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15 August

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From the State Commissioner

Ceremonies! Such an important part of our lives - be they birthdays, christenings, weddings or any other celebration to mark an important milestone in our lives.

Guiding has its fair share of ceremonies, of course, and within our program the girls are creating ingenious new ceremonies to create other traditions which show their individuality and our modern image as a Movement.

Recently, we held the first State Recognition Day where Leaders were able to come together and celebrate with each other, the joys of service to Guiding. The ceremony included an unusual musical presentation, a delicious lunch, recognition by local dignitaries and a presentation. It was a wonderful occasion when Leaders from all over the state received their long service badges and a certificate to mark the occasion.

Today, I was privileged to be present at a closing ceremony of a state event, and as is often the case, the use of balloons had been planned. However, we agreed that letting balloons go free into the atmosphere was not an environmentally friendly act, so we swapped balloons with other Guides present - and the thoughtful messages that were attached to them were shared with each other instead of running the risk of the balloon landing in an environmentally sensitive area.

As an active organisation, we are doing things all the time! It is important that we recognise that there are consequences in everything that we do - and most of them good! Even the quietest member can achieve so much through the Guide Program - and a store of memories that will last a lifetime. Having a 'moment of

glory' where an achievement is recognised by a ceremony - no matter how small - can mean so much. The time of day, the place, the effort to reach the destination - all this can add up to a meaningful occasion, no matter how simple - and the girls can choose the time and the place to suit them.

So, be on the lookout for new ideas that the Guides may come up with, and help them become reality - they form a special bond and really help in our quest to 'make a difference'.

Heather Barton
State Commissioner

SEOP BOX

(Merial's Message)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Guide Centre is currently sending out reminder invoices to those members who have not yet paid their accounts. In some cases we are sending second, and even third reminders. To assist us in this process it is important that Leaders notify us of any "exits" on a regular basis. Thank you all, in anticipation.

GUIDES VICTORIA FUTURE DIRECTIONS SURVEY

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to those people who returned their surveys. A randomly selected 10% of members were sent the survey and its purpose is to get to know what **members think**.

Just a quick note to let everyone know I'll be on holidays from mid July to mid August. The staff at Guide Centre will be able to answer any queries you have.

REGION, DIVISION & DISTRICT LEADERS

It never ceases to amaze me the lengths Leaders will go to in challenging themselves and discovering that "YES - I can do that". "Walking over hot coals" was the invitation many of us were confronted with and experienced at G.A.M.E. (Guides Australia Management Event) last month and thankfully with no casualties (I was the First Aider). I know many of you accepted this challenge when attending Capturing the Sprit of Guiding weekend at Britannia Park last year but have you thought to ask certain members of the PR committee to attend your Annual District Meeting offering this test to your parents? I know many of you will be holding your ADM around this cold time of the year and it is not easy coming up with something different to prize those parents out of their comfortable chairs in their warm homes and away from the TV and football. So, as Heather said in her letter to you in last month's *Communicating* "nothing ventured, nothing gained" really applies in Guiding, give it a go. It could be a real winner and as you know "winners are grinners".

Environment Day has been and gone and instead of hugging a tree or analysing the contents of a scoop of dirty water through a magnifying glass, I found myself engrossed in the recycling process of plastic bottles and aluminium cans. The video we were watching together was fascinating and the articles the girls had made from recyclable pieces were amazing. I'm still promising to buy myself a worm farm and with that and the recycling I do now, I too, will only put a handful of unrecyclables into the collection bin - how about you?

Can you believe it is once again August Action time? I trust some inventive ideas will be worked through in your Districts creating a source for some of that sought after revenue we all need.

Wishing you all a successful month with no winter ills and plenty of snow for all those "snow bunnies".

Kathie
Assistant State Commissioner

GENERAL

Ahoy There!



Have you applied for the State Conference yet? Don't miss the boat!

Come and support your Region Delegates and vote on important issues.

First ever conference where your say is important.

Application form in July *Communicating*.

WANTED - INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT IDEAS

The Reader's Digest Environment Awards 1998 offer a \$15,000 Community Award to a not-for-profit community group that protects and conserves its local environment through ongoing environmental programs or a specific **innovative environmental project**.

If you have a project which is innovative please contact Judy Balmforth at the Guide Centre, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne 3000; or fax 9650 2436 by 1 September 1998.

POST BOX

*Secretary - Margaret McNeill
10 Sturt Street, Shepparton Vic 3630*

Girls under 9½ years may be linked with a penfriend within Australia. Units, Leaders or girls over 9½ years may be linked overseas.

If you or your girls would like a penfriend just send your name, address, DOB, phone number, Unit and a stamped self addressed envelope to Mrs Margaret McNeill, 10 Sturt Street, Shepparton 3630.

DID YOU KNOW !

Guides Victoria is a member of YHA (Youth Hostels). Many hostels cater for 'groups' (10 or more people). Some of the locations are - Ballarat, Lorne, Mallacoota, Mt Buller, Port Fairy, Mildura and Sorrento. YHA offer very reasonably priced accommodation.

If you would like more information about using YHA give Karen a call at Guide Centre.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Are you planning a community driven project to commemorate the Centenary of Federation?

Under the Federation Community Projects program (FCP) the Commonwealth Government has provided **\$200,000 to each Federal House of Representatives electorate** to fund projects which:

- ✓ culminate by or during 2001
- ✓ mark the Centenary of Federation; and
- ✓ benefit the community

A \$20,000 MINIMUM GRANT LEVEL HAS BEEN SET FOR PROJECTS.

Application kits are available by:

- ☎ phoning toll free **1800 355 636**
- Ⓜ the Internet **<http://www.dca.gov.au/fcp>**
- ☒ OR contact your **Federal Member of the House of Representatives.**
- Ⓞ **Applications** must be received at your Member's Electorate Office by **close of business on Friday, 23 October 1998.**

Funds will be available for selected projects after 1 July 1999.

