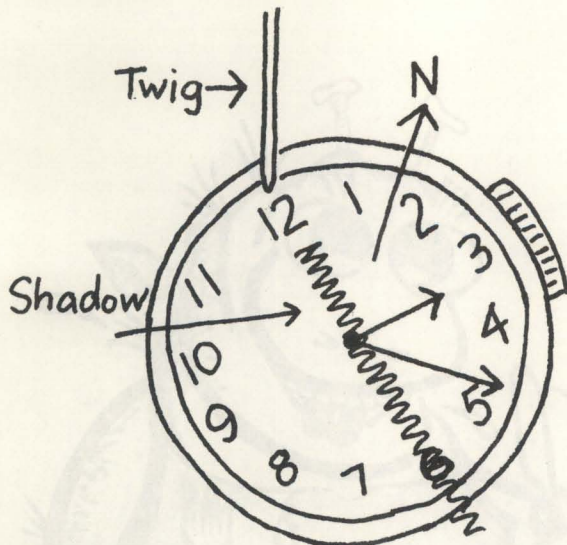
TRAINING PAGES

AND YOUR WAY — *By Sun and Stars*

DIRECTIONS FROM THE SUN

Using your watch:

Hold your watch flat on your hand in such a position that 12 is pointing towards the sun. To do this accurately hold a fine twig or grass stem upright at 12 and move the watch around until the shadow of the twig falls across the centre of the watch and down to 6. Halfway between 12 and the hour hand is North. Simple? Try it out at different times of day and check with a compass to prove you are right. Do not forget to allow for daylight saving if you are doing it in the summer! Obviously you cannot take as accurate a bearing as you can with a compass, but you can get very reliable general directions, quite good enough to set a map, particularly if you cross-check with landmarks.

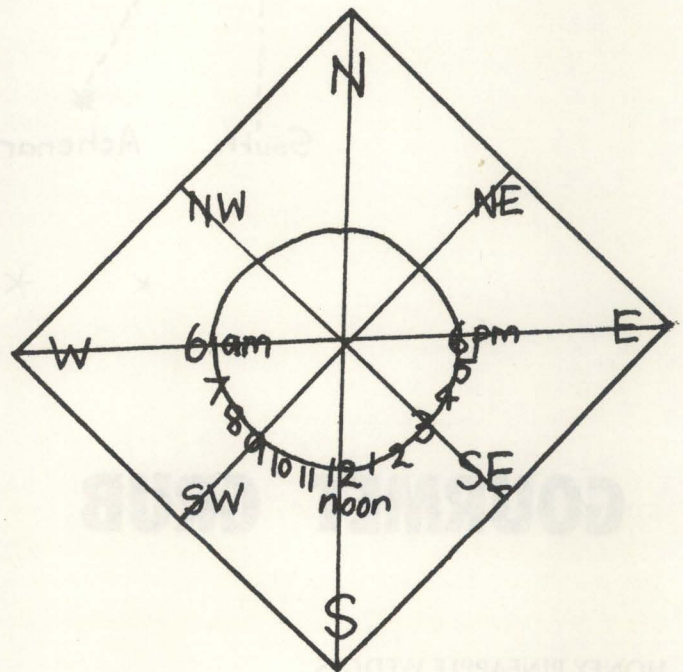


Paper Compass:

A variation on this method is to make a paper compass.

Fold a square of paper in half both ways and then across the diagonals. On the folds mark in the compass points. (If you prefer, you can cut your paper into a circle a little in from the edge

and mark the times from 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., as shown. Make a hole in the centre through which you can put a pencil or stick, which must be held upright. Now hold your compass so that the shadow of the pencil falls across whatever time it is, and the compass will be "set" with N pointing to the North.



