

Talk About Walkabout

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YOUR CHANCE TO YAK CHIP IN.

blab blab blab
gossip talk write
gabble

Here at "Talk About Walkabout" we are screaming for contributions! We'd love articles, poems or songs, jokes, letters to the editor, even sub-camp gossip. Submissions are welcome from everyone, including local, interstate and overseas campers and leaders. If you've got something to contribute, just drop it in the box in Administration (at BP Hut), or in the letterbox near the Post Office.

SWINGING ALONG

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features two staves for the 1st and 2nd voices. The melody is a simple, rhythmic swing tune. The 1st voice part starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The 2nd voice part starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The score includes first and second endings, indicated by '1st' and '2nd' above the notes.

1st Voice: Swinging along the open road,
Swinging along under a sky that's clear,
Swinging along the open road,
All in the fall, in the fall of the year.
Swinging along, swinging along the open road,
All in the fall of the year.

2nd Voice: Swinging along the open road,
Under a sky that's clear,
Swinging along the open road,
In the fall of the year.
Swinging along, Swinging along,
Swinging along the open road,
All in the fall of the year.

A NOTE ABOUT THE OPENING

For tonight's opening ceremony, everyone attending should know the words of the World Song and, if possible, be able to sing them.

To participate in the actual ceremony, each country and each state needs to provide a national or state flag, and all colour parties are to meet at the dais in the campfire area by 6:45pm for a rehearsal.

Each sub-camp, and the central staff,

also need to provide six representatives to be at the dais by 7pm.

These opening ceremony participants must have had their evening meal, and must bring everything for the evening with them, as they won't have the chance to return to their camps between the rehearsal and the ceremony itself.

Below are the words of the World Song...it's a marching song, so sing it with gusto!

WORLD SONG

- Our way is clear as we march on,
And see! Our flag on high
Is never furled throughout the world
For hope shall never die!
We must unite for what is right
In friendship true and strong,
Until the earth in its rebirth
Shall sing our song! Shall sing our song!
- All those who loved the true and good
Whose promises were kept,
With humble mind, whose acts were kind,
Whose honour never slept.
These were the free and we must be
Prepared like them to live,
To give to all, both great and small
All we can give! All we can give!

The Post Office will supply all materials necessary to write home (or anywhere else!): postage stamps, overseas letters, envelopes, postcards and writing paper.

For stamp collectors there is also a special Great Guide Walkabout First Day Cover envelope.

All mail sent out will be stamped with a special Great Guide Walkabout cancellation mark, so make sure you send a letter home and have your family keep the envelope as a souvenir.

LOCATED: in the green cabin beside the Giraffe Hut.

ADVERTISEMENTS, or...

a Shopper's Guide

...TO THE GREAT GUIDE WALKABOUT

The Camp Shop offers a full range of Great Guide Walkabout souvenirs and badges, some Australian souvenirs and a limited range of chemist items.

This is the chance to purchase those essential items for sewing, blankets, pinning, hats or swapping with other campers.

LOCATED: near of the Giraffe Hut
OPEN: Sat-Wed, 9am-6pm.

The Canteen stocks a full range of snacks to stave off the camp-food-blues, including icecreams, fruit juices, chips, twisties and fruit and nut bars.

LOCATED: opposite the Giraffe Hut
TIMES: Sat-Wed, 10am-12noon, 2pm-4pm

THE LAST WORD (a gossip column)

Which Water Activities leader's combi van only just survived the pre-camp setup? Word has it that the unattended combi's handbrake failed and it rolled from its resting place beside BP Hut down the embankment, narrowly missing the sundial, and was only stopped from menacing Guide House by an unsuspecting tree. There were no injuries, except the combi's paintwork and perhaps the owner's temper.

Stop and think.

To Touch and Feel is to Experience. Many people live out their entire lives without ever really Touching or being Touched by anything. These people live within a world of mind and imagination that may move them sometimes to joy, tears, happiness or sorrow. But these people never really Touch. They do not live and become one with life.

-Hyemeyohsts Storm



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Camp Security Team 'Hoonbusters'

by Ian Hopely

By now, you have probably noticed the police security team on the site.

The three security members are all serving police in Victoria and also belong to the Scouting or Guiding Association. They are also members of the Australasian Police Scouters Association who regularly attend scouting and guiding functions to ensure safety and security.

Ian HOPLEY is the current officer in charge of the Child Exploitation Unit in Melbourne. Ian has been stationed at Clayton, Mildura and various CIB divisions.

Peter WATSON who is a Detective Senior Constable at Dandenong CIB and has also been stationed at South Melbourne.

Susan HORTON began her police career at Elwood and is currently in the uniform branch at Box Hill.

The Britannia Park Police Station is situated opposite the Giraffe Hut and a cordial invitation is invited to all camp participants to call in to visit.

CAMPERS GUIDED TO THEIR DESTINATION

Hundreds of campers poured into the Britannia Park campsite yesterday to begin the Great Guide Walkabout.

Guides and leaders from across Australia and overseas arrived midmorning to be welcomed by roving administration staff.

The Leader in Charge, Helen Rawady, was impressed by the efficiency of the campers' arrival and reception.

"Congratulations to the transport team Lynne Nunn and Robyn Lang and their team of co-opted helpers," she said.

Among the campers are contingents from all states, as well as twelve representatives each from Singapore, the United Kingdom, United States, seven from Canada and one from Finland.

TRADING CENTRE UPDATE

Anyone wanting to purchase track pants, chinook tops or t-shirts:

Orders and payment must be received by the shop between 9am and 6pm TODAY (Sat 18.1.92) for collection on Monday 20.1.92.

Please note that no further orders can be accepted after 6pm today; it's important as these items are only available by special order.

THE LAST WORD

PR poobah Jennie Bowles is celebrating her birthday today. At last word she was refusing to disclose her age ... (dare we say it?) pass the calculator please!

Who was the datted fiend that stole the Admin. Team's morning tea yesterday?? Exposers of the culprit(s) will be gratefully rewarded with a cup of coffee (and can keep any cake confiscated from the perpetrators of the crime).

... and a happy birthday to Dale Shekoolley from Canada (Wheels) who grow one year older yesterday. ☺
... oh! and a happy 14th birthday to Alicia Sealey, with love from her anonymous friends, who add, "P.S. Suffer!!"



by: LOUISE OULIFF (VIC), TERESA MORAHAN (NSW) & INA MULLIN (NSW).



**GIRL GUIDES
ASSOCIATION
TASMANIA**

17 December 1991

Greetings to all participants at the Great Guide Walkabout from the Girl Guides Association (Tasmania).

A wise old teacher was passing on his secrets of how to enjoy surviving in his environment and his knowledge of how to utilise the natural resources for the benefit of his and future generations to a stranger who would return to another part of the world where they could learn from the lessons the leader taught. "I am glad you have come" he said "because through you I can leave my footprints in this world before I move into the next."

We hope you have lots of fun at the Great Guide Walkabout and that you share the knowledge you gain over the next week with others so that the footprints are visible all over Australia and in your home countries around the world. Have a great week.

With best wishes

Anne Brown

Anne Brown
State Commissioner
Girl Guides Association (Tasmania)

Laugh and the world laughs with you,
snore and you sleep alone.

Anthony Burgess, *Inside Mr Enderby*, 1968

^ Old tent-sharer's proverb.



**GIRL GUIDES
ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA**

Incorporated

12 December, 1991.

To all campers at the Great Guide Walkabout.....

I am delighted to join you all at Britannia Park for the Great Guide Walkabout.

I am sure that living together in camp for a week will be a happy experience, a source of enrichment and joy to every camper.

Many new friendships will be made and old ones renewed. The camp organisers have endeavoured to set the scene for a fulfilled happy camp, which I hope will leave pleasant memories with you for a long time.

May happiness and harmony surround you at Walkabout.

Anne Jefferys
Anne Jefferys.
Australian Outdoor & Adventurous Activities Consultant.

**ABOUT THE
PHOTOS:**

It's easy to order ones just give the \$8 to your Unit Camp Leader, who will pass it on to Margaret Smith at Mission Control (Admin., BP Hut).

Photos will be available on Sunday, and can be reordered.

Thanks also to ↴

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**GIRL GUIDES
ASSOCIATION
(QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA)**

FROM QUEENSLAND STATE COMMISSIONER

Wishing you all a wonderful week of fun, friendship and challenges. To the organisers - I hope all your hard work reaps its true reward. To the participants - take every opportunity to make new friends and to learn new skills.

All the best for a successful event.

(Mrs) Ann Fletcher

FROM THE STATE GUIDE ADVISER

On behalf of the Queensland Guide Section, I forward our best wishes for a most successful camp. I am sure that all participants are looking forward to renewing friendships from previous events and making new friends from other States and our Asia/Pacific region participants.

Best wishes to the organising committee for a successful camp and I am sure all guides and leaders will appreciate all your hard work and preparation. Have a wonderful time enjoying fun and friendship.

(Mrs) Margaret Nicholas

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HELLO FROM HELEN

(a message from Helen Rawady, the Leader in Charge)

What a wonderful opening ceremony on Friday night! It was an impressive sight. Thankyou to all who participated, and a special thankyou to Margaret Callister who planned and organised the whole event.

At the supper for special guests after the campfire, I heard many people saying how well-behaved the girls were, and I agreed whole-heartedly - you were great! Well Done!



The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

Thomas Chalmers



VEGEMITE FAILS THE TASTE TEST

by Jo Shiell and Katherine Buchanan

By now everyone should have had some contact with our international campers from Singapore, America, Canada, Finland and the United Kingdom.

So that we all could get to know them a little better, we asked them a few friendly questions.

Most of them arrived on either the 2nd or 8th of January.

While in Australia they have visited places like Melbourne, Sydney, Geelong, Hamilton, Ballarat, Phillip Island, Apollo Bay and Ocean Grove.

The BIG question, though, was, what did they think of Vegemite?

The responses were varied.

"Nasty."

"I can live without it."

"I'm not really keen on it."

"Tasted like dirt, disgusting man!"

"I'll take peanut butter instead any day."

But, surprise, surprise, one girl answered, "Yum, it tastes like Marmite!"

BP'S GREAT IDEA

by Staci McGregor
(try this as a marching accompaniment)

1.
one: B-P had a great idea,
all: repeat
one: then the boys they all did cheer,
all: repeat
one: then the girls began to shout
all: repeat
one: they all wanted to be scouts.
all: repeat
chorus
all: Girl Guides wanted it

Girl Guides got it
GIRL GUIDES!

2.
Along came Agnes and Olave too
They said "We'll do it for you"
Through the years we've had some fun,
It is great for everyone.

chorus

3.
All the girls learn how to care,
They also know that they must share,
We'll make the world a better place
For the whole of the human race.

chorus

4.
Thanks must go to you B-P,
You opened our eyes so we could see,
Crystal Palace seems far away,
But THIS Girl Guide is here to stay.

chorus



GIRL GUIDES
ASSOCIATION
(NEW SOUTH WALES)

19 November 1991

To all the
campers at the Great
Guide Walkabout

Dear Girls,
Greetings from
your sister guides of
NSW.

We wish, for each
and every one, a week
of excitement and
adventure.

Make new friends
and have lots of fun
and may the sun shine
on you all.

Yours in Guiding,

JUNE MATHEWS
State Commissioner

Greetings from
your guiding sisters in
South Australia!

Thank you to
Victoria for inviting
South Australian guides
to take part in the
Great Guide Walkabout.
I spent a few days in
November walking around
Britannia Park so can
imagine the beautiful
setting for your camp.

We wish everyone
an exciting and
challenging week, full
of friendship and happy
times which will make
wonderful memories to
take home and share!

MANDY MACKY
STATE COMMISSIONER



With best wishes
for the "Great Guide
Walkabout".

Have fun and
excitement and make
lots of new friends.

From the Northern
Territory

STATE COMMISSIONER

WALKABOUT
SUBCLUB
FOUNDED

We are
G.A.T.T.S.. That stands
for Guides Against
Things That Suck. We,
the presidents of the
association, have
decided to write a
daily report for Talk
About Walkabout.

If you would like
to join this well-
respected club, come
and see us at 3.2. We
are easily recognised
because we wear our
scarves backwards and
our hatbands around our
foreheads. Feel free to
ask any questions.

Yours sincerely,
P.O.G.A.T.T.S.
(Presidents Of Guides
Against Things That
Suck)

DOWN. BUT NOT
NECESSARILY
LOST FOREVER
Let's skip the
preamble; these people
probably feel silly
enough as it is. All
the rest of us campers
can do - with a minimum
of smugness - is help
reunite stray articles
with their hapless
owners. There is a lost
and found bureau at BP
Hut, which can be
checked as necessary.
To give you a head
start, here is an
example of what has
already found its way
to us:

FOUND (owners
identified)

- *Guide hat - Robyn
Morrisey
- *GGW camp & challenge
books - Kate Corner,
camp 2.5

FOUND (nameless)

- *plastic buckle from
pack/suitcase
 - *plastic stopper from
lilo (how this poor
nameless owner must be
suffering!!)
 - *world badge (metal)
 - *metal badge, green
(Gumnut Guide leader)
 - *phone card (found on
yellow site)
- LOST (owner's name
supressed out of pity)
- *red ARLER torch - very
muddy, no.69 on back,
lost at Peg's Place.
Please return to BP Hut
ASAP as owner is very
blind without it!