Remember, grants are for each electorate so to maximise your chance of success you may need to co-ordinate projects if electoral boundaries overlap Guide District boundaries.

TRAINING

Adviser - Felicity Wightwick

Further Leadership Development P5 - Stawell 31 October.

This training has now been cancelled.

Outdoor Training News

Camp Skills at Pascoe Vale- 19 September needs lots of participants.

It's now time to register for this training. Camp Skills is a prerequisite for Outdoors under Canvas training.

Outdoors under canvas - on the 12-13 September has been re-scheduled. It will now be held on the weekend of 17-18 October at Mittagong Campsite, Lara.

So here's a great opportunity to complete two outdoor qualifications in two months. **Register now.**

October trainings.

It's almost closing time for October trainings, so apply now. Details in the training Calendar.

MEMBERSHIP

Adviser - Marg Taylor

Target 2000 Challenge

Is your Unit on board with the Challenge? Are your Guides wearing their Target 2000 Challenge badges?

Have you set your Target 2000 Goals? Has your Unit increased its membership? Have you checked out how to earn bonus points?

Here are a few suggestions for things on this month that will give you some extra points - August Action, Citymission Sleepout.

TARGET 2000 BULLETIN BOARD

Welcome to another new Unit!

14-18 year old Unit at Leongatha - "Thylacine Unit"

Congratulations to these Units for gaining "Friendmaker Badges"

1st & 2nd Mooroolbark	2
1st Mooroolbark Guides	1
Ruyton ASC	1
1st Maryborough Brownies	1
1st Tanjil Valley	1
Cranbourne Paw Print Guides	1
Dolphin Guides	2
Tooradin Koala Guides	3
3rd Burwood Brownies	5
3rd Doncaster	2
1st Bulleen Jnr. Guides	2
4th Box Hill	2
2nd Vermont	2
3rd St Albans Brownies	2
Fawkner District	5
Upwey	1
1st Belgrave South	1
4th St Kilda	2
1st Werribee Brownies	2
Poowong Pixie Guides	5
Beaufort Blue Wrens	2

August Action

"M" for Membership is the theme for this year's August Action. This should be an opportunity for a WIN-WIN-WIN.

- Increase awareness of Guiding in the community.
- Make some money for your Unit or District and the Guide Centre.
- Recruit some new Guides or Leaders at the same time.

School Promotion Workshop at the Guide Centre
Sunday 23 August 1.30pm-4.00pm
Cost \$5.00

Come and learn all you need to know about running a school promotion. Phone the Guide Centre to book before 17 August.

TIP OF THE MONTH

The video "Welcome to Guiding" is still available from the Guide Shop at \$4.00 or your Region Leader may have a copy you can borrow. It runs for 8½ minutes and is an excellent way to show a young audience just some of the activities that Guides can do. It is an excellent tool to use at a school promotion. To encourage girls to come and try Guides, stop the video a minute or so before the end and say "To find out all the other things Guides do, you'll have to come along and try!"

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Adviser - Libby Howlett

Congratulations, you did it, you are all world record holders.

The world longest continuous Damper. 1500 Guides, 150 kilos of flour, 86 litres of water mixed together and cooked on a pole 103 metres long over 800 kgs of heat beads.

Documentation has been submitted to the Guinness Book of Records.

The event featured on three national TV news. Channel 10's 'Totally Wild' team were there doing a feature story that will include all the days activities. 'Totally Wild' will let us know the date and time of our

segment 10 days to 2 weeks before it goes to air. The PR department will notify a Leader from all Units who attended RUG.

A big THANK YOU to the generous companies who supported our world record achievement:

Namkil Engineering (Wire Works) who supplied the pole and struts and helped in the design.

Australian Cha Polycy Candle Co. P/L who supplied 800 kgs of heat beads, fire starters and matches.

Goodman Fielder Mills who supplied 100 kgs of flour.

Royal Melbourne Show

Are you positive and enthusiastic about Guiding? If the answer is YES and you are available on any days between 17-26 September, then we have a promotion opportunity for you.

Register your name to become involved in talking to people at the Royal Melbourne Show about the fabulous benefits of Guiding.

A workshop on PR and promotion specifically tailored for Royal Melbourne Show volunteers will be held at Guide Centre on Wednesday 9 September at 7 pm. Phone Libby Howlett on 9796 1072 to register your involvement.

The Media and You

Guides Australia now has a modern up to date image, that research tells us appeals to the general public and our target audience.

Each region has a PR Co-ordinator or Region Leader who is there to help you gain the optimum impact from any media opportunities. Take advantage of their skills and knowledge, together you will

produce a very positive and enthusiastic image of Guiding.

For wonderful PR opportunities that will have a state wide audience draw on the support and advice of the state PR team. They will be happy to help make your media impact magnificent.



OUTDOORS

Adviser - Julie Armstrong

MOBILE SHOP

Co-ordinator - Bernice Gilbert

During August the Mobile Shop will be at the following locations:

- 2 Region Picnic - 5-8yrs. - The Briars, Mt Martha
- 7 Winter Sleepout - Science Works Shepparton 1-8pm.
- 14 Wangaratta 11am - 5pm.
- 16 Maroondah Region Camp - Britannia Park
- 22 Outdoor Activities Conference
- 29 Ferntree Gully Agricultural Show

The last two years have proved most successful taking the Mobile Shop out laden with the Christmas stock to trade in Guide Halls from the 2nd week of October to the 1st week of November. I plan to do the same again this year, so if your Region or District would like to be included could you please fill out an application form and forward it to me by the end of August or phone me on 5982 2075.

Reminder - It is preferable you don't order goods from the Guide Shop for the Mobile Shop to deliver as there is no guarantee I will collect them for you. Now I have the Guide car at McCrae, more often than not I go straight to my destination. I stock most items that are in the shop which includes interest badges.