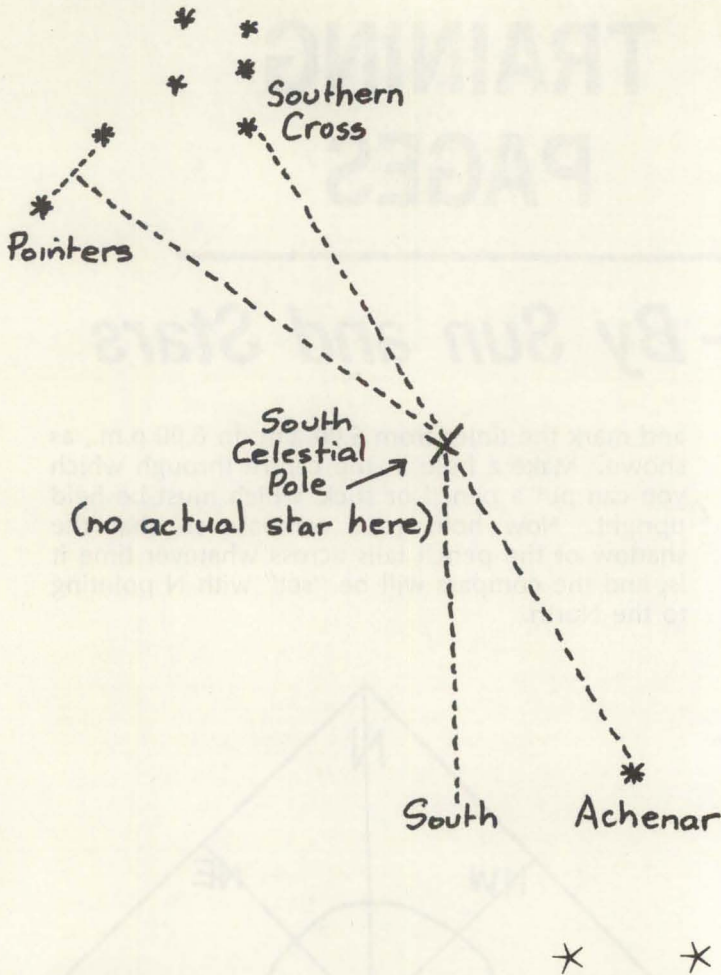
DIRECTIONS FROM THE STARS

Go outside on a clear night and look for the Southern Cross, the constellation (group of stars) which is on the fly of our Australian Flag. But do not expect the cross to be upright as it is on the flag; sometimes it will be and at other times it will be lying on its side or even upside down. This is because the stars appear to rise and set, just as the sun does, as the earth revolves beneath the heavens. The Southern Cross is so far south that actually it never sets (disappears from view)

from places as far south as we are. In fact it just revolves around the South Celestial Pole (the point in the sky directly above the South Pole on the earth) and that makes it very convenient for us when we are looking for directions at night.

Here is how you do it: Find the Cross, then hold your arm straight out towards it and measure its length with a finger. Continue the line of the Cross from the top star to the bottom about seven times across the sky (this may actually be upwards or sideways — it is longways of the cross from its top to bottom star, not necessarily downwards towards the earth). At this point you will find a bright star on its own; it is called Achenar. Half-way between Achenar and bottom star of the Cross is the South Celestial Pole — draw a line down to earth from there and you are facing due south.

If Achenar is behind a cloud you can do it in a slightly more complicated way by looking to the left of the Cross (if it is upright) and finding the two bright stars pointing towards it. They are called the Pointers. Draw a line joining the Pointers and another line at right angles from the centre of it (the perpendicular bisector, if you do geometry). Continue this line until it meets the line drawn through the Cross from top to bottom and extended out across the sky — it will be at that same point, the South Celestial Pole.



GOURMET GRUB

HONEY PINEAPPLE WEDGES

Cut an unpeeled pineapple into eight wedge-shaped pieces, i.e., cut lengthwise. Place each wedge onto a sheet of foil, cut wedges into $\frac{1}{2}$ " slices leaving the skin intact.

Spoon one dessertspoon of honey over the fruit, seal foil loosely around wedges, place in hot coals for approximately 15 minutes.



Pre-Promise Challenge for Guides



"The Challenge is there to be enjoyed to the full, and half the fun of it is in choosing what you will do in each of the eight sections."

For a new member the life of the patrol and company gives her opportunity to see what being a Guide means.

She will make new friends and share in patrol activities. She will soon develop a feeling of responsibility for her patrol when she has been asked to consider, with the other members, the agenda for the next Patrol Leaders' Council. She will participate in worthwhile and exciting activities out of doors — climb a hill, go on a breakfast hike, collect litter on the beach, watch the ants working . . . ant watching is fun, sprinkle some sugar on the path and watch them work!

Try this fun game out of doors:

Two guides hold a long taut rope. Two other guides are linked to this rope with a looped sling which they must hold on to at all times. In their other hand they have a folded newspaper, they run up and down trying to whack any guide who gets in their way. The rest of the Company try to tie knots on to the rope — clove hitch, round turn and two half hitches, whilst dodging the whackers. Once "whacked" a guide cannot try to tie a knot until a new pair of whackers is appointed. Change whackers frequently.

Many things are happening in the units all the time. While the guides are concerned with planning, organising and implementing the various activities the new members are joining in, enjoying, thinking, finding out.

Through discussions with her patrol leader, patrol and guiders the new member will work out what challenges appeal to her. Only she will know when she has done her best.

She will try something —
NEW
EXCITING
DIFFICULT
. ?

As no two girls are alike, what is a challenge to one girl is not always a challenge to another girl so all pre-promise challenges are not alike.

Although she may wish to try some of the challenges listed in her handbook she may need help in choosing new challenges.

It would be useful for both guiders and patrol leaders to re-read the chapters of the Guide Handbook on pre-promise challenges so to be fully aware what the new members are reading and expecting to find.

Having read what it means to be a guide and what Guiding is all about the new member will feel she is ready to start her Pre-promise challenge.

As a guide the daily Good Turn will become part of her life — take the opportunity to discuss this with her — perhaps she may wish to undertake to do a small service for someone else over a period of seven or eight days?

Most company meetings include games and activities involving quick thinking and action, e.g., Non-stop relay (Guider's Handbook Page 136). Through participation in such games the new girl would be given opportunity to think for herself. **Other games and activities which might also help the new girl:**

SHOPPING KIM'S GAME: Here the local supermarket can come to your aid; given a certain amount of time to study the windows the girls then list from memory all the goods on display. (No supermarket? Then use newspaper advertisements.) This can be followed up by getting them to plan a camp menu for one day from the food-stuffs on display.

EXPLORING THE ARTS will be great fun. Perhaps the patrol needs a drawing on the log book, a bag for the balls, or a box for the subs. money — contributing something to the patrol will give a new member an even greater feeling of belonging, as well as displaying her artistic talents.

GET FIT AND KEEP FIT — when feeling like a cream cake — eat a piece of fruit. Wear suitable clothing and give a thought to personal freshness. Perhaps at Patrol Leader Council the girls can make Keeping Fit a fun evening.

