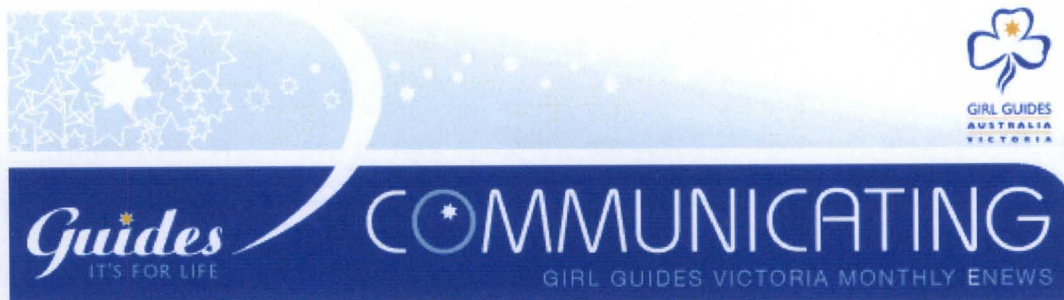
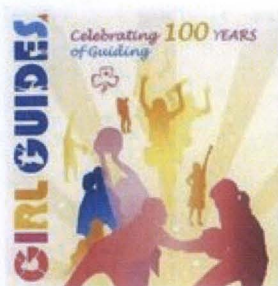


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COMMISSIONERS' TEAM



Term 1 has flown by this year with a number of exciting events as part of our Centenary celebrations. The State team has been busy continuing to visit Regions, to partake in their activities and share in the merriment. We have also been trying to increase the profile of Guiding in the wider community.

This month, Noella and Alison attended a special morning held by the National Council of Women of Victoria, celebrating International Women's Day, where the Victorian Junior Legacy Public Speaking award finalists presented their speeches. Alice Csabi spoke on behalf of Girl Guides Victoria about her opportunity to attend the Asia Pacific Region Summit last year.

Alison also spent the morning at the Casey Women's Mentor Breakfast, run by the Women of Note. This is



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Policies of GGV are reviewed by Structures and Procedures Committee at least every three years on a rolling schedule. In the past when a new policy was adopted, it was given the next available number.

Hence actually finding a specific policy is awkward. We have now grouped them into connected topics. This will make them easier to find and spaces have been left to insert new ones.

To accomplish this, all policies have been renumbered. GGA policies are included in the list. Where appropriate we have continued the system that our Procedures and Guidelines have matching numbers with their Policy. You will find the new information on the website in the usual place ([under Adult/Forms and Documents](#)).

Nominations for Executive Committee

always an exciting morning for all involved and Alison encouraged the girls in attendance to make the most of the opportunity and get to know their mentors.

Noella and Alecia joined in for the final Lady Murray Bowls Day. This day has long been enjoyed by many and Noella and Alecia were glad to be there for the finale. A special thank you to Barbara Doggett and her team for their commitment and effort of the past 26 years to organise and run this wonderful event on behalf of Girl Guides Victoria. And to all of those people who have supported and participated over the many years, we extend our thanks.

Alecia was delighted to be invited to be part of Emily Angell's Queen's Guide Award presentation and enjoyed meeting Guides, Leaders and parents in the Woorayl Region.

The new uniform is now for sale in the shop. So far the response has been very positive, with both youth and adult members happy with their new shirts. We hope that this will help to increase the profile of Guiding in the wider community as we have a strong and consistent image.

Our Region Leaders' meeting is fast approaching. It is to be held at the South Melbourne Town Hall on Saturday 17 April. We would also like to draw your attention to the following day: Sunday 18 April, when Lynne Price, Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Australia and Golda Munroe are coming to address anyone who is interested in finding out more about the 'repositioning' of Girl Guides Australia and the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), that will be so important for the future of Girl Guides Victoria. As part of their presentation, they have a 'Re-positioning' Wide Game. which looks at the process that was undertaken to get to where we are now, followed by Golda's presentation of the first stage of the MoUs.

