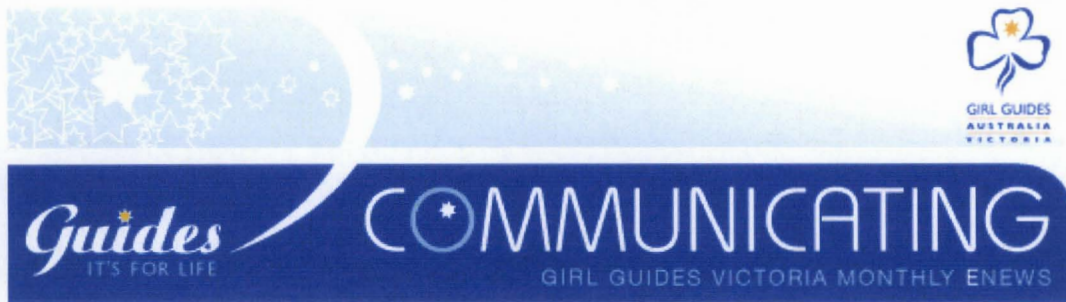
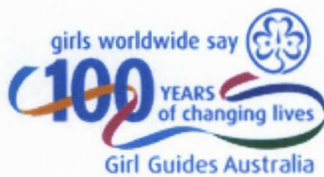


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COMMISSIONERS' TEAM



This month our thoughts have been focused on those in Guiding all around the world. Thinking Day is always a wonderful time to stop and reflect on our sisters around the world and help to raise funds to support girls and young women to realise their full potential. Noella and Alison joined the State Thinking Day service at Lowther Hall. We had the pleasure of joining in a lovely morning, focused on ending poverty; one of WAGGGS Global Action Themes based on the United Nations 8 Millennium Development Goals. We were very fortunate to have Mrs Jan de Kretser with us for the morning to launch the 'Memories of Guiding' book. The book is a great collection of stories and memories which will no doubt evoke some exciting recollections about each of our own times in Girl Guides. We thank Jill Johnstone and Margaret Taylor for compiling this special book. It was also a pleasure to welcome the previous State Team to participate in the Service and share the Thinking Day Ceremony together.



GIRL GUIDES GET TALKING!

**Have you visited and contributed to the new Bulletin Boards on the Girl Guides Victoria website?**

Visit the website, (or click on the tab above) sign in as a member and then on the bottom of the front page you will see a link to the Bulletin Boards.

You are able to contribute comments, program ideas and be involved.

All comments welcome. Take a chance and be involved.

Alecia was welcomed at the Woorayl Region Thinking Day and Reunion held at Coal Creek Historical Park in Korrumburra. She was thrilled to meet many past and present members at this event and to speak about the World Thinking Day Theme, girls worldwide say, "we can end extreme poverty and hunger". Our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the Leaders of Woorayl on this marvellous event, and to Joan and Michael Baden-Powell for their participation.

Contributions to this year's World Thinking Day Fund will go towards five specific countries; Haiti, Georgia, Maldives, Sudan and Zimbabwe. The World Thinking Day Fund supports the work of WAGGGS globally; it is not exclusively dedicated to Haiti or disaster relief. However, part of the funding raised will go to Haiti in 2010 and specific projects agreed upon by Haiti and WAGGGS.

Noella attended the Girl Guides Australia Board Planning Meeting in Sydney last week. This was followed by the launch of the 'Leadership for Life' book, profiling 100 women over the centenary. A special reception was held at Admiralty House, Kirribilli for the launch of the book by Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC. 'Leadership for Life' is a special publication celebrating the centenary and recognises the inspiration and enormous contributions that our Guiding women have made to the Australian community. Congratulations to all Victorians featured in this book. Copies of this book can be purchased from the Guide Shop.

Noella and Alison met with a group of young women who participated in the recent 'Power Up' Conference. These young women were able to hear from some amazing speakers such as Tanya Plebisek MP and learn about the media, public relations, governance and event management. At the end of the conference, the young women focused on specific projects to develop and manage during the year. We hope to keep you updated on the outcomes of their project work.

This week Noella, Alecia and Alison attended the UNIFEM Breakfast celebration for International Women's Day where again we were treated to some inspirational speakers. Thanks to our young ladies who assisted UNIFEM on the day, Bridget Allison, Amy Campbell and Rosie Uttridge.