Linking all the pre-promise challenges with the Promise and helping the new member to see how they could be starters to further progress in the eight points is the guider's job when she talks with her, before the Promise Ceremony is planned. The important thing with the pre-promise challenge is that the challenge should fit the guide, not be too easy, or too far beyond her reach.

SEALED CHALLENGES An activity to prepare a new member for her Promise and Law interview, adapt the wording to suit your girls.)

Write out each day on a separate piece of paper, fold and staple so that the questions are hidden; place in an envelope. Paste the directions on front of envelope.

PROMISE AND LAW CHALLENGE

Here is a set of CHALLENGES for you to open, one each evening, before you go to sleep.

Beside each one put the number of the Law or Promise which you think applies.

Discuss the results with me when you come to your PROMISE and LAW interview.

MONDAY

1. Have you been cheerful and polite when corrected for doing wrong?
2. Did you pick up any litter today?
3. Have you done what you have been asked to do quickly, today?

TUESDAY

1. Did you do all messages reliably this week?
2. Were you polite to your family when asked to help at home today?
3. What did you do for your family pet today to show that you care for it especially?

WEDNESDAY

1. Were you on time for Guides tonight?
2. Have you hung away the clothes you wore to Guides tonight?
3. Have you cleaned your teeth tonight?



THURSDAY

1. Have you polished your shoes for tomorrow?
2. Did you turn off the lights as you left each unoccupied room today?
3. Did you speak kindly to someone you do not particularly like today?

FRIDAY

1. Did you help your teacher clean up the classroom before leaving school today?
2. Have you returned anything (in good condition) you have borrowed to its rightful owner?
3. Is your name and address in your Guide handbook?

SATURDAY

1. Did you say your prayers last night?
2. Did you observe the traffic rules today?
3. Did you wash your hands after every visit to the toilet today?

SUNDAY

1. Are your school books packed and ready for tomorrow?
2. Is your hair clean, and did you brush it today?
3. Have you tidied away your weekend clothes?

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

Thought for the Month:

Mahatma Gandhi said, "Peace between countries must rest on the solid foundation of love between individuals. We share this world as we share the treasures of each other. We can move closer together by our human hands working toward a common goal, our minds thinking toward common ideals, our hearts loving toward a common existence. If only we remember . . . I am my brother . . . and my brother is me." (Closing thoughts at Conference.)



It was a wonderful feeling, at the beginning of the Conference to look out on a hall that appeared to have standing room only. Thank you everyone who made the effort to attend the conference. It was gratifying to have so many country people there, and I know for some it meant rising very early to drive a long distance, and one country person sat up all night in the train to attend.

Perhaps we could all spare her a thought next time we moan about having to cross from one side of the city to the other.

A number of people requested that the conference be held in a more central location. Each conference the venue is changed to make the journey shorter for different groups of people.

We tried desperately and unsuccessfully to find a location closer to the city with the facilities we required.

We were delighted to have the Mayor of Springvale welcome us to his city, and our State Com-

missioner, Mrs Marjorie West, to open our conference.

Our Guest Speaker, Mrs Nina Valentine, exceeded our wildest expectations, and I felt her talk was exactly what my Local Association people needed and appreciated. If you missed hearing her speak, you can still buy her book, "Moved and Seconded", in our shop.

Our caterers from Brandon Park and Highvale did an excellent job — my thanks to them. Lunch-time should have been a happy and profitable time, if everyone did as we asked, and made contact with at least two other local associations. There were also attractive displays (thanks to Billee Henry and other members of the Public Relations Committee) and the Mobile Shop, run by Jean Oldfield and Pat Kirkpatrick, and opportunity to meet and discuss views and problems with our Advisers.

We gave most of the afternoon session to Question Time, but were concerned that we still ran out of time, before many had a chance to express opinions. We will try to organise longer discussion time next conference.

I was grateful so many people made arrangements for children to be collected from school. Very few left early, which was noticeably different from last conference and encouraging for organisers.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to each member of the Conference Committee for her contributions.

—MARGARET PENNINGTON.



Conference Questions and Answers

Local Association membership to headquarters

It was decided by delegates that membership should be paid by an affiliation fee based on the number of units in a district and not by individual memberships. This will bring us into line with some other states and solve the problem of defining the 'active' members of each local association for whom individual subscriptions were paid in the past.

The actual amount to be paid by each local association on a unit basis still has to be sorted out but will be decided upon well before the next fees are due.

Voluntary Contributions

We were disappointed that there was not more time to discuss this important issue, particularly as so many were anxious to express opinions. We realize that many feel very strongly that we should be allowed to levy rather than ask for a voluntary contribution for basic guiding expenses. We realize too that many districts are having considerable difficulty raising these basic funds (e.g. sums in excess of \$400 for hall rentals alone each year). However, it is against present guide policy (as also it is against scout policy) to levy fees and, while this situation exists, we can only collect money for basic guiding by fund-raising events and voluntary contributions. Voluntary contributions are not tax-deductible. The government has been approached on several occasions and will not agree to it.

We are sending a questionnaire to each local association which will include questions relating to voluntary contributions. Please make sure they are returned promptly so that your collective views can be presented to headquarters.

Parental Support

How do we get the support of mothers in the paid work-force? How do we get those elusive well-paid parents to attend meetings, answer letters, pay voluntary contributions or shoulder any sort of responsibility for guiding in the district (particularly when they are often the majority)?

