

# COMMUNICATING

JULY

1991

## FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

I am very pleased to see so many regions having conferences. I do hope you have been able to attend, as they are a great opportunity to learn and share as well as catching up for some good old fashion fellowship.

Very pleasing also, is the regions convening state adventure camps - "Camp Howqua", "City Safari", "Castlemaine Capers" and "Camp Rumbug". I see these as sharing the opportunities.

On the subject of sharing the opportunities, I would enjoy seeing every unit with three or four leaders. When we are all so busy with family, friends, homes and often careers, it is difficult to go it alone and still have fun in guiding. We hear of job sharing in the work place, why not in guiding? Could sharing the leadership work? I believe it could. What do you think?

Till next time,

Dorothy Woolley  
State Commissioner

## NEWS FROM 20 RUSSELL STREET

### Headquarters Appointment

#### Multicultural Adviser

The position of Multicultural Adviser is vacant.

We are seeking nominations for this position. If you know of anyone who may be suitable, please contact the state commissioner as soon as possible.

A small committee has drawn up a multicultural strategy plan. It will be expected that the incoming adviser will follow this plan. The plan states that:

"The aim is to increase the number of girls and women of non-english speaking background involved in guiding, by making guiding more accessible to them".

A copy of the strategy plan is available from the state executive officer.

## State Secretary - Change of Title

The title of the state secretary has been changed to state executive officer. This brings our Association in line with similar organisations and that of the Australian Association.



## BROWNIE SECTION

Thank you for the wonderful response to the survey in May Communicating. Anyone who hasn't replied, don't forget - it's not too late. Of the 120 leaders who have, there was an 85% yes response to a brownie newsletter. We have decided to give it a go.

Being a newsletter for brownies, it was felt they should contribute. If any brownie has a favourite game, craft, activity, outing, venture or camp to report on, could they please send it to:

Miss P Morecroft  
9 Inglis Avenue  
FRANKSTON VIC 3199

## Australian Brownie Leaders Event (ABLE)

The Australian Brownie Leaders Event (ABLE) will be held in Alice Springs from 6-10 July 1992.

Victoria has been invited to send a contingent of 13 brownie leaders. Interested leaders should send their name, address and reference from their commissioner or district leader by 31 August to -

Mrs D McLaren  
Brownie Adviser  
Girl Guides Association of Victoria  
20 Russell St  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

The Coralie Caple Memorial Committee plans to offer financial assistance to one warranted leader attending.

This is an initial application only. Further information re the Coralie Caple Award and state selection will follow.

## BLUE

Don't forget - applications for BLUE must be in by 31 August. See June edition of Communicating.

Mrs Debbie McLaren  
Brownie Adviser

THE GREAT GUIDE WALKABOUT

The Great Guide Walkabout is being held in Victoria from 17-23 January. Guides and leaders from interstate and overseas shall be attending and we are offering them hospitality prior to the event.

Consequently, we are looking for around 600 kind families to enjoy the experience of billeting someone for a maximum of seven days, though some states have already indicated that they will only want three nights.

Please consider being involved in this way - our girls have accepted many invitations over the years and have established some wonderful friendships. Perhaps your district could get together and invite several guides and then organise entertainment on a slightly larger scale, however, it must be noted that it is expected that girls will be under adult supervision at all times.

This is your opportunity to show our warm Victorian spirit, so please, publicise this request now and send in the attached form - or copy - NOW!



Mrs Judith Britt  
Hospitality Convener  
The Great Guide Walkabout

VICTORIAN GUIDE SCOUT SAILING CENTREOpening of the Season

Brownies, guides and ranger guides are invited to join with us for the Opening of the Season on Sunday, 6 October 1991.

Water activities will take place between 9.30am and 4.30pm with the official opening during the afternoon. Numbers participating in "on water" activities will be strictly limited and will be treated on a "first come, first served" basis.