Unit Leaders recently received their Centenary Resource Packs. These packs are part of the National Centenary Campaign and contain a CD of all the national events for 2010. It also provides useful Activity Pack booklets (International Service Challenge, Flying the Flag, GAT Badge curriculum based on the 8 Millennium goals, Australian Service Challenge, World Environment Day and a Campfire Program). Also included were posters covering our new uniform and



## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

I would like to thank the many Guides who have sent congratulations on the award of my OAM. It has been a very exciting time and I have been thrilled to be contacted by so many people.

February is always stimulating as Unit meetings commence and we welcome new girls as well as those returning; new volunteers are matched with Guiding Partners and we Trainers prepare to begin the year's work. Of course this year we also have special Centenary events to look forward to. Thinking Day was especially meaningful as well as fun.

Girl Guides Australia has adopted a new policy and procedures for the Administration of Medication to girls. These are on the website at adult/forms and documents/policies and procedures. Please be sure you consult these documents as there are some substantial changes to our past practices. GGV policies are being rearranged and given new numbers. This will group policies together to make it easier for you to find the one you need. In the future we will slot new policies into appropriate places.

You may have read various reports about the recent Federal Court decision that Men at Work's song Down Under contains some bars of music originally from Kookaburra sits in the Old Gum Tree. GGV has released a press statement to accurately explain our connection to this. The [release is attached here](#) so please read it so you too can be fully informed to pass on the correct message.

## 2010 Executive Committee Election

The election for new members of Executive Committee will occur at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 29 May. Four members of the committee have completed their term and all are eligible for re-election. These are Fiona Bennett, Belinda Abbott, Tess Davies and Margaret Devlin. Members of State Council will be electing three persons to fill the vacancies. You may remember that our Constitution changed in February 2009 and the Executive Committee now has nine elected members.

Please think about suitable people to approach. Nominees are offered the opportunity to speak at State Council on Saturday 1 May. They need to

an order form for the beautiful GGA 'Leadership for Life' book. This pack follows the GGA Centenary Challenge Booklet that each girl received at the end of last year. Girls can choose from a variety of challenges throughout the year and when 8 are completed, they form a Centenary Badge.

Currently, Leaders and girls are preparing for 'Clean Up Australia Day' this weekend. We are hoping for a great turnout. This is a wonderful opportunity for community service and for Guiding to be more visible in our communities. In addition Girl Guides across Australia have partnered with Clean Up Australia to recycle old mobile phones. You will be helping Guiding earn \$1.50 for every mobile phone recycled and help keep our planet clean. Girls world wide say "we can save our planet". Call (1300 447 548) for further information.

We draw your attention to the volunteer opportunities currently available. We are seeking a number of people for the position of Region Leader and we also have the position of Outdoor Activities Manager available. Why not consider these for people you know, or yourself? [Please see the website for copies of the Position Descriptions.](#)

Finally, don't forget to take a look at the new 'Learning for Leading' program. The closing date is 8 March. [Please visit the website for further information.](#)

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

#### CHIEF COMMISSIONER



Have you checked out the Centenary Calendar and the significant events that Guides and Leaders can be involved in during March? This year Clean Up Australia celebrates the 20th anniversary of CUA Day and Guiding has been involved in this

iconic event since its inception. The outcomes of the Australian Guides Say Project recognised the significance of the environment as a key issue of concern to our Guides. 'Ensuring environmental sustainability' is Millenium Development Goal (MDG) 7 and the fact that each year so many of our Guides and Leaders are involved in CUA is testimony to the fact that as an Organisation we believe that together 'we can save our planet'.

International Women's Day is held on 8 March each year to celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women. Guiding worldwide has

subscribe to the aims and policies of GGV, live in Victoria and be of good character. The nominees do not have to be members of GGV and male nominees are welcome. Nominations are now open and must be received at Joyce Price Centre by Tuesday 27 April at 5.00 pm.

Forms and information are available from Jane Pennington [ea@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:ea@guidesvic.org.au) or by phoning 8606 3500. I would be delighted to discuss the role with any one interested, contact me on 9807 6472 or [eadnams@teksupport.net.au](mailto:eadnams@teksupport.net.au)



#### 2010 PROGRAM AND OUTDOOR INFORMATION

I hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating World Thinking Day. With everything that is going on this year, it is especially important to keep visiting the [Girl Guides Victoria](#) website.