Thankyou,
Coca-Cola
Amatil...
Supporters
of the



Great Guide
Walkabout.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:
Susan Cook of camp 4.8
and Emma Golding of 1.1
...and a belated Happy
Birthday to Carlie
Davis of camp 4.5.

PROFILE

Beatrice Lawrence
Australian
International
Commissioner.



Beatrice has been involved in the movement in some capacity since brownies, having been a brownie, guide, ranger guide, brownie leader and guide leader before holding the position of Australian International Commissioner.

Bea is married, has three children aged 21, 19 and 17, and lives in Hobart. Before accepting the commissioner's position she worked in public relations for the Royal Guide Dog Association, but she is trained as a kindergarten teacher.

"That's why I like gunnut guides and ranger section - they're all tarred with the same brush!" she said.

Bea has served 15 months of the 5-year commissioner's term. She describes the job as full time, but all her work is actually voluntary.

The position requires Bea and her team to maintain contact with other members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. They receive invitations for overseas events, make the final selection of applicants for these events, and make the final contingent's travel arrangements.

Last year they made arrangements for groups visiting 22 different countries.

Bea is also responsible arranging itineraries and hospitality for

incoming contingents.

Bea estimates that she works up to 6 or 7 hours a day, seven days a week; the job also requires her to be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the full 5-year term.

At all times Bea has to be aware of the latest developments in international currency exchange rates and world events and to advise and monitor groups travelling abroad.

The situations she has to deal with can be sensitive and potentially dangerous.

"When the Gulf War broke out we had groups overseas. All the groups had to be contacted and told to take their uniforms off, to wear civilian clothes and to remove all Australian identification, and not to speak loudly in Australian accents."

For the same reasons, Bea must also be aware of world political developments. Last year she had to cancel a trip to Bangladesh 3 days before departure because of violent demonstrations preceding the pending election. Although the girls' parents were relieved, the girls themselves were understandably a bit miffed.

"The girls made little dolls of me and stuck pins in them, I think", Bea said.

Also included in Bea's portfolio is promotion of awareness of international guiding among Australian guides. One doesn't have to travel to appreciate this aspect of guiding, she said, but there are more travel opportunities than people realise. Interested people should contact their State International Adviser.

Bea said she is enjoying meeting Australian girls at the Great Guide Walkabout, and hopes they all take the time to meet the international guests. She suggests they sit down and have lunch together, as that's perhaps the best way to find time to chat and get to know each other.



Come and meet Ranger Rose and Junior Leader Jane at the Ranger and Junior Leader Friendship tent - located near the shop, 10am-4pm each day. Cook popcorn, have a free cordial, and don't forget to collect your Walkabout lazy letter. You can make fun-buttons too, for just \$1 each.

Find out that there is life after guides!

See ya there.

Thanks to these companies - supporters of the Great Guide Walkabout - they've been doing an admirable job!

Martyrs Bus Service
Melbright Coaches Pty. Ltd.

THE ENVIRONMENT OF YESTERDAY

by Carolyn Farrar

He looks at the trees and dreams of splendour,
He thinks of the loggers in disgust.
He expresses his thoughts by television and radio
He sits on a log and thinks
About the environment of yesterday.

He plants trees realising that it is useless
He puts his rubbish in the bin.
He walks by the water's edge pitying the oil drenched
penguins
He counts the rings on the now deceased tree and thinks
About the environment of yesterday.

He looks at the stars and thinks of life
He sees visions of the sun in its brightness
He feels the heat being projected onto the land
He counts the days left for planet Earth and thinks
About the environment of yesterday.

GUIDING TOUR TO NORTH QUEENSLAND (advertisement)

Departing: July 6th
1992
13 days for \$1757.00*
per person.

This all-adult
tour features: Airlie
Beach, Whitsunday
Islands cruise, white
water rafting, Mission
Beach, Palm Grove,
Cairns, Atherton Table,
Kuranda scenic railway,
cruise to the Great
Barrier Reef and
Daintree National Park.

Participation in
this 13-day tour is not
restricted to active
Guiding folk. Friends
of Guiding would also
be most welcome, as
would interstate
participants.

Tour price also
includes:

- Ansett Airlines
economy class airfare
ex Melbourne
- food for all meals
- all camping equipment
- coach transport from
Mackay to Cairns as
detailed in the itinerary
- all entrances and
excursions as detailed
in the itinerary.

For further
information, contact:

A PAGE FROM HISTORY #1

Advice to the
guide who happens upon
a burglar intent on
pilfering the family
silver:

"take a piece of
cord eight inches long,
make a slip knot in
each end, and tie the
burglar's hands behind
his back by placing the
ensuing loops over his
little fingers - place
him face down on the
floor, bend his knees
backwards, and pass his
feet up and over the
cord. You are now in
perfect control."

from 'How Girls
can Help Build up the
Empire' by Agnes Baden-
Powell (1912).

What we want to
know is, what would the
burglar be doing while
you were tying his
little fingers
together??

Dorothy Sturgess
(activities staff,
Brownie Cottage)
or after the camp at
PO box 235, Drouin 3181
(056) 25 4062

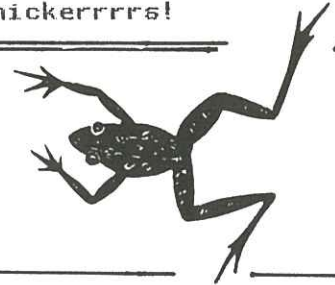
*Tour price was correct
as of October '91 but
is subject to change.

ROUSTABOUTS SONG

comped by the
Equipment Team

<Have you ever wondered
who the motley mob
wearing grungy overalls
with sheep on their
backs are? No, they're
not bagladies, nor are
they freeloaders -
they're the Equipment
Team, aka the
Roustabouts. Here's
their I.D. call:>

We are the Roustabouts
and we're okay,
We play all night and
work all day
We are the Roustabouts
and we're okay
And we wear frilly
knickerrrrs!



THE LAST WORD

Word has it that the
camp treasurer can't
even get her um, toes
wet without being
accosted by strangers
bearing cash. She was
in the shower just this
side of midnight when a
whole SUBCAMP heading
off-site the next
morning insisted on
presenting her with
their photo money. Is
this what they call
money laundering?

Meanwhile, rumor says
the camp's esteemed
Victorian contingent
leader has been spotted
in a risqué situation
in the spa. The leader,
who thought she was
only among the girls in
blue, was discovered by
the boys in blue while
practicing for a wet t-
shirt competition minus
the t-shirt. A Spa
Infringement Notice
(S.I.N) for indecent
exposure is pending.

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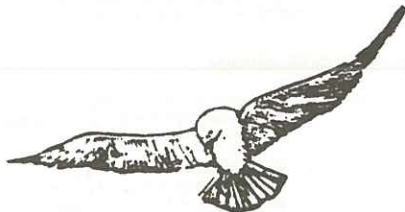
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HELLO FROM HELEN

Congratulations to the various teams working together across the camp. We spend a great deal of time training, learning and preparing, and when we put ourselves to the test, we manage smoothly and efficiently. Yesterday we worked together as a team all day and all night - we proved that planning and preparation do pay off.

Congratulations also to the guides, especially for the way you conduct yourselves when leaving for off-sight activities. More than one bus driver has commented on your excellent behavior. Well done!

A rocket explorer named Wright
Once traveled much faster than light.
He set out one day
In a relative way,
And returned on the previous night.



And forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair.

- Kahlil Gibran.

OUT-OF-TOWNERS NOT SO DIFFERENT

by Katherine Buchanan and Jo Shiell

For most non-Victorian campers, this is their first interstate camp, so we hope they all enjoy themselves. Don't forget to swap addresses to keep in touch.

In general, girls from different parts of Australia didn't think there was much difference in the way we speak. A few Queenslanders thought there was a slight difference. But for those from Tassie, well...what can we say?

Girls arrived here by plane or train, and everyone that we spoke to was too excited to sleep on the journey over. You see, guides are tough; even those who travelled in a plane for the first time were not worried.

It was terrific to hear that all girls were keeping in touch with their families, but all in all they seem to be coping well. So sorry mums, looks like they can live without you.

BEAT THE RECORD!

There have been reports that no-one can beat the computer at 3-D noughts and crosses. If you manage, come and tell the editorial... you have the potential to achieve instant (if limited) notoriety in Talk About Walkabout.

Moving on, the results of the Ropes Course for Subcamp 2 are as follows:
Time Warp: 1.48 secs
Nitroglycerine, 17 people: enough nitro for a cup of tea
Swinger of the day: Kathy McCormack.

Doing better? Come in and tell us!

THE LAST WORD

Which Wombats caught a plastic crocodile cascading down the river, and made it an unofficial mascot? Sources say when it isn't being walked around the site or terrorising campers, the croc has given a new meaning to 'Guess who's coming to dinner'...the night before last it ended up in the middle of a subcamp's dining table.



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**INTERNATIONAL
CHALLENGE
MEMO**

If you are planning to do the fun and exciting International Challenge, here are a few helpful hints:

1. Leave yourself plenty of time, because the activity takes at least 1 hour.
2. There are many interesting things to do, so pace yourselves; don't leave it until the last day. Fit it in on your on-site day.
3. Take a group of friends with you, it's more fun that way.

Come and enjoy the activity. It starts on the hour, every hour at the International Tent on the front lawn of Guide House.

**PUBLIC
RELATIONS—
3PR MEMO**

There were over 100 entries in the #PR competition and LOTS of great ideas for promoting guiding. SATURDAY'S WINNER IS KATHY CANE (4.5).

Her PR idea is "BE BRAVE - do a presentation at your school's assembly about guiding, especially what you do and HOW and WHY you enjoy it."

Kathy - you can collect your prize at the PR tent.

**RADIO
ACTIVITIES**

The Radio Shack is open to all girls and leaders every evening. So come and join us in the kitchen at Glendenning Hut - the radios are manned from 4pm onwards.

Come and listen - or talk to the world!



Do you wanna RAGE??

Victorians, come and join us at the Ranger/Guide event - march 14-15. Do your link badge and/or your ranger guide section of the BP Emblem. Further information from Guide Headquarters on: <03> 654 7911

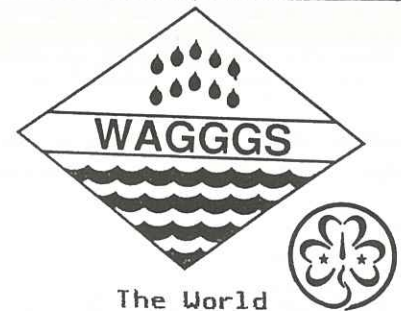
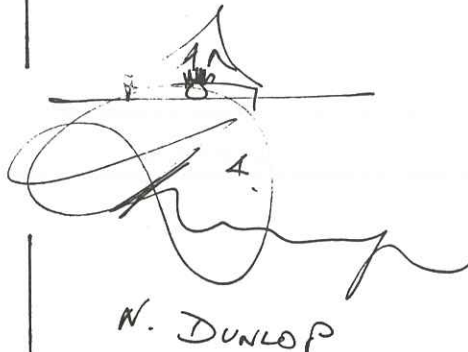


G'DAY FROM WA

The WA contingent invite you to see their banner. It is now on display behind the PR tent.

**BOOKINGS FOR
ABSEILING**

If your guide company would like to try abseiling, have your leader send a S.S.A.E. and a number of dates (weekends only; please note also that we are booked out 'til June) to:
Scout Association
The Booking Officer
B.A.C (Branch Abseiling Council)
P.O. Box 785
Mt Waverley 3149



The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is pleased to announce the introduction of the WAGGGS WORLD BADGE ON WATER.

The badge has been designed with two purposes in mind. Primarily, to promote greater awareness on the importance of water in everyday life, and its conservation, and secondly, to accompany the two volumes of "Water is Life", produced as a joint UNEP/WAGGGS Environment project.

The Water Badge programmes drawn up for different age groups are all interesting and challenging. WAGGGS hopes members will enjoy working for the badge.

GIRL GUIDES/GIRL SCOUTS

Individual Challenges

- a) (i) Find out the main causes of water pollution in your area.
- (ii) Find out water pollutants from domestic use, agriculture and industries and talk about it to your tester. What are the adverse effects of such polluted water?
- b) Find out the sources of water in your area and how it is being purified for drinking. Suggest three (3) ways for: (i) improving the water supply, (ii) the water quality in your country.
- c) Find out about the leisure time uses of water in your area. What health and safety rules should be observed for these activities? Tell your company all about these and any harmful effects that these leisure activities may have on the environment.
- d) Recognize a total of twelve (12) plants and animals, birds or insects that live for part of their lives, at least, near or in a stream, river, pond, lake or the sea. Make notes on their life cycles and indicate how they rely on water to complete them.