RAGE OUT '98

VICTORIAN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CONFERENCE

21 - 23 AUGUST 1998
ILUKA, SHOREHAM

If you are a member of your Region Outdoor Team, or a Camping Certificate assessor, and have NOT yet received your invitation, please contact Karen Thornton, at the Guide Centre on 9654 7911, so that one may be sent out.

Sleeping Platforms and Rope Bridges

Have you used the Sleeping Platforms at Britannia Park, or are you planning to use them in the future ?

Would you like to learn how to construct rope bridges so the girls can move between the platforms ?
Well, keep Sunday October 4 free.

Learn How to Construct Rope Bridges

Sunday 4 October
9.30am to 4.00 pm

Britannia Park, Yarra Junction
Cost \$5.00 BYO Lunch (Tea, Coffee, Cordial Provided)

Apply to Outdoor Activities Department, Guides Victoria, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, with your Name, Membership No, Address, Phone No, Unit and \$5.00, by 25 September 1998

For more information, contact Julie Armstrong, 03 9579 2178

CANOE PERMIT COURSE

17/18 OCTOBER 1998

&

14/15 NOVEMBER 1998

At Hazelwood Pondage and Latrobe
River (In Baw Baw Region)

Cost \$50.00 Per Person

Accommodation can be arranged if
needed.

For more information contact Dorothy
Sturgess on 03 5625 4062

This course would be ideal for
interested members in Casinia, Baw Baw,
Woorayl, and Gippsland Regions.

Applications to Outdoor Activities,
Guides Victoria, 20 Russell Street,
Melbourne 3000 by 5 October 1998.
Please provide Name, Membership No,
Address, Phone No, Unit & Date of Canoe
Certificate.

STREET ORIENTEERING

The days are getting longer so there is more time to go orienteering. The next fixture for the Wednesday night series is listed below. More information is available from the Orienteering Association on 9459 0853. Why not make it a Father/Daughter Night or a Mother/Daughter Night.

DATE	START LOCATION	LOCALITY	MEL REF
5 AUG	Enter off Middleborough Rd to car park behind shops in Burwood Hwy & Middleborough Rd	Burwood East	61 F7
12 AUG	157 Union Rd. Park in car park on north side of Surrey Hills station	Surrey Hills	46 H11
19 AUG	Eastwood Village shops, Bedford Rd	Ringwood East	50 A9
26 AUG	Car Park, west side of Marquis St	Ashburton	60 D9
2 SEPT	Brandon Park Shop/Ctr, Brandon Park Dve, near Magid Ave	Mulgrave	71 C9
9 SEPT	Carrington Park, off O'Connor Rd	Knoxfield	72 K6
16 SEPT	Coles Car Park, Victoria Ave	Mitcham	48 J8
23 SEPT	Blackburn Nth Shop/Ctr, Williams Rd near Safeway Sign	Blackburn Nth	47 K7
30 SEPT	Tunstall Park, Luckie St	Nunawading	48 E8

If you have tried Street Orienteering, I would appreciate any feedback that I can pass onto the Orienteering Association.



G.A.M.E.

Guide Australia Management Event was a great success with Leaders from Hong Kong, New Zealand and across Australia in attendance.

The week packed program included sessions on empowering women, discovering our behavioural types, social issues, team building and focusing on the future.

It was also a great opportunity to network and socialise, and what a fabulous location St Hilda's College is, so close to Lygon St and the City.

The evening activities were always engaging and entertaining. A multicultural connection, visuals, songs and stories of personal journeys. Melissa Hays is a vibrant and exciting international visitor from the USA, who has been here in Australia running youth camps focusing on American Native culture. Other activities included "Mrs Buckets" candle light supper with after dinner speaker, and finally the fire walkers, oh! the lengths some people will go to demonstrate their dedication and commitment to Guiding.

If someone from your Region attended GAME ask them to share their knowledge gained at the event and turn it into positive action to advance your Region. Be GAME, embrace the future with Guiding.

PROGRAM

Adviser - Janeanne Lee

For many reasons the first issue of Laura's letter was not widely received in Units throughout the state and following on from suggestions we received from the region program liaisons we have decided

to send the next issue to the Leaders. With this month's *Communicating* you should also have received a copy. Please show your girls and encourage them to subscribe. We would also like to receive ideas from them to incorporate into future issues of Laura's Letter.

Late in term 2, two members of the program team travelled to Goulburn Region and shared with the Leaders in the Region Conference on Saturday and then spent Sunday working with the girls on leadership. In the next term we have been invited to share with a number of other regions. Please contact us if you would like us to travel to your part of the state. We are enjoying travelling around and thank the regions for their wonderful hospitality.

GUIDES 5-8

Adviser - Margaret Callister

What a lot of exciting events took place for Guides and Leaders last month! Congratulations to the Leaders who planned so carefully and worked so hard to make sure that everything went so well, and to the Guides and Leaders who were able to take the opportunity to participate in any of the events.

For a long time Leaders have been wanting a simple, appropriate certificate that may be presented to girls when they join a Unit. Many Leaders produced their own, which was a good idea as it is important for new, young Guides to have something to mark their "belonging". Now there are "belonging" certificates available in the Guide Shop that have the attractive decorative border of the previously used Gumnut Guide certificate, the wording "..... is a member of theUnit"

and places for the date and the name of the Leader.

On Sunday 25 October a special day at Donvale for all Guides aged from 5-11 will provide lots of chances for Guides to learn skills, make things to use on the day, at home or at Unit meetings. The cost for this day of "Making and Using" is \$5.00 for Guides and no charge for Leaders and parents. As always, parents are welcome to accompany the Guides, especially the 5, 6 and 7s.

August Action can provide a lot of fun and experience in thinking, deciding, planning and carrying out the action. I am sure that the Units who take part will enjoy the adventures they will have, and that their efforts will give pleasure to many people. Just a reminder that the Action, for this age group, is carried out by the whole Unit, or if in a multi-age Unit, in age/program groups.