Firstly by making parents realize, at the time of putting a child's name on a waiting list, that there is a necessary parent support group called the local association which they are expected to support in an active way, and why. Then, at the time of enrolment, personal contact (eyeball to eyeball) by a non-uniformed local association member must be made and followed through to some kind of useful involvement, including a plain explanation of the financial set-up in your district. Be friendly, be persistent and make it fun!

General Questions

Q.—Are children covered by insurance while at weekly meetings?

A.—Children and leaders are automatically covered on all guiding occasions, **provided the local association has paid the premium** (see July Matilda).

Q.—Can a district continue indefinitely without a district commissioner or local association?

A.—Yes, but in the long run, the district is the loser. The district commissioner is the link between active guiding and the local association, and the local association is essential to healthy active guiding in the district.

Q.—Can a person be both district commissioner and guider at the same time?

A.—Yes, in special circumstances for a short time, as long as she establishes her priorities and everyone knows what they are.

Q.—Are men allowed to go on indoor and outdoor camps for the protection of girls and guiders?

A.—Yes, after discussion with leaders, district commissioner and camp adviser, where there is no resident warden, fathers of the girls or the leader's husband may attend for protection provided he camps apart.

Q.—Are local police always made aware of camps in their area?

A.—It is up to the guider in charge to inform police when guides are camping outdoors or using a guide hall for a sleep-in.

Q.—Should brownies be taken from the waiting list according to age or time on the list?

A.—There is no definite rule. It is a district decision.

Q.—Should leaders attend local association meetings?

A.—No. The district commissioner is the leaders' representative at the local association meeting just as she is the local association's representative at the leaders' meeting. We feel leaders have more than enough to do in their units. However leaders may be invited to attend particular local association meetings and functions as guests.

Q.—Can men make their Promise?

A.—No. It was fully discussed at the last Australian Association Assembly and rejected. Any man who supports guiding may be presented with a Supporter's Badge by the district commissioner, as may any woman who does not wish to make the promise.

Q.—Why are articles sent to Matilda ignored?

A.—All articles sent to Matilda are greatly appreciated. However content, timing, relative interest value and space available do not permit the pub-



After being shown how to crochet the guides decided to make rugs for the new nursing home at Swan Hill Hospital.

Anne Allenby, Jennifer Bull and Helen Robinson presented the rugs to Sister Huggins.

—E. K. JEWSON, Lake Boga Guide Company.

lication of all material received, and, sadly, the high cost of postage makes it impractical to acknowledge individually the tremendous number of submissions each week.

Q.—Is the local association meeting a 'Court of Honour'?

A.—No, definitely not. However if confidential matters are discussed, discretion should be used outside the meeting. A regular newsletter is a very good way of keeping parents informed of general business and future meeting dates.

Q.—How long can a person fill an honorary position?

A.—Local Association executive positions are elected for one year and may not be held for more than three years consecutively. Publicity and Badge Secretaries are appointed by the district commissioner for her term of office and may be re-appointed by the new district commissioner.

Q.—What can the local association expect in the district commissioner's report?

A.—The local association can expect a full report of each unit's activities for the previous month, requests for practical and financial help, the leadership position and information from headquarters.

Q.—Does a member have to belong to the local association for a certain length of time before she or he can take office?

A.—A person has to have been accepted as a

member of the local association at a meeting prior to the Annual District Meeting. If she wants to take office on the night of the Annual District Meeting she may be nominated from the floor if accepted by those present.

Q.—When the local association meeting has voted upon and organised a special effort and non-attending parents object loudly to many others, what can the local association do?

A.—The local association president, secretary and district commissioner could visit the parents concerned, find the reasons for their objection and point out the harm they are doing to the guide movement in the community.

Q.—Do local associations have their own constitutions?

A.—Yes. Each local association has its own constitution which is registered at headquarters and a copy of this should be in the secretary's files. Most follow the sample constitution which may be bought at the Guide Shop.

Q.—How much should the local association know about Interest Badges?

A.—All parents should be aware of their girl's involvement in Interest Badge work and should check that she has completed all the requirements before she presents for assessment. Parents can also offer to become badge assessors themselves although they may not assess their own daughters. It is a lot of fun.

TREFOIL TALES

We have three new guilds to welcome — **2nd BALLARAT, WERRIBEE-ALTONA** and **WHITEHORSE** (Box Hill North). **WHITEHORSE** has started work already. They have had two working bees making a yellow patchwork quilt for the residential centre at 'Iluka', Shoreham. Now the quilt needs backing and edging before it is ready for one of the bunks.

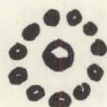
At **WAVERLEY** Luncheon Senior Constable Phil Fenton from the Lecture Squad, Public Relations Department, spoke on "The Role of the Policewoman". Over \$100 was raised towards the guild's project for the year—helping the Memorial Homes Project.

TALLARINGA invited Mrs Jolly of Metropolitan Research to demonstrate new products and sampled a variety of goods.

It was a fine spring day for **TOWN AND COUNTRY** Luncheon held at Toorak. The hostess, Mrs Bryant, had been very busy stocking stalls and they made an eye-catching display. The speaker, Mr. Dunbavin Butcher, gave a short history of the Zoo, and the work being undertaken to improve the layout of the whole area.

Mrs Parker hosted and catered for the **ASH-GLEN** Luncheon, which was followed by slides and a talk by Mrs Susie Forge — "Victorian Decoration and Furnishing".

ECHUCA Trefoil members visited a meeting of the 1st Kyabram Girl Guides. It was a night of ceremonies — three brownie guides renewed their Promise as guides, two guides received Patrol Leader stripes and another a Philatelist badge, a girl was accepted as a ranger guide and Mrs Debbie



JOSIE NELSON

Josie Nelson died suddenly in England. She was leader and friend of 1st Elwood Guides and is remembered with love and affection.