Group Challenge

- Either
- a) With your patrol, plan and carry out a water site cleaning campaign. Share your experiences with your company/troop and with your tester.
- Or
- b) Adopt a pond, river or well for a period of six months. Look after it, keep a record of your work and submit a report at the end. You may include photographs, sketches, publicity notes, newspaper articles, etc.

This is the guide syllabus; the syllabus for rangers etc. is overleaf.

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PROFILE

Maha Salhani
Guider In Charge, Our
Chalet (Switzerland)



Maha Salhani was born and educated in Beirut, after which she attended Cambridge University and earned a degree in teaching English as a third language. (Maha speaks five languages in total: Arabic, French, English, German and has a working grasp of both Spanish and Italian, which together she counts as one.) She then returned to Beirut and taught English as a third language before leaving for Our Chalet.

Maha is still single, and very much on the move.

"I never had time to get married and settle down. In fact in June I'll be celebrating 30 years in guiding; not that I'm very old, but I started very young", she said.

Maha has been right through guiding, from brownies to being a trainer for the Arabic world and attending three World Conferences.

Guiding in Arabic countries is much the same as it is here. "Maybe we have different methods, but you adjust them...it's the same law, the same promise, but it's in a different language, that's all."

Maha explained, however, that guiding in some Arabic countries had to be adjusted for local customs. In the Gulf countries, for example, (as opposed to the Mediterranean countries) local customs do not allow a girl to sleep away from her own home if she is in her own country. This means they can't run week-long activities like Walkabout, but they get around this by having 'day camps', complete with tents and activities. These guides can attend international activities abroad, though, without difficulty.

Maha has been the Guider In Charge at Our Chalet for five years.

"When they gave me the job description, I said, 'Piece of cake!'" she said. But Maha admits the job involves a lot of responsibility. She has to make the final decisions about activities, about how the chalet is run; she has to be the lady-in-waiting, the plumber, the electrician when one is required.

Approximately 1000 girls stay at Our Chalet every year, enjoying activities like skiing in winter, and hiking and climbing in summer.

Maha emphasises the unique nature of the World Centres.

"People must not compare the World Centres. We do not compete; we complement each other...we are very different."

Maha is currently in Australia as the first ORD of the Gregory Fellowship.

She wants to remind Australian guides that despite their geographical isolation, they are part of a wider international organisation.

"Since they can't come to Our Chalet, Our Chalet has come to them!"

She adds that there are 8.5 million girl guides and girl scouts in over 118 member countries, with even more potential members coming out of the changing scene in of Eastern Europe, "so if we want to change the world, we can!"

Since arriving in Australia for her 17-day trip, Maha has visited NSW, Adelaide and is of course on the Great Guide Walkabout. She is impressed with Britannia Park: "Rarely around the world will you find a campsite that is so well equipped and so nicely kept."

She urges us all to make new friends and enjoy ourselves.

The proper way to cook a cockatoo is to put the bird and an axehead into a billy. Boil them until the axehead is soft. The cockatoo is then ready to eat.
Anon., traditional, quoted in the *Australian*, 1954

COM'S TIP.

Thanks to
for giving us
our daily bread!

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RANGERS/SENIOR GUIDES/ YOUNG LEADERS/CADETS

Individual Challenges

- Organize a water conservation day in your school, in your community or in your district. Either organize a film show/slide show on a water related subject or invite an expert to speak on a water related issue.
- Either organize a poster drawing contest amongst Rangers/Senior Guides/Young Leaders/Cadets in your district. Choose your own theme in relation to water. Hold an exhibition of the posters.
 - Make a simple rain gauge. Know how to use it to obtain reasonably reliable/accurate results. Explain to your company/roop how it is used.
 - Keep daily weather records for a month (clouds, rain, wind, hours of sunlight, etc.)
- Either

Find out what acid rain is. How can it affect plant and bird life?
What can be done to correct this problem in the short and long term?

Or

Find out how sewerage is disposed of in your area. What different origins are there and what is the best control of each type?
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- Make an aquarium or a small pond and introduce plants and animals. Explain what lives and grows there successfully and why.

Group Challenge

- Either

Find out how to construct a well or a water pump and make a working model. Try to interest the community in building a real one.
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Or

Adopt a stream, river or pool for a period of one year. Keep it clean and stock it with fish. Keep a diary of your activities and involve the community in the project.



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NOTICEBOARD

Girls going to Puffing Billy found time to go down the waterslide 20 times! (3.5)

City sights - leaders forgetful! City sightseers found themselves going a few too many tram stops when the Leaders didn't tell their guides to get off. (3.5)

One patrol in 3.7 has been cursed. Their patrol name is "Zippers". On the first day at camp, one uniform t-shirt was stuck in a zipper. Then one zip from a bag broke. That night a sleeping bag zip fell apart. They are hoping no more zippers will bust because bad things come in threes.
-The Zippers patrol (3.7)

G'day from U.A.
We're wicked
We're wild
We're wierd and
We're wonderful
so come and rage with us.
(any sexy abseilers welcome to this offer)
The wild, zinky trio,
Matt, Jag and Don.
P.S. We have plenty of badges and woggles to swap.

MAGIC TRICK.
If you smile at someone (a friend or a stranger) they will always smile back.
-Kerry Mure
-Adair Ferguson (3.5)

Water activities:
Rebecca and Anna had no luck on (or in) the water. Rebecca fell in fully clothed and Anna capsized the canoe.
(3.5)

ANCIENT QM'S PROVERBS
Where there's smoke, there's toast.
Anon.

Feeling sore from camp work? Well, here's your opportunity to get a free massage at Peta's tent.
Address: Green camp (water), Unit 3.2, five tents along from green flagpole. Ask for Peta.
-anon. friends.

I'm looking for a pen pal from America. I play piano and I like to read, and my favourite sports are roller skating and hockey. If you're interested, come to camp 3.5.
-Anna Robinson, Tasmania.

COPING WITH SNORING.
(a bogus ad.)

Having a problem with ghastly snorers at night?? Well, now there is an answer. These terrific earplugs block out the ultra-violet waves of snoring.

You can purchase these for only \$9.95

REPEAT
only \$9.95
SPECIAL OFFER

And if you buy these wonderful earplugs before the end of camp, for 5c extra you shall receive a mallet, handy to use at night. These mallets are usually worth \$20 each.

HOW COULD YOU REFUSE?

Ring (008) 032 615
Ring now, but don't send any money - we'll bill you. Ring now!

- Kate Jones,
Michelle Carney and
Anna Porter.

It was the first day of camp. Tents that were being pitched moved, ye MOVED. They just just grew legs and moved themselves. It vexed and confused those who were trying to tie them down!
-Michelle Allen (2.1)

Go-Karting: steering was a problem and confusion between brakes and accelerators was expressed when Sarah came into the pit-stop at high speed, passing several cars, into the fence. One girl had to be rescued nine times! (3.5)

Well here we are
Having fun
Camping and doing activities in the sun
The days will rush by
Then we'll all say goodbye.
But we will all have memories of this Walkabout
And lots of pals which we will write and talk about.
-anon.

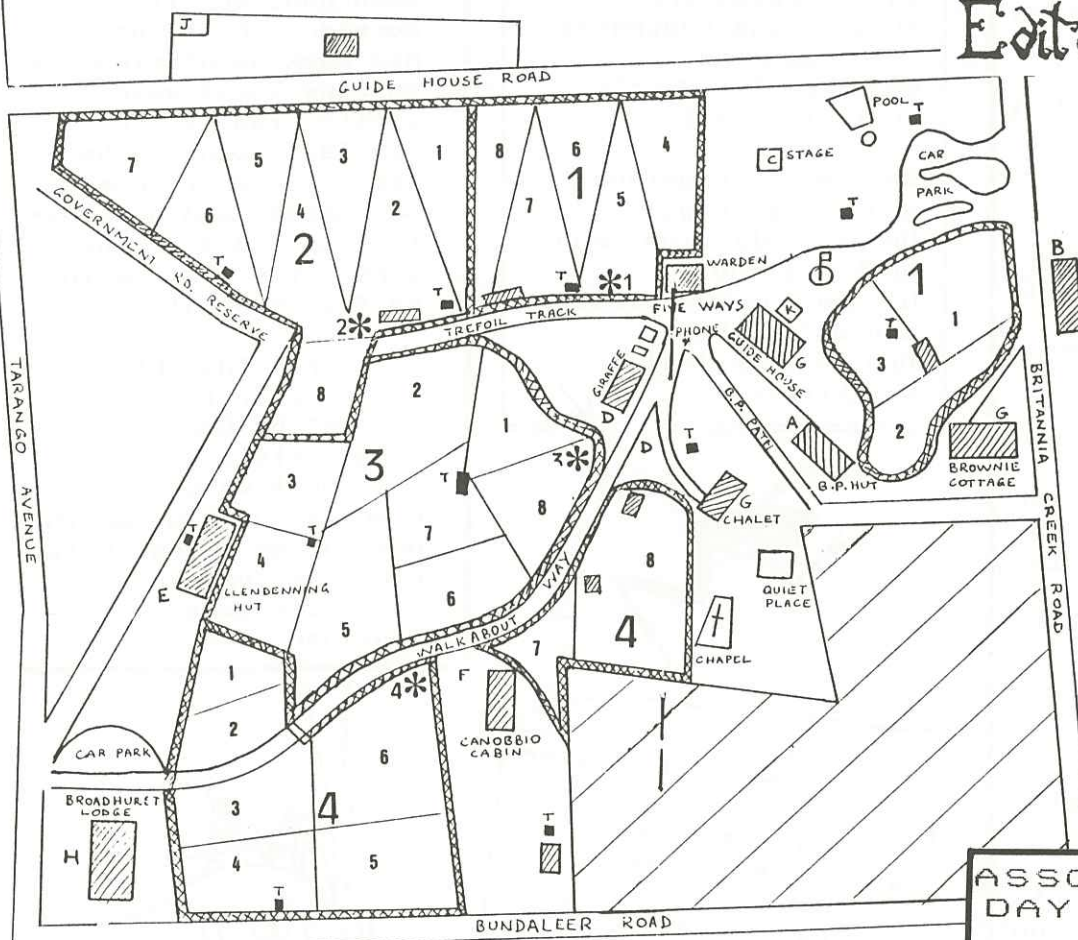
Happy birthday to Sarah Challis of camp 4.1,
Amanda Reynolds of camp 2.5 and Jacinta Elliott of camp 3.8.

Happiness makes up in Height for what it Lacks in Length. (Frost)

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Editor: ANDREA HO



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ASSOCIATION DAY

Dear Visitors,
Welcome! Thankyou for visiting the Great Guide Walkabout. We hope you run into everyone that you're here to see, meet some new people and view the campsite and activities. The day should be great for it - fine, with a top temperature in the mid-30s.

If you're unsure of your way around, consult the map below. And if you still need help, the PR tent (just before Guide House) will give you all the assistance you need.

Enjoy the day!

THE ENVIRONMENT OF YESTERDAY

by Carolyn Farrar

He looks at the trees and dreams of splendour,
He thinks of the loggers in disgust.
He expresses his thoughts by television and radio
He sits on a log and thinks
About the environment of yesterday.

He plants trees realising that it is useless
He puts his rubbish in the bin.
He walks by the water's edge pitying the oil drenched penguins
He counts the rings on the now deceased tree and thinks
About the environment of yesterday.

He looks at the stars and thinks of life
He sees visions of the sun in its brightness
He feels the heat being projected onto the land
He counts the days left for planet Earth and thinks
About the environment of yesterday.

VEGEMITE FAILS THE TASTE TEST

by Jo Shiell and Katherine Buchanan

By now everyone should have had some contact with our international campers from Singapore, America, Canada, Finland and the United Kingdom.

So that we all could get to know them a little better, we asked them a few friendly questions.

Most of them arrived on either the 2nd or 8th of January.

While in Australia they have visited places like Melbourne, Sydney, Geelong, Hamilton, Ballarat, Phillip Island, Apollo Bay and Ocean Grove.

The BIG question, though, was, what did they think of Vegemite?

The responses were varied.

"Nasty."

"I can live without it."

"I'm not really keen on it."

"Tasted like dirt, disgusting man!"

"I'll take peanut butter instead any day."

But, surprise, surprise, one girl answered, "Yum, it tastes like Marmite!"

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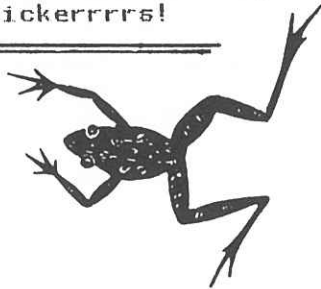
-Michelle Allen (2.1)

ROUSTABOUTS SONG

comped by the Equipment Team

(Have you ever wondered who the motley mob wearing grungy overalls with sheep on their backs are? No, they're not bagladies, nor are they freeloaders - they're the Equipment Team, aka the Roustabouts. Here's their I.D. call:)

We are the Roustabouts and we're okay,
We play all night and work all day
We are the Roustabouts and we're okay
And we wear frilly knickerrrrs!