There will be a special rate of \$2.00 per person for this day. Apply for booking to:

Mrs Lorna Jones  
14 Walker Grove  
CHELTENHAM VIC 3192

Phone: (03) 583 2894

COMMISSIONERS, LEADERS, JUNIOR LEADERS

It would be appreciated if monies for the registration of a junior leader, or for the junior leader badge, received on completion of the program, could be sent in the form of a cheque.

Please remember that these fees are paid for by the unit, district or support group, NOT the junior leader or her parents.

Mrs Sue Heggie  
Junior Leader Consultant

"HEALTH ISSUES SELF ISSUES" KITS

Early in 1991, all guide, ranger guide and ranger units were issued with a "Health Issues Self Issues" kit. These kits were produced as part of a special project funded by the Victorian government's Office of Youth Affairs.

Your kit is designed to hang on a wall or noticeboard in your meeting place so that it is easily accessible for girls and leaders.

Each kit contains pamphlets about topics of health and well being, such as nutrition, smoking, stress, skin cancer, AIDS, and so on. The kit can encourage girls to feel free to talk about these and other health issues and to find out more information for themselves.

The kit should be a "living resource" for your unit, you can add information on other issues or local information, or use it for research projects, and so on.

Two leaders in East Metropolitan Region, Meryllyn Dawson and Fiona Jones, have run a series of three special sessions to introduce a guide unit to the "Health Issues Self Issues" Kit. They found this very worthwhile, and are willing to talk about what they did to any other leaders who are interested.

Meryllyn can be contacted at 79 Stewart Street, Brunswick, 3056, phone (03) 380 2795 and Fiona can be contacted at 26 Riverside Road, Ivanhoe, 3079, phone (03) 497 1637 (h) or (03) 509 0344 (w)

CAMP HOWQUA - DONATION TO NUTCOTE TRUST

The Camp Howqua organising committee are pleased to announce that from the sale of special badges, other items and the special market held at camp, they were able to send a cheque for \$1,000 on behalf of the campers, to the Nutcote Trust for the restoration of May Gibbs' home in Sydney.

The committee wish to thank all who supported this fundraising project.

ACE '92 (AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONER'S EVENT)

- 27 September - 2 October 1992

An event for commissioner's and district leaders, to be held in Western Australia in 1992.

Venue: Penrhos College, Como, Western Australia

Fee: \$400 - Deposit of \$140 must accompany application form. Balance of \$260 is required by 30 June 1992.

Cancellation: No refunds will be paid after 31 August 1992.

Three days hospitality will be available following the event.

Apply to Mrs Val McKerihan, 18 Outlook Drive, North Dandenong, 3175, Ph: (03) 795 3342 (ah), no later than 1 September 1991.

APPLY NOW AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED.

## Program:

You will have the opportunity of making new friendships, renewing old ones, participating in self development activities as well as extending your knowledge in many areas associated with the role of commissioner and district leader. The program also allows time to see something of Perth and surrounding areas.

GIRL GUIDE SUPPORT GROUPS

At present, many regions are without a region support group representative. Support groups benefit greatly from having a representative in their own region to turn to for advice and support when needed.

If your region is without a support group representative please assist in rectifying this situation by either finding someone suitable, to fill this position, or, by volunteering yourself.

Suggested names of suitable people should be forwarded to your region commissioner, as she is the person who makes the appointment. Your region commissioner will be able to answer any questions regarding the responsibilities of a region girl guides support group representative.

District leaders/commissioners - please ensure that all support groups receive their copy of Communicating and that it is tabled at the monthly meeting with inward correspondence.

Mrs Francis Ho  
Girl Guides Support Group Adviser

FROM THE PR DEPARTMENT

New posters and brochures have arrived. They are smart, modern and informative and well complement existing material. It is vital that they are out in the community, they are the tools we use to inform the public about guiding. If you have quantities of PR material in your hall or meeting place - perhaps it is in the wrong place?

Remember the PR opportunities that exist with AUGUST ACTION.

Gabby has more ideas in her column and the PR Department can help with banners, bunting, photos, display boards etc. Gabby may be available to visit you but do book in early.