As soon as we have information about any events we will attempt to get it onto the website for everyone to access. [Girl Guides Australia website](#) also has a special centenary website.

#### **Guide & Scout Water Activity Centre**

For a great day's activity or for an evening activity during Daylight Savings why not take your Unit or District on a visit to the Guide & Scout Water Activity Centre. Set on Port Phillip Bay at Sandringham the qualified staff will give girls a day of fun on the water. For more information, [visit the website.](#)

#### **Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 7 March**

There are a number of ways to be part of the 20th anniversary of Clean Up Australia Day. Whether you want to go out and about and do a Clean Up or donate to the organisation, select an option listed below and get involved today.

Clean Up Australia are looking for a record number of volunteers for the 20th anniversary of Clean Up Australia Day - and Guides can help. Create your own site or find a site to volunteer at, every action makes a difference. The 3 steps below show you how easy it is to make Clean Up Australia Day 2010 the most successful ever.

1. Find or Create?  
All you have to do is go through the

recently celebrated World Thinking Day and the WAGGGS Thinking Day theme for 2010 - 'together we can end extreme hunger and poverty' - endorses that of UNIFEM's - 'Empowering Women to end Poverty by 2015'. I hope that many of our Leaders and older Guides will be attending the Breakfasts which will be held in many towns and cities around Australia.

I know that many of our Guides have become fully involved in the Centenary Challenge as well as the International Service Challenge and the Australian Service Challenge. I have also heard of many Guides who have set the goal to complete the Gold Challenge and in the coming months the various Gold Challenge Events will be announced based on feedback from Guides and Leaders as to the most popular Events.

So I urge you to keep up to date with the terrific events that have been organised for us to celebrate the Centenary and the Year of the Girl Guide. As you review the March Calendar, have a look at what is happening in April and May and the rest of the year.

Over the past twelve months you have heard and read much about the repositioning of Girl Guides Australia. What does this exactly mean and how will GGA and the State Organisations benefit from this - and what difference is it likely to make for the Unit Leader? Girl Guides Australia is committed to ensuring that we keep all members informed as we implement the changes that we believe are necessary to ensure we have a strong and growing organisation which can and will continue to change lives for the next 100 years. An activity is being prepared for all interested members to fully learn about, and understand the changes. In February this activity was 'trilled' at both the Management Team Meeting and the Board Workshop. I will be visiting each State during March and April to introduce this activity to the State Boards, Advisers and Staff who will then take this same activity to the Adult Members in each State. This activity will provide the opportunity for members to review societal changes in the last 20 years and how this has impacted on Guiding. It will review the fall in membership numbers and the challenges and the opportunities that this has presented.

There is a need for one vision for all of GGA and there will be one Strategic Plan for GGA and all the States, which complements the WAGGGS Strategic Plan. All decisions made will be open and transparent, internal communication will be improved and there will be co-operation between every State and GGA for the mutual benefit of all.

Already the new Management Team chaired by Assistant Chief Commissioner, Natasha Hendrick and comprising the Six Volunteer Managers, the National Executive Officer and the State Executive Officers as well as the Treasurer by request, has met twice to

registration process, selecting your Guide Unit or Group as a Youth Group option (this will veto the requirement for a Waiver to be signed online) and Clean Up Australia will send you all the materials you need.

2. Tell Your Friends  
Whether Guides create a new Clean Up Site or joined an existing one, Clean Up Australia will offer you a set of tools to promote it to your friends and family. Spread the word and make your Clean Up Day even more successful.

3. On the Day  
Last but not least, conduct your Clean Up. Make sure as a Site Co-ordinator you have organised all necessary arrangements and as a volunteer you show up on Clean Up Australia Day. Have lots of fun.

Go directly to the link from the [Girl Guides Australia Website](#).

### **Harmony Day - Sunday 21 March**

Harmony Day celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia and promotes the benefits of our cultural diversity. 'Everyone belongs' is the continuing message and it is about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians.