An activity that will help girls to develop ball handling skills and confidence in a game that is non-threatening and fun is "Star Ball". To play - the girls sit in a circle with their feet touching the feet of the girl on either side (forming a star pattern) and roll a large ball from one to another across or around the circle. As skills improve the size of the ball is reduced, the ball is thrown and caught instead of being rolled and other variations suggested by the girls are introduced.

Have you noted the date for Gumnick next year? Sunday 21 March 1999, 11am - 3pm.



GUIDES 7-11

Adviser - Janeanne Lee

I know that there are many girls who have completed the requirements for their Junior BP Badge. As this is a new award we have decided to hold a state presentation ceremony for the first group of girls to complete this award. This will take place later in the year. Please present the Badges to the girls but the certificates will be presented at the special ceremony (following the format of the current BP ceremony.)

Some more ideas to share with your girls:

Last month we had some ideas from the girls from Glee and I would like to share some more of these with you.

Making Volcanoes: (using vinegar and Baking Soda)

Map making: Making a map and getting another six/patrol to follow it. If you get it right there is a prize!!

Bean Heads: Cute little people made from Broad Beans. The bean is their face, they have a little hat made from felt and a hanging ribbon attached to the top of the hat.

Pipe cleaner people made from pipe cleaners and beads.

Events which you and your girls can attend.

Camp Kalparrin (state event for 7 - 11 year olds)

If your girls have not yet applied it is not too late. The applications must be in by August 15. Please apply using a standard application form and enclose a deposit of \$60.00. The total camp cost is \$190.00. We also need more Leaders to

apply, so please think seriously about joining us for a week of fun and friendship. The cost for Leaders is \$ 70.00. The girls who came last year had a wonderful time and this year promises to be even better. Britannia Park is a beautiful venue and we use all the facilities which are available.

Make it and Use it Day- October 25

This is an activity day for 5 -11 year olds. It will be held at Donvale from 10.00am - 3.00pm. The object of the day is for the girls to learn new and exciting skills and then use them to make lots of exciting things to take home or to tell their friends about. You may have seen this advertised as a Pioneer Day but we have now decided to extend the focus. The cost for the day is **\$5.00** per girl. Leaders and parents are invited to come along for no charge. If you are intending to be a part of this exciting Day could you please complete the form on page 14 and send it with a cheque to cover the charge per girl to:

Make it and Use it
Program Department
20 Russell Street
Melbourne 3000

GUIDES 10-15

Adviser - Liz Richardson

THE RUMOUR IS GROWING!!

Beyond Imagining 2000 is really going to happen from January 2-9 in the year 2000. It is for Guides aged 10-18 and is going to be a week of sun, surf and sand. I picture a couple of hundred Guides boarding the planes and taking over Tullamarine for a few hours. If you look at raising about \$800 you will either have a few dollars to find or a few more dollars to spend.

If you come up with any really great fundraising ideas please pass them on to me so that I can pass them on to others. Here's a few to get you going. The shopping tour, car wash, pie drive, chocolate drive, fashion parade, the Athon. But start your fundraising now to get your place and go **BEYOND IMAGINING!**

Here's a special offer.

Jumbunna is still able to accept applications. This event is costing \$500 for the event. \$100 for travel and a few more dollars for spending. Please pass this information on to your Guides. Of course if there are any Leaders out there who would like to join in on this event I would love to have another grown up to talk to! The event fees are the same for Leaders and girls. Could someone out there please give this a thought and get in touch. You could be my new best friend.

Winter Sleepout

Depending on how good your mail is, you have only a few more days to get your application in for Friday 7 August. If your mail is late, thank you very much for being part of a great night. I hope you didn't get too cold, too wet or too tired. (Please circle the appropriate one).

As the new Guide Program takes off with no turning back, please give your Guides access to some form of leadership training. To complete the clause in the awards pack this is a necessity. But don't forget this does not have to take place as a state event. It does not have to be run by the training team and it can be run in your very own Unit! As long as the Guides are aware that the focus for the activities is leadership it could be a term of half hour sessions run as part of your Unit program.

If you are stuck I am prepared to go anywhere in Victoria to run a day workshop for 15 girls or more. Goulburn Region have already taken advantage of this program and I am off to Wodonga in September. Don't forget Guiding is an adventure and to have adventure you don't have to be wearing a helmet with a rope attached to your waist. Let your girls experience life because the best life is a Guiding life!

GUIDES 14-18

Adviser - Toni Peters

Well, by now you should all be aware that we have purchased a new bus. It's name is Sprottmobile II. Maybe you have seen it travelling around Victoria? If not, watch out for it – it is going to many places in the next few months. Remember the cost is only \$25 per day plus 10 cents per kilometre after the first 100 kilometres. All you need to do is contact Heather Hyatt (9457 1599) and make your booking.

Don't forget to mark October 24 in your diary for a great weekend away at Adult Gathering. Some of you may be a bit confused as to the venue – but we did that just to see if you were awake. It is actually going to be held at Shoreham. Get your applications in quick as space is limited.

RAVE (a fantastic event for 14 – 18 Guides and Venturers and their Leaders) is being held at Britannia Park 18-20 September. Get your applications in quick so as to secure your choice of off-site activities. Application forms were in July *Communicating* and are also available from Guide Centre.

Have a great month and watch the next

edition of *Communicating* for further updates.

Award Registrations

As of 1 July 1998 there is no longer the requirement for a Guide who is working towards her Queen's Guide Award, Leadership Focus, or any other focus, to register with Guide Centre or Region Personnel.

As the Australian Guide Program is very much girl-driven and their achievements are peer assessed, the necessity for Guide Centre and Region Personnel to keep records of "what a Guide is doing" is no longer.

ADULT 18-30 OLAVE PROGRAM

Chairman - Claire Baker

Camp there! 31 July - 2 August at Iluka. Olave Program annual camp, run this year by Cooloni Rangers. Congratulations, a job well done.

Thank you to all Olave Program members who volunteered at the Epilipsy Trivia Challenge on Sunday 2 August.

This month's **18-30AM** will include some interesting reports on MARB (Rover ball), hopefully sharing some photos of the Gothic Horror theme.

