

FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

Dear Members and Friends

Thank you to all those who observed Tuesday, 1 October, as Prayer Day for Ann Millhouse, and are continuing to keep her in their prayers and thoughts. She was very moved by the gesture and acknowledges with gratitude the wonderful support she receives from guiding folk.

I am pleased to report that after her two week treatment Ann is on top of it all with high spirits and a positive attitude.

Thank you to all our members who attended the Annual General Meeting, showing their interest and support. I am sure the program was enjoyed by you all - from the delightful opening by our "Focus on Faith" people, to our enthusiastic guest speakers/performers, the Plenty Ranger Guides and their leader.

I am writing this after returning from the first morning of BLUE (Brownie Leaders Unlimited Experiences) and I can report it was proving to be a truly exciting and worthwhile event.

By this time leaders, I guess the girls are well into planning their end of year activities. I would love to hear from the girls of their plans and perhaps some of the favourite activities that they have participated in during the year.

Till next month.

Mrs Dorothy Woolley
State Commissioner

NEWS FROM 20 RUSSELL STREET

Christmas Holidays

The Guide Shop will be closed from 20 December 1991 until 13 January 1992. Please note also, that the shop will not be open on Saturdays during January.

The Office will be closed from 20 December 1991 and will open on 6 January 1992.

Hats - When and Not

To save confusion about when or when not to wear hats, the following guidelines have been agreed to by the Australian Executive:

Hats are part of the uniform and should be worn in the sun. Hats need not be worn:

- At indoor functions or events.
- After sunset.
- Before sunrise.
- As a member of a colour party.

1993 Churchill Fellowships - for overseas study.

The Churchill Trust invites applications from Australians, of 18 years and over, from all walks of life, who wish to be considered for a Churchill Fellowship to undertake, during 1993, an overseas study project that will enhance their usefulness to the Australian community.

No prescribed qualifications are required, merit being the primary test, whether based on past achievements or demonstrated ability for future achievement.

Fellowships are awarded annually to those who have already established themselves in their calling. They are not awarded for the purpose of obtaining higher academic or formal qualifications.

Apply now for 1993 Churchill Fellowship. Send a s.a.e. (24cm x 12cm) to:

Application Forms
The Winston Churchill
Memorial Trust
218 Northbourne Avenue
BRADDON ACT 2601.

Applications close on
28 February 1992.

BROWNIE SECTION

Our BLUE weekend was fantastic!! All those leaders who missed out on attending BLUE, find someone in your region who did, and pick their brains!

Blue owls decorated the tables and stage. Everyone wanted them so we decided to raffle them and raised \$200.00 for Friends of Headquarters. I am told that there will now be enough money to carpet the adviser's room. Well done!!

Congratulations, to the 12 leaders from across the state, who have been selected to attend ABLE 1992. I know that you will be excellent representatives for Victoria.

The revised edition of the brownie handbook is now available. This includes amendments to many of the challenges which you should be working on.

"Yackatoon", which means happy, is our very own Victorian brownie magazine. Every pack should now have one and it is up to you leaders to encourage the brownies to subscribe to it. Feel free to photocopy the subscription form and hand it out.

It was disappointing to see how many brownies are on the waiting lists. We need to try and merge these girls into the packs. I wonder, can you answer yes to all of these questions?

- . Do you take in seven year olds?
- . Have you a full pack of 18-24 girls?
- . Are you encouraging your brownies to move on to guides once they turn 10 years old.

Debbie McLaren
Brownie Adviser

GUIDE SECTION

Australian Guide Handbook - Part 1.

With the publication of the revised Australian Guide Handbook, guide section now has a complete set of materials to help and encourage guides to make progress through the eight points.

While the activity books contain material to help with each of the challenges of the program, the handbook is designed to be a patrol resource manual. Each patrol should have one, so that when extra information or activities are required, it is there for reference.

A girl who is extremely keen and loves reading may wish to have her own copy of the Guide Handbook and there is no reason why she should not own one, but, unlike the previous book, it is not essential.

The activity books refer to sections of the handbook, so the references may now be followed up.

