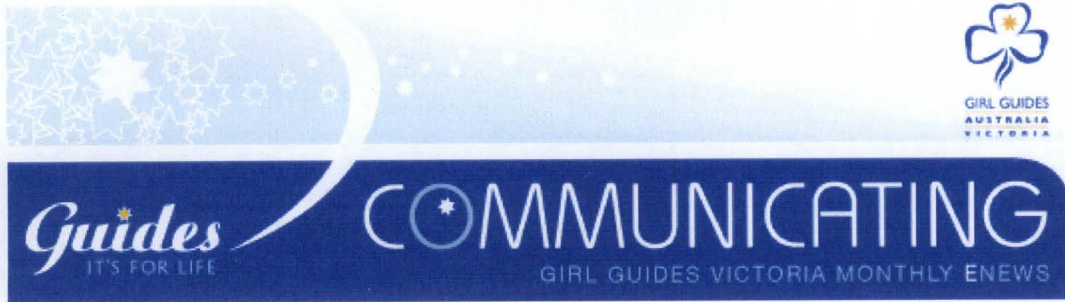


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COMMISSIONERS' TEAM



It is always exciting to begin a new year, anticipating what it will bring. *2010 - Year of the Girl Guide*, has already shown that it will be one to remember for Girl Guides. What an amazing start we have had! The New Year began at full speed as the ACE Centenary Committee and volunteers provided 2,500 Guides with a brilliant and successful Camp. A heartfelt 'thank you' was extended to the Committee, staff and volunteers for their willingness to go the extra mile! Our ACE celebration included members from 9 different countries. Girl Guides proceeded to overtake Geelong for a week of fun, adventures and friendship. Girls participated in a huge range of activities, from cycling along the Barwon River to rock climbing and scuba diving. 'Pippa' the penguin joined us for a wonderful campfire and also showed us the penguin parade at Phillip Island. A huge 'BRAVO' to all the wonderful people involved in organising and running the ACE



AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE

Elizabeth Adnams was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to youth through the Guiding movement.

Zelma Mildenhall, a Resource Leader in Baw Baw Region, has been named La Trobe City Citizen of the Year.

Jacci Mills, a Leader in Rapanyup, received a Yarriambiack Shire Appreciation award from the Mayor, recognising her contribution to Guiding in Rapanyup over the past 19 years and her commitment in

camp. On behalf of Girl Guides Victoria we say 'thank you'.

Also this month, 18 - 30 year olds from around Australia joined together via video conference for 'Power Up'. There were 13 Victorians and 5 Tasmanians that met at International House to focus their attention on a range of skills including: PR and media, advocacy, governance and event management. A number of well known speakers addressed the participants including Tanya Plibersek, Minister for the Status of Women, Terri-Ann Johnston CEO of Clean up Australia Day and Anna Dekker from UNICEF. Keep an eye out for these enthusiastic young women in your Region.

The State Team had the pleasure of marching through the city with 100 Girl Guides to celebrate Australia Day. The Australia Day parade provides a great opportunity for Girl Guides to be visible and recognised by the wider community. This year we were thrilled to have 100 girls parading for our centenary. The girls, as usual, did a wonderful job carrying the enormous Australian flag and singing all the way. Once again we extend our thanks to Sandy Bateman and her team as they organised and prepared everyone before the parade. Congratulations also to Elizabeth Adnams who was recognised in the Australia Day honour list with an OAM for service to Girl Guides along with Nancy Brazier OAM, WA and Joan Howlett OAM, NSW.

Many of the Region Teams are looking for interested people to take on a range of positions. Make sure that you are up to date with what is happening in your Region and speak to your Region Leader about how you might be able to help.

Finally, a special thank you to everyone for your kind regards and best wishes for Noella's birthday.