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A PAGE FROM HISTORY #1

Advice to the guide who happens upon a burglar intent on pilfering the family silver:

"take a piece of cord eight inches long, make a slip knot in each end, and tie the burglar's hands behind his back by placing the ensuing loops over his little fingers - place him face down on the floor, bend his knees backwards, and pass his feet up and over the cord. You are now in perfect control."

from "How Girls can Help Build up the Empire" by Agnes Baden-Powell (1912).

What we want to know is, what would the burglar be doing while you were tying his little fingers together??



The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

Thomas Chalmers



ANCIENT QM'S PROVERB

Where there's smoke, there's toast.
Anon.

Talk About Walk about

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Issue n°: 5

Editor: ANDREA HO

HELLO FROM HELEN

The last few days has certainly proved that Victoria really can dish out the proverbial four seasons in one day; so far the camp has seen the weather go from freezing to frying! Thankfully everyone seems to be coping very well.

My thanks to security and transport teams and others who assisted with traffic and parking control yesterday. They all worked together to make arrival and departure on Association Day stress-free.

All of yesterday's visitors seemed impressed by the appearance and atmosphere of the camp, which is great. Keep it up!

WINNER OF THE 3PR COMPETITION on Monday: Danielle Price from Lilydale, (4.3)
"An open week for all sections during Guide Month inviting the public to visit and try us out."
Congratulations Danielle, call at the PR tent to claim your prize.

SUZY SAYS THE WORD from PR

We have a budding reporter and PR person in our camp. On Sunday night, Suzy Lewis of subcamp 1.6 gave a lively account of her trip to Lake Mountain on the 3L0 cub reporter program.

Suzy also happily answered questions about her new international friends. Congratulations, Suzy, and keep up the good work!

GUINEA PIGS SURVIVE LAKE MOUNTAIN

by Katrina Turner and Pricilla Rees (1.3)

The overnight hike was really good. Yellow group went over first so we got to be the guinea pigs of the camp.

The tents were really cool and easy to be put up.

On Sunday we had a variety of activities that were fun: grass skiing, Life! Be In It games, archery and more.

Also, on Saturday night there was a bush dance. Everyone joined in and had a good time although it didn't go for very long.

MAHA'S MUSIC HITS THE RIGHT NOTE

Sunday night's unit campfire saw Maha Salhani teaching everyone her duck song, which was apparently well received.

The next morning the girls of 4.2 were perfecting their quack when some bright spark said, "Why ducks? Why not a cow?" This set a whole chain of energetic creative thought going, and here are the results of their efforts:

COW.

Wasn't it a little know how,
That I was born a baby cow.
Shiny hooves and big brown eyes,
I use my tail to swat the flies.
MOO, MOO, MOO, MOO,
MOO.

-Tanya Van Norden
PIG.

Wasn't it a little jig
That I was born a baby pig.
A big pink snout and a curly tail,
I drink water from a pail.
OINK, OINK, OINK, OINK,
OINK.

-Diana Dietrich
STUPID FOOL

Wasn't it pretty cool
That I was born a stupid fool.
I inherited it from mum
Since I noticed that she was dumb.
ehh, ehh, ehh, ehh,
ehh.

-Benna Kingdom





Zen Verse

If you understand, things are just as they are;
If you do not understand, things are just as they are.

There once was a camp chief called Helen, Now listen, this story's worth tellin'. This is a great camp We think she's a champ And never once have we heard her yellin'.
Anon.

Hi Everyone!
Considering that there are a heap of people on this camp, there must be someone else who has experienced DISCOVERY. I'm a grad who is eager to talk about camp "great moments" with someone else who understands what I mean by CELEBRATE! See you (hopefully).
-Taryn Harding (3.4)

Attention all R6s, Rs, Jls and Us:
Please sign any or all the t-shirts being passed around during camp.
- us at subcamp 10



If A can pitch a tent in three hours, B in two hours and C in one hour,

THANKYOU-THANKYOU
The staff of the Guide Shop and Camp Post Office would like to commend all Walkabouts who shuffled slowly but patiently along the snaking queue to our counters to collect pre-orders and purchases on Saturday. Your patience and good manners are to be commended.

Wanted urgently: unusually coloured or patterned Chux. Please contact troop 3.7 (near Cannobio) if you have an interesting specimen. Replacement Chux provided and a reward is offered for the most unusual. This is not a joke; we are suffering severe withdrawal symptoms so your cooperation would be appreciated.
-The Green Chuxaholics (3.7)

Q. How does a champion cyclist stop music playing?
A. By breaking records!
Q. What is the hardest thing about learning to ride a bike?
A. The road!
-Kathy Watt (4.4)

Ranger Rose is feeling a bit deflated since she hasn't met all the 1000 guides and leaders at Walkabout. Make sure you visit the Ranger/Junior leader Friendship Tent to catch up with her and Junior Leader Jane.

Well, we're back again with another Zipper report. Saturdaynight our first aider Janine had her zip become stuck. Janine is the Zipper's fourth victim. Now onto the tree. We were about to take a photo when the leader asked us what our favourite was. At the moment when we yelled "money" the tree attempted, and nearly succeeded in WIPING US OUT. The offending branch was disposed of quickly, and the photo session proceeded.
-The Zipper Patrol(3.7)

To all participants of the GGW:
To identify Ranger Guides and Junior Leaders, please look for a feather in the hat, as many of us have been taken for guides. Many thanks.

...then why not let C do it?



**GIRL GUIDES
ASSOCIATION
WESTERN
AUSTRALIA (INC)**

20 December, 1991

Greetings from Western Australia to all the participants in Great Guide Walkabout.

Enjoy the challenges, make new friends, share your experiences and above all, have fun!

Marion Nairn

MARION NAIRN (MRS)
STATE COMMISSIONER

**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA
CONTINGENT
SONG**

Here we come from WA
Over here by plane and train
Some of us billet at Ballarat
The rest of us in Melbourne town.

We're having fun and that's no lie
Britannia Park's our destiny. (repeat)

Hey Melbourne
Ooo Melbourne
Hey Melbourne
Ooo Melbourne

In our subcamps we will stay
Wheels and water, walkers and wings.
Great Guide Walkabout's why we're here
Having fun and spreading our cheer.

Put on your shoes cos the West is here
The end of camp we all do fear.

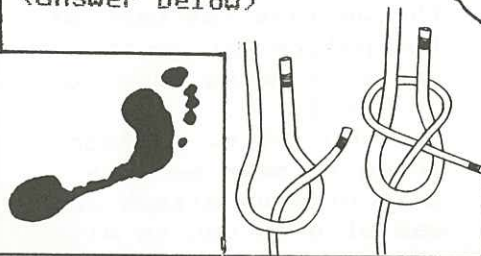
Hey Melbourne
Ooo Melbourne
Hey Melbourne
Ooo Melbourne

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**REMINDER -
URGENT PRE-
ORDER
COLLECTION**

Make sure you collect your order from the shop as soon as possible, or risk having your name published in tomorrow's paper for being forgetful!

GET KNOTTED!
What IS this knot? And what is it used for? (answer below)



**JUNIOR LEADERS
(Victorians)**

*First social get-together for junior leaders to be held at Headquarters in February 1992. Ring HQ for confirmation of date.

*State Residential Training: March 13th to 15th at Tynong.

Contact the training department or your Junior Leader Consultant if you would like to attend.

NEWS

Northern Territory News, Friday, January 17, 1992



Territory Girl Guides leaving for the Great Guide Walkabout in Melbourne with leader, Mrs Cheryl Flynn. Picture: KATRINA BRIDGEFORD.

KNOT TO WORRY...

It's a SHEET BEND, and it's used to tie two ropes of unequal thickness, or to join a rope to a loop.

*Thanks very much to
for colouring our lives
& keeping GGW in the pink!*

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PINK ZINC CREAM**

Crocs guided to Melbourne

Ten Territory girl guides are taking crocodiles to an international camp in Melbourne starting today.

That is baby crocodiles made of felt and can ring pulls to give to guides visiting the Melbourne Britannia Park for the Great Guide Walkabout six-day camp from Friday.

More than 1000 guides from troops all over Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States, Singapore, Thailand, Finland, Hong Kong and South Africa will camp out together.

Leader, Mrs Cheryl Flynn, pulled her girls through the Darwin Airport doors when they left yesterday.

Misses Lisa Lynch, Kate Rudwick, Alexandra Cook, Emma and Kelly Luck, Anne Marie Franklin, Cherie Driver, Jacqui Dysart, Amelia Karczewski and Susan O'Neil will spend six days grass skiing, hiking, practising archery, stargazing, treasure hunting, horse riding and caving at the camp.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE.

The editor of Talkabout Walkabout has been suffering from an ongoing battle in administration between the security scouters (Ian, Peter and Sue) and two junior reporters for the paper (Jo and Katherine). In desperation she is now turning the matter over to you, the public, for some thought. Please read both accounts carefully before deciding innocence or guilt; if you are in any doubt, feel free to consult either or both parties for a full account.

HOONBUSTER'S HOT AIR

The efficient police scouters were brutally assaulted by two ranger guides masquerading as Walkabout reporters from the admin office. The security team had just arrested both reporters for suspected theft of a scrunchie when they were brutally set upon with a cup of water. Handcuffs were needed to restrain the offenders identified as Jo (Mad Dog) SHIELL and Katherine (Biggy) BUCHANAN. Both suspects appeared before Judge U.R. GUILTY-NOMATTERWHAT and sentenced to public face painting which was carried out in front of a bemused flock of magpies.

HOONBUSTERS: CHANGE TO OFFICE HOURS

Please note a change to Britannia Park Police Station hours of duty. The rostered hours displayed on the police station wall are amended to allow an

additional 30 minutes in the spa between 8.30pm and 9.00pm. All emergency calls should be directed to the mobile bath phone.

REPORTERS' RATTLES

While innocently interviewing what we thought were our friendly (ha!) police, Mr Plod (Peter), Pretzel Head (Ian) and Water Woman (Sue), I was suddenly arrested, cuffed and brutally thrown into the back of the police van on the basis of being accused of theft.

My fellow partner tried to save me from this vicious attack and was also thrown in with me, where we were left to starve.

When we finally thought release had come, we pleaded not guilty, but we were not believed and an attempted hanging took place.

Like anybody else in this situation we made our crafty escape, even though we were now mercilessly handcuffed together.

Now we were angry!! A few minutes later we returned, to surprise them with a bucket of water. Later we picked open the handcuffs and we were finally free.

Just remember: we don't get mad, we get even.

Thanks heaps guys.

WATER ACTIVITIES NOT ALL WET

by Gail Perry, Water Activities Wombat

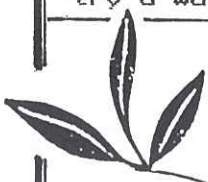
What's the best activity for the hot weather during the camp? Water Activities,

of course! Under the expert instruction of two highly competent leaders, girls learn to paddle both Canadian and kayak canoes, splash around on rafts and rubber rings and can swim until they're waterlogged. Those who are less energetic have the opportunity to sleep, talk, swap badges and generally laze around on the bank.

The highlight of each day is the canoeing races. The now (hopefully) competent canoeists race standing up, blindfolded and backwards.

Prizes are a choice between a slightly melted chocolate bar (the condition of the chocolate is greatly understated! -Ed) or a lesson in Eskimo rolling. So far, everyone has chosen to learn to roll, and all have done very well and gotten very wet.

For a great hot weather activity either at camp or with your own unit back at home, try a water activity!



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THE LAST WORD

Which Water Wombat (owner of the independant-minded combi) was trying to palm off overflowing portaloo pans onto unsuspecting passers-by? Sources say she was concerned about the pans spilling into the back of her borrowed ute on the bumpy ride, and felt a visitor's hatchback was more appropriate! Could this become a 'running story'?

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HELLO FROM HELEN

Yesterday I visited the staff at Lake Mountain and saw the activities there; now I know why everyone comes back and raves about the wonderful time they've had on the mountain! Congratulations to the hard working team who have been responsible.

Whilst walking around the site and talking to leaders, I have heard repeated so many times such comments as: "We have the best behaved girls on camp", "I've never in my 30 years of guiding had such terrific girls on camp", and "Thanks to the computer for giving us the best girls on site!"

It is really great to hear...let's keep it up!

WINNER OF THE 3PR COMPETITION on Tuesday: Michelle Allen (2.1)
"Word of mouth is the best idea and is how most things are promoted."
Congratulations Michelle, please call at the PR tent to claim your prize.