Together, the guide activity books and the Australian Guide Handbook will challenge the guides to look wider with their guiding aided also by Badges, Emblems and Pennants.

Australian Program and Training Conference

Guide leaders - we need your input into the guide section agenda items of the Program Conference, so that your feelings can be taken to South Australia.

Your guide section committee has set aside 15 November at 8.00pm at headquarters, for this discussion. If you are interested in attending this night, please contact Rhonda Cooper (h) (03) 369 1302 or write to Rhonda c/- 20 Russell Street.

State Patrol Leaders Activity Weekend

Guide section is planning a patrol leaders activity weekend on 19-21 June 1992 at Rowallan Guide and Scout Camps, Kent Road, Riddells Creek.

Pre-requisites: Girls must be 12 years of age at the time of the camp and be a current patrol leader.

Cost: \$50 per girl.
The first 100 girls meeting the camp criteria will be accepted.

Watch for the application form in the February edition of Communicating.

We also require leaders for this weekend. Please contact Rhonda Cooper c/- 20 Russell Street, if you are interested in staffing on this event.

Rhonda Cooper
Guide Adviser

JUNIOR LEADERS

Hot off the press, is the first copy of the junior leader newsletter, which will be sent to each junior leader. Additional copies will be \$6.00 for four copies - one each term.

Please encourage your junior leader to complete the application form for these newsletters and also to contribute to it.

Junior Leaders Get Together - 1-2 February 1992

The social event of the year for junior leaders is their get together at headquarters.

A great weekend has been planned by the state junior leader committee. Application form is attached to the newsletter. Get in early and assure your attendance. Closing date is 19 November.

Guide Leaders

If you have any girls leaving your units who are 14½+, and not able to attend ranger guides, perhaps you could mention the junior leader program to them. Your region area consultant will give you any information you require.

1992 Junior Leader State Leadership Training Weekends

14-15 March - Tynong North - closing date, 18 February.

2-3 May - Guide House, Britannia Park.

22-23 August - Mirrabooka - Barwon Region.

Application forms will be available from area consultants early in December. Please apply early so as to avoid missing out. Junior leaders need to have been in for six months before attending one of these weekends.

Thankyou

A big thank you to those unit and district leaders, area consultants and parents, who arranged to transport junior leaders to the August training at Lake Eppalock. In particular, thanks to the guide leader's husband from Yarrowonga, who at the last moment brought down two junior leaders whose transport arrangements fell through.

Sue Heggie
Junior Leader Consultant

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Summer Campcraft Training

Geelong - 6-12 January 1992. Will include indoor and outdoor camping skills, pioneering, QM and camp cooking, alternate cooking, wide games and basic skills and first aid, part A.

Apply with \$97.00 and an s.a.e. to the Training Department, no later than 9 December 1991.

1992 Training Calendar

The 1992 Training Calendar is now available. Ask your district leader or commissioner for a copy. All leaders should have their own copy. If your district did not receive sufficient copies of the training calendar, please contact the training department.

Sylvia Le Marquand
Training Adviser

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Complaints!! There has been a disaster with the new chocolate biscuits. They are so popular, it is difficult to get them from the packet to the tin!!!

Congratulations - 1st Heatherdale Guide Company and 1st Airport West Brownie Pack, who were acknowledged in the Asthma Foundation of Victoria's Annual Report.

Photos of Headquarters Properties - Can you help?

We need to update our photos of:

- . Britannia Park
- . Camp Carnegie, Donvale
- . Camp Iluka, Shoreham
- . Tapestry
- . Victorian Guide Scout Sailing Centre

If you have anything suitable, please send in print and negative, clearly marked with your name and address. They will be returned to you.

Reminder

1. Calendars are still available from the shop.
2. Christmas Carols - ring Pat with details of unit and approximate number attending.
3. **Australia Day** - post in a list and ring Pat with names and addresses.

Thank you - to all who have filled the Teddy Bear cupboard - your efforts are greatly appreciated. Children's hospitals and many other welfare organisations will soon be receiving their parcels in time for distribution at Christmas.

Jennie Bowles
Public Relations Adviser

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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 be only four categories this year - Patrol Organisation; Camp Layout; Gadgets and Cooking. Uniform will be assessed under Patrol Organisation.