Biscuits - PR opportunities also exist with the new chocolate biscuit being introduced next bake. See the attached order form for full details.

1992 Calendars - If your order is not in yet, send it NOW. They will be the "best value" calendars in Melbourne and are a great gift for anyone who has helped you during the year.

PR Workshop - Saturday, 13 July - 10.00am-3.30pm.  
Cost \$5.00. BYO lunch.

DO YOUR OWN DISPLAY - There will be professional expertise to provide the theory and then the opportunity to put it all into practice. At the end of the day you will have a display you can use during August Action. Ring Pat to book - places are limited.

Mrs Jennie Bowles  
Public Relations Adviser

FORGET-ME-NOT

Brownie Leaders - BLUE weekend. See June edition of Communicating for application form.

International Day of Peace - 17 September. Program ideas attached.

International Events

Friendship Camp - England 1992 (27 July-18/19 August) - Closing date is 2 November. See last month's Communicating for details.

60th Anniversary - Our Chalet 1992 (21 July-5 August) - Closing date is 2 November. See last month's Communicating for details.

Mexican Fiesta - 16/17 August. Details June Communicating.



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### Lady Stradbroke Cup

This competition was designed to raise and maintain the standards of camping within the state and to encourage and promote the Patrol System. This, of course, refers to standing patrols within the unit. It is preferable that standing patrols enter the competition. However, a mixed patrol is acceptable to ensure all girls that are interested can participate. It should be noted that these patrols are not entitled to win the overall cup, therefore eliminating made up patrols interested only in winning.

### Assessment

Some changes have been made again this year. Please remember that there are a lot of different opinions about what things are important and what things aren't. If your region agree or disagree on a particular point, please feel free to change the assessment accordingly. They are only guidelines and cannot possibly hope to please everybody.

There will only be four categories this year:

Patrol Organisation; Camp Layout; Gadgets and Cooking

Uniform will be assessed under Patrol Organisation.

Application forms have been re-designed and one form will be sent to each guide unit from your region liaison or co-ordinator. It will be necessary for guide leaders to photocopy a form for every guide attending the camp, as the form now includes the permission form. The indemnity form is no longer required. On receipt of application forms the patrol leader will be sent the Lady Stradbroke Cup Information Booklet and Health Forms for each member of the patrol.

If leaders would like information regarding Lady Stradbroke before sending their patrols into the competition, last year's booklet is available from the Outdoor Activities Department on request.

### Leaders

It has become extremely important for leaders to accompany their patrols to the camp. They will be required to assist with staffing and assessment.

If the patrol is inexperienced they can be assured of help and assistance from someone they know rather than muddling around all camp.

If the leader is inexperienced, it is an opportunity for her to find out all about it, she would be there for common-sense support and could enlist the help from other leaders on site. She would also benefit from that special relationship which comes from camping with one's girls, as well as the other leaders in the region - she may even find that she likes it.

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### Corks - Corks - Mountains of Corks

Thank you for your continuing support of our recycling project.

Certificates of appreciation will be available free of charge for leaders and commissioners to present to businesses, firms or clubs who support the cork collection on an ongoing basis.

When applying for a certificate please address your letter to:

Cork Collection  
Girl Guides Association of Victoria  
20 Russell Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Include the name and address of the business, together with the name of your contact person. All requests MUST be in writing. The certificates will be forwarded to you for presentation.

Please note that during July and August I will be overseas. All enquiries and adventurous activity forms should be sent to the Outdoor Activities Department at headquarters, NOT TO MY HOME ADDRESS.

Mrs Alma Brand  
Outdoor Activities Adviser

### THEATRE MATINEE - PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

The recent theatre party to Phantom of the Opera was such a huge success that another is being planned for next year. There's only a limited number of tickets available, so book early.

DATE: Saturday, 28 March 1992  
TIME: 2.00pm  
COST: \$60.00

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING: 7 August 1991

If you would like to make a booking, please send cheque payable to GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA, to Joan King or Betty Vickers at 20 Russell Street.