Also from National, information for the appointment of the next Chief Commissioner has been released. Applications close on 12 April 2010. If you know anyone you think would be able to take on this position, please encourage them to apply.

For those of you involved within your Region and Management Teams, don't forget that we have our State Management Conference, Expand your Horizons, coming up 16 - 18 July. This weekend is for Region Leaders and Region International, Outdoor Activities, Program and Training Co-ordinators. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information shortly.

Finally, we welcome Mandy Batten to the position of Region Leader for Casinia Region and wish her well in this role. Don't forget we have a number of Region Leader vacancies at present and we are also looking for an Outdoor Activities Manager. Please check the

Nominations for election to Executive Committee must be received at Joyce Price Centre, South Melbourne by Tuesday 27 April at 5pm. The election will be held at the Annual General Meeting on 29 May 2010. Nominees are encouraged to make a short presentation at the meeting of State Council on 1 May.

Executive Committee is the equivalent of a Board and we aim to have a broad variety of skills on the committee. To assist you in looking for appropriate nominees, the ongoing members are listed below. You will find profiles of each on the website at [About Us > Who we are](#).

Elizabeth Adnams (Chairman)
Robinette Emonson
Erica Ferguson
Tess Davies
John Payne
Pam Schafer
Annette Swaffield
Noella Kershaw (Ex officio)
David McDowell (Ex officio)
Wendy Lewis (Ex officio)

Nomination forms and terms of reference for the committee are available from Jane Pennington on 8606 3500 or ea@guidesvic.org.au. If you have any questions about the role, I am pleased to be contacted on 9807 6472 or eadnams@teksupport.net.au

Elizabeth Adnams OAM
Chairman, Girl Guides Victoria



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program information this month is mainly information to do with the Centenary or information from Girl Guides Australia.

Please take time to read through all the information.

Partnership with Zaidee Rainbow Foundation

Girl Guides Australia has developed a partnership with Zaidee Rainbow Foundation to help raise awareness about tissue and organ donation. [A two-page flyer of facts and figures, along with some discussion starters is available for Leaders.](#) We have made no commitment to raise funds for Zaidee, however if a Unit or Guide chooses to follow this up, there are a number of fundraising opportunities they can undertake for Zaidee Rainbow Foundation. For more information regarding tissue and organ donation, please refer to the

website for details and Position Descriptions.

We would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Easter.

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 statement has been included in all State

Newsletters (see link below) and is available on the GGA website and I draw your attention to this. The Girl Guide/Girl Scout Method is the educational approach of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting that all Member Organisations of WAGGGS are required to follow. For those of you wishing to peruse this, I refer to the WAGGGS Educational Program (Section 7) through the following link on the WAGGGS website.

<http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/grab/1006/1/1EducationProgramme1.pdf>

The Board recognises that girls can participate in Guiding through validated and quality non formal educational programs other than the Australian Guide Program although the AGP remains the preferred program in Australia to deliver Guiding to girls and young women.

The Australian Program Committee has developed a check list which has been adopted by the Board as the official tool for validating Guide programs being offered in Australia.

In our modern fast moving world, where young people have so many choices of activities and lead such busy lives, GGA must continue to meet the needs of girls and young women by providing flexible program options which allow for a different type of participation than the traditional weekly Guide meeting. We believe that through offering a wider choice of program, we will also reach a far more diverse population which is truly representative of the face of Australia today.

In March I visited Northern Territory, Western Australia and Tasmania to present the Repositioning Activity to the Boards and Executive Members in those States. I will be similarly working with the Board of Girl Guides Victoria in mid April and hopefully the other State Boards soon after. The repositioning of Girl

Zaidee Rainbow Foundation's website
www.zaidee.org

Guides Say 2010 - It is on again
 Girl Guides Australia has a responsibility to give girls a voice on the issues they care about and a platform and opportunity to speak out on those issues. Guides Say 2010, a survey of Guides Australia wide, provides this opportunity. From April 19, Guides around Australia will be urged to participate as we collect data on the top issues that they care about. [More information](#)

Celebrating the Centenary of Guiding and Year of the Girl Guides
[Girl Guides Australia has provided information about the various activities from the resource pack and other information about this year.](#)

Centenary Challenge Wall Chart and Centenary Gold Challenge Wall Chart

Do you want to keep track of your Guides' progression through the Centenary Challenge Badge and Gold Challenge? We now we have a Wall Chart that you can print off, preferably in A3, and you can display it in your hall or meeting place, so girls can keep track of how they are going.