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LOCKED LOVE
by anonymous 4.6 campers

Monday morning, bright and warm. The wind whistles through the tents, and..."Oh no!!! Where is my key? Locked in my suitcase!! Arrgh!" This, or at least a similar comment, permeated the green patrol tent of unit camp 4.6 Orange, for a certain Belinda B. had locked the key to her suitcase, in her suitcase.

But not to worry, for the elusive Andrew (of abseiling fame), a renowned key retriever (it is rumored that he picks the locks of Porsches, Volvos and Mercedes Benzes) arrived on the scene. He made several attempts at retrieving the key. Each attempt had an interval when Belinda waited for him with anxiety (whether this was over her key or him will never be known).

Eventually the lock was removed and Belinda has access to the contents of her suitcase. Andrew and the lock have been disposed of.

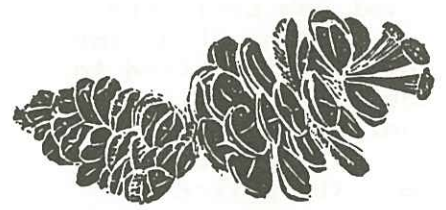
There are two kinds of people: those who don't do what they want to do, so they write down in a diary about what they haven't done, and those who haven't time to write about it because they're out doing it.
Richard Flournoy and Lewis R. Foster, *The More the Merrier*, screenplay, 1943

WALKABOUT WINS CAMPER'S PREFERENCE

Rebecca Turner, of 1st Fairfield Guide Unit NSW, would have been at the presentation ceremony of the Fairfield Council's Australia Day Awards if she hadn't chosen to attend Walkabout.

Rebecca was selected for the Junior Citizen of the Year award by her local council, but the presentation day fell in the middle of the camp.

Instead, Rebecca was congratulated on her achievement at the Walkers subcamp campfire on Tuesday night, the same night as Rebecca would have received the award.



LOST, STOLEN, STRAYED (OR KIDNAPPED!)
One loveable green housepet - property of the Cascading Team. Cassie Crocodile must be returned or NO cascading!!
Reward offered. Meet for handover at Brownie Cottage.

**MRS NODDY
PROSECUTED
OR TRIAL BY MEDIA**
by Karen Noddy

Stop the press!
Something terrible has happened: Mrs Noddy (Jan Dawson, catering) has been arrested by the police!

Her charges are as follows:

1. Sleeping with an alien (we found Alf in her bed)
2. Sewing up her own pyjama sleeves and therefore being indecently exposed
3. Dangerous driving: turning the Noddy Meals on Wheels mobile in 4th gear
4. Bladder incontinence
5. Using a loud voice in a public place without the use or need of a microphone
6. Assault with a deadly icepack, causing grievous bodily harm.

Your on-the-spot reporter saw and has photographic evidence of the whole situation.

The tension mounted as Mrs Noddy was told to blow in the bag to check her Noddy juice (chocky milk) levels. She was then handcuffed, escorted to and put in the police van and driven to Five Ways, where a public trial was performed.

During this time she was handcuffed to the police car and awaited sentence.

The sentence - to wash the police car whilst cuffed to it.

A suitable punishment.

**AN EPISTLE
FROM THE
RANGER
SECTION**

Ranger Guides and Junior Leaders selling our program at the Great Guide Walkabout.

This tent is geared to amuse you; you can make badges, popcorn or write a letter (to your favourite scout/venturer).

It's dusty, it's hot and it's great fun (??). We've been meeting overseas, interstate and Victorian guides, and hearing about your activities. We've had lots of visitors drop in and say "Hi!"

If you want to see another bunch of fresh-faced, open-eyed and bushy-tailed (??!!) Ranger Guides and Junior Leaders tomorrow, we'll be open from 9am 'til dark (4pm, really).

With the supposed cooler weather on its way we hope you'll appreciate the popcorn.

And just remember, if you're going to do it, do it as a Ranger..

Stay dry, the Ranger Way (go inside!) Have fun and behave yourselves!

Best Wishes,
The Ranger Section.

**CONVERSATION
TRAVELS FAR
AND WIDE**

Does your unit take part in Jamboree on the Air? So far, 29 girls visiting the radio shack have indicated an interest in taking part this year.

This is an easy way for your unit to take part in the largest international gathering held annually in the Guiding movement.

This year it is held around the world on 17-18 October.

Watch future issues of G.I.A. for ideas to prepare your unit for radio activities.

Come to the radio shack to find out the name of your State Radio Activity Consultant, who can help you organise a radio activity in your area.



**TRADING
CENTRE
REMINDER**

Please make sure you have collected all your pre-orderd and clothing orders by Thursday lunchtime at the very latest.

THE LAST WORD

Which region commissioner has just spent her first night under canvas after guiding for more than seventeen years? Word has it that to ease the region commissioner into the experience the unit leader blew up a lilo for her!

The Wombat team at Brownie Cottage have gone one further than eating dinner in bow ties. Sources say that they conduct a formal breakfast daily, at which they all wear their camp scarves over their nighties.

And which junior leader (in sub-camp 4) discovered that there is more to caving than she thought - you also need the right sized hips, it seems!*

*this was a contribution...the editor disclaims all responsibility!

Thankyou to the
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Supporting
GGW.

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PROFILE

Margaret Eustance,
Australian Guide
Advisor



"I'm totally crazy. You have to be totally crazy to keep on guiding for years and years and years."

That's how the Australian Guide Advisor, Margaret Eustance, describes herself. She likes to think she is slightly over-the-hill, but still thinking young.

Margaret now lives by herself in Cairns, Northern Queensland. She has two grown up children and five grandchildren ("my grandson's just gorgeous!"). Although now retired, Margaret is by profession a junior primary school teacher; while she loved teaching younger schoolchildren, she much prefers being involved with guide section.

Margaret missed out on joining brownies. She describes herself as having been a large, awkward child, and when she turned up at the local brownie pack asking to join, the Brown Owl took one look at Margaret standing head and shoulders above the other brownies and said, "Oh no, you're much too big for brownies, go to guides!" So Margaret joined the movement as a guide.

Margaret enjoyed guides so much that she stayed in her unit for as long as possible, somehow managed to avoid ranger section altogether, and ended up as a leader. She held a Brown Owl's warrant for a while, before going into, and remaining in, guide section. She also worked as a trainer.

Margaret is nearly two years into her five-year appointment, a demanding job which is nevertheless voluntary. She laughs about having landed the job; she's never held any state appointments, something she blames on the tyranny of distance (Cairns being so far from Brisbane).

Margaret's job requires her to coordinate all of Australia's guide section advisers, dealing with their queries and problems. She also sits on the Australian programme committee (headed by Jane Scarlett, who was also on GGW earlier this week). The committee meets face to face twice a year, to discuss the girl's programme. Every two years a national conference is held, at which they do things like change badge requirements and review the guide handbook (adjusting style, diagrams and content).

In fact, Margaret has just returned from one such conference in Adelaide.

"Oooh, the conference finished the day the camp started!"

Margaret admits that because she must deal with so many committees, the job often gets tedious: "There's an awful lot of paper pushing." What Margaret hopes to achieve in the job, though, is grass-roots communication. She wants to camp in each state and speak to as many girls as possible to get their feelings on guiding.

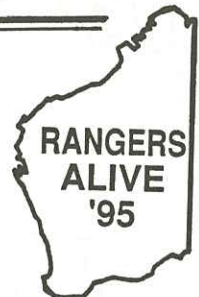
"It's one thing to talk to adults about what girls want; it's another thing to talk to kids", she said.

It seems Margaret's well on her way to achieving this; in addition to Walkabout, she also attended the W.A. state camp last year.

Margaret is amazed at the amount of preparation that has gone into the coordination of Walkabout: the number of activities run in such diverse places has run very smoothly, and she says she hasn't seen a camp manage so much.

"I think it's a great concept. I take my hat off.

"I'm having a ball."



RANGERS ALIVE IN '95

If you are going to be between 14 and 26 (or a ranger section leader) you have to come to W.A. for the next Australian Ranger Gathering.

Do you enjoy (or want to try) flying, caving, bushwalking, canoeing etc.? Then you have to make sure you are a ranger guide, ranger or junior leader so you can apply to come with us.

STARS (Jan 1991 in S.A.) was fantastic; Rangers Alive will be even better. Call into the Ranger Guide/Junior Leader Friendship tent to find out more, and get a special sticker. See you all there.



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Guide-Scout relations (the healthy kind) were encouraged on Saturday when the abseiling team were invited to supper by camp 2.1. We were kept entertained with some of their antics. Ever tried to make 5 or 6 or 10 out of 4 sticks? Thanks for your company, abseilers. - Unit camp 2.1

We have winners! Melissa Norris of 3.4, Naomi Hawthth of 3.5 and Alison White of 4.1 have all managed to beat the computer at 3-D noughts and crosses. Awsome!

CQ CQ CQ
THIS IS UK3GGW
Have you had a chance to talk to people in Japan, Scotland, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea or Norfolk Island? Then visit the radio shack from 8pm 'til 10pm. Many girls who have done radio activities during the day return to speak on the air at night. Both girls and leaders welcome.

Happy birthday to Kerry Staker of subcamp 1.7.

Lake Mountain - Who is the man who hides in bushes with a bow and arrow and shoots down kites??

Someone from 4.6 went and animalnapped Wanda and George from their home tent early on Tuesday morning. Later when 4.6 were having breakfast Wanda's mother came over very depressed and crying. - Jackie W. and Coralie P. (4.6)

The leader and girls of Unit 5 Sub 4 (Wheels, Wayne Gardner) would like to thank the hospital staff, Rousabouts, our Subcamp staff, the staff of units 4.6, 4.2 and 4.4, Administration staff and any other wonderful people who come to our assistance promptly on Saturday night. We thank them not only for their help on the night but also for their follow up care, concern and assistance since. Thanks.

(cna anyone tell me who Wanda and George are?? -Ed.)

Ranger Rose is feeling a bit deflated since she hasn't met all the 1000 guides and leaders at Walkabout. Make sure you visit the Ranger/Junior leader Friendship Tent to catch up with her and Junior Leader Jane.

\$\$ REWARD \$\$
Missing in action

1 woolly sheep.
description:
height: 2' tall
weight: not much
colour: white
eyes: glued black felt

1 working dog
description:
looks lke Clifford,
only yellow. Answers to
the name of Cobber.

Please return; owners fretting. Reward pending but as yet undecided. Warning: security (Hoonbusters) have been notified!
-The Roustabouts.

A comment from a guide: "tell people of the wonderful friends you meet and the wonderful camps with the most excellent leaders who always help you." Well done, leaders - doesn't that make you feel good!

Request from Lake Mountain: would SOMEONE please invent a nozzie zapper that plugs into gum trees?

Should you be a teenager blessed with uncommon good looks, document this state of affairs by the taking of photographs. It is the only way anyone will ever believe you in years to come. Fran Lebowitz, 'Tips for Teens', Social Studies, 1981

Insurance policy against future generations of sceptics. Ask your leaders for an explanation!

I A POOR MAN AM



I a poor man am,
Though I nothing have,
Freely will I give.

Talk About Walkabout

Date: 23.1.92
Issue no: 7 x Final!

Editor: ANDREA Ho

HELLO FROM HELEN

My last message to you as leader-in-charge of the Great Guide Walkabout can be summed up in two words which apply to every member of camp: "Congratulations" and "Thankyou".

Congratulations and thankyou to my planning committee for the wonderful effort they have put into planning this event.

Congratulations and thankyou to all leaders who have been so dedicated in the care they have given the girls.

Congratulations and thankyou to all the girls for their cheeriness, courtesy and good humor.

Congratulations and Thankyou to everyone for the friendships made and the fun shared.

As you go home and share your experiences and memories with your families and friends in every corner of the world, remember that you are all the very best P.R. guiding can have.

Stand tall, and remember to tell all that Guiding is Great.
Good Luck,

Helen

MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS MAKE MAGIC

by Jacinta Elliott(3.8)

Date: Mon 20th Jan
Destination: Lake Mountain
Activity: 7km hike... with LUCY WATSON.
Well like any other hike we started off at the bottom of the hill with a map. Also like any other hike we started walking and like any other hike it was uphill but unlike any other hike we had a wheel chair. We proved that it is possible to take a wheel chair over rocks, logs, and up and down hills. With the whole unit's enthusiasm and Lucy's determination, we took turns pulling and pushing. With a few ups and downs we got to the end with happy and smiling faces (we didn't come last, either). What we accomplished that day was not getting Lucy through the hike, but working as a team and getting to know each other better.

UP THE AIRY MOUNTAIN, DOWN THE RUSHY GLEN

by subcamp 2's happy mountaineers

Up the airy mountain are a group of purple people doing a marvellous job looking after groups of other coloured people, one each day.

In a packed program from the very first minute of arrival at the Mountain MET, one is kept busy in many ways.

Congratulations to all the purple people at the Mountain MET, especially the uninformed welcoming committee, William Tell who thinks he's a kite man and Jenny Beales whose inspiration and enthusiasm has made it all happen.