A FUND RAISING PROJECT OF THE  
FRIENDS OF HEADQUARTERS

## LIFE'S MELODY

*Life is like a keyboard. The Master's fingers will sweep over it, and a weary world will catch notes of melody as we go along. The life that is in tune with God is keyed to the note of love.*

J R Miller

## FOCUS ON FAITH COMMITTEE



The mobile guide shop will be visiting:

Woorayl Region Conference on 14 July, from 10.30am-3.30pm. The conference will be at Lord Bassey Lodge, Church Street, Leongatha.

Western Border Region Conference on 30 July at Hamilton, from 10.00am-3.30pm.

Hume Region Conference on 3 August at Benalla, from 9.30am-4.00pm.

Mildura, 7-8 September, to assist with promotion, held in the hall on Saturday and Country Market in Mildura Mall on Sunday.

Baw Baw Region - for BBQ and fete in the Morwell Guide Hall and Sir Norman Brookes Park, on Saturday 14 September from 11.00am-4.00pm.

NEWS FROM ILUKA

Games Night - 31 August at "Warrawong"

Tickets are \$20.00 each - includes "play money", supper and drinks. Don't miss out! You can also stay the night for an extra \$10.00. Buy your tickets now. Ring Sandra - (03) 789 3542.

Grand Opening Campfire - Sunday, 3 November.

The Nan Squire Campfire Site is nearing completion and the grand opening will be Sunday, 3 November. Watch this space for more details.

For Sale! For Sale! For Sale!

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|------------------|---------|-------------|
| *** Ouch Pouch   | -       | \$2.00 each |
| *** Windcheaters | - Blue  | \$22.00     |
|                  | - Brown | \$15.00     |
| *** T-shirts     | - Blue  | \$14.00     |
|                  | - Gold  | \$10.00     |

All enquiries ring Sandra - (03) 789 3542

MAKING INTEGRATION WORK

During 1990 and early in 1991, a series of workshops entitled "Making Integration Work", was held. Many leaders attended and were encouraged by these workshops.

An exciting "spin-off" has been the production of a small booklet which comprises the edited notes from these workshops. The booklet is also entitled "Making Integration Work" and copies have been made available to all district leaders.

These booklets will be a valuable resource for any leader who is integrating a disabled girl into her unit. Extra copies are available from the guide shop for \$2.50 per copy.

## AUGUST ACTION

AUGUST ACTION NEWS FROM GABBY GUIDE

Dear Everyone,

Can you believe it's July already, and AUGUST ACTION month is NEXT MONTH! I'm sure your plans are well under way by now.

Remember that AUGUST ACTION is our main fundraising event for the year. I'm hoping that every unit in Victoria will be involved. You should have received your unit and/or individual tally sheets by now - ask your leader to check if you haven't.

AUGUST ACTION also gives you a chance to show the community what guiding is about and maybe attract some new members, especially if your fundraising effort involves being out and about in your area.

Maybe you could have a display in your shopping centre, school or library, to back up your fundraising. The PR Department at guide headquarters can help with photos, posters, banners, bunting, boards, videos and more! Ring Pat if you want more information on this.

I know you haven't forgotten that you could win a great prize by writing to tell me what you do for August Action.

From your friend

Gabby Guide



# FOR YOUR NOTICEBOARD

## The Great Guide Walkabout - 17-23 January 1993

Have you applied to attend the Great Guide Walkabout? Ask your leader for details.

Would you like to billet a girl from interstate or overseas? Again, ask your leader for details.

## Opening of the Sailing Season

Have you ever visited the Sailing Centre at Sandringham? The opening of the new season will take place on 6 October. What a good idea for a district outing! Ask your leader about it.

## Health Issues Self Issues Kit

Do you have a kit in your hall? Ask your leader to show it to you.

## Guide Biscuits

Have you ever tried them? This year we have introduced a chocolate biscuit. A good fundraising project! Your leader can give you more details.

## Girl Guide Calendars

Have you ever seen one? They make great Christmas gifts. Your leader can help you place an order.