A key theme this year will be Express Yourself. This provides the opportunity for Guides to tell others through action, performance, fashion and food, about the diversity of their community and why it is important to them.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship will again be providing free promotional items such as buttons, posters, balloons etc which can be ordered through [www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au) in early February 2010.

Contact [info@harmony.gov.au](mailto:info@harmony.gov.au) for more information.

Follow the [Harmony Day links](#) through the Girl Guides Australia Website

### **National Tree Day - Sunday 1 August**

When planning your calendar for the year, don't forget National Tree Day. Many Councils will be holding planting events so give them a ring to find out whether your Unit or District can assist. More information will be available shortly from the Outdoors Committee explaining how best to go about this. Check out the [National Tree Day website](#) as well.

make informed and positive decisions which will benefit Guiding in every State. Agreements between the States and GGA about the future directions of ways of work, relationships and strategies are in the first stages of negotiation.

To embrace the changes, a new Constitution is being written and is currently under review. I do encourage you to avail yourself of this information activity when your State Commissioner or other State Team Member visits your suburb or town.

*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."*  
Henry Ford

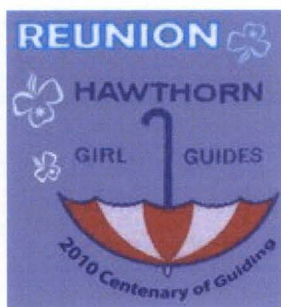
**Lynne Price**  
**Chief Commissioner**  
**Girl Guides Australia**

**COMING EVENTS**



**19-21 March 2010**  
13-17 year olds

*(Click on event logos for more details)*



**21 March 2010**



**ST. GEORGE'S DAY STATE SERVICE**

**23 April 2010 at 7.30pm**

Anglican Church of St. George, East Ivanhoe

St. George's is located in Warncliffe Rd East Ivanhoe near the corner of Warncliffe Rd and Lower Heidelberg

**Trainings and Workshops**

The [2010 Training Calendar](#) has information about youth and adult trainings as well as a number of canoe trainings. Have a look to find out about Hop and Leap that can help prepare girls for leadership roles in the Unit.

If you have any questions about anything relating to Program please contact me either by phone (9899 6364 AH) or email ([program@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:program@guidesvic.org.au))

**Helen Reid**  
**Program Manager**



**GUIDES IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

**Unit Leaders wanted - Paid positions**

[Further details here](#) or see 'Employment Opportunities' at the bottom of the GGV homepage.



**ANZAC DAY PARADE**

**25 April 2010**

Meet at 7.45am at Federation Square (Should be finished by 12.30pm)

**Full uniform please** - No white or brightly coloured shoes (uniform colour only). Solid blue trousers / skirt / skort / culottes.

Bring a hat if it is going to be hot but it must have a drawstring so it doesn't blow away.

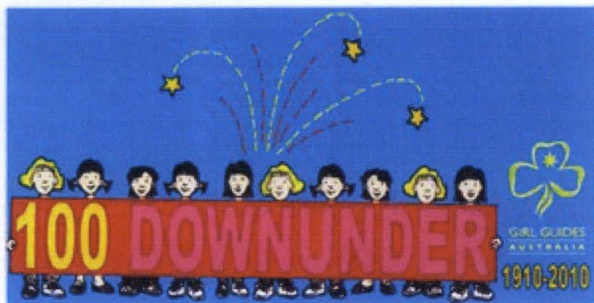
Also bring a drink bottle if it is going to be hot. Put all your things in a bum bag and wear it. Please no day packs or back packs.

Participants preferably to be over 12

Rd.

Just turn up (no need to book).

If you would like to process with a flag, please bring one and wear full uniform.



**22 May 2010**

Closing Date: 30 April 2010

**BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

*Present and former members of Girl Guides Victoria, are invited to take part in a*

**LADIES FOURS SINGLE ENTRY**

**Friday 26 March 2010**  
**Glen Waverley Bowling Club**  
**690 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley**

**10.00 am** Tea/Coffee  
**10.30 am** Start

**Two Games, Eleven Ends**

**Entry Fee: \$10 per person**  
**Which includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea**  
**Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.**

**Non Players welcome - \$10 for lunch**

**Applications must be received no later than 10 March 2010**

**Enquiries:**  
**Barbara Doggett 9801 1944**  
**OR Caryl Youdan 9545 1716**

**FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA FOR JUDY POULSEN**

years old as everyone needs to be able to walk at least 4kms.