Karen Noonan

By the time this edition of Communicating reaches you, many regions would have held their Stradbroke Cup Patrol Camps.

Thank you for your enthusiastic response. We hope you had a great weekend and to those who are holding camps soon, HAPPY CAMPING!

Alma Brand
Outdoor Activities Adviser

CAMPSITE VACANCIES

As at 11 October, the following dates are available for house bookings at Britannia Park and Iuka.

BRITANNIA PARK

Guide House

21 December - 12 January
31 January - 2 February
14-16 February
21-23 February
28 February - 1 March

Brownie Cottage

1-3 November
21 December - 12 January
31 January - 2 February
7-9 February
14-16 February
21-23 February
28 February - 1 March

Broadhurst Lodge

21 December - 3 January
31 January - 2 February
14-16 February
21-23 February

Thank you Chalet

21 December-5 January
9-12 January
31 January - 2 February
14-16 February
21-23 February
6-8 March (Labour Day Weekend)

ILUKA

Warrawong

21-24 December
9-27 January
7-9 February
14-16 February

Aulua

21-24 December
9-17 January
26-27 January
7-9 February

ORIENTEERING A SPORT FOR LIFE

The Victorian Orienteering Association advises that it will be running a second series of Level-0 Coaching Clinics for 1991 in the Melbourne Metropolitan area during November.

The clinics are especially suited to Primary Teachers, Secondary Teachers of Outdoor Education, Physical Education and Geography, School Camp Managers and staff, and any other individuals involved in instruction in outdoor activities. Dates and venues are as follows:

12 November - Westerfolds Park, Templestowe.

19 November - Jells Park, Waverley.

26 November - Brimbank Park, Keilor.

Further information and registration forms are available by sending an s.a.e. to:

Level-0 Coaching Clinics
Victorian Orienteering Assoc.
332 Banyule Road
VIEWBANK VIC 3084

Closing date for registration is Friday, 8 November.

DONVALE OUTDOOR & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

CAMP CARNEGIE -
McGOWANS ROAD, DONVALE
(Melways 48 K1).

Carols in the Bush - 7.30pm-
9.30pm - Sunday, 8 December.
All welcome!! - members,
families and friends.

NO CHARGE - A sausage
sizzle and fresh fruit salad and
cream will be available from
6.30pm for \$2.50. Please
BOOK if a meal is required -
(03) 882 4019 (ah)

"ALCHERINGA" TYNONG NORTH

Our accommodation house for
30 has plenty of vacancies for
1992. Campsites with new
tents are also available.

For bookings and further
information ring Mrs June
Couper (03) 802 1730.

Tynong North Campsite turns
20 years old on 1 March 1992.

There will be lots happening at
the campsite during the
weekend 29 February - 1
March 1992.

You are invited to come along
and enjoy the celebrations.
Watch Communicating for
more details.

If we go forward
together with an
unwavering faith, a
high courage, and a
quiet heart, we shall
be able to make a
powerful influence for
good in the world.

To accomplish this, we
must give nothing less
than the whole of
ourselves.

Queen Elizabeth II

GUIDE SCOUT SAILING CENTRE

**Fun Regatta - 23 February
1992.**

Come and participate in an exciting, different day - no experience necessary, but - you will get wet!

Open to all guides, ranger guides, junior leaders and their leaders. Also open to scouts, venturers and their leaders.

Cost: \$5.00 per person.

To make a booking, contact

Mrs L Jones
14 Walker Grove
CHELTENHAM VIC 3192
Phone: (03) 583 2894.

STOP PRESS!!!!

Now available - "Messin' About with Boats" by Doris Spratling.

This interesting book is about the history of the Ranger Sailing School and the Victorian Guide and Scout Sailing Centre. The cost is \$10.00 per copy.

Autographed copies are available from:

Mrs N Flegg
9 Larkspur Avenue
DONCASTER VIC 3108
Phone: (03) 848 3070.

Other copies are available from the guide shop and the VGSSC.

MLC GIRLS TURN BLUE

Attention all past students of MLC, who have been involved in guiding. A reunion is being held just for you.