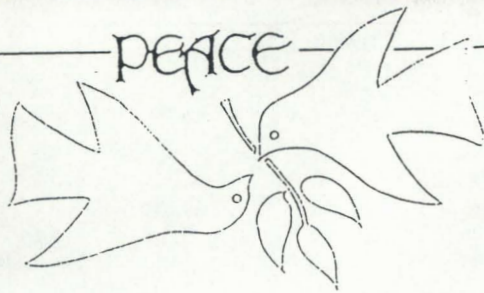
## August Action

Don't forget to read Gabby Guide's column in Communicating. Your leader has a copy.

What are you going to do for August Action? Don't forget about the competition.

## Lady Stradbroke Cup - Patrol Camping Competition

Is your Patrol going to enter the 1991 competition? Your leader can give you more details. Remember - you don't have to be an experienced camper.



# — ONE DAY AT LEAST

17 September 1991

Here are lots of ideas and suggestions to help you to plan your unit program for the week of 17 September 1991, when we all will be celebrating PEACE - ONE DAY AT LEAST!

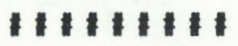
The ideas are listed under topic headings to help you to plan a balanced program including active and quiet activities, craft, songs, readings and prayers.

Be sure to allow some time for the girls to share their own thoughts on peace and what it means to them.

If the ideas are marked with an asterisk (\*), instruction sheets are available from headquarters.

If you would prefer to follow a pre-set meeting plan these are also available for gumnut guides, brownie guides and guides, plus a Guides Own for guides or ranger guides.

For any further help or advice on how to make this a meaningful event, please contact Joan King at headquarters.



## Readings and Prayers

- . Begin now to keep a peace journal. Fill it with poems, pictures, thoughts and prayers to use at your special "peace meeting".
- . Look through your unit prayer books for suitable prayers and readings.
- . Have you looked through "Sharing" and "Searching"? Both these books are available in the guide shop.
- . Read "Peacetimes" by Katherine Scholes. Perhaps you can borrow it or other books about peace from your local library.
- \* Read the story of Sadako Sasako and make your own cranes for peace.

## Games

Play co-operative games. Think of ways to modify competitive games so that everyone "wins".

## Music

### Desiderata

We Are the World - Michael Jackson & Lionel Ritchie

### Action Songs

- \* Good Evening Friend Brownie/Gumnut Guide
- \* Smile, Co-operate and Share

## Songs

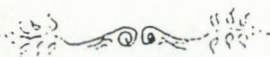
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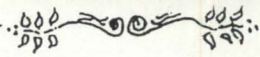
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- \* Blowing in the Wind
- \* I'd Like To Teach The World to Sing
- \* Family of Man
- \* One World
- \* If I Had a Hammer
- \* Rainbow Children

OR, make up your own song to your own tune.





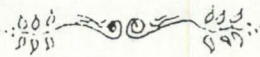
### Crafts

- \* Cut out small doves (copies of designs available). Write your message for peace on the doves and send in to headquarters to hang on the Peace Tree.
- . Make a Peace Tree - Draw around a leaf to be stuck on the tree. Write on the leaves ways of helping to be peaceful to friends, parents, at school, in the playground and in the world etc, stick all the leaves on your tree.
- . Make a friendship stick - page 25 Australian Leaders Handbook Part 2 Supplement.
- . Make a friendship necklace - page 26 Australian Leaders Handbook Part 2 Supplement.
- . Make hearts or doves and give them away to one another.
- . Decorate a white candle and write on it a country where you wish there was peace. Use it in a simple ceremony during the meeting, or in a Guides Own.
- \* Make felt dove to pin to your camp hat.
- \* Make a dove kite to fly outside.
- \* Make a "peace" greeting card. Send it to someone in your community who you think has made a contribution to peace. Tell them about the International Day of Peace and thank and acknowledge their contribution to peace in your community.