CHAIR ASSAULT IN CAMP 2.1

by anon. residents

It was 10:45 am on Tuesday morning.

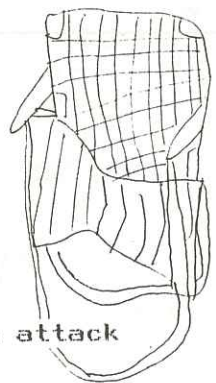
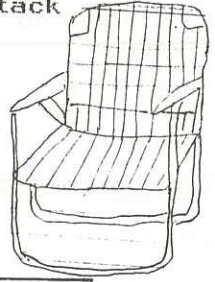
An innocent little fold-up chair was physically assaulted by 2.1's cuddly first-aider, Carol Spencer.

This matter was taken seriously by the members of 2.1 camp, who reported it to the police, who charged Carol for physical assault.

Carol will appear in court tomorrow afternoon.

P.S. 20c for a gawk at the assaulted chair.

Before the brutal attack



After the attack

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MESSAGE FROM
MARGARET
the Australian Guide
Adviser

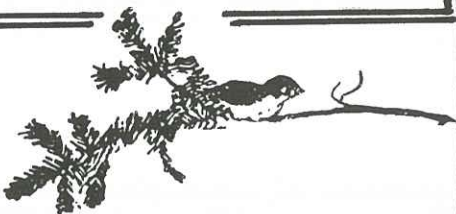
What a great time we have all had over the past week at the G.G.Walkabout! I have enjoyed my time with you and, as the Orange Wheels Wombat, have met lots of girls. Camps like this create memories that will last us all our lives. Perhaps you have met someone who will remain your lifelong friend even though you live some distance apart. You may have tried an activity that will lead to a new hobby or a new sport. Any discomforts or troubles will soon be forgotten, leaving the best bits to be remembered.

On your behalf I thank Victoria for organising the event, the internationals for joining us and the many people whose cooperation has made the camp possible. Lastly I thank you, all the guides and leaders for the wonderful spirit which has filled the camp with fun and friendship.

A safe journey to you all.

- Margaret Eustance,
"Wheels Wombat"

P.S. Wanda thanks you too.



The amount of sleep required by the average person is about five minutes more.
Max Kauffmann

A venerated camping proverb commonly quoted on the last morning of camp.

THANKYOU FROM
THE GIRL
GUIDES OF
CANADA

Maybe your Vegemite is an aquired taste, but our love of Australia and her people was instant.

We would like to thank everyone from the Girl Guides of Australia for the warm and friendly hospifalify we have experienced everywhere.

We are all taking a special part of Australia home with us, which we will always treasure.

Bravo, bravo, bravo
bravissimo
Bravo, bravo, very well done.

Very well done indeed.

- Joann Jacyk, Dale Shekooley, Melissa Stewart, Lori Mosher, Dawn MacNevin, Sandi Caron.

THE LAST WORD

Which well-known Victorian Flying Wombat needs instruction in "spin the bottle"? Lessons in how to lie the bottle horizontally are now being solicited!

Which member of the constabulary was seen walking quickly behind a runny-eyed, nangey black stray dog? Sources are still unsure of who adopted who. Is this just deserts for sarcastic comments heard over the two-way the other day?

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FROM THE UK
CONTINGENT

Thanks Aussies for a great experience. We have had a wonderful time at this camp.

Just for fun we would like to teach the Aussies how to speak ENGLISH:
bathers - swimming costumes;
windcheaters - sweatshirts;
Rice Bubbles - Rice Crispies;
thongs - flip-flops;
cordial - juices;
sneakers - trainers;
zucchini - courgette;
(car) boot - trunk;
day pack - rucsack.

Hope to see you all in the UK!

- Lorraine,
Claire A., Claire T.,
Jennie, Andrea,
Angharad, Zoe,
Elizabeth, Anita and
Margaret.

GREAT GUIDE
WALKABOUT
VIDEO ORDERS

The Great Guide Walkabout video will be available on order. Details of the length and cost of the video have not yet been finalised.

Anyone interested in purchasing a video may write to:
Great Guide Walkabout Video,
Girl Guide Association
20 Russell St
Melbourne Vic 3000
and request an order form.

Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope. All final video details will be on the order form.

Orders close on
31 March 1992.

THE CONCISE
CAMPER'S
DICTIONARY

by Anna, Claire and
Melissa (3.3)

AEROGARD: meant to keep
off flies. Always at
bottom of bag when most
needed.

BED ROLL: what happens
if you're sleeping on a
slope

BULLANTS: insects that
bite

BUSH: common camping
grounds

BUS TRIP ingenious way
to torture campers

CAMPERS: Both male and
female, of every age,
nationality, size, etc

CITY: no good for
camps, most campers
come from these.

CAMPFIRE: a way to put
campers to sleep

DIRT: a popular topping
for all types of food

DILLY BAGS: a bag
designed to always have
missing the most
important items, eg.
cup, fork

EATING: what most
campers do constantly

FIRST AIDER: keeper of
the chuck bucket

GUIDES: frequent
campers

HOMESICKNESS: a way to
make people feel sorry
for you

HOPPING: what campers
do over tent pegs

INDIGESTION: what most
campers get after each
meal

JAM: never at camp

KANGAROOS, KOALAS:
never come near
campsites

KOOKABURRAS: always
wake you at 3am

LEADERS: people who
pretend to know more
about camping than we
pretend to

MOSQUITOES: insects
that fly and bite

NASTY: like your
leaders first thing in
the morning

NOISE: what OTHER
people always seem to
be making

ORANGE JUICE: 1. always
for breakfast

2. swimming pool for
little insects

PANIC: when a storm
comes and your tent
still isn't up

Q.M.: Quarter Master,
cook, or anything else
you feel like calling
her

ROPES: never enough to
put up tents

SCOUTS: see guides

SLEEP: on a camp, can
range from about 7
hours to none at all

SLEEPING BAG: purposely
made slippery so that
you end up at the
bottom of the tent the
next morning

TOILETS: seem to always
be full of creepy-
crawlies

TU: this has absolutely
nothing to do with
camping

UMBRELLA: no good
camper would ever dream
to take one

U-NECK WOOLLEN JUMPERS:
itchy, big and of just
about no use to anyone

WHATCHAMACALLIT: the
little do-hicky that
we've all meant to take
to camp, but don't

X-TRA: things you put
in at the last minute
that YOU think you
might need, but
everyone else knows you
don't

YES: what all campers
say when offered second
helpings of a nice
dessert, especially
when they haven't
touched their healthy
first course.

ZZZZ: what campers wish
they were doing during
the day at camp,
especially after a late
night the day before
and an early morning.



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Well, you might have
thought the abseilers
were gorgeous, hunky
guys that wouldn't do a
thing wrong. I would
like to congratulate
Daniel, Brett, Andrew,
Max and Danny for
stealing the lighted
police sign from
outside the police
office. I was there for
the great unveiling and
it looked great at the
top of the abseiling
tower, all lit up. The
boys told me that the
motive for this lovely
piece of work was that
the police featured
extensively in issue 5.
Now boys, you finally
feature in your own
story. *

*The boys were severely chastised
for their actions, and all admitted
it was a very silly thing to do.
-Security.

In all of the Great
Guide Walkabout
There is definately not
a shadow of a doubt
That 1.8 wins hands
down
With the most tolerant
leaders around.
Who else would stand
for freezing cold hoses
Wanderers in the night
and long blood noses
Tending to people who
fall off their bikes
Getting no sleep and
two hour hikes
Making sure we get a
good feed
Asking around to get
what we need.
Stuffing us with cake
til we nearly burst
And making sure that
the kids come first.
Making sure we get to
all of our places
And trying to remember
all of our faces.
So thankyou to Cap.
Robbie and Rosalie
And we must not forget
English Dilly.
So we thank you for all
you've done
And hope you all had as
much fun.
- Sharyn Mullers (1.8)

Hi Walkabouts -
Thankyou so much for
making me so welcome
during my stay at
Walkabout. It is one of
the happiest camps I
have ever experienced.
Thankyou to the Pink
Walkers for 'wining and
dining' me. Good luck
with 'the strike'. Go
well and safely.
- The Phantom Wombat
aka. AJ ROARAC

Isn't it great to see
so many younger leaders
taking the
responsibility of Q.M.s
and First Aiders at the
Great Guide Walkabout.
Us oldies can be
reassured that guiding
is in good hands for
the future. BRAVO.
- Shirly Barron and
many others.

Five girls (to remain
nameless) from 2.6
attempted to sleep out
under the stars on
Monday 20th but failed
miserably when a group
of girls from 2.7 raced
to the toilets and the
Leader in charge from
2.6 came outside and
spotted the girls in
sleeping bags and
blankets and hustled
them back to their
tents for the night.
BUSTED. Bad luck girls,
maybe next time.
- anon (participants)

This is just a short
note to say, on behalf
of subcamp 3.1 we would
like to say thankyou to
all of the people for
their kindness and
hospitality at our
overnight stay at Lake
Mountain. We would
especially like to
thank the caterers for
their yummy food.

All of the Walkers
Subcamp^{went} up to Lake
Mountain on Sunday and
we all had great fun.
The activities are
really great,
especially bike riding
and orienteering. We
also had a go at bush
dancing with rowdy
Rizpah.
- Tamara

THANKS
To ALL who made the
Great Guide Walkabout
possible. And to our
leaders in 2.2,
'Possum', 'Koala' and
'Bandaid'.
- Helen, Rebecca and
Kylie (2.2)

Person with
Extraordinary
Talent
And

Witty
Humor
Indeed!
Thanks
For
Orienteering
Resources
Down Under!*

Happy Birthday to
Shelly Mullens (3.8)
Fiona Buntline (4.5)
Anne Wallace (3.1) and
Alex Rungie (1.6).

*camp 2.2 were visited
by their namesake, Peta
Whitford, who drank tea
with the girls and
inspected the rest of
the campsite. Suffice
to say, Peta was
impressed both with the
camp and the campers!
Well done - Ed.

Congrats Debbie B! You
looked really cute
sitting on that man's
knee 15ft above the
ground. What would your
husband say, though?

Thanks for the great
experiences which only
this camp could
provide.

- Helen, Rebecca and
Kylie (2.2)

A first for Britannia
Park? Showering at
Canobbio and being
entertained by a live
male choir...

We would like to take
this chance to thank
every leader, junior
leader and ranger guide
for their assistance in
planning for this camp.
Everyone who
participated thoroughly
enjoyed this
international camp and
your time and effort
was and still is
greatly appreciated.

- Kelly Yates and
Amanda Connett (3.2)

Which unit camp in
subcamp 4 is in mortal
danger of having a
hooter mysteriously
disappear, or at the
very least finding it
where it was not
designed to go??

On behalf of all of
subcamp 1.4 we would
like to thank the
organisers of the Great
Guide Walkabout for
giving their time and
effort in providing
such a fab, bonza, fun-
filled camp. Everyone
had a great time and we
hope to see our new
friends in the near
future.

- Natalie Pearse and
Danielle Janek (1.4)

Many thanks to Mrs Mac,
Helen and Anne for an
enjoyable and
interesting camp. We
enjoyed having you as
leaders.

- all of 1.1

This poem is dedicated
to all the people I met
on this camp.
I wish I was a flea
Then I would Hop upon
thee
And give you a bite
In the middle of the
night
So you remember me.
- Mandy Connett

THE LAST WORD
CONT'D
A BUMPER COLUMN

Who was the leader who was caught in the loo without any toilet paper and left completely at the mercy of another leader's kind nature? This second leader, filled with good intentions, offered to go up to Canobbio to get some more paper, only to start talking and forget about the first stranded leader entirely!

And while the sewer is running hot, another tale has surfaced of a senior Wombat who went to visit Aunt Mary and found herself in trouble. As she closed the door, a piece of wood fell in front of it, trapping her inside. The Wombat concerned hasn't been guiding for all these years for nothing, though; after various attempts, she managed to dislodge the wood with a bucket handle and let herself out.

And who were the two leaders spied reclining in the spa with a third MALE abseiling leader?

Word has it that the illustrious abseiling team has fans outside the campsite as well. Their rubbish was spotted being carted away, not by our own Roustabouts, but by the local council!

W is for a WONDERFUL
time we are having
A is for ACTIVITIES
which we have been
doing
L is for LAUGHTER, a
lot of time we have
been laughing
K is for KINDNESS
everyone has been
showing
A is for ABSEILING
which was very
challenging
B is for BEAUTY of the
trees I've been
seeing
O is for OVERNIGHT
HIKE
which we all found
exhilarating
U is for UNFORGETTABLE
memories which will
be everlasting
T is for TENIS where
there has been much
talking

All this adds up to
WALKABOUT.
Thanks to everyone,
including the mossies.
- Margaret Dillon (UK)

CONGRATULATIONS
to the last 3PR winner:
Christy Phelan (3.6)
who thought we should
organise a large fun
run which would involve
lots of people from
outside guiding.
Contact the PR people
at HQ to claim your
prize.

