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From the State Commissioner

'It's not what you teach, but how you teach it' - this is the catchphrase of all the work that we do.

For us to be successful, we must think of ourselves as a learning community - this means a community of people who are constantly learning and interacting with each other, regardless of age or experience - or even time in Guiding.

Have you asked girls recently about their new skills and interests? What is it about the Spice Girls that captures their imagination? If we are to achieve the best outcomes from sharing our time with the girls, we need to relate well with the girls, we need to 'get into their shoes' and see life as they see it. Then we have the right base to jump from when 'piloting' their ideas through to achievement, so that they can feel they 'did it all themselves' and you, as the Leader, can feel that 'it was all very well worthwhile'. There is no doubt that learning from the girls is interesting and exciting and just as much fun as learning from each other!

What matters most is how we work with the girls - our way of speaking with them, our active listening to them, the way we create a sense of equality within the unit, and our enthusiasm for and acceptance of the girls' ideas and input. This is what gives girls the self-esteem, confidence and a sense of belonging that will aid in building the resilience they will need for the future...these are the reasons we are involved in Guiding!

On a lighter note, just to remind you of the uniform policy. It is the decision of the Unit as to what Unit members will wear. We must listen to the girls and be governed by their preference, taking into account the cost, suitability to the activity and the need to develop a sense of

belonging. It is always disappointing to see girls wearing a formal uniform to camps or outdoor activities (be careful that the sash does not become a safety risk on outdoor activities). Whilst I accept that the younger girls like to wear a formal uniform - and indeed that formal uniform does exist - it is not necessary for girls to own a formal uniform.

And on an even lighter note - have you tried making recipes from the book *101 Uses for Girl Guide Biscuits* lately? I am told that the Westons biscuits have a higher fat content than the previous Arnotts biscuits, so you may need to adjust the amount of butter/margarine you use to get a similar result!

Have a great month,

Heather Barton
State Commissioner

SEOP BOX

(Merial's Message)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Guides Victoria will be held on Saturday 10 October 1998 at Wesley College Hall commencing at 4.00 pm.

The meeting will be part of the State Conference details, which can be found on page 4. Please note it is possible to attend just the Annual Meeting but we are encouraging everyone to attend the entire State Conference if possible.

NEW CONSTITUTION

If you would like a copy of the new constitution which will apply from the commencement of the Annual Meeting in 1999, please call Kaye Lasa on 9654 7911 during normal business hours.

REGION, DIVISION & DISTRICT LEADERS

CONFIDENCE (as quoted in the Collins Australian Pocket English Dictionary) 1. firm belief; trust; reliance 2. certainty; assurance 3. belief in one's own ability etc.....

I know during the past few years with all the changes occurring in the Guide Program some Leaders' confidence has been given a BIG SHAKE but for others the changes have given "the green light" or "OK" to what they have always done within their District.

An incident this past week really concerned me - a new District Leader, but not new to Guiding having been a Leader of 7-11 Guides for many years, rang with the dilemma she was confronted with and needed to resolve quickly - 6 girls and 2 Leaders had applied to attend the Winter Sleepout in Melbourne on that particular night. The night before, one of the Leaders was unable to join them leaving only one Leader to go with the girls. This Leader is new to Guiding and working through her Journal with her Guiding Partner but has not, as yet, received an appointment badge - is she therefore qualified to be the only Leader with these girls? YES, of course she can take them to this event. WHY?

- 1) Being a large state event there would be many Leaders attending who have received their appointment badges, therefore having had their competencies assessed.
- 2) The Leader/girl ratio was correct providing a safe environment for the girls.
- 3) The parents of the girls had given their permission on the application forms

sent into Guide Centre.

- 4) The parents were happy with the Leader taking their girls, and their mode of transport to and from the event.
- 5) The parents knew what their daughters were doing and when to expect them home.
- 6) The District Leader was aware of what the girls and Leader were doing in the event of an emergency.

Pleeeeeeease have **CONFIDENCE** in yourself, your Leaders who voted you into your present position, the girls in your District and their parents. Confidence comes from knowledge gained throughout our lives and for us, in Guiding, through attending trainings, meetings, discussions with each other and in groups either at District, Region or State events. Please help us to all sing the same song, this DL had already spoken with her Guiding Partner and Region Training Co-ordinator before phoning me, thus strengthening our confidence and enabling us all to do our job that much better.

Please remember we are ALL volunteer Leaders who have joined Guiding because we can see the wonderful benefits the Australian Guide Program offers our girls and young women - don't make it hard - we are trying our utmost to cut through some of that "red tape". The fun and friendships we gain as members of this great movement, Leaders and girls alike, are invaluable - but then I don't need to tell you that, do I? Thank you sincerely for all that you do and enjoy your Guiding.

Just a quote to finish: "Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings" - Samuel Johnson

Kathie
Assistant State Commissioner

GENERAL

Ahoy There!