### Activities

- . Make up your own alphabet for peace A-Z
- . Blow bubbles for peace - using detergent and wire twisted into a circle". As the bubbles float into the air, make a wish for peace.
- . Peace begins with Me. Draw faces on paper plates. Happy one side, sad on the opposite side. Leader makes statements, for example, rubbish was all over the playground; I ate all my lollies and didn't share; I fought with my brother and sister; I let my friend join in the game, etc. Brownies should show right side of face to answer and skip around for happy face, walk slowly for sad face.

- . Peace Banner - "Things I would miss from my Peaceful World". Draw, paint or stick things on a banner, maybe under a rainbow. Present it to your local council, school, church or just leave it in your hall.
- . Plant a peace tree, bush or flower.
- . Establish and care for a peace garden.
- . Write to your local council or newspaper saying you would like to see peace in the world.
- . Plan a Guides Own with a theme of peace.
- . Have a Hush-a-Thon
- \* Imagine - follow a creative visualisation script to help to develop a vision of a peaceful world.
- . Organise a forum or debate on issues of peace.
- . Dedicate a peace site in the corner of your hall. Make your own peace tree.
- . Become involved in a community service. Work with other youth groups who share common goals.
- . Study the UN Rights of the Child. Discuss what needs to be done to see that every child enjoys these rights.
- . Research the history of a woman peacemaker or a group of peacemakers. Discuss - Are women more peaceful than men? What is woman's contribution to peace?
- . Hold a testimonial dinner and award your own "peace prize" to peacemakers in and around your community. The peacemakers you would be recognising may have worked in:
  - . the international scene
  - . education
  - . peace building at the community level
  - . the visual or performing arts for peace
  - . the media
  - . religion
  - . a professional area, such as science, medicine or law, serving the cause of peace
  - . many others





# Invitation to an Extravaganza



A camp hosted by Auslink

**When:** August 2,3,4 1991

**Where:** "Illuka" Shoreham campsite  
Girl Guides Association

**Who can attend:** Young leaders aged 18-30 years  
Auslink members  
Junior leaders and Ranger section members with an interest in adult leadership

**What's happening:** Fun, friends, activities for your Unit,  
guest speakers, discussion of issues that affect you !!!!!!!  
Invitation to the "Star of stars night"

**Cost:** \$ 35.00 (cheque to be made payable to "Auslink")  
Subsidy available for country travellers.

**For more details:** Complete the invitation return slip and send it to:  
Helen Reid  
15 Wimmera st, Box Hill North, 3129  
Phone no: (03) 899 6363

Any queries and you can contact Helen or Shelley on (03) 706 7706

## INVITATION RETURN SLIP TO AUSLINK CAMP

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone no:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

I may require assistance with transport  Please contact for more details

I will be able to assist with transport

I have enclosed a cheque/ money order for \$ 35.00.