Where:

At the college - 207 Barkers Road, Kew, 3101.

When:

Saturday - 9 May 1992

Time:

2.00-4.30pm.

Tour of the school commences at the fountain in the front garden at 2.00pm.

Afternoon tea will be served in Krome Dining Room at 3.00pm. A small charge of \$5.00 will be made on the day, to cover refreshments.

Uniform? - OPTIONAL

COME AND -

. enjoy an afternoon with old friends and meet new ones.

. see MLC as it is today.

. view a video about MLC's unique outdoor learning experience for Year 9 girls.

Enquiries to:

Mrs Leonie Thomson -
(03) 810 1354

Mrs Heather Barton -
(03) 810 1316

RSVP to Mrs Thomson by
1 May 1992.

You'll be amazed at how many past students have been involved in guiding.

GUIDING TOUR TO NTH QUEENSLAND

How about this for your next winter holiday?

Date: 6-8 July, 1992

Thirteen days in North Queensland - camping, accommodation, touring, air fares and all meals are included.

Cost: \$1757 per person.

(price as at 7 October 1991 - subject to change)

The tour features Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Islands Cruise, Great Barrier Reef Wonderland, Townsville, Magnetic Island, White Water Rafting, Mission Beach, Palm Cove, Cairns, Atherton Tablelands, Kuranda Commentary Train, Cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree National Park.

Participation in the tour is not restricted to active guiding folk. Friends of guiding are also welcome.

For further information, please ring Barbara Timcke (03) 822 2933 or Dorothy Sturgess (056) 25 4062.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

FROM THE GUIDE SHOP



XMAS SWAP BADGE
60¢

GUMNUT STICK PINS
\$7.00

MAY GIBBS GUMLEAF
BOOKMARK \$1.00

GUMNUT GUIDE
HANDTOWEL \$8.00

GUMNUT GUIDE T-SHIRT
IN HOT PINK \$9.95

GUMNUT SOAPS
\$7.00

BROWNIE HANKIES
\$1.20

BROWNIE ERASERS
\$1.00

BROWNIE SIX EMBLEM
TEATOWEL \$2.00

BROWNIE MAN CHARMS
\$2.20

BROWNIES ARE BEAUTIFUL
BROOCH \$2.00

SILVER CHARMS
Gumnuts
Toadstool
Koala
Owl
Billy Can
New Logo
\$1.50 each

FLIP PENS
Blue & Red
Ink \$2.00

PLASTIC RULERS
\$1.50

FUTURE GIRL GUIDE
BIBS \$3.00

BRACELET WITH
6 CHARMS \$13.50

CHARM BRACELET
\$4.50

STONEWARE OWLS
Small \$1.50
Medium \$2.00
Large \$3.00

LEATHER COIN
PURSE \$3.50

NEW LOGO CLUTCH
PINS \$1.20

CALENDARS \$1.50

PLASTIC TUMBLER
\$3.00

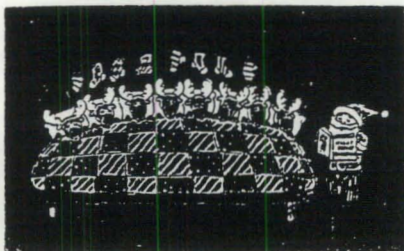
SEWING KITS
\$3.00

CHAMPAGNE FLUTE GOLD
ETCHED GUIDE BADGE
\$5.50

HANDPAINTED SILK BOOKMARKS
Assorted Animal and Flower
Designs \$3.00

PIERCED EARRINGS
Gold \$29.95
Silver \$21.50

CHRISTMAS CARDS 3 DESIGNS 40¢ each





GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CANCER MARATHON '91

16th November - 7th December

Our Target - \$60,000 for Cancer Research & Palliative Care

THE TEAM

Walkers

Margaret Bosgard
Glen Dixon
Narelle Elliott
Pauline Fay
Karen Garrard
Noreen Gould
Pam Shaw
Dianne Walker

Brownie Leader
Ranger Guide Leader
Guide Leader & Ranger
Brownie Leader
Ranger
Division Commissioner
Support Group
District Leader