Upcoming Events

18-30 State Conference. Saturday 5 September 9.30am - 4.30pm at Guide Centre. Application form in last months *Communicating* and 18-30AM.

Partial re-election of the State 18-30 Committee. The following positions will be up for re-election:

- Olave Program/Rover Liaison

- General Committee
- Magazine Representative and a new Magazine Committee to be elected.

White Water Rafting. 17-18 October (applications accepted until 21 September only with FULL payment).

18-30 AM has the following application forms - 18-30s State Conference, White Water Rafting. Subscribe now - subscription form enclosed (also on sale at Guide Centre).

Olave Baden Powell Award (Peak Award for the Olave Program)
OBP Award Coordinator - Julia Morphet.
Ph 9578 1484. Last months *Communicating* included information and procedure. This months *18-30AM* includes a 4 page liftout on the Peak Award. We hope by the end of the year to have an information pack/companion/syllabus book on the Peak Award at the Guide Shop. OBP Award correspondence including plans to be forwarded to: Julia Morphet, 2A Nicholls Road, Ormond 3163 or attention 18-30 Olave Program, c/- Guides Victoria, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne 3000.

Help Wanted!

Olave Program needs promotional material. Are you good at designing posters, brochures, business cards, certificates? We need individuals or teams to give projects to, who will report back to the 18-30 State Committee. If you are interested please contact 18-30's State Committee, C/- Secretary, Karen Chatto, 1102 Norman Street, Wendouree 3355 OR email: k.chatto@nre.vic.gov.au

LONES

Adviser - Helen Heath

Victoria is the host state for the next Australian Lone Leaders' Training Event to be held at Shoreham from 8-14 January 1999. This event involves Leaders from all Australian states as well as New Zealand, England, Canada and South Africa. Intensive training and sharing of ideas and material especially adapted for use by Lones insures Leaders are inspired to continue working effectively with Guides. If any Unit, District, Support Group, Trefoil Guild or individual would like to make small, easily transportable gifts with an Australian or especially Victorian theme we would be delighted to receive these. Please make sure they can leave the country by varnishing or whatever the requirements are. We don't know how many are coming but hope for more than 40. Please label with your name, Unit name and an address so the person who receives your gift can reply to you next year. You can leave these gifts at the Guide Centre labelled to be collected by Helen Heath, Lone Adviser and place a note in the Lone pigeonhole telling me they are waiting collection. Please no later than 20 December so I have time to sort.

INTERNATIONAL

It's been a BIG couple of months for the International Department.

RUG was a huge success (See PR article). There have been numerous letters and comments about the day, from all accounts the car wrecking activity was a highlight, along with the billycarts and our World Record Damper. Thanks once



again to all the helpers and especially the very hard-working RUG Committee.

The Guides Australia Management Event (GAME) went very smoothly with loads of positive comments about the content and the presenters. The international participants from New Zealand and Hong Kong, as well as the representatives from all States found the program interesting, useful and definitely thought provoking. Well done GAME Committee!

Melissa Hays - President of Sooner Girl Scout Council Oklahoma.

Activities run by Melissa were very well attended, and the many people who had the chance to meet her found her really interesting, amusing and informative. Melissa has certainly made quite an impact on many aspects of Guiding in

Victoria, and her visit will long be remembered. We were indeed fortunate to receive an Australian-American Community Education Grant to bring her here.

Who reads your *Communicating*?

Do your girls have access to *Communicating*? If not, how do you decide what information you pass on to them? At VEGFest a member of the International Committee was dismayed to discover very few of the 50 Guides (ages 14+) present, had any knowledge of the international events currently being advertised. When informed of the opportunities available many were genuinely interested. Please share International Event details with the girls. Please do not withhold this information, whether or not to apply is an individual decision.

Events

Celebration '99 USA
Canadian Mosaic 2 venues
Service Project at Sangam
Mexican Fiesta 99
Trerixoset Sweden
World Camp 99 Foxlease UK (youth)
World Camp 99 Adults

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Apply through your Region International Rep. Not sure who it is? Ring your Region Leader. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Make It and Use It Day- October 25th

Application form:

Unit name:

Leader's name:

Contact Address:

Number of girls attending:

Number of adults attending:

Please enclose payment for the number of girls you have applied for.

RADIO ACTIVITIES

Consultant - Joy Savill
PO Box 91, Heywood 3304
e-mail: joys@ansonvic.com.au
Ph 5527 1314 Fax 5527 2105

Some of you may still be wondering what you can do for JOTA/JOTI. I have most of the information if you let me know what you would like, even a list of Radio Operators. I realise many of you book from year to year. This is good as long as you let me know afterwards so you can be included in Victorian Guide numbers. DO NOT rely on the Scouts to hand in numbers. It doesn't matter if you get your badges from the Scouts as long as you let me know who took part, what ages, who you contacted and any other interesting things you did or heard on the radio (last year what was heard on the radio at Harrow became the highlight of the National Report).

By the end of this month it would be a good idea to have the basic outline of your day (weekend) in hand. This way you will know if there is any area you need more help in.

If you would like more information please don't hesitate to call me at home or send me a business sized envelope.

BISCUITS

Co-ordinator - Sheila Stancombe
Tel: 9762 3946

Please note deliveries need to be to a school, business or Guide Hall **not** a private address. Order form in July *Communicating*.

TREFOIL

Adviser - Lola Johnston
81 Somerville Street
Bendigo 3550

You will have all received the extra mail out that had arrived after the last newsletter.

Very importantly the Agenda Items for the National Trefoil Guild Advisers meeting September 29 - October 1 1998. Q10 on the sheets was unfortunately omitted on the fax transmission, but is the same as Q7. Please discuss these and send me your Guild's answers, so that the feelings of the Victorian Trefoil Guilds will be presented.