Thanks to all
girls who visited the
PR tent - you have been
very thoughtful and
have given some
wonderful ideas to be
followed up.

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Do not try to satisfy your vanity by teaching a great many things. Awaken people's curiosity. It is enough to open minds; do not overload them. Put there just a spark. If there is some good inflammable stuff, it will catch fire.



MULES

(Air: Auld Lang Syne)

On mules we find two legs behind,
And two we find before;
We stand behind before we find
What the two behind be for:
When we're behind the two behind,
We find what these be for -
So stand before the two behind,
And behind the two before.

THERE GOES A HAPPY MORON



There goes a happy moron,
He doesn't give a dam;
I wish I were a moron -
My God! Perhaps I am!

EDITOR'S
MESSAGE

I'd just like to say that though it's been hard work, I've enjoyed editing Talk About Walkabout - I hope you've enjoyed reading it, and that it provides a concrete memory of the camp. My thanks must go to the girls in Administration: Barb, Marg, Val, Chris, Wendy, Pam, Jo and Katherine. Without them granting me a million indulgences, no one would have ever seen an issue of the paper.

WE ARE GUIDES

(To the tune of 'Summer Nights')

We found guiding, it was a blast,
We left brownies began guides at last,
We made our promise, you and me
We started working for our B.P.
We did badges all the timewo,wo,wa.....
Through the day and night

Wella,Wella,wella,uh.

CHORUS .

We are Guides, We are Guides, We are Girls in Blue.
We are Guides, We are Guides, Just me and You.
ah..dodo..ah,ha...dodo..ah,ha..dododododo

We did things a long time ago,
What we did I really don't know,
Then we started our camping fun,
We went camping under the sun,
In our tents, burning our food,
Running to the showers in the nude.

Wella,Wella,Wella,uh.

CHORUS

We started working in our patrols,
Earned some badges by making some dolls,
We crashed cans to make some cents
To buy ourselves some new tents,
We worked hard for our First aid,wo,wo,wa...
Through the day and nigh.....ghts, wo,wo,wo.

CHORUS

shu,papa,shu,papa,shu,papa,shu,papa,shu,papa,shu,papa,
shu,papa,shu,papa,

We went camping with Janarli,
She passed her badge with glory
At Queen's Birthday it rained all weekend
We got gold and silver again
We went skating on some ice
Falling over wasn't that ni.....ice, wo,wo,wo,

CHORUS

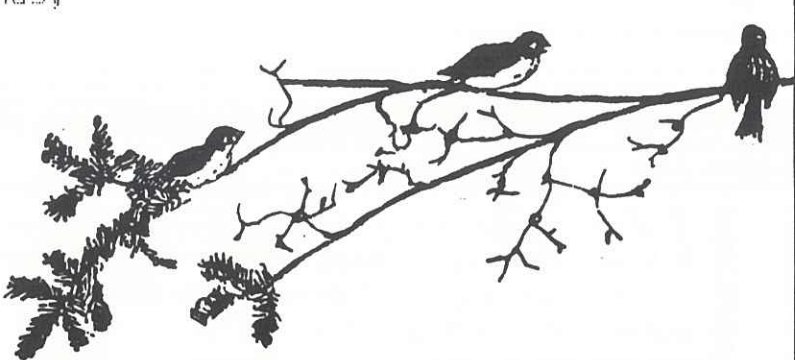
Our B.P.s finished, thats where it end,
But we've made stacks of new friends,
It's the time to move on
Wonder When we'll meet again.
Guides was great, and we'll miss,
Those Monday nights.

We are Guides We are Guides

-by Karina Gibbs
& Karlie Davies



A tutor who tooted the flute
Tried to tutor two tooters to toot.
Said the two to the tutor,
"Is it harder to toot, or
To tutor two tooters to toot?"



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Ballarat and Western Australian guides had a chance to get to know each other before leaving together for The Great Guide Walkabout at Britannia Park in Melbourne. They are, from left, Jill Fleming 9th Ballarat, Nicola Gill, 2nd Greenwood WA, Elizabeth Bahr 1st Alfredton, Alison Mason 11th Ballarat, Seona Murnane 11th Ballarat, Kyna Cookson 1st Kununurra WA, Jodie Marra 1st Kununurra WA, and Shannon Connor 1st Mundaring WA.

Girl Guides to go on walkabout ...

By LEANNE MIDDLETON

A group of 12 guides from the Ballarat Region travelled to Melbourne yesterday to take part in the guiding equivalent of the Jamboree — The Great Guide Walkabout at Britannia Park.

Walkabout is an international camp which about 1200 guides are attending.

In the 10 days leading up to the camp guides from around Australia and overseas were billeted with other guides closer to Melbourne.

A group of 14 Western Australian guides spent their 10 days in Ballarat.

A group of guides from America, who stayed in Hamilton and Ocean Grove, visited Ballarat for lunch one day last week.

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The Ballarat and Western Australian guides were joined by some more guides from Singapore at 7 am yesterday morning for their de-

parture to the camp. There are four sub-camps at Walkabout and on arrival the guides had to set up their own tents.

The camp will run until January 23 and in that time the guides will all go on an overnight hiking activity and take part in various on and off-site activities.

The on-site activities for the girls to choose from are: a rope course, abseiling, cascading, caving, computers, enameling and pool activities and the off-site activities are: city sites, Puffing Billy, horse riding, water activities, air activities and go-karting.

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CANADIAN GUIDES AT COHUNA

CANADIAN Girl Guides have experienced at first hand the beauties of the Gunbower Island bush.

And in company with Cohuna Guides they have had a fair dinkum Aussie barbecue and campfire.

The group of six - two leaders and four Guides - were hosted at Cohuna en route to an international guiding camp at Britannica Park, Yarra Junction.

Canadian leaders, Dawn MacNevin from Nova Scotia and Sandi Caron were delighted with the hospitality of folk at Cohuna and were pleased that a group of girls from Cohuna would also be attending the international camp.

The visit was a great learning experience for the local girls and their Canadian friends with maps, books and Guide information exchanged as well as badges and souvenirs.

The four girls from Ottawa, Winnipeg and Edmonton were selected from a large number of applicants in Canada and were obviously "one big happy family" on this visit to Cohuna.

They were welcomed by Murray Plains Divisional Commissioner Joan Friso, District Commissioner Suzanne Farrant and Guide Leader Lorraine Learmonth. Local girls attending the international camp are

Stacey Farrant, Melanie Martin, Lisa Crichton, Hannah Jakob and Anna Drummond.

Mrs Learmonth will attend the camp as a Guide leader.

Five Leitchville Guides have also been chosen. They are Aleisha McNaught, Deanne Dehne, Amy Link, Hilary

Fehring and Rebecca Garland.

Pictured around the campfire at Tree Tops Camp on the Gunbower Creek were from left Divisional Commissioner Joan Friso, Sandi Caron (Canada), District Commissioner Suzanne Farrant, Guide Leader Lorraine Learmonth and Dawn MacNevin (Canada).

Looking at maps of Canada were Cohuna and Canadian Guides, from left, Hannah Jakob (Cohuna), Dale Shekoooley and Melissa Stewart (Canada), Lisa Crichton (Cohuna), Lou Masher (Canada), Melanie Martin and Stacey Farrant (Cohuna).



ALONG THE WARBURTON HIGHWAY by Ros Egan

The great guide walkabout

MANY Guides from Acheron Region (covering the Shires of Lillydale, Healesville and Upper Yarra) are embarking on the adventure of their lives. Over a period of a week they are participating in some of the following activities, abseiling, canoeing, hiking, orienteering, caving, cycling, and riding a steam train. They will also find themselves camping out overnight on the side of Lake Mountain.

These guides are participating in the Great Guide Walkabout, a national event organised by the Girl Guides Association. The camp is taking place at Britannia Park a guide property near Yarra Junction.

The guides from Acheron Region are joined by girls from as far away as Kununurra and Turrumurra, Launceston and Longreach, Darwin and Darling Downs. They are also meeting girls from as far away as the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Singapore, South Africa and Thailand.

"The camp is a unique opportunity for the girls to meet new people make new friends and to gain a knowledge and understanding of the ways of life of girls from Australia and overseas," says Helen Rawady, Chairperson of the planning committee. "The Great Guide Walkabout is very different from your average guide camp."

Preparation for the Walkabout began in 1989. Catering has been a major consideration with the emphasis on fresh meat, fruit and vegetables.

Jan Brown, catering coordinator tells us "some of the statistics are amazing. Imagine 12,000 pieces of fruit, 40,000 slices of bread and 3,000 litres of milk and you will have some idea of the size of the Great Guide Walkabout."



★ Tamara Nickels, Danielle Price, Cathy Baxter, Michelle Isherwood (from Acheron Region) with Lorraine Dempster (UK) and Lori Mosher (Canada) make a "human tangle" during the Great Guide Walkabout.



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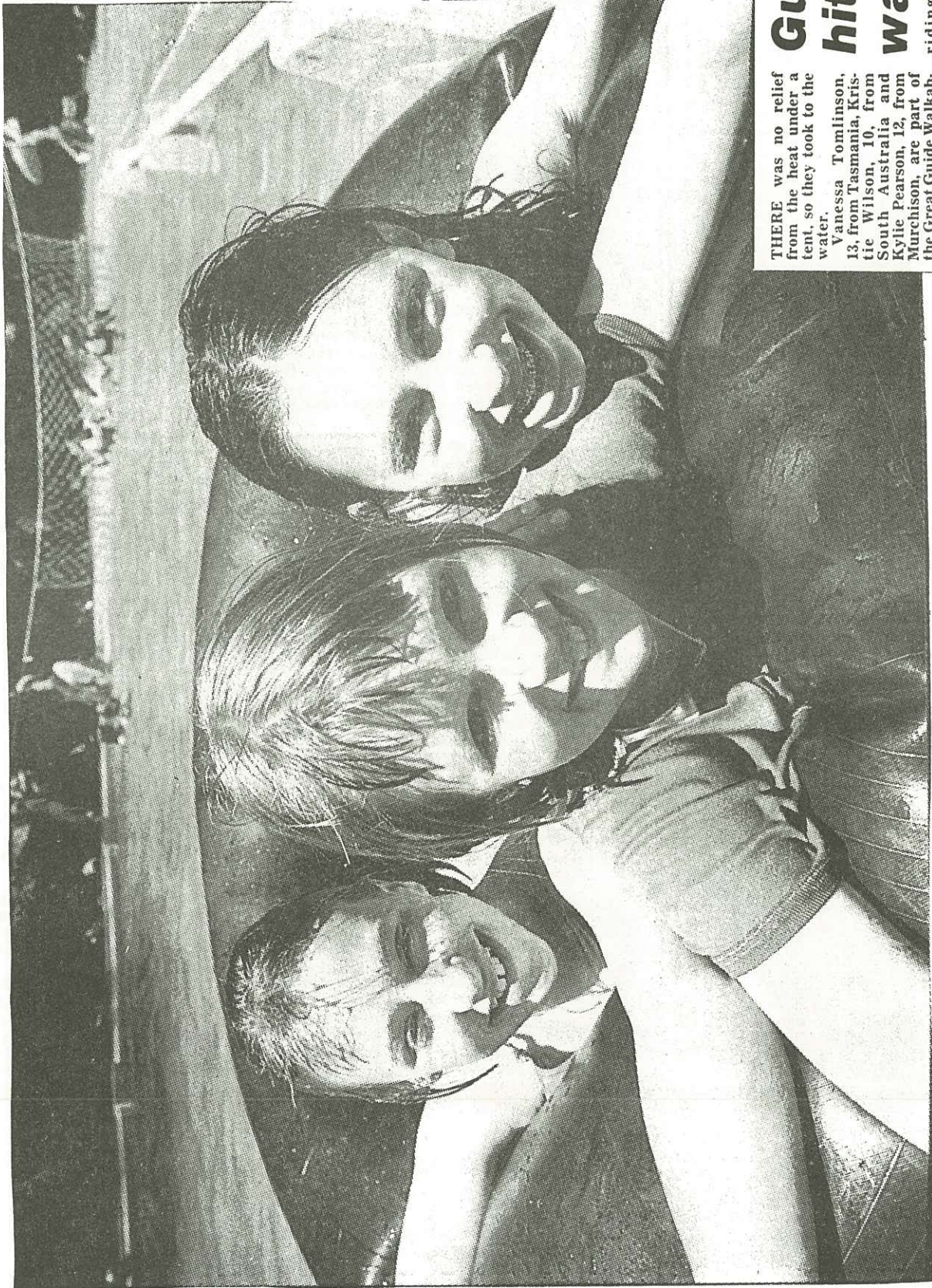
GUIDES Kristy Graham, 14, of NSW, (left), Kylie Toombs, 13, (centre) and Claire Milne, 14, (both of Victoria) are taking part in the Great Guide Walkabout at Britannia Park in Yarra Junction.