Cooper of Lancaster was enrolled as a Trefoil member. Mrs Cooper started the Lancaster Guide Company and is now busy writing the history of the division. During the war Lancaster guides sent food parcels to the Lancaster Guide Company in England. Last year Mrs Cooper visited and stayed with the former captain of the English company.

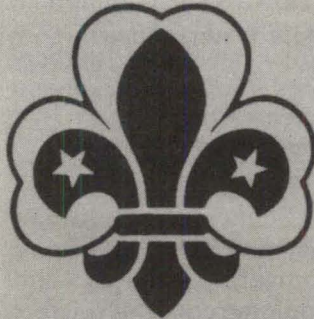
FINDON Guild has always had only a very small active membership but they are striving to interest more ladies. If anyone knows of any ladies eligible to join a Trefoil Guild living near the Reservoir-Epping train area could they please contact Mavis Suttie (President, 465 2432) or Dulce Hook (Secretary, 469 3261).

Findon meetings are varied. In August they visited the Victorian Cultural Centre, and were pleased to have with them for this outing visitors from Auckland North Shore Guild, New Zealand, and Southern Cross Guild.

For the September meeting Findon has invited Janefield Guild to join them on a walk through the Alexandra and Botanic Gardens and picnic lunch.

SWAN HILL had a casserole luncheon before their Annual Meeting. The Combined Baden-Powell-Trefoil Guilds' annual weekend for 1980 will be held at Jumbunna Lodge, Launching Place, from 22nd to 24th February.

—M.S.



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

8pm. THURSDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1979
CAMBERWELL CIVIC CENTRE

ADMISSION \$5.00

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.

RANGERING AROUND

SERVICE PROJECT 1979

Each year the Victorian Ranger Guide Section carries out a special Service Project in addition to the community service undertaken by individual ranger guides and rangers at a local level.

This year the theme was "MAY WE SELL IT" and the girls devised many ingenious and interesting ways to raise money for this special effort.

One unit made 1000 ginger bread men and sold them, another collected records to sell while others shampoo-ed and jogged dogs, organised progressive dinner parties, conducted stalls and "trash and treasures". Sale of thousands of snowballs, lamingtons, biscuits, sweets and chocolates provided a profitable means of earning money for others.

Result of all this ingenuity and effort was \$8900.00, which was presented to the Nephrology Department of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, to be used for a Ranger Research Fellowship which will allow further research to be made into why plasmapheresis works in the treatment of kidney disease.

Congratulations to all who participated.

The conference in June decided on a project for children as the 1980 community service, and the committee has begun planning for this. The project selected will be to raise funds to purchase equipment to be used in leukaemia research at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. More information will be available next month.



TAPSOTEERING, 8th-9th DECEMBER

Come for a weekend of fun with map and compass at Tapestry! Relax after exams, and enjoy light-weight camping in the beautiful surroundings of YOUR property.

Applications with September newsletter.



"VOFMANANS GEESE" CHRISTMAS PARTY

Central Surprise Break-up will be held at Guide Headquarters on Friday, 14th December, 7.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Do you want a night of fun and surprises?? Then come to the party, cost is only \$1.50 and your central committee do all the work.



HOW ABOUT TRYING THESE IDEAS?

(Replies to questions discussed at the Ranger Guide Leaders' Conference.)

Q.—Do you attend District meetings regularly?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How do you let other units in the district (guide, brownie and ranger guide) know about your programme?

A.—Monthly report to district commissioner, who relays information to division and region, to local association, leaders and parents.

Grapevine to all members of the unit, who communicate with others.

Listen to other leaders' reports at district meeting.

Guide comes to Ranger Guide meetings prior to becoming a member of the unit, on return reports to Guide company on activities.

Use same hall for meetings which means that notice boards are available to all units. Keep information on board up to date for all to read.

Q.—How do you let the community know about your activities?

A.—Local press informed directly from unit.
Street stall.

Local Association may have Public Relations officer. Keep her informed of activities.

Talk by individuals with peer groups, at school; set up display at school.

Promotion at local library, banks and shopping centres in form of display and activities.

Take part in local youth week, community days and festivals.

Being visible in activities is best way to communicate — be seen to be doing.



PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICE CERTIFICATE

Alison Thorne of Donnesen Rangers is the first to complete the Ranger Public Relations Service certificate.

Congratulations and well done Alison.

—PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT.



3rd Balwyn Brownie Pack meets in a hall at Greythorn Park on Saturday mornings for two hours every fortnight. All the brownies attend "Yooralla" centre and are transported to Greythorn Park by bus.

"Yooralla" co-operates and shows interest by employing a liaison officer for organising dates and transport for all Scouting and Guiding activities.

At present we have seven brownies; three in wheel chairs, the rest wearing callipers. Most of our brownies are permanent residents of "Yooralla", rarely leaving the hostel to meet other children of normal capabilities. Because of this, throughout the year we have invited brownies from 1st and 2nd Balwyn Packs to come to our meetings. This has worked extremely well, for all brownies have found this an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Highlights of this year's activities have included a visit to the Zoo, brownies entertaining guider guests and a cooking day when the brownies made and ate pikelets and icing mice.

All the brownies are very good at doing things with their hands, so a lot of time is spent at craft activities. This year we have made bookmarks, Mexican Gods-eyes, posters and prints.