We hope that this will help make the Challenge a little easier and that you have all started on the challenge.

Centenary Badge Ready Reckoner

Confused about all the badges available this year? [Here is information about all the badges](#), where they can be purchased and how and where they can be worn.

Tree Planting Grant

As you are aware, there is funding available (through a very simple grant application process) for Units so that they can plant trees/ shrubs/ flowers/ grasses/etc. in their local areas. The original closing date for these applications was has been and gone but as the information wasn't available as early as hoped, the revised grant application closing date is now 1 May. Information was distributed in the Centenary Resource Packs [or is available here.](#)

Helen Reid
Program Manager
program@guidesvic.org.au



Guides Australia has involved many Guiding women from all over Australia. The diverse experiences and expertise, willingness and commitment of these women to ensure Guiding in Australia can be delivered more efficiently and effectively, is truly amazing. Women who work in developing Memorandums of Understanding, lecture in Change Management, train in Risk Management and develop policies on the same for large corporations, women who write governance policies, women who write constitutions - all of these women and others have come forward voluntarily and are dedicated to providing hundreds of hours to ensure our Organisation does become a unified one, where States are all working together to ensure Guiding will continue to change the lives of girls and young women. Girl Guides Australia is indebted to all of these amazing women.

At the end of February at Admiralty House in Sydney, Quentin Bryce, Governor General of Australia and the Patron of Girl Guides Australia officially launched the book "Leadership For Life - 100 Women, 100 Years in Guiding". This book pays tribute to 100 remarkable women whose lives have been changed through their experiences in Guiding. These 100 women represent the thousands of Leaders throughout Australia today whose names are also presented in the book. And of course all of these Leaders are representative of the many tens of thousands who have so willingly ensured girls and young women had the opportunity to discover their potential for the last 100 years.

For those wanting a special souvenir for our Centenary Year, I recommend that you purchase a copy of this book. Congratulations to all who have been involved in its development and congratulations to Girl Guides NSW & ACT for organising and hosting such a very special day.

Lynne Price
Chief Commissioner
Girl Guides Australia

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COMING EVENTS

Sunday
2 May 2010
 2.30-5.30pm
 at Banksia Guide Hall

RSVP:
18 April 2010
rbcairns@bigpond.co

(Click on all event logos for more details)



ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE

Friday 23 April

Why do we celebrate St George's Day?

St George is the patron saint of England. His emblem, a red cross on a white background, is the flag of England, and part of the British flag.

St George is also the patron saint of Guiding and Scouting. It is for this reason that we celebrate with a St George's Day service on Friday 23 April.

We invite all Guides and Scouts of any age to join in celebrating our saint at St George's church, East Ivanhoe. The church is located in Warnclyffe Rd, East Ivanhoe, near the corner of Warnclyffe Rd and Lower Heidelberg Rd. Friday 23 April 2010 7.30 for 8pm start.

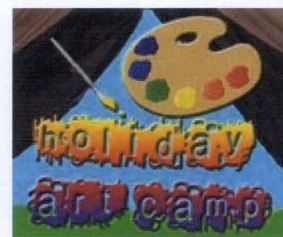
At a time when the number of girls who experience any worship situations is declining, this is a chance for Guides to help celebrate 100 years of Guiding changing lives.

This is the first of a number of worship experiences available during the next year, with a Jewish service on 28 May. We are also looking at other religious services that girls can be a part of.

This is an opportunity for girls to explore their own faith and belief in God and for girls to discuss this with their peers. It would be great if Guiding can be significantly represented at this service.

Participants are encouraged to bring their Unit flags. A light supper will be served after the service.