The bi-annual event has attracted 734 girls between 14 and 18, with dozens of activities such as abseiling, swimming, grass skiing and horse riding to keep them busy.

There are 50 international visitors from Britain, Canada, Singapore, the US and Finland.

The six-day camp ends on Thursday.

● Picture:
LUCY SWINSTEAD



Guides hit the water

THERE was no relief from the heat under a tent, so they took to the water.

Vanessa Tomlinson, 13, from Tasmania, Kristie Wilson, 10, from South Australia and Kylie Pearson, 12, from Murchison, are part of the Great Guide Walkabout at Britannia Park in Yarra Junction.

The bi-annual event attracted 734 girls, aged between 14 and 18, with dozens of off-site and on-site activities, such as abseiling, swimming, grass skiing and horse

riding to stave off boredom.

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Jessica Armstrong, of Bairnsdale, takes abseiling in her stride.

Girls tackle critics of guides head-on

By KAY ANSELL

The Girl Guides threw down the gauntlet to 'The Age' recently after reading that girl scouts regarded them as "sissies" interested in knitting rather than outdoor activities.

Their challenge was to visit the Great Guide Walkabout at Yarra Junction this week and see what guiding was about in the '90s.

Yesterday afternoon, from the top of an eight-metre tower, girl guiding looked a bit steep. A straight drop, in fact. My first abseiling effort was performed in front of guides aged from 11 to 14, most of whom had already accomplished this feat on other occasions. And if an 11-year-old can do it ...

Jessica Armstrong, 14, of Bairnsdale, had previously abseiled down a sheer rock cliff with her classmates. So this was nothing to her? "I wouldn't say nothing. But I'm not nervous," she said, considering her emotional state. "No, not nervous."

Sarah Cooper, 13, from Drouin, was nervous. She was scared of heights, she said. It was only after she had climbed a knee-wobblingly high ladder to the top of the tower that she realised how scared. After contemplating the view, she climbed back down again. But she set herself a personal challenge to have another go. "After all, I can't very well go home and say I chickened out."

Mrs Beatrice Lawrence, Australian international commissioner, was also determined to conquer the tower. Recently she visited scouts while they were

abseiling and was told she could watch, but the activity was not appropriate for her. "It's not appropriate for me' is the bit that got at me ... Before I go home, I will have a go."

While the 900 guides took a lunch break from the many activities offered, their leaders discussed the challenges facing the movement. Over a salad, they chewed over such questions as how to turn around a declining membership, now 22,000 nationally, and how to attract high-calibre leaders when the demands on women's time and resources have never been greater.

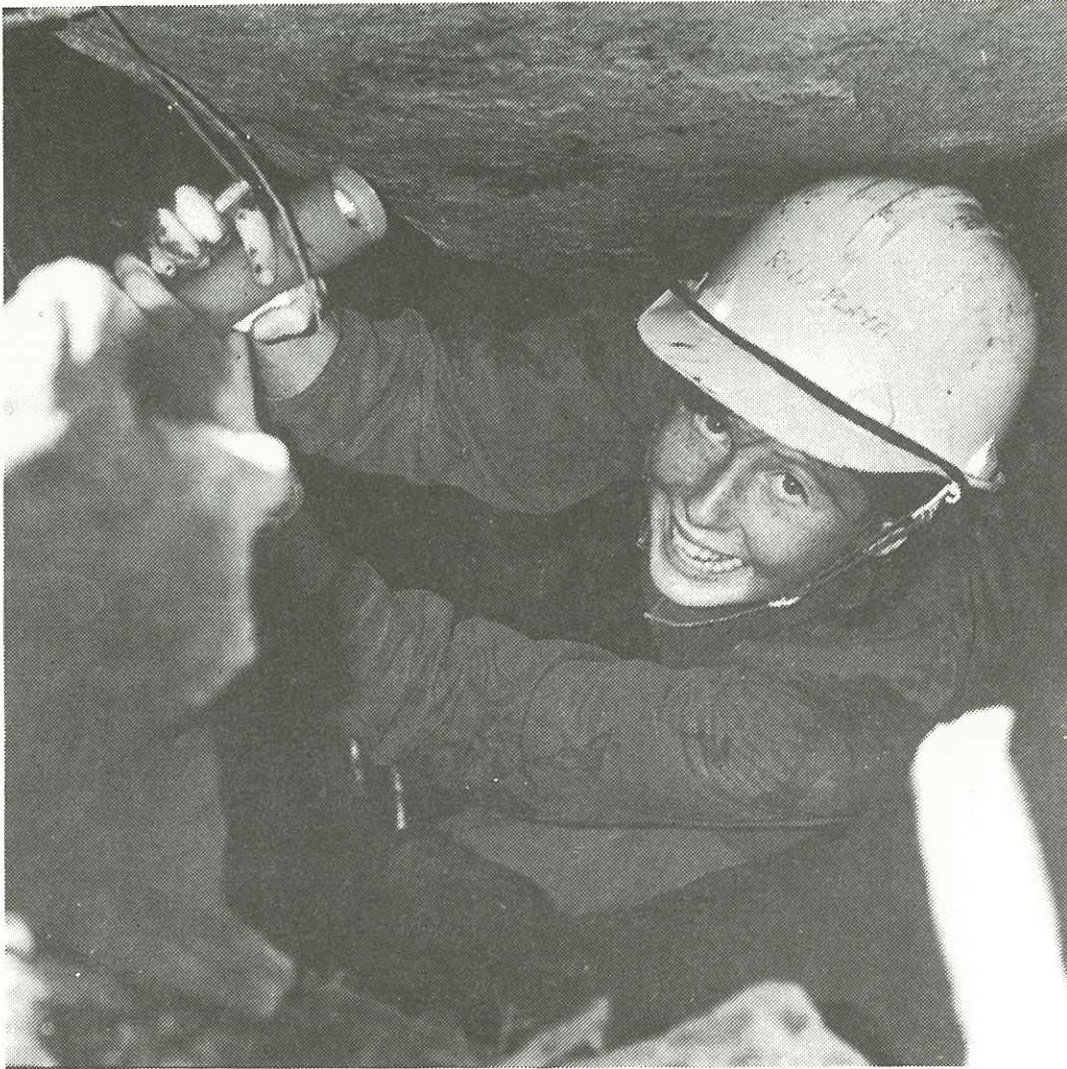
Mrs Helen Rawady, leader in charge of the national gathering, said the difficulties guide leaders faced in just getting away for a weekend to take part in guiding activities highlighted how far sexual equality had still to go in Australian society.

The consensus among the leaders was that the girl guide movement was still relevant in the '90s and offered girls the opportunity to acquire skills, self-confidence and self-esteem.

After lunch, young Sarah Cooper's mind was on a more immediate goal: how to abseil down the tower without leaving her stomach behind at the top. With an instructor at her side, and her mind on the abseiling mantra, "Thumb up the bum and legs straight", she abseiled all the way down. Would she like another go? "No way," she gasped. "Once was more than enough."

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INTREPID explorer Melissa Lantry of Sale checks out a cave.

All guide fun

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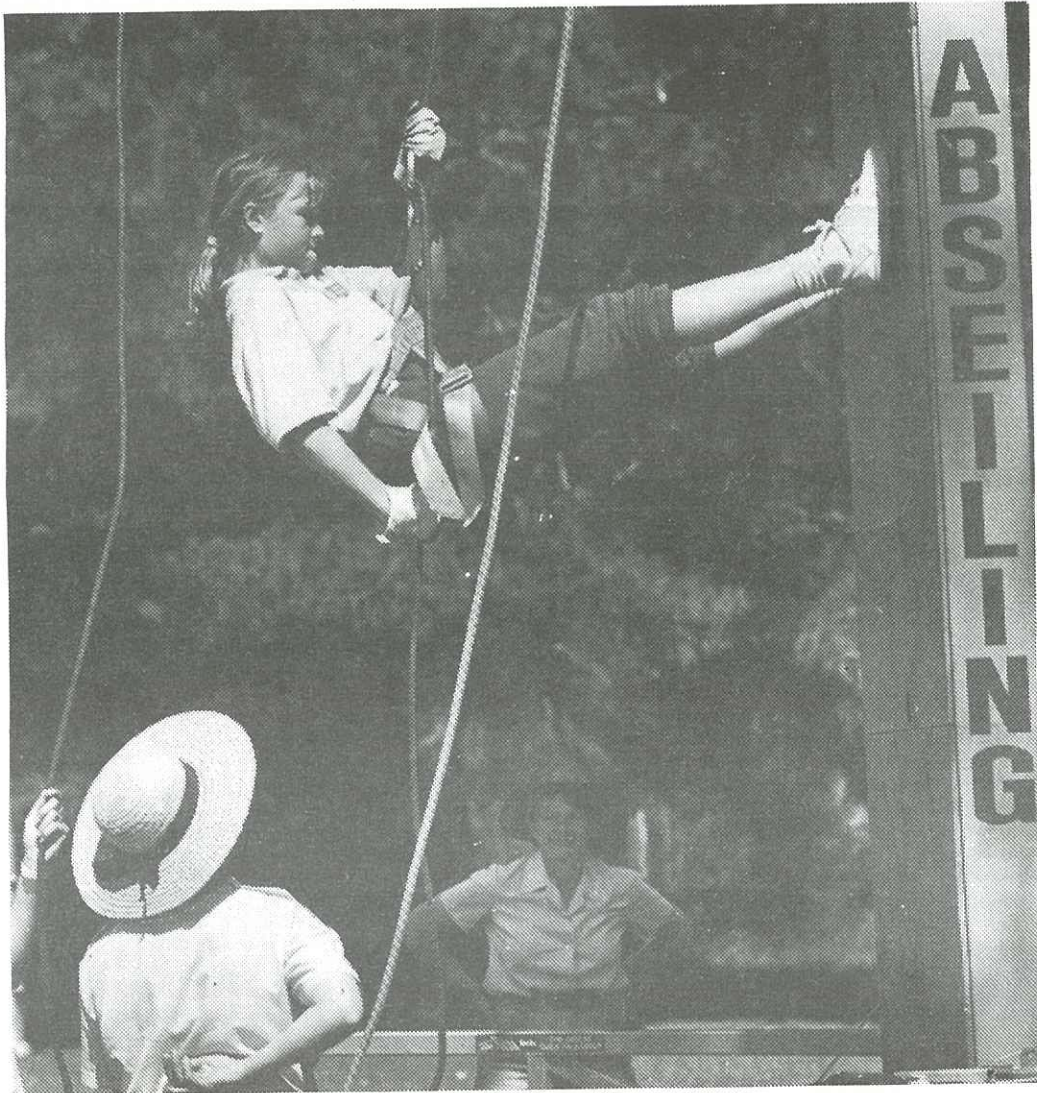
Activities such as bush walking, grass skiing, go-karting and canoeing were all part of the fun for the girls and leaders attending The Great Guide Walkabout camp.

Each day, 200 girls set out for an overnight activity at Lake Mountain.

Planning committee chairwoman, Ms Helen Rawdy said the camp provided a unique opportuni-

ty for girls to meet new people, make new friends and to gain knowledge and understanding of life from around Australia and other countries.

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NICOLE Pollock, from Yarrawonga, tries her hand — and foot — at abseiling during the guide get-together.

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WORLD organiser Maha Salhani, second from left, with some of her charges.

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'Priceless'

Great Guide Walkabout

During the past week 800 girl guides and 200 leaders from all over Australia converged on Britannia Park at Yarra Junction for the adventure of a lifetime.

They were joined by guides from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Singapore and Finland.

During the week long camp girls participated in a wide variety of outdoor pursuits which included abseiling, canoeing, grass skiing, go-karting, orienteering, caving and cycling.

Each day 200 girls set out for an overnight activity at Lake Mountain.

'The Great Guide Walkabout provided a unique opportunity for girls to meet new people, make new friends and to gain a knowledge and understanding of the way of life of girls from all over Australia and other countries', said Helen

Rawady, chairman of the Great Guide Walkabout planning committee.

'Very few schools or other organisations can provide the opportunity for 800 girls to come together for a week of fun and adventure'.

'The Great Guide Walkabout was very different from your average guide camp!' she said.

Preparation for the Walkabout began in 1989 and hasn't stopped.

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The Great Guide Walkabout concludes today, Thursday, January 23.



Every possible service was available to those in attendance at the Great Guide Hike. Sister-in-Charge of the Guide Hospital Denyse Bromley is pictured here with a couple of sickies, Emily Hanna of Edithvale and Jodie Finn of Yagoona.

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Guider Rosalie Nunn from Stanmore NSW applied first aid to Susie Elton of Lane Cove NSW at the Great Guide Walkabout on Monday. Susie fell from her bike towards the end of a 9ks bike ride at Lake Mountain and according to Rosalie 'gravel rashed every limb'. Just on 1000 guides and leaders have spent the past week at Britannia Park, Wesburn.