—3rd BALWYN BROWNIES.



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K. Wallbridge, "The Age".



GO GUIDING

Recently I have had questions as to what is, and what is not, suitable as a "guide gathering" for the B.-P. Emblem.

In June guidelines on this clause were published in Matilda and I suggest they are re-read, for it is important that we understand the purpose behind the clauses and badge syllabi if we are to use them as tools to help the girls.

A badge's only use is to encourage a guide to learn and gain experience in something for which she would not normally have tried.

If a girl is already an expert swimmer, then doing the Swimmer's Badge will gain her nothing but a round piece of cloth.

Therefore, not "any gathering" of guides will do for the B.-P. Emblem. To give the girl the best possible experience, we guiders must look for events which, for that girl, will be special.

Some of the best recent opportunities have been the Australian Patrol Leader Gathering (Jumbunna), the State Camp and Jamborella 1. They gave guides the opportunity to live with girls from other States and from throughout Victoria, whilst participating in what are recognized as specific "Guiding" activities. Girls who went to these events were able to recognize that Guiding was bigger than their local groups.

Gatherings which are not so big, but still contain the elements of size, atmosphere and Guiding activities could be region camps, region patrol leader trainings, the Olave Challenge patrol camps, region field days, etc. Remember that the **minimum** length of the event must be one day.

Size can also affect the effectiveness of the gathering for the purpose of the B.-P. Emblem clause. If you have experienced a campfire of 500, you will know it has a different atmosphere from one of 25. To face a gathering of more than 100 can require more maturity than to face one of 10.

The candidate has to be conscious of the fact that this is **her** gathering, so arrangements are made with the guider in charge before the event so the girl knows she is being assessed and will extend that extra effort. To bulk sign B.-P. cards for every girl who was there helps no one.

Examples of unsuitable events could be —

a) A basketball competition between companies — for this is unlikely to give the candidate the experience of "working with" girls of other companies, nor does it contain the type of Guiding activities mentioned above.

b) A selection day — for here the emphasis is more on the individual showing herself better than the other candidates, rather than on fellowship and activities.

So, when you have a candidate for the B.-P. Emblem, and whenever a girl tackles a badge — use the opportunity to help that guide expand her knowledge and experience.

The saddest thing I ever heard was a guide saying, "The B.-P. Emblem was easy". Our programme should demand a girl's best effort and if we, as adults, help girls to use the "easy way" then we have missed the chance to help that girl grow.

—YVONNE JAMES.

Are
you
helping
your
guides
to
grow?





Making Music

1st North Richmond Guide Company visited the Day Care Centre in Richmond one day after school.

We noticed that they had few musical instruments and that many were broken. So during the last two months we have been busy making instruments for the children.

We made (and painted in gay colours) shakers, rattles, drums and tambourines from bottle tops, plastic plates, tiny bells, wood, wire, tins and nails.

"International" Camp

International Children's Camp was the theme for Manningham Road Division Camp held at Britannia Park. Each company attending represented a country and brought a flag, a Guide badge and a song or dance from that country to teach the others.

Central Colours were very impressive with 15 different flags flying. The camps represented the four World Centres — Sangam, Our Chalet, Our Cabana and Olave House. Over 150 people attended — guides, ranger guides, leaders, local association members and other helpers.

When everything was finished we put all the instruments into a box which we had decorated with wallpaper and took them to the Day Care Centre.

When we played with the children during their music-time we discovered that they liked banging on things. The noise was deafening.

All the children enjoyed the instruments.

—CHRISTINE HARLEY,
1st North Richmond Guide Unit.

Our first campfire was an International Night and included the Mexican Hat dance and vespers from Japan.

Olave House was an independent camp of ranger guides who provided a rope bridge and other activities.

There was a large variety of activities — hiking to Britannia Falls, wide games and a quiz on World Guiding, through which we learnt a lot about world Guiding, each other and camping under canvas.

—B. and M. DALY,
4th West Doncaster Company.

BRITANNIA PARK

It was good to see the houses and campsites alive with happy children in the school holidays, and all coped well with the damp and chilly days. Thanks to Mr Fraser and the generous local mill owner, the firewood was just adequate, but please use it thoughtfully. There is great satisfaction in using only enough for one's needs, and finishing the cooking on dying embers rather than a roaring furnace.

Guide House has another Olave Baden-Powell rose bush on the lawn — a gift from Mrs B. Williams. What a lovely way to remember Lady B.-P. and give future visitors so much pleasure. We hope those five bushes grow!

Special appreciation is due to Mrs Delma Blessley, who has painted some delightful Brownie motifs for the Cottage. These are now screwed to the walls of the lounge and dining-room and can be removed without damage during spring cleaning.



Recent visitors to Britannia Park would have seen the lovely cabin rising amongst the trees opposite Chauvel campsite. This is the "Canobbio Cabin", being built by voluntary labour on land donated by 2nd Ivanhoe Company for this purpose. Cap. Canobbio (Monica) had given 35 years of warranted service, 15 of these with 1st Eltham Company, when she died suddenly in 1973. Her estate was left to be used for the benefit of Guiding in Eltham area. The Committee formed to plan the use of this money decided the most benefit to the most guides would be derived from the erection of a shelter for the use of all campers at Britannia Park, where Cap. Canobbio loved to camp.

The cabin, with its accompanying toilet and shower facilities, was possible only if voluntary

We are looking forward to seeing some local association members soon to help us with those small but ever present gardening jobs. What about having one of your monthly Local Association meetings at Britannia Park and then doing an hour's gardening before going home? Those little yellow robins and blue wrens just love to wait within a few feet for the grubs you will unearth.