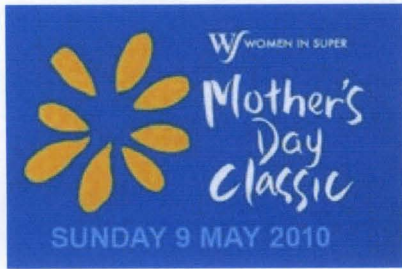
If you have any questions or can let me know that you and your Guides are attending, please contact Helen Reid via email (program@guidesvic.org.au) or phone (0417 552 143)



HOLIDAY ART CAMP

Hi Everyone!

I would like to introduce myself. I am the newly appointed Manager of Holiday Programs and Activities and I am very excited to be a part of the



Raising money for breast cancer research.

Join us and register as part of the Girl Guides Victoria team.

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the more than 5 million Australians who volunteer.



Everyone is warmly invited to the **Girl Guides Victoria Centenary Dinner** to celebrate our 100th Birthday. This will be held on Saturday 29 May 2010 following the AGM at "Albert by the Lake" commencing at

6pm. The Guest Speaker is Jenny Gray, CEO of Zoos Victoria. It will be a night of celebrations so please come and join us.

Further details can be found on the [flyer](#) and please register using the [Registration Form](#).

[Please click here to view all current events](#)

LEARNING FOR LEADING



Next Learning for Leading Workshop:
Dress for Success and Interview Skills
Now combined into ONE fantastic day on **Saturday 17 April**

[Flyer and Application Form Available Here](#)

Girl Guides Victoria community.

I am pleased to announce that our **first Holiday ART Camp** will be running during the **June/July school holiday** period this year; from Sunday June 27 to Saturday July 3.

This will be a camp for girls aged 9 to 13 years and is open to members of Girl Guides as well as non-members; so **all girls** are welcome to come along and be a part of this great experience.

Stay tuned for further program information and exciting developments!

For any queries contact camps@guidesvic.org.au

Liz Paolacci
Manager, Holiday Programs and Activities



DESIGN A POSTER AND SAY NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

WAGGGS is calling all members to participate in a poster competition themed 'girls worldwide say no to violence against women and girls'. The competition is open until 12 August, International Youth Day, so there is plenty of time to run a special meeting with your groups, encourage your friends and family to join and check out all the other actions you can take to end violence against women and girls on the [WAGGGS action page!](#)

[\(More Details...\)](#)



WOMEN OF NOTE

The 15th Melbourne Mentor Breakfast will be held on **Friday, 21 May from 6.45 to 9 a.m. at the ANZ Pavilion, Melbourne Arts Centre (under the spire)**. The speaker will be Louise Cannon, a long-time supporter of the breakfast. Louise trained to be a teacher but decided she'd rather be a fire fighter, so we'll be hearing the story of how to choose a career, how to change a career and how not to waste what you have learned along the way. All of these are excellent messages for Year 11 girls but the number of girls who can be at the breakfast is limited by the number of women who are

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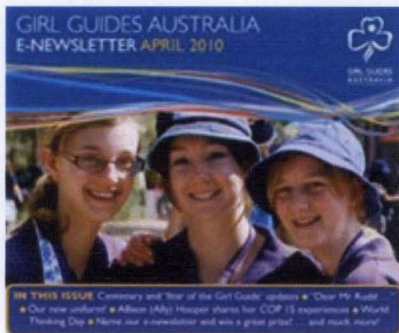
[Click here to visit the Guide Shop and to shop online](#)

Araluen-Jindabyne Mountainside Retreat NSW



[Click on picture for prices and other details](#)

National Youth E-Newsletter



To read the bumper April 2010 edition of the Girl Guides Australia E-newsletter, follow this link: <http://www.girlguide-news/april/>

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prepared to come along as their 'sponsors'. If you'd like to become one of these special women at the breakfast, please contact Lynne Cox by phone at 9885 6283 or by email at womenofnote@fastmail.fm

The WON members were treated to an entertaining and enlightening presentation by one of its own, Jennifer Batrouney SC, as the