Yours in Guiding,
Noella Kershaw, Alecia Rathbone, Alison Bennett
State Commissioners, Girl Guides Victoria

CHIEF COMMISSIONER



Welcome to 2010 - *The Year of the Girl Guide.*

Our Centenary year certainly got off to a fantastic start with the Australian Centenary Event - ACE. The success of the Camp is a tribute to the many Leaders

and other volunteers who so willingly gave of their time to ensure the thousands of Guides from all over Australia, as well as nine other Member Organisations of WAGGGS, enjoyed such a momentous event. In particular, the small group of Victorian Leaders who

travelling 80 kms from Horsham each week to run the Guide Unit.



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

I feel really excited now that the *Year of the Girl Guide* has finally begun and I intend to make the most of every opportunity it presents. As the year goes on and I get more caught up with the regular requirements of my various Guiding roles, I am determined to keep telling myself that 'this is a one off experience and I am going to maximize it', even if I am tired.

My year began at the airport helping contingents find their bus to travel to ACE - on the day Qantas computers went down! Then we travelled down to Geelong for the Opening - it was very bright and active, and included a pageant about our beginnings at Crystal Palace. I also enjoyed the Visitors Day and caught up with many Guiding friends from Victoria and other states.

Victoria was very excited to host this very special Centenary event and all members of GGV should be proud of the great result. My thanks to all the volunteers and staff who contributed to its enormous success - you have done us proud. What a great start to the Centenary year.

For me, Australia Day is always a highlight as we follow the Guides carrying the huge Australian flag leading the parade down Swanston Street. This year will be even more special. In the preceding week the State Team, Wendy and I were very proud to represent Guiding at a celebration of Australia Day hosted by Kevin Rudd.

Now it is February, normal Guiding activities are beginning in my District and Executive Committee has already met. Robinette Emonson has been appointed to the casual vacancy on Executive Committee, her term runs until May 2012. A Future Fund has been established to develop Guiding in Victoria. Part of its income will come from the sale of any assets owned by GGV. We also have a new GGV policy - the Smoke Free Policy. This means no Leader may smoke in uniform and all venues are to be signed as smoke free. Please take the time to look at this policy (GO 90) [on the website](#) - I am sure you will agree that it is very important for our health and for the public perception of GGV.

have worked tirelessly for three years to ensure their dream became a reality are congratulated. On behalf of Girl Guides Australia, I take this opportunity to thank all of you.

The weather was kind to the 2500 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts who attended. The participants took every opportunity to try some new activities as well as many they have enjoyed previously. From the exciting opening, to the Guides Own at Phillip Island followed by the Penguin Parade, to a wonderful traditional campfire brought to life by a very talented and creative campfire leader, to the emotional closing, [ACE was certainly a brilliant way to commence 2010.](#)

The week was a very busy one and I regret I was not able to speak personally with many more Guides and Leaders. I did enjoy the chats we did manage though - at off site activities, on the buses travelling to the various activities, at camp and of course during the Race Around Geelong (ACE Race). Thank you for sharing your adventures and your hopes and dreams for Guiding's future.

And what a terrific year there is ahead! By now you will have received the templates of the various activities and events that you can enjoy this year. The creation, preparation and distribution of these packs has been made possible by the generous funding from the Federal Government, through the Office for Women, and we do appreciate their commitment to assist Girl Guides Australia to achieve our vision and mission with their support in our Centenary year.

The Year of the Girl Guide and all the Centenary activities and celebrations provide us with a most fortuitous opportunity to reach out to more girls and young women and to support them to discover their potential - ultimately to grow Guiding both in quantity and quality.

Very soon we will be wearing a new uniform. I ask that you wear it proudly and encourage your Guides to take pride in who they are and what they represent. We must be identifiable as an Organisation that enables girls and young women to grow in self confidence and self respect, developing leadership and life skills that create the resilience that is necessary if they are to achieve in the future - to succeed in an uncertain world that will continue to present many challenges.

We need to be an Organisation that encourages girls and young women to identify what is important to them and to provide the necessary skills and self confidence that are necessary to learn more about these issues, to teach others about them, and to do something about improving the world by speaking out to influence those who can make the necessary changes.