The Committee will be using donations from the following to help pay for urgent electrical repairs to the property.

Miss V. Cailles (16th January), Barwon Trefoil Guild (21st May), Yarrowonga Local Association (10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th July), Clayton Local Association (19th July), Heidelberg-Ivanhoe Local Association (29th July) and in August, Pascoe Vale South Local Association (1st), 1st Dandenong South Pack (4th), Miss N. Young (6th), 1st Ballarat Trefoil Guild (7th), 1st Bonbeach Pack (8th), 1st Strathmore Company (9th), Diamond Creek Local Association (10th), Miss M. Tharle (14th), Mrs B. J. Turner (14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th), In Memory of Aileen Horsfall (15th), Reservoir West Local Association (20th), Ferny Creek Local Association (21st), 2nd Deepdene Company (22nd), Glen Waverley Local Association (24th), 1st Heidelberg Pack (26th), Macleod-Rosanna Local Association (27th), Invergor-don Local Association (29th, 30th, 31st).

Thank you one and all.

—YOLAND SARGOOD.

Canobbio Cabin

labour could be found to do the construction work. The cabin is now nearing completion, thanks to a lot of hard work by a few fathers, and the official opening date will be Sunday, 11th November, 1979, at 1.30 p.m. The Committee would be grateful if all readers would pass on this information — to any members, past or present,

Canobbio Cabin will be officially opened on Sunday, 11th November, 1979, at 1.30 p.m.

An invitation to the opening is extended to all.

CANOBBIO CABIN—contd.

who were friends of Cap. Canobbio. An invitation to the opening is extended to all.

The Committee had hoped that the building would be available for the free use of anyone camping at Britannia Park. However, practicality has to be considered and a charge for use of this building and its facilities must be made to cover electricity, fuel costs, insurance, etc. It is proposed that the building will not be locked while there are campers on the property; that any campers may use the building whenever they wish and that payment for its use will be submitted with site fees at the completion of your camp. Charges will be \$1.50 per group per 24 hours or part thereof, plus 5c per head for showers.

Please be aware that no group will at any time have exclusive use of the cabin; it is to be shared with any campers wishing to use it. No restrictions will be placed on its use, provided courtesy and co-operation are exercised by guiders and girls. Upkeep and cleaning of the cabin and toilet facilities are to be shared by whoever uses it, the fireplace to be cleaned and the fire relaid with fresh supply of wood for the next use. Please gather wood from bush.

We hope all campers using the cabin will remember with gratitude the love Cap. Canobbio had for Guiding and "her girls" and the wonderful gift she left us.

—GWEN McPOYLE.

Secretary, Monica Canobbio Campsite Committee.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

Commissioners Jan Allitt and Val Elsom recently attended the South Australian Commissioners' Conference in Adelaide.

They found reports and discussions interesting, especially those concerning South Australia's newly acquired campsite, Douglas Scrub, which they visited during the weekend.

Their greatest impression however was —

"Throughout the conference one could not help but be moved by the friendship and oneness of our fellow guides — although amongst complete strangers one immediately felt at ease and with friends."

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"21" at Yarra Glen

Despite the pouring rain, or, perhaps because it was cosier inside, the Yarra Glen Guide Hall was crammed to capacity for the twenty-first anniversary of guiding.

There were former brownies, guides, leaders and supporters, parents and families of the present members of the movement and, of course, children everywhere!

There were songs and sketches by enthusiastic youngsters, and even some audience participation in some of the campfire numbers.

The first Brownie leader, Mrs Molly Smith, was there, watching one of her original brownies, now Mrs Jill Jarvis, lead today's girls in the entertainment.

Among the original members, there was talk of the days when the guides met in any old shed that was available; one even recalled how their "patrol home" had been a disused fowl house!

Mrs Audrey Houghton, who was the first district commissioner, recalled the generosity of local resident, Mrs McCracken, who had become so interested in the guides and brownies that she donated a block of land to the association. Shortly after, the old Lilydale police stables, then over 100 years old, had been dismantled and transported to Yarra Glen. Feed bins and stalls were removed, then, with the wonderful support of the community, the site for the hall was levelled, the stables re-built, windows which had been donated were installed, and the whole building re-painted. It is now known as "McCracken House".

Today, the historic hall shows evidence of the continuing interest and support of the district.

—I.A.

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SUPPLEMENTARY



ACTIVITIES

CRAFTY CAPERS CAMP

This activity involved 43 guides and ranger guides from all parts of Victoria and 13 adults as leaders and craft experts.

Comments from campers sum up the feeling that the camp was a happy and stimulating experience.

We made hobby horses of broomsticks and old socks and learnt progressive jive . . .

There was a choice of many crafts including macrame, printing and weaving, cross stitch, brass rubbing, leatherwork, candle making, mobiles and bead weaving

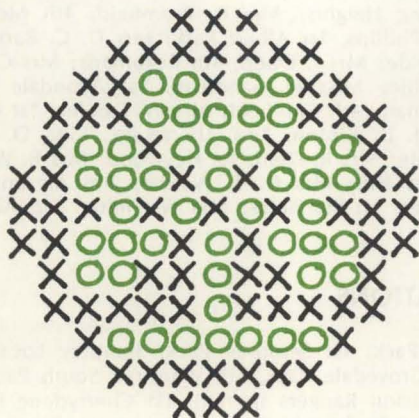
We enjoyed campfire and a walk on the beach for fun . . .