Heather Hyatt is the contact.  
 Email: [hhy14359@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hhy14359@bigpond.net.au)



**WOMEN OF NOTE**

The 5th Daylesford Mentor Breakfast, always an event celebrating International Women's Day, will be held this year on **Wednesday, 10 March from 6.45 to 9 a.m. at Peppers Springs Retreat, Main Road, Hepburn.**

In keeping with the tradition of making this breakfast a truly local event, the guest speaker will be Elizabeth Ashman, head of the Department of Sustainability and Environment office, in Daylesford - unless there is a bushfire, in which case there is a back-up plan.

If you're interested in learning more about this event, please contact Glenda Fleischer by phone at 5348 7539 or by email at [glendian2@bigpond.com](mailto:glendian2@bigpond.com)


**The 14th Girl Guides Victoria Women of Note Casey Mentor Breakfast and Workshop** will be held on Friday, 19 March at 7 a.m. at the City of Casey Civic Centre, Magid Drive, Narre Warren. The breakfast will recognise 2010 as the Centenary Year of Girl Guides in Australia. Casey will continue the tradition begun last year of having a Year 12 girl MC at the breakfast, but this year there will be two Year 12 girls from local secondary colleges sharing the task. The guest speaker will be Rachael Robertson, who led the 58th Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition to Davis Station. Following the breakfast, from 9 to 10 am, an optional workshop will be held for students only. Entitled 'Journey to Career Success', the workshop will be facilitated by Pamela Wyatt from National Australia Bank.

If you're interested in learning more about this event, please contact Rita Hartney by phone at 9799 8837 or by email at [rhartney@smartchat.net.au](mailto:rhartney@smartchat.net.au)



*Girl Guides Victoria invites all members and friends of Guiding  
to an Afternoon Tea  
to farewell Judy Poulsen following her retirement*

*Judy held the role of Manager - Britannia Park Campsite for 20 years.*



The afternoon tea will be held on  
Saturday 10 April 2010

At BP Hut Britannia Park

From 2pm to 4pm

Please RSVP to Alecia Rathbone by Friday 26 March  
arathbone@guidesvic.org.au or 8606 3533

[To view all current events, please click here](#)

**THE GUIDE SHOP**



**New Uniform Information Booklet and Catalogue Available Here**

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**TENT SALE**



Girl Guides Victoria is selling 8-man dome tents used for 6 nights at ACE - the international Centenary event.

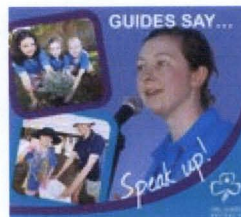
8-man tents (Rays Grande 9 model - see [Rays website for more info](#))

**LEARNING FOR LEADING**

**Professional Presentation of Six Interesting Sessions for Women (18+) of all Ages, Backgrounds and Experiences.**

New Program - Bookings close 8 March 2010

[Click here for all information and application form](#)



**GUIDES SAY 2010...**

**is coming so get ready to speak up!**

Click on logo for further information.



**WORLD FLAG**

***Do you need a new World Flag to fly during our Centenary year?***

As you may know, everyone will be asked to fly our World Flag on 10 October.

The shop would like an indication of how many people want to purchase a flag, as they will put in an order and if it is a large order, each flag will be cheaper.

If you want to order a flag or want more information about this, please email [guides@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:guides@guidesvic.org.au)

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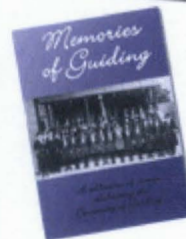
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**Sunshine Rollerskating Centre**  
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**GREAT NEW BOOKS-OUT NOW!**

**Leadership For Life** - Fantastic book, put out for our Centenary featuring 100 Guiding women, past and present, from all over Australia. Launched on 28 Feb and now available for purchase from our shop at \$29.95.

There are at least 24 Victorians in it so you can read about them all!

**Memories of Guiding** - A collection of wonderful Guiding stories from the past and present. Put together by the Honorary Australian Associates in Victoria. Bargain price of \$10.

Read about and relive the past Guiding days.

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