Looking forward to seeing many of our members at the State Trefoil Guild AGM in Mooroopna, and the 24 Hour Gathering at Shoreham.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

GO CLUB

8 August

Police Paddocks - near Rowville
guided tour of historical areas. Bring lunch. Contact Judy Robertson on 9546 9290 by Thursday 6 August.

8 September

GO Club Annual Meeting 7.00pm -
Guide Centre

All welcome - come and help plan NEXT (1999) year's program. Contact Meg Ledley on 9386 5863.

10 September

Service Day at Donvale (Camp Carnegie)

10am - 4pm (or any time you can spare).

ANY HELP GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. BYO gardening gloves, etc and lunch (tea/coffee, biscuits supplied) Hopefully it won't be 42°C like in February!

**18 October
Cycle Ride**

Details later. Contact Nancie Flegg on 9848 3070

MAHJONG DAY

Wednesday 16 September 1998 10am - 2.30pm

A Mahjong day is being held at Bennettswood Guide Hall, Station Street, Burwood - between Highbury Road and Burwood Highway on the west side behind the scout hall.

If you cannot play mahjong this is an opportunity to come and learn; experts welcome too. IT IS A FUN DAY.

Cost \$5 to assist with training aids for the Training Department. BYO lunch; soup, tea and coffee provided. Booking is essential. Contact Norma Sims on 9386 4768 or Gwenda Williams on 9354 7796 by 10 September. There will be a trading table.

Transport: No 75 East Burwood tram to Station Street. From Box Hill railway station, Ventura bus no 732, alight at Burwood Highway.

Scottish Country Dancing is a social dance, usually in groups of eight dancers (not to be confused with Highland Dancing which is solo and competitive).

Scottish Country Dancing is a healthy, intelligent form of exercise and meets the criteria for the Dancer Badge.

Have you considered a series of lessons, culminating with the Dancer Badge or perhaps combined Mother/Father/ Daughter sessions?

Fully certified teachers of Scottish Country Dance are willing to teach at your

venue, on request. Classes are also available Monday-Friday in most areas. Enquiries: June 03 9515 7201, Myrna 03 9543 5429.

CLASSIFIEDS

1st Hampton Guides

75th Reunion

All ex-members and those who have been connected with the Hampton Guides are invited to the Unit's 75th birthday to be held at the Hampton Guide Hall

368 Hampton Street, Hampton
on Sunday 30 August 1998
starting at 2pm

For further details phone Trish on 9578 0637 or Yvonne on 9598 8883

We are trying to make this a special event as not many units can boast 75 years of continuous membership!

Please join the celebration of the

70th Birthday

of the **Mentone Guide District**

Sunday 30 August 1998

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Guide/Scout hall

Gerry Green Reserve

Cnr Imes Street & Nepean Highway,
Parkdale

Uniform for Guiding and Scouting members.

Replies and information from District Leader Judi Lewis-Williams

40 Allandale Road, Mentone 3194

Ph 9583 3230, Fax 9585 0180

Mobile 018 341 532

Strathmerton Guides are celebrating their **40th Birthday** on Sunday 9 August from 1.30 - 5pm at the Strathmerton Guide Hall, Patrick Street Strathmerton.

An invitation is extended to former Guides, Local Association members and any people who wish to attend and share this occasion.

For more information contact Jennifer Bennie, District Leader on 5874 5334.

Mt Beauty Guide Hall for Hire

Mt Beauty is situated 4 hours drive from Melbourne in the heart of the Victorian Alps. It is close to ski fields (Falls Creek), bushwalking and many other activities. The hall has very good kitchen and bathroom facilities, very good heating and the hire fee is very cheap. Your own bedding is required.

For further information phone Carol Dale on 5754 4654.



South Metro Showtime

Alexander Theatre,
Monash University,
Wellington Road,
Clayton.

7-15 August 1998 (8 shows including 2 matinees).

Adult \$12.00

Child \$8.00

Call the Ticket Hotline now on 9789 3542 to reserve your tickets.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Guiding Partner Training

Where: Mooroopna

When: Saturday 31 October 1998

Cost: \$15 each OR
2 people for \$20



Leadership Development Core Modules

Where: Warrnambool

When: 13 & 14 September 1998

Cost: \$45.00

Camp Skills

Where: Pascoe Vale

When: 19 September 1998

Cost: \$20.00



Outdoors Under Canvas

Where: Lara

When: 17 & 18 October 1998

Cost: \$60.00

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME
EXCITEMENT?

ABSEILING

HOW ABOUT TRYING

We will be conducting several abseiling days at various locations throughout Victoria, during September to December. This activity is open to all Guides aged 14-30 years. Guides with no abseiling experience most definitely apply. Hurry, places limited. Only cost is for transport, food and accommodation. No charge for abseiling.

For more information complete the standard application form. Write two sentences about why you would like to go abseiling.

For enquiries contact Carolyn Atkinson, PO Box 262, Kilmore 3764 or call 5781 0728.

A B S E I L I N G



Have you ever wanted to be part of the theatre?

Backstage, technical, selling programs, makeup, ushering, orchestra and of course being in the cast. These are just a few of the many choices you have when you become a member of **Melbourne Gang Show**. Gang Show rehearses for about 15 weeks from February until May when the show hits the theatre. The Production Team have already started planning for Gang Show in 1999 and want you to be a part of it. Gang Show can be used towards many badges in many different ways. No experience is needed. If you want to be a part of a fun activity where you learn heaps of new skills and make lots of new friends, fill in the form below, send it to Guide Centre, and we will send you an application form.

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF MELBOURNE GANG SHOW 1999

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AGE: _____ GUIDE UNIT: _____

I would be interested in the following area of the show

Cast Backstage/Technical Other (please specify) _____

Please send this form to Melbourne Gang Show, Guides Victoria, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne 3000.

AN APPLICATION FORM WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL

CAMPSITE VACANCIES FROM AUGUST 1998

Many people comment that our properties are of a high standard compared to other campsites they have visited, so please secure your booking date early. Please be aware that our properties are sometimes being hired by outside mixed groups.