Traralgon
Hamilton
Box Hill North
Ferntree Gully
Sunbury
MacArthur
Balmoral
Greensborough

Our Wonderful Support Crew

Helen Blackmore
Glenda Culley
Christine Flavell
Dorothy Holmes
Eileen Gunther
Jill Johnstone
Ann McNamara
Mabel Millen
Anne Scott
Maureen Steele

Ranger Guide Leader
Ass. State Commissioner
Lone Ranger
Ass. Region Commissioner
Guide Leader
Gumnut Guide Leader
Ass. State Commissioner
Trefoil Guild
Ass. State Commissioner
Region Commissioner

Healesville
East Malvern
Ballarat
Hamilton
Noble Park
Doncaster
Whorouly South
Reservoir
Hawthorn
Warrnambool

Countdown - 2 weeks to go!!

WHERE: Highpoint City Shopping Centre, Maribyrnong - entrance near Target

TIME: Be there by 10.00 am.

WEAR: Camp Uniform - show us your support !

DEPARTURE:

Please **DO NOT** allow girls to walk off with us from Highpoint City, as it is far too dangerous.

Do join with us going through towns where there are footpaths. Unfortunately we cannot have **ANYONE** walking with us on the roads. Please be aware of this as we do not want to disappoint anyone. Where there are footpaths we will be walking on them, this is when you could join us.

P.T.O.

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA



CANCER MARATHON '91

16th November - 7th December



Name the Mascot Competition

The Winner will be announced at the "SEND OFF!" and notified if not present. The mascot will be presented to the winner at the end of the "WALK".

Raffle

The Raffle will be drawn at the "SEND OFF" also. Good Luck everyone!! We hope all your tickets are in. Please return ALL books to H.Q. as soon as possible - sold or unsold.

Sponsor books

Thank you if you have taken a sponsor book. If you do not have one please contact H.Q. and talk to Pat Meerten. We have had 4,000 books printed with 20 spaces for donations or sponsorship of the team. If we had every book filled with \$1 donations we would reach our target of \$60,000. We are asking that you help us by asking other people to donate. Not the same neighbours and friends you always ask, but the man in the fruit shop, the hairdresser, approach your company, perhaps you could put one in your Dr's Surgery (I have!). If you have a book and cannot get donations, please return to H.Q. so that someone else may. Receipts are available in the book so that you do not have to chase people for money later, you can write them a receipt when they pay you; all donations and sponsorship over \$2 are tax deductible. Deposit slips are in the back of the book.

The Route home

See October Communicating for details of marathon roads. The last day into Melbourne, December 7th, we will walk from Greensborough to Maribyrnong, where we hope to once again have your support. We hope to arrive at Highpoint City at 2 pm. The roads we will travel on are:

Grimshaw Street, Plenty Road, Murray Road, St. Georges Road, Holden Street, Brunswick Road, Ormond Road, Maribyrnong Road, Raleigh Road, Rossomond Road

A Special Thank you to all members of the Association. Whether you have sold badges, tea towels, held mini marathons, made a donation, welcomed us at your District and Region meetings, held a stall or concert, sold Guide Biscuits, obtained sponsorship, helped out with our weekend trainings or encouraged us along the way. We have really discovered how united an organisation we really are, the support from you that we have received has been just fantastic! On behalf of the team, we give you all Special thanks and look forward to meeting many of you soon.

FOR YOUR NOTICEBOARD

NOVEMBER 1991

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIP

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GUIDES

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JUNIOR LEADERS

Three junior leader training weekends have been organised for 1992. The first is at Tynong North on 14-15 March, the second at Guide House on 2-3 May, and the third at Mirrabooka, on 22-23 August. Applications are available from your area consultant.

GUIDE SCOUT SAILING CENTRE

Fun Regatta - 23 February 1992. Why not ask your leader if your unit can attend. It sounds like great fun, and it only costs \$5.00 (plus transport).

RANGERS / LEADERS / INTERESTED PERSONS

The history of the Ranger Sailing School (Guide Scout Sailing Centre) has been published and is good value at \$10.00 per copy.