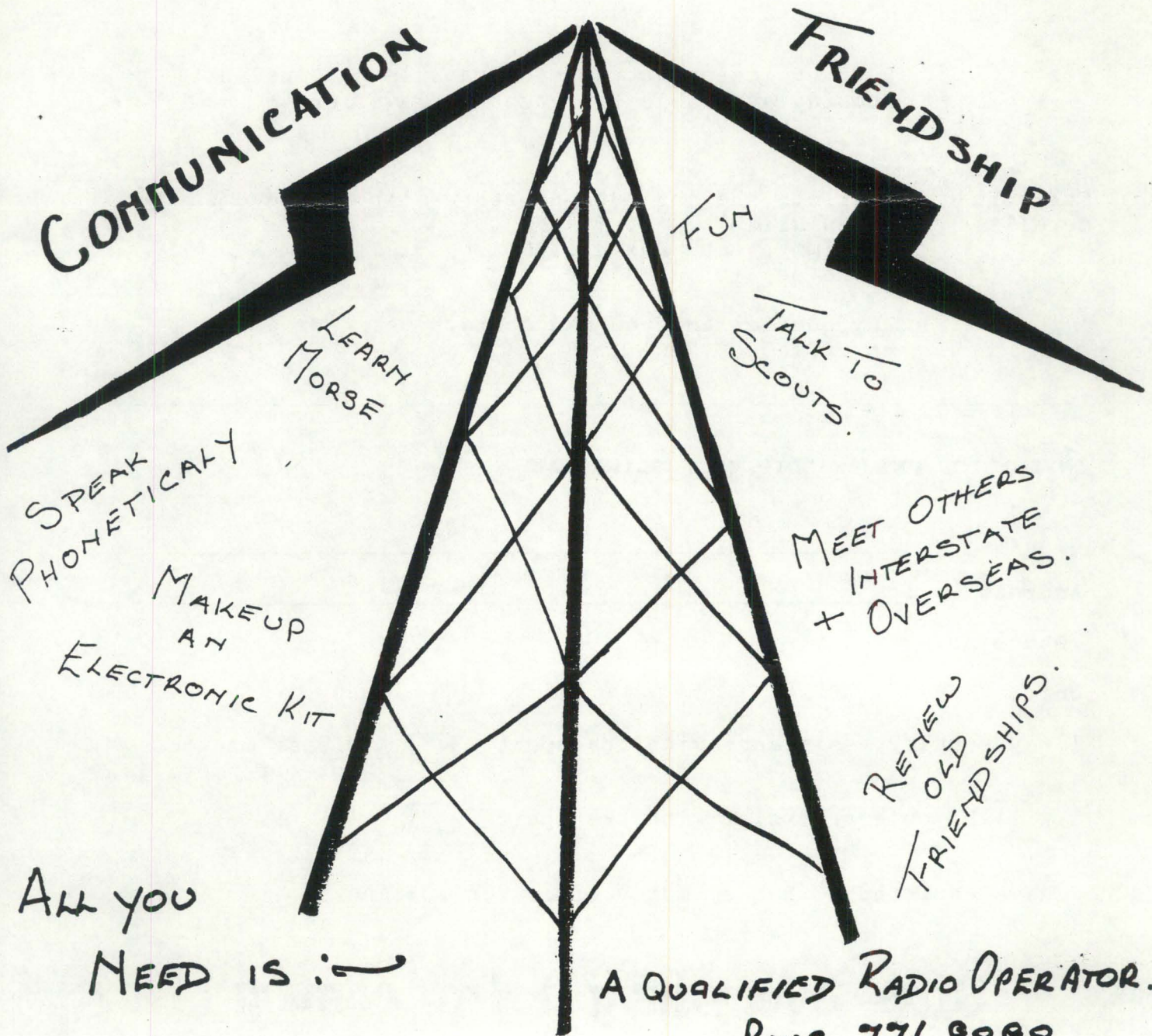


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1991



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# THIRD NORTH-WEST JAMBORETTE



START PLANNING NOW FOR LOTS OF  
"FUN AND FRIENDSHIP IN THE WHEATLANDS"

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COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN AND FRIENDSHIP AT THE  
**THIRD NORTH-WEST JAMBORETTE**

to be held at the

**GREEN LAKE RECREATION RESERVE**

**SEA LAKE**

**from 22nd to 28th September, 1992**

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*There will be loads of on-site and off-site activities to keep you all active. You will have the opportunity to make and meet new friends and find out about life in the Wheatlands of Victoria.*

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Scouts and Guides will need to be 11 years old and under 15 years of age on 22nd September, 1992.

**SO MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR  
AND START PLANNING NOW!**

● MORE DETAILS LATER ●

# THE GREAT GUIDE WALKABOUT



FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 1992 - THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 1992

## OFFER OF HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is being offered to Australians for a maximum of one week prior to camp. Some states have already indicated that they would like just 2-3 nights.

Would you please consider taking the opportunity of hosting one or more of our camp participants. In making this offer it must be noted that girls must be under adult supervision at all times and when on outings.

I would like to offer hospitality for a maximum of  nights.

I would prefer  guides /  leaders  
(Please indicate numbers)

Name.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Telephone (H).....(B).....

Signed.....

Would you please return this completed form, before 31 August to:

Judith Britt  
Hospitality Convenor  
Great Guide Walkabout  
P.O. Box 76  
CHADSTONE 3148