BRITANNIA PARK is now accredited, the abseiling tree is up and so are the platforms for camping which are proving very popular. Cooking equipment is available for platform campers.

SHOREHAM is looking great, the lake is providing endless hours of fun.

TAPESTRY is a great place for Guide Units to camp or for a family weekend away.

CARNEGIE is a comfortable cottage available for hire,(accommodates 5). Great for country people to stay for city weekend. Twenty minutes from the city.

Britannia Park : Brownie Cottage

Aug	2-7	9-14	16-21	23-28	31
Sept	1-4	6-11	13-18	27-30	
Oct	4-9	11-16	18-23	25-30	
Nov	4-5	8-27	30		
Dec	1-4	6-31			
Jan	Vacant				

Britannia Park: Guide House

Aug	2-7	9-11	16-19	23-28	31
Sept	1-4	6-11	13-18	27-30	
Oct	4-9	11-16	18-23	25-31	
Nov	1-13	15-27			
Dec	1-4	6-11	13-31		
Jan	3-31				

Iluka :

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Aug	2-14	16-21	23-28	31
Sept	1-4	6-8	12-13	27-30
Oct	1	4-10	11-16	18-23
Nov	1-6	8-11	12-17	20-27 30
Dec	1-4	9-30		
Jan	3-8	14-29		

Tapestry: House

Aug	1-7	9-15	16-21	23-31	
Sept	1-11	13-22	24-30		
Oct	3-9	11-16	19-24	26-31	
Nov	3-13	15-30			
Dec	1-6	11-31			
Jan	Vacant				

Britannia Park: Broadhurst

Aug	2-7	9-10	16-19	23-28	31
Sept	1-4	6-11	13-18	28	
Oct	2-9	11-16	18-30		
Nov	2-6	8-13	15-20	23-27	30
Dec	1-4	6-11	13-31		
Jan	Vacant				

Britannia Park: Thankyou Chalet

Aug	2-7	10	13	23-28	30-31
Sept	1-6	12-18	27-30		
Oct	1	4-9	11-16	18-23	25-30
Nov	1-6	8-13	15-20	22-27	30
Dec	1-4	6-31			
Jan	Vacant				

Iluka :

Warrawong

Aug	2-14	16-21	24-28	31
Sept	1-4	6-8	13-18	20-25
Oct	4-9	11-16	18-23	26-31
Nov	1-27	30		
Dec	1-7	9-26		
Jan	14-29			

PLEASE CHECK ON DATES ALL THE TIME AS VACANCIES DO COME UP.

One night weekend bookings available.

There have been some inquiries about having one night stays at Britannia Park and Shoreham. To try and cater for these bookings the dates below are available. Other bookings can be made if two groups book one night each for the weekend, so give Rrobyn a call at Guides Victoria on 9654 7911.

Britannia Park	September 11-12	18-19	Any of December
Shoreham	September 12-13	Oct 9th	Any of December

CANCELLATIONS.

Please note: When cancellations do occur and the site is not rebooked all deposits are forfeited if the site is rebooked you will receive 90% refund.

ADULT GATHERING

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Saturday 24 October 3pm to Sunday 25 October 3pm

You asked for it - so here it is. The **SECOND Adult Gathering of Leaders of 14-18 Guides** is scheduled for 24 October 1998.

Want to express and share your opinions on the way Guiding is progressing within your Unit and area?

Here is your opportunity to join other **Leaders of 14-18 year old Guides** and other **interested adults**, with the **State 14-18 Adviser and her team**, at **Aulau, Shoreham**, (note the change of venue) have your say and be listened to.

Accommodation will be indoors and all meals will be catered. Cost is only \$30 and applications close on 25 September 1998.

*Send your cheque, made payable to Guides Victoria, to Toni Peters,
2/48 Lincoln Avenue, Glen Waverley 3150 by 25 September 1998.
Any queries please call Toni on (03) 9560 6919.*



**Yes, I want to attend the Adult Gathering at Aulau, Shoreham.
I would like to find out more about:-**

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Role of Leader of 14-18 Guides | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Investiture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Role of Region 14-18 Program Liaison | <input type="checkbox"/> Unit in Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Role of Region Resource Leader - Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peak Achievement Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> The Future of Guiding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Name Phone

Address

Unit

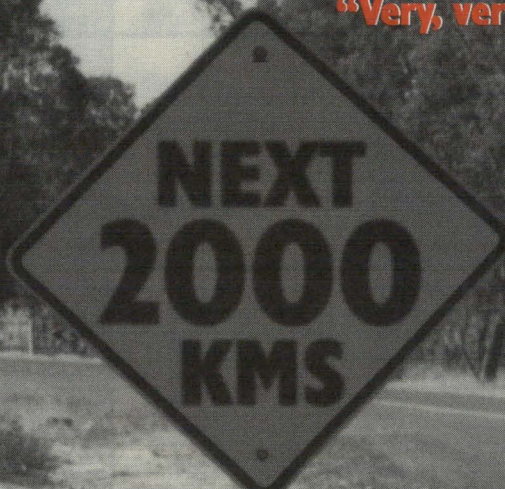
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The following Leaders have gained their Leadership Qualification and have been appointed as qualified Leaders. Congratulations to:

Diane Tait - 1st Wangaratta Gumnut Guides
Ros Janus - 1st Wangaratta Guides
Marree Adams - Monak Guides Wangaratta
Bridgit Hamilton - Corryong Unit
Nicole Marengo - 1st Chiltern Guides
Chantel Goonan - Alpine Nara Guides
Raelea Griffiths - 4th Wangaratta Guides
Deborah Jephson - 1st Trafalgar Brownies
Meagan Young - 1st Churchill Flexible Unit
Christine Trimnell - District Leader, Berwick
Linda Wilkinson - District Leader, Upper Beaconsfield
Joanne Thornburn - Deepdene Guides
Vicki Anderson - 3rd Frankston Guides
Bernadette Errol - 1st Redhill Guides
Burnadene Morgan - District Leader, Seaford
Jennifer Smith - District Leader, Mt Martha
Lorelle Fallshaw - 1st Rye Guides
Catherine Clark - District Leader, Rye
Denise Palmer - District Leader, Redhill
Janene Cody - 1st Carrum Downs
Joan Kirtland - District Leader, Morradoo
Lesley Clapperton - District Leader, Frankston
Meryle Tye - Mt Martha District Guides
Julienne Dawson - 2nd Tullamarine
Vicki Lark - District Leader, The Basin
Helen Hughes - Wantirna South Phoenix Guides
Kerrie Ziccone - Wantirna Heights
Melanie Wells - District Leader, Rowville
Nicole Hogendorn - Toocan Guides Ferntree Gully
Helen Walker - 5th Colac Fairy Folk Guides
Rosemary O'Callaghan - 1st Warracknabeal
Debbie Plevy - 1st Warracknabeal
Victoria Smith - 1st Yarraville Brownies
Sandra Watkins - Beaufort Blue Wren Guides
Lindy Mahomed - 1st Foster Brownies
Linda Makin - Plenty Ranger Guides
Jennifer Kirk - DL Hampton Park
Sue Davies - 3rd Springvale South
Joanne Tomkins - 3rd Springvale South
Denise Pavic - 2nd Mt Eliza Koala Guides
Dana Jwillin - 2nd Mt Eliza Koala Guides
Narelle Maillard - District Leader, Langwarrin
Jennifer McGrath - 1st Langwarrin Guides
Sharon Darlow - 1st Sunshine Guides
Kathy Webb - North Metro Region JL Group
Sandra Watkins - Beaufort Blue Wren Guides

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

"We need your help!"

The National Australia Day Council would like to ask for your assistance in recognising the achievements of young Australians living, working and playing in the community.

The Awards Program seeks to acknowledge the efforts of outstanding individuals aged between 14 and 27 years.

The Awards consist of seven categories:

The Medibank Private Arts Award

The Abigroup Sports Award

The Eastern Energy Science and Technology Award

The North Limited Regional Development Award

The NRMA Community Service Award

The Unilever Environment Award

The Minister for Youth Affairs Career Achievement Award

The winners of each of these categories are then judged with the opportunity of receiving the overall Network TEN/Herald Sun Young Achiever for Victoria Award. All category winners then proceed to represent Victoria in the National component of the awards program.

If you would like to nominate someone, contact Judy at Guide Centre to get a nomination form. Nominations close on 4 September 1998.

SURFING

For details see July Communicating

Name of Unit

Contact Name

Phone Number

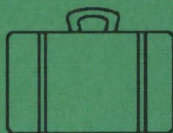
Enclosed is a cheque for _____ people at \$20.00 each to attend the surfing lesson on 8 November at Anglesea.

Total amount \$____.00

Post to: Surfing!, Julia Morphet, 2A Nicholls Road, Ormond 3204.



CANCER MARATHON '99



Due to lack of interest and support it has been decided to cancel the preparations for this event.

I would like to thank those who had offered to help and I am sure you will find another challenging service to participate in.

I would also like to thank the committee members who had already been involved in the early preparations.

Diane Walker

The Victorian Guide and Scout Sailing Centre
Proudly presents a

DUTCH AUCTION AND TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday 29 August

Where: Victorian Guide and Scout Sailing Centre - Sandringham

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: \$5 p/h or \$15 family (2 adults + 4 children under 16)

BYO Food and Drinks (soft drinks available \$1 per can)

Auction items would be appreciated - collection can be arranged

RSVP: 22 August


Bookings essential

Julie 9803 4251

Sarah 9592 1391


Travis 9561 3530

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September 19 to 25 1999

KEEP THESE DATES FREE

Watch *Communicating* for further information.

**"HAVE AN ADVENTUROUS TIME IN THE
NORTH WEST IN '99"**

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GUIDE SERVICE STARS

DID YOU KNOW ?? There are service stars available (similar to the old brownie star) for 1 to 9 years for the girls to wear on their sash to show how long they've been in Guiding. Please note this time is started from when they first joined (and paid membership where applicable) **NOT FROM THE DATE** of their promise. The stars are 80 cents each.

DON'T FORGET THAT WITH YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD YOU CAN GET 10% OFF ALL YOUR PURCHASES

The following badges are now obsolete :

Gumnut Guide Badge - large & small;
Brownie Footpath, Roadway & Highway; Brownie Friend;
Brownie to Guide Link Badge; Brownie Promise;
Guide Eight Point Metal Badges; BP Emblem; Guide Promise;
Guide to Ranger Guide/JL Link Badge; Pack Guide Stripes;
Guide Helper; Guide Emblems - Service, Arts & Crafts, Fitness,
Challenge, Bushcraft, Little House and World Friendship;
Ranger Guide Challenge; Ranger Guide to ranger Link Badge;
Ranger Bar; Ranger 10 year star; Ranger 15 year star;
Junior Leader Area Consultant; Junior Leader;
Junior Leader 10 year star

The Guide Shop still has a small supply of most of these badges for those who have not been able to get in before the June 30 deadline - however these will soon been removed from the shelves !!!

The New **BP** and **JUNIOR BP** badges should now be available from the shop. They will be available in both metal and cloth.

Leaders Journal part 1 is once again available - thank you for your patience.

BARGAIN T-SHIRTS - there are still some Icon t-shirts in stock at the bargain price of \$9.95. Mostly childrens sizes left in pale and dark pink.

STOCKTAKE : A very big thank you to the cheerful bunch of volunteers that helped us out for the June Stocktake. We all had a lovely lunch provided by the Kinta Trefoil and washed it down with champagne. Thank you to Philadelphia Pearson, Anneliese Pearson, Kylie Duffin, Dot Briggs, Dorothy Burgess, Heather McMillan, Jacinta Blencowe, Thelma Kawley, Regina, Tony Bowles and staff of the Guide Shop.

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