I would also like to remind you that since the changes to the road rules on November 1st, all children up to 7 years travelling in a car must be in an approved child restraint. Leaders of younger Guides need to ensure that this occurs for any Guiding activities. We have amended our policy to require all legislation to be followed. You will find more information on the [VicRoads website.](#)

My best wishes for a wonderful year of celebration. More importantly, we must deliver great Unit programs so that our Guides go out and tell the world how fantastic Guiding is.

Elizabeth Adnams OAM
Chairman, Girl Guides Victoria

TRAINING NOTICE

Please note: In 2010, all training confirmations will be sent via email.



OUTDOORS UPDATE

2010 has started with a bang at ACE. It was wonderful to see so many girls camping and enjoying outdoor activities.

Are you inspired now to keep this buzz going amongst the girls? Well, make sure you do.

Check out the outdoor related trainings happening in March, which include a [canoeing and kayaking workshop](#) and a number of campfire workshops. You can always include exciting outdoor activities in your Unit meetings. [Check out the Program Resource Kit for ideas too.](#)

We are currently looking for an Outdoor Activities Manager. To find out more about this position please go to the [Volunteer Opportunities page](#) on the website.

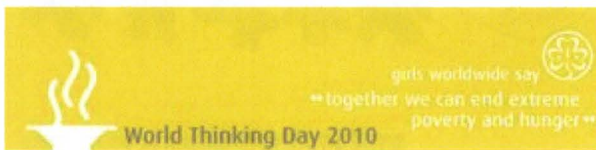
We are privileged to belong to an Organisation that cares about people and cares about the world that we live in - its people and its environment. It is up to each one of us to continue to promote the benefits and the spirit of Guiding to everyone with whom we come in contact.

Thinking Day will be one of the first events that will provide us with the chance to be seen in the community in the coming weeks. As we share with 10 million girls and young women in 145 countries and realise that 'together we can end extreme poverty and hunger' I ask that you think of the millions of girls who enjoy Guiding in countries far less affluent or influential than Australia, in countries where women are not treated or regarded in the same way that we expect to be treated in Australia. WAGGGS asks us particularly to think about the difference that Guiding makes and the way it challenges poverty particularly in Haiti, Georgia, the Maldives, Sudan and Zimbabwe. And we are encouraged to remember that together, we can change our world.

Have a very Happy World Thinking Day and a fantastic Centenary Year.

Lynne Price
Chief Commissioner, Girl Guides Australia

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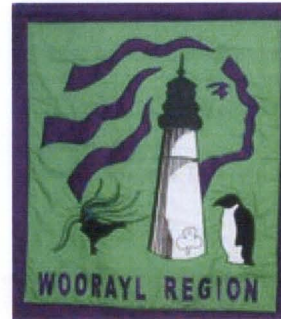


WORLD THINKING DAY 2010 EVENT

21 February 2010
 at Lowther Hall Girls School

Closing date for registration: 5/02/2010

THE GUIDE SHOP



WOORAYL REGION GIRL GUIDES REUNION

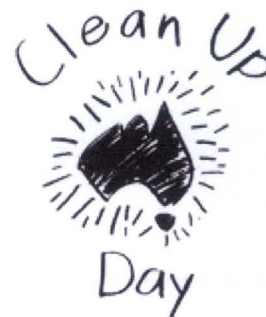
Korumburra, Leongatha, Wonthaggi, Poowong, Yarram and past Districts.

Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Guides in Australia.

Sunday 21 February at Coal Creek Community Park
 From 10am (Official Ceremony at 11am) on the cricket ground.

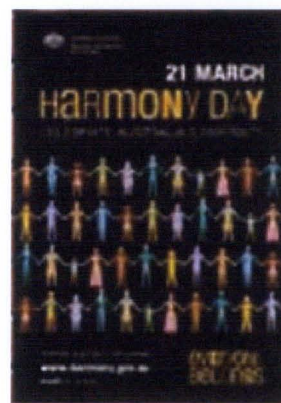
For more information, please call:
 Region Leader Chris Oliver on 0428 644 397 or
 Event Co-ordinator Linda Harvey on 5659 2244

*** Free entry into Coal Creek ***



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

7 March 2010



HARMONY DAY

21 March 2010