Looking forward to seeing you as you COME ABOARD at the State Conference

Wesley College - Prahran
10 October 1998

See June & July *Communicating* for the Application Form.

This is your first State Conference. It is vitally important for you to attend and be part of the decision making of the Association.

Future Direction Survey Prize Winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Future Direction Survey. Your valuable input will help to develop strategies to take our organisation into the next millennium.

As stated in your letter from Heather Barton we now have pleasure in announcing the prize winners.

1st prize: \$50.00 gift voucher at the Guide Shop goes to Natasha Smith from Pakenham.

2nd prize: a rugby top of your choice of colour from the Guide Shop goes to Heather McKerral from Ferntree Gully

3rd prize: a movie ticket goes to Lisa Ainger from Kew.

Congratulations and we hope you enjoy your prizes.

INTERNATIONAL

Adviser - Glenda Vuillermin

Rep's Annual Workshop held on August 1 was well attended and several exciting things came out of it.

14-18 Units: Have you received your voucher yet? It entitles your Unit to a visit from your Region International Rep. There's a FREE International badge for each Unit member. **BOOK YOUR VISIT NOW!**

Need help with the World Guiding challenges in the AWARDS PACK? The World Guiding Activity Pack has lots of information and is available at the Guide Shop, a must for every Unit.

Other usual resources include:

The Story of the Four World Centres (at \$12.50 it's pricey but brilliant).

Your Mexican Fiesta at Our Cabana (\$6.00 keep the girls busy for weeks).

Variety Pack Number 1 (Activities from different World Regions).

Thinking Day Activities Book.

INTERNATIONAL UNIFORMS

There are 240 uniforms available for hire from Ros Waterman, 11 Young Street, Shepparton 3630. Ph 5821 1438.

Why not suggest to your Guides that they could add an authentic touch to their international night by wearing the actual uniforms from other countries. Talk to Ros about booking some uniforms soon.

Your Region Leader AND Region International Rep both have lists of **NEW EVENTS, ADULTS ONLY, THINKING DAY YEAR 2000.**

TRAINING

Adviser - Felicity Wightwick

September trainings still open

What: Leadership Development Core Modules

Where: Warrnambool

When: 13 & 14 September 1998

Cost: \$45.00

What: Camp Skills

Where: Pascoe Vale

When: 19 September 1998

Cost: \$20.00

October Trainings still open

What: Great Program Ideas for Camps

Where: Britannia Park

When: 3 October

Cost: \$20.00

What: Christmas Crafts

Where: Vermont

When: 3 October

Cost: \$27.00

What: Leadership Qualification Core Modules

Where: Bentlyigh

When: Saturday 17 - Sun 18 October

Cost: \$45.00

What: Leadership Qualification Youth Modules

Where: Mooroopna & Burwood

When: Saturday 17 - Sun 18 October (Mooroopna)

Saturday 24 - Sun 25 October (Burwood)

Cost: \$45.00

What: Leadership Qualification Adult Modules

Where: Guide Centre

When: 15, 22, 29 October

Cost: \$45.00

What: Further Leadership Development Modules 02 & P8

Learn how to facilitate outdoor and adventurous activities and deal with emergencies.

Where: Mornington

When: Saturday 17 - Sun 18 October

Cost: \$20.00 each module or \$35.00 for two modules

What: Outdoors Under Canvas

Where: Lara

When: 17 - 18 October 1998

Cost: \$60.00

What: Indoor Camp

Where: Ballarat

When: 17-18 October

Cost: \$40.00

What: Camp Skills

Where: Mildura

When: 17 October

Cost: \$20.00

What: Make Activities to Share with your Guides

Where: Traralgon

When: 17 October

Cost: \$28.00

What: First Aid Parts A&B/Update

Where: Mildura

When: 17-18 October

Cost: Part A \$15.00

Part B/Update \$42.00

What: Campfire Singing
Where: Mt. Waverley
When: 25 October
Cost: \$20.00

What: Guiding Partner Training
Where: Mooroopna
When: Saturday 31 October 1998
Cost: \$15.00 per person - 2 people for \$20.00

What: Way Out Adventure
Where: Britannia Park
When: 31 October
Cost: \$22.00

What: Way to Go (Patrol Leader, Sixer and Second training)
Where: Dandenong
When: 31 October-1 November
Cost: \$30.00

MEMBERSHIP

Adviser - Marg Taylor

TIP OF THE MONTH

It's time to plan for your District Leadership Team for 1999. If you will be needing more Leaders, **START LOOKING NOW**. Brainstorm with the Leaders and Support Group, use your networks. Invite potential helpers to an information night, get them to come along to Unit meetings, talk to them and share what you have gained from your involvement in Guiding.

The Guide Centre can help you with lists of ex-leaders, Junior Leader, Queens Guides and BP Emblem awardees.

Target 2000 Challenge

For Units participating in the Target 2000 Challenge, keep up the good work. Region Target 2000 Coordinators will be calling for scores at the end of November for Units eligible for the Gold, Silver or Bronze Certificates.

For Units which have not taken up the challenge yet - **DO IT NOW!** You will get into the swing with some practice for next year. Let your Target 2000 Coordinator know when you start and your Guides will then be able to wear the free Participation Badge.

The Challenge is much easier than some people realise. Are you aware that you are probably scoring points in one or more clause every week - it's not meant to be something extra you've got to do - although it does have some good ideas to challenge your Unit further...and the possibility of bonus points!

In July *Communicating* the clauses stating 75% or more participation are explained to make them more achievable - please read this information.

And YES! - we've been listening! The 1999 Target 2000 Challenge Wallchart will be much simpler.

Friendmaker Badges

These colourful badges are becoming very popular. If you have new financial members introduced by one of your Guides remember they are both eligible for the Friendmaker Badge. These are available from the Guide Shop and require an Application form and the Registration numbers. Cost is 80 cents for the pair.

TARGET 2000 BULLETIN BOARD

The Girls are doing it for you !

They are encouraging their friends to join their Unit. So far girls have earned over 100 Friendmaker Badges - Well Done !

Congratulations to the following units for gaining "Friendmaker Badges"

3rd Wendouree	9
9th Eureka Panther Guides	3
1st Maryborough Pack	1
Woodend Possum Guides	3
3rd Warragul Brownie Pack	1
Tooradin Koala Guides	1
Heathmont Guides	1
1st Croydon Hills Guides	2
1st Bennettswood	2
Bennettswood Guides 6-8	2
4th Keilor Brownies	1
2nd Ferntree Gully Pack	1
1st Wantirna Heights Brownies	1
Ferntree Gully Getaway Guides	1
Middle Brighton	1
1st Cheltenham Brownies	1
Hampton Brownies	1
Chelsea Brownies	1
Werribee Adventure Guides	3
2nd Epping Brownie Pack	1

Clipart Disk

Guides Victoria Clipart #2 is now available from the Guide Shop for \$3.95. This also includes some of the most commonly used forms. Please note it is in **WordPerfect 6.0** format. A disk for **Word** should be available soon.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Adviser - Libby Howlett

Guides Victoria have been out there in the media spreading the good news about Guiding. Let the people in your community know about the wonderful work you do through Guiding for the young girls in your area.

Encourage the photographer in your group to have her camera at the ready to capture those pictorial magic media moments.

Thank you to everyone who gave up their warm beds to raise money and awareness for homeless youth and Melbourne CityMission.

Congratulations to all of you who appeared on Channel 7 and 9 TV News, especially the girls in the PJs who spoke so well about their involvement in the event.

Congratulations also to Wendy Denyer who told Victoria about Guiding in Keilor. As a result of the article Heather Barton had a 20 minute interview on 3AK radio.

Heather also appeared on TV's Good Morning Australia with Gabby Hollows promoting the modern image of Guiding, leadership and the Guide biscuits.

If you meant to, but just did not get around to it, it's not too late. Do it now, register to help promote Guides Victoria at the Royal Melbourne Show, phone or fax Libby Howlett on 9796 1072 or phone Guide Centre on 9654 7911.

PR CARAVAN

Book early to avoid disappointment and secure the PR Caravan for your promotional event. Cost is \$20 a day plus \$50 refundable deposit.

WOMEN OF NOTE

The Mission of Women of Note is the same as Guides Victoria – helping girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

State Executive has endorsed the Roles and Procedures paper developed by the Women of Note Steering Committee as being fundamental to the mutual benefit of Women of Note and Guides Victoria.

Membership of WOMEN OF NOTE provides an opportunity to:

- Raise community awareness of the importance of Guiding for the development of independence, self esteem, confidence and environmental awareness in girls of all races and religions.
- Provides an extensive and varied source of independent professional advice, skills and support to members of Guides Victoria as requested.
- Participate in stimulating events in the company of prominent women from a diverse range of backgrounds, who have a commitment to supporting and promoting the aims of Guides Victoria.

A Woman of Note may be a business woman, professional woman or exceptional voluntary worker who has achieved excellence in her chosen field. She will have a commitment to support and promote the Mission of WOMEN OF NOTE.

Membership is limited to 80 members in Victoria. Appropriate women may be recommended by other members and

must fit the criteria before being considered as a member by a representative panel of Guides Victoria and Women of Note.

The Mentor Programs initiated by the Women of Note have proved a huge success with year eleven students. In May this year the third annual Mentor Breakfast for year eleven students was held at the Hilton on the Park, with 130 students and mentors attending. The Casey Mentor Breakfast was also held for the second time attracting 75 students and mentors to the City of Casey Council chambers. For the third year a follow up "Career and Skills" workshop was conducted very successfully by Women of Note members at the State Library of Victoria.

Women of Note are now embarking on expanding their membership and Mentor Programs to regional areas with the first regional group being piloted in Gippsland. They hope to further expand in regional areas as country Women of Note commit to the program.

The next function planned for the group will be a luncheon on Tuesday 29 September. The guest speaker will be Josephine Ive, the very first female English Butler. Her humorous repertoire includes how to pack a suitcase. If you would like to attend this luncheon as a guest please contact Kay Rankin on phone/fax 03 9796 8842 or email: kayandgeoffrankin@bigpond.com for further details.

New Email Address

*Please note that Guides Victoria now has a new email address. It is now:
guidesvic@guidesaus.org.au*

OUTDOORS

Adviser - Julie Armstrong

Archery

At the Melissa Hays Workshop, archery was requested on our camping properties. I am keen to get some feedback from Guides and Leaders as to whether this program activity would be popular.

This activity would require activity Leaders to be trained, and equipment to be purchased. If you would be interested in being trained to run this activity, if it was introduced as a program on the properties, please also contact the

Products & Services Department by fax on 9650 2436, email: guidesvic@guidesaus.org.au or mail.

Rope Bridge Building

Learn how to construct rope bridges

Sunday 4 October

9.30am to 4.00pm

Britannia Park, Yarra Junction

Cost \$5.00 BYO lunch (tea, coffee, cordial provided)

Apply to Products and Services Department, Guides Victoria, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne 3000 with your name, membership number, address, phone, Unit and \$5.00 by 25 September 1998. For more information contact Julie Armstrong on 9579 2178.

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
7 OCT	Car Park off Scott Street, behind shops in Maling Road	Canterbury	46 D11
14 OCT	Ringwood North Shops car park Oban Road	Ringwood North	49 J3
21 OCT	Sheahans Residence, 25 Oberwyl Road Park in Stornoway Road	Camberwell	60 E4

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



PROGRAM

Adviser - Janeanne Lee

Hopefully the last edition of Laura's Letter was received well by the girls in your Unit. We would welcome letters or articles from you or your girls to include in future editions. Please encourage your girls to send in articles which they feel would be appropriate. The articles need to be marked Laura's Letter and sent to Products and Services Department, Guide Centre, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne 3000.

Please also encourage your girls to subscribe individually or as a patrol or Unit to Laura's Letter. This will ensure that they receive information about forthcoming events.

Patrol Badges

In future the only patrol badges which will be available will be the current round badges depicting birds and animals. There is also a blank badge which will allow patrols to choose their own design if they do not like any of the other 30 existing badges. The current range of rectangular badges (six emblems) will no longer be available. There are still a few in the shop but there will be no additional badges made.

Resources

If you have produced resources in your Unit which you feel are useful to use with the Australian Guide Program please send them to the Program team for our perusal. We would like to encourage people to share their good ideas and if they are sent to the program team we may be able to publish these and ensure that others receive the benefit of your

good ideas. Due to copyright regulations you should not put the Guides Victoria Logo on any resource that you produce unless it has the approval of the State Program Team. In order for us all to benefit from your good ideas please send them, marked Resource Ideas, to Products and Services Department, Guide Centre, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne 3000.

Region Program Liaisons

We are looking forward to meeting with the Region Program Liaisons in Sale on Saturday September 12. Our previous two meetings have been most successful and this is due to the participants. If you have items that you wish discussed at this meeting please send them to Products and Services Department, Guide Centre, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne 3000.

Region Conferences

Late in July the program team was invited to attend the Gippsland Region Conference held at Lakes Entrance. Julie and I had a wonderful time and I must thank the organising committee for organising the 40 dolphins that were playing in the sea off 40 mile beach on Saturday morning. What a wonderful experience. Mind you, the conference was lots of fun too and we appreciated being part of it. We also attended the North Metro conference and were again delighted to be part of the day. We are happy to travel to these days and thank the Regions for their hospitality. Please ask us to come to your area.

GUIDES 5-8

*Adviser - Margaret Callister
Tel: 5473 4489 or
9337 3007 (Tues, Wed)*

Last month in Laura's Letter there was a note that Leaders would soon be able to let the Guides know when ideas for the badge for Gumnic '99 should be sent in. Would you please tell the girls that as many drawings as possible should be sent in to me c/o Products and Services Department, Guides Victoria by 16 October. The theme for next year's special day for Guides 5 - 8, their families and their Leaders is Funny Feet, so I am looking forward to receiving lots of entertaining pictures. Gumnic '99 will be on Sunday, 21 March at Jell's Park, from 11.00 - 3.00.

Laura's Letter is meant for Guides to read and use, but, of course, many of our girls are unable to read, or read with much understanding, so it is the responsibility of the Leaders to read it, and talk about and share it with the Guides

There is still time for Units to send in applications for the *Make It and Use It Day*. This day of skills activities will be held at the Donvale campsite, McGowan's Road, Donvale, on 25 October from 10.00 - 3.00. The application form was in August *Communicating*.

There have been some enquiries about Guides 5 - 8 and the badge for the Year of the Oceans, mostly because there is a syllabus for that badge. If your Unit is planning and carrying out a variety of activities - games, stories, crafts, pictures, puzzles, colouring in, picnics and outings, visitors - that arouse an interest in and caring for the ocean, the girls are entitled to wear the special year badge as it is a

participation badge. The activities don't have to be carried out all at the same time. They may be part of Unit programs over a couple of months, a term or until the end of the year.

Have you seen, or used the "belonging" certificates that are in the Guide Shop? If you have a request for a particular colour please let the shop staff know at least two weeks before you will need them so that the Guides will be able to have their Unit colour or one that they like.

If you have any suggestions or requests for activities for Funny Feet (Gumnic '99) or for holiday or other events next year please send them to me or let your Region Program Liaison know as they will be meeting soon.

GUIDES 7-11

Adviser - Janeanne Lee

It is hard to believe that it is already September, however, there is still a lot of Guiding to be done in what remains of the year. This year has been particularly busy and I am sure that your girls are enjoying taking more of a role in creating their program. We know of course, that they still need guidance but I am sure that you, like me, continue to be amazed at how efficient and organised the girls can be. As each week passes they become increasingly confident and more eager to be organising the activities. The patrol system provides wonderful opportunities for leadership development within our own units.

As I mentioned in last month's *Communicating*, I am aware 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 on 21 November 1998. When you purchase the Badges for the girls, the certificate which you present at the shop will be used to provide us with the detail about the girls. From this information, letters will be sent inviting the girls to attend the presentation ceremony. At the ceremony only the certificates will be presented, the badges are to be presented in the Unit.

Events which you and your girls can attend.

Make it and Use it Day- October 25th

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 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, please complete the form on page15 and send it with a cheque to cover the charge per girl to:

Make it and Use it
Guide Centre
20 Russell Street
Melbourne 3000

Items to bring with you.

Each person will need :

Food and drink for the day. (Leaders there will be tea and coffee available for you!)

A coat and a groundsheet.

Scissors and Textas/pencils and glue.

GUIDES 10-15

Adviser - Liz Richardson

What a busy month and it amazes me yet again how fantastic Guiding really is.

State PL's training has been and gone and I was lucky enough to spend a weekend with 40 inspiring young women and a group of enthusiastic and friendly Leaders. If you had a Guide there, you can be very proud of her!

Winter Sleepout has also been and gone and 400 people braved the cold and rain to help raise money for our homeless youth. Reverend Cleary from CityMission commented at the breakfast that compassion was disappearing from our culture. I suppose in many incidences this could be true. However, if we continue to encourage our Guides to be active in giving service then this will also help to keep alive compassion. Then we can say we are encouraging the youth of today (the adults of tomorrow) to have and show compassion to those in need and maybe it will help our culture to retain its caring nature.

The key phrase at the moment in talking about youth is preventative programs. Guiding is not only preventative in its approach to negative life choices but pro-active in encouraging a positive life style. Please remember this when talking Guiding in your own social life.

On Saturday August 15 we presented over 120 Guides with their BP Award. It is heartening to see our youth setting and achieving goals like this. It is important that we offer every girl that walks through our Guide hall doors the opportunity to achieve. It is even more important to celebrate success no matter how small.

Life should be a series of celebrations of our successes giving us a desire to strive for excellence and knowing that someone will be there to acknowledge our success.

Don't forget Beyond Imagining, ask your Region Leader for a promotional flyer, and start saving!

GUIDES 14-18

Adviser - Toni Peters

Well here we are – nearly 75% through the year – and what a year it has been. There have been many exciting activities happening, including RUG, VEGFest '98 and Winter Sleepout, just to name a few. Coming up this month is RAVE '98 at Britannia Park and a Leadership Training Weekend at Lara. Next month we have the Queen's Guide and OBP Awards presentation ceremony at Government House, 75th birthday of Ranging in Australia celebratory dinner and Adult Gathering II at Shoreham. The end of the year will go off with a bang with Shindig '98 (27-29 November) at Waranga Basin and VG '98 (4-6 December) at Pax Hill, Ballarat.

I have been attending many meetings in the last two months and, in particular, the final Junior Leader presentation and the Region Leaders' Day. Upon speaking and listening to the Region Leadership Resource Leaders and the Region Leaders a questionnaire has been created that is currently circulating around the Regions, which we would like all Leaders and Guides to complete and return to Fleur Cousins. This questionnaire will enable us to formulise a report to go to the Australian Program Committee regarding Guides working in a younger Unit – both those working towards and not

working towards the Leadership Focus Certificate – and the role that the Region Leadership Resource Leaders should have.

We would appreciate many responses to this questionnaire together with additional comments. Tell us what you and your Guides think is the right thing to do – we will listen and act. If you haven't seen a copy of the questionnaire please contact Helen Rowe at Guide Centre on 9654 7911 or fax 9650 2436.

Queen's Guide Companion Booklet

Jill Cornish, Fleur Cousins, Heather Hyatt and myself locked ourselves away at Tapestry for a weekend and we came up with a neat companion booklet which answers all your questions regarding the Queen's Guide Award syllabus. This booklet is available from the Guide Shop for only \$2.00 Don't forget you can ring the Guide Shop, have your credit card handy and place your order over the phone.

ADULT 18-30 OLAVE PROGRAM

Chairman - Claire Baker

Camp There was held on 31 July to 2 August, and spontaneity was the name of the game. A good attendance was recorded, and some records were set, 8 seconds flat for four wheel driving and a fifteen person pyramid. I'm sure everyone who attended had a good time.

Upcoming Events

18-30 conference will be held at Guide Centre on Saturday 5 September from 9.30am - 4.30pm. Fixture dates will be set

and new committee members voted in. Cost is \$10 per person which includes lunch and nibbles. Application form in this edition of *Communicating*.

National Forum: Victoria's three representatives for the 18-30 National Forum are Claire Baker, Karen Chatto and Julia Morphet. If you have any ideas you would like to see implemented for our program, or suggestions for awards, please speak to one of these people.

White Water Rafting. 17-18 October, application form in 18-30AM.

See you all at the conference.

LONES

Adviser - Helen Heath

If Leaders are indicating to you now that they will be resigning at the end of the year and your recruitment campaign for new Leaders is faltering, please do not leave your Guides in limbo. If the Unit closes and the girls are lost we very rarely manage to attract them back. Lones are different - parents and girls need to have the system carefully explained to them. My L one Leaders and I are happy to come to your District or Unit meeting to talk to the girls and family to retain these girls in Guiding. If you find a Leader we will happily transfer the girls back to your care. Lones cover all ages from 5-30 in age appropriate groups so we can cater for the needs of girls not available in your area.

RADIO ACTIVITIES

Consultant - Joy Savill

PO Box 91, Heywood 3304

email: joys@anson.com.au

Ph 5527 1314 Fax 5527 2105

Only a couple of weekends after the September School holidays is the JOTA/JOTI weekend (October 17-18), so if you haven't decided what you are doing you have time to find either a ham or computer operator for part of that weekend.

There are lots of people who are willing to help. They are just waiting to be asked. Some of the people who were at Outdoor Conference brought back information so catch up with them to hear about it.

By the end of the month you should have most of your plans in place. Here are just a few reminders of things you need to have thought about.

- What activities your non-participating girls are doing.
- Rostering times for groups at radio and key board.
- Using your Patrol Leaders for supervision (or parents and other Leaders) of small groups.
- Have a job for all willing adults no matter how small it is. (Everyone likes to feel welcome).
- Keep a record of who visits your station so you can send me your numbers straight after the weekend.
- Keep your log up to date. Don't forget to fulfil all the promises you make over the air. Remember I am at the end of a phone, fax or e-mail line.

POST BOX

Secretary - Margaret McNeill

Members of Guiding may apply for an individual or Unit link with penfriends, either interstate or overseas. If you are interested send your name, address, phone number, DOB, Unit name and a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Mrs Margaret McNeill, 10 Sturt Street, Shepparton 3630.

PROJECT 2000

Coordinator - Helen Heath

Several Region Leaders have commented that by them approaching a person with a form and "officially" nominating them, they have felt honoured and readily completed the form. Obviously women are not happy about nominating themselves, or feel the "who me, what have I done" syndrome and do not feel justified in filling in the form themselves.

Could you please help in your Region to nominate the missing ladies. We are not just looking for the "stars" but the everyday person who made an enormous contribution to women in society this century and who have received very little recognition for their achievements.

The deadline for applications is 30 September 1998. This is the LAST extension. For a nomination form contact Helen Heath, Project Coordinator on 9598 7853.

MOBILE SHOP

Co-ordinator - Bernice Gilbert

The Mobile Shop will be at the following locations during September:

- Sept 8 Warragul Guide Hall, 3.30-8.00pm.
- 9 Trefoil 24 hour Gathering - Iluka
- 13 Hume Region - Euroa, 10.00am.-3.00pm.
- 27 Camp Kalparrin - Britannia Park.

Make it and Use it Day - October 25 ***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.

CLASSIFIEDS

WORKSHOP AT CAMP CARNEGIE

Tuesday September 9 1998

7.30-9.00pm

in the Burrow

McGowans Road, Donvale

Cost: \$9.00

An introduction to Natural Fibre Basketmaking.

Our trainer, Betty De Marchi will share her basketmaking skills using natural fibres found in gardens, paddocks and roadsides.

Please apply with payment to:

Pat Meertens

16 Cohuna Court

East Burwood 3151

9886 8425 AH

AFOFSAG

Annual General Meeting

National Joint Council of AFOFSAG

Sunday 18 October 1998

1.30 for 2.00pm

Scout Headquarters, 50 Barry Street, Carlton

All invited, great opportunity to learn about the International Scout Guide Fellowship, and join with members of Trefoil Guild, and Baden Powell Guild for fellowship.

Mt Martha District

20th Anniversary Reunion

Sunday 20 September 1998

2pm - 4pm

Mt Martha Community House

Cnr Dominion Road and the Esplanade,
Mt Martha

RSVP Jenny Smith 5975 7382

2nd Essendon/1st Aberfeldie Guides

70th Birthday Celebration

Saturday 12 September 1998

11.00am - 4.00pm

St John's Church Hall

Buckley Street, Essendon

If interested in attending, contact Jenny Mills on 9478 5176.

Calling willing workers ... Are

you available during the day? Would you be able to give a little time to help at 20 Russell Street? From time to time, we need the services of a group who we could call 'Friends of Guide Centre' who could help with tasks such as stuffing envelopes and other time-consuming tasks. Please call Kaye Lasa if you are willing to be involved on 9654 7911.

Long Service Awards

Please note: All 5-25 year Long Service Awards must be in at least 10 working days (2 weeks) before presentation date. This is so that we have time to process it and get the certificate ready. Any awards 30 years and over must be in at least 4 weeks before presentation date as they are processed through National Office in NSW.



**New Zealand 2000
Thinking Day 2000**



Be among the first in the world to celebrate Thinking Day in the New Millennium.

Join with New Zealand girls and Leaders on the top of Mt Eden in Auckland, watch the sun rise on our Founders' birthday - 22 February 2000.

Meet New Zealand Guides as you journey through the North Island, by sharing with them in fun, sightseeing and adventure.

WHEN: 21 February - 6 March 2000

WHERE: North Island - on tour

WHO: Leaders and other adult members 18 years and over who are reasonably fit

COST: Approximately \$2,500 - this includes event fee, airfares, administration, insurance, international bags and tops, breakfasts and dinners. These costs are subject to fluctuations in the Australian currency.

Victorian Closing date: 1 June 1999

Victorian Selection: Sunday 13 June 1999

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have gained their Leadership Qualification and have been appointed as qualified leaders with Guides Australia.

Deanne Studd - 2nd Victorian Lone RGU
Donna Smith - 1st Victorian Lones Gumnut Guides
Carolyn Jeffery - 1st North Ringwood Brownie Guides
Fiona Patterson - District Leader Mitcham
Michelle Duke - Montmorency Bluebird Guides
Catherine Koralewski - 1st Montrose Guides
Gill Metz - 1st Taylors Lakes Brownie Guides
Lee-Anne Cullum - Beaufort Fairy Wren Guides
Kate Golightly - Mirboo North Blue Gum Guides
Clare Town - Tanjil Valley Junior Guides

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 **Aulua, 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 Aulua, Shoreham.
I would like to find out more about:-**

- | | |
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| <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

Age group currently working with

Dietary requirements

Saturday 5 September 1998

Put this date in your diary now for the **18-30's Conference**

Come and have your say,
On the new Guiding way,
When you know that your opinions
count,
You have no reason to complain or pout.

Vote for new committee members,
To keep our committee more than
embers,
We also need some volunteers,
(You can't escape, wipe away those
tears).

Is magazine production your thing,
You may like to give it a fling,
Or could you plan a weekend away?
Or an outing for a day?

These events are for our fixture,
And it's much better if there's a mixture,
Of people and ideas to plan,
Our 18-30's Olave Program.

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Don't try to shirk,
It's not all work,
We have craft and a tour,
So that you we will lure.

Please come along, and "Make new
Friends",
While we set the new Guiding trends,
At the 18-30's Olave Conference,
Despite this rhyming, it's not nonsense.

The venue is, of course, Guide Centre,
(We couldn't think of a place better),
From half past nine, until half past four,
But that's not all we have in store.

At the end of the day,
Before we're on our way,
We're going to Fast Eddies,
(They serve food for the many's).

So try not to scorn,
Just return this form,
Don't be a square,
We want to see you there!

18-30AM Subscription Form

Unit or Individual Name:

Yearly subscription is \$15.00 per year, which entitles you to receive six magazine
issues

Number of subscriptions

Enclosed is a cheque for \$

Cheque payable to '18-30 Magazine, Guides Victoria'

Postal Address

Contact Phone Number

Are you willing to contribute: YES NO

Come as a group or a Patrol.

Come with a Guiding Friend or bring a friend who is not a Guide.

Come with or without your leader

to

JUST PLAIN CAMP

at a location near you !

for girls aged 9-14 years



Donvale do your own outdoor cooking
learn how to put up tents and make camp gadgets
do the "Bush Challenge" badge
campfire singing and lots more

Lake Eppalock outdoor games, patrol cooking
learn how to put up tents and make camp gadgets
go canoeing

Tynong North patrol cooking
learn how to put up tents
make camp gadgets, make a bridge to cross the creek
do the "Bush Challenge" badge



You can arrive either on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

When: Friday 13 Nov - Sunday 15 Nov 1998

Cost: Girls \$36.00

Leaders \$15.00

Closing Date: 30 October 1998

Apply on a Standard Camp/Activity Application Form, enclose a stamped, self addressed business size envelope and send to:

Just Plain Camp
Guides Victoria
20 Russell Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000



Visit a magnificent Hindu Temple

Have you seen the photos of the elaborate Hindu temples from overseas, with their incredible towers covered with row upon row of carved statues dedicated to the different deities and personalities of the Hindu Faith?

Did you know we have a Temple like that right here in Victoria?

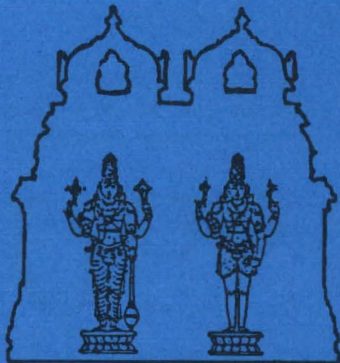
In the spirit of fostering greater understanding between cultures and religion, the Guides and Scouts have in past years been invited to visit and learn about various other religions (including Muslim and Jewish most recently). This year's visit will be to the beautiful

Shiva-Vishnu Hindu Temple
Lot 57, Boundary Road
Carrum Downs

The visit will be held on Sunday, October 18 starting from 4.30pm, when the temple opens. This will allow participants to see and admire the exterior of the temple in daylight and then enter for a guided tour and join in a Puja (Prayer blessing). The Guide Leader from the Tamil-Hindu Unit and her father will be on hand to conduct the tour, answer questions and explain the basic tenets of Hinduism. The interior has many individual altars with the statues of each of the deities and their spouses which are beautifully decorated with flowers, fruits, crowns and golden and bright coloured robes. It is truly an experience not to miss!

This visit is open to all, so you may come along and bring your Unit, or adults Leaders and older Guides may also attend on their own. The girls will LOVE the beautiful statues.

If you would like to come, please ring Dayle at Guide Centre on 9654 7911 to register your name and numbers attending so we know about how many people for the tour. An information sheet and map can then be sent to you.



The temple site is not near public transport, so you should plan to come by private vehicle. It is easy to find, just off the Dandenong-Frankston Road, Melway 98 F10.

WINTER SELLOUT

Fleecy Rugby Tops - current stock reduced

Adults were \$43.95 - this month only \$33.50

Childs were \$41.95 - this month only \$32.50

Fleecy Rugby Tops with "Guides" multi-colour embroidery also reduced

Childs were \$39.95 - this month only \$29.95

White, Navy, Red and Hot Pink Skivvies clearing out at a low \$17.95 (were \$22.50)

Grab these great winter sell-out specials while stocks last !!!!!

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

Skirts ! Skirts! Skirts! Skirts!

OUR CURRENT STOCK OF NAVY SKIRTS ARE BEING SOLD OUT AT BELOW COST

Adults were \$45.00 - now only \$15.00

Childs were \$26.50 to \$29.50 - now only \$10

Why not grab one now while stocks last - or even better, grab two or three.

Plain Navy skirts can be mixed or matched with anything - great for around home, going shopping, eating out etc

Your skirt would look great with a Rae Ganim Polo Shirt in white, lemon or pink - also on sale now at less than half price - \$15.00 (were \$31.50)

STARTER PACKS REDUCED TO COST - for a limited time only

Headfirst Into Guiding (5+)	was \$4.50	now \$2.80
Let's Go Guiding (8+)	was \$6.75	now \$5.00
Break Through to Guiding (11+)	was \$6.75	now \$5.00
Guiding For Your Daughter		
- Information for Parents	was \$4.50	now \$2.80

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Please Note - The Guide Shop will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 24th December 1998 and will re-open on Monday 18th January 1999 at 10.00am. From Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd December 1998, The Guide Shop will be closed from 12.30 to 1.30pm for lunch.

GUIDE  **SHOP**
GUIDES AUSTRALIA

20 Russell Street Melbourne. Telephone: 03 9654 7911 Fax: 03 9650 2436

OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 10am - 4pm

Communicating - September 1998

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