Yasuko, a member of the Japanese Girl Guides Association, taught us origami and Mrs Stubbs, Trefoil Guild Adviser, taught us patchwork. We made a quilt for the residential centre at "Iluka", Shoreham.

—SUE WEICKHARDT,
Vermont.

Everyone interested in cross-stitch may like to try this World Badge design.

Campers please note, this pattern is an amendment to the one distributed at camp.



X Blue

O Yellow

I am a pack guide and will show the brownies how to knit a plastic coathanger, maybe for Mothers' Day.

I think my patrol would enjoy origami or making pot holders for Christmas presents.

—JANE ROGERS,
North Ringwood.

I would like to come to the Crafty Capers Camp I hope will be held next year . . .

—SHONA GRENFELL-HOYLE,
Deepline.

We all had an enjoyable and most interesting weekend. We enjoyed meeting the ladies who came especially to share their crafts with us.

—SANDRA FIELDHOUSE,
Forest Hill.

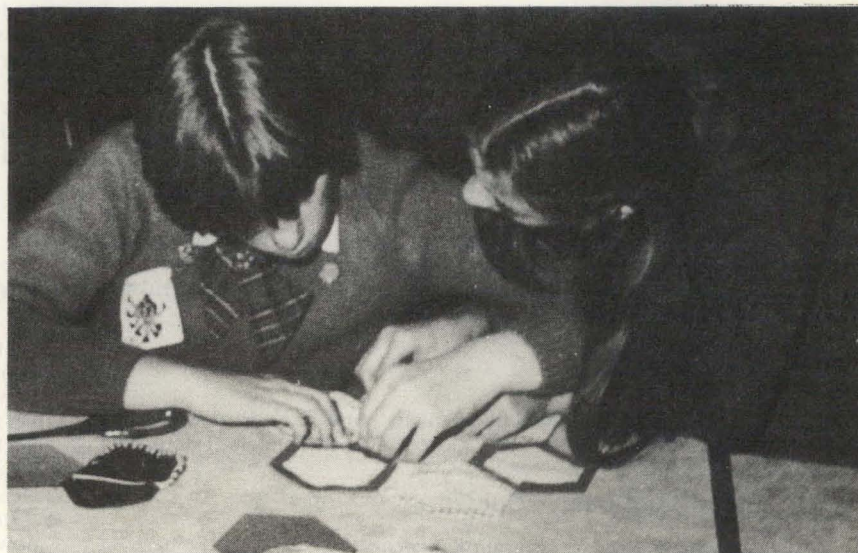
Happy co-operation and interaction between girls and leaders.

—LAURIE ALDRED,
Mildura.



SAC ON THE BEAT

Maroondah Region is looking forward to an Archery Day on 14th October.



PERSONNEL

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

Guider Long Service

(20 years): Mrs E. McGlashan, West Heidelberg; Miss J. McGahy, Doncaster; Miss J. Parrott, Newtown.

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APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Region Commissioners

Mrs P. J. Hamblin, Western Border; Mrs C. McK. Shaw, Gippsland.

Division Commissioner

Mrs F. G. Currie, South Barwon.

District Commissioners

Mrs R. Dennis, Maffra; Mrs J. C. Demo, Wonthaggi; Mrs R. Church, Healesville; Mrs R. H. Daniel (Assistant), Caulfield-Elsternwick; Mrs N. J. Fisk, Apollo Bay; Mrs M. C. Bennett, Winchelsea; Mrs V. C. Asbury, Fawkner; Mrs M. C. Crombie, Sunbury; Mrs K. E. Chapman, Rupanyup; Mrs R. G. Bullock (Acting), Fairfield-Alphington; Mrs F. J. Board (Acting), Highton; Mrs C. Lewis, St. Kilda; Mrs G. R. Dryden, Wycheproof; Mrs G. K. Lawrence, Yallourn North; Mrs R. A. Heath, Newborough; Mrs M. T. Sage, Ararat.

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Assistant Ranger Guider

Mrs D. Brown, Kyabram Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Mrs J. Collins, 2nd Korumburra; Mrs L. Smith, 3rd Traralgon; Mrs L. M. Black, 1st Springfield; Mrs A. Roberts, 1st Wodonga West; Mrs J. Gardiner, 1st Carrum; Mrs C. Blake, 1st Yarra Glen; Mrs N. Martine, 3rd West Waverley; Mrs W. Bond, 2nd Echuca; Mrs D. A. Hawthorne, 3rd Echuca; Mrs P. J. Fitzgibbon, 1st Canterbury; Mrs A. Mastafa, 3rd Doncaster; Miss L. M. Donaldson, 2nd Charlton; Miss R. Stillwell, 3rd Hightett; Mrs A. McIlroy, 1st Highton; Mrs G. E. Pace, 1st Beaconsfield; Mrs W. R. Jenkins, 1st Alexandra; Mrs A. Wetton, 1st Edenhope; Mrs D. Nicholls, 1st Reservoir West; Mrs M. Jones, 1st Somerville; Miss E. J. Graham, 1st Jeparit; Mrs M. Teague, 2nd West Heidelberg.

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Assistant Brownie Guiders

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TRAINING CALENDAR

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

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Assistant Ranger Guider

Mrs P. J. Hamblin, Heywood Rangers.

Guide Guiders

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Assistant Guide Guiders

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Please note: Acceptance cards are not sent out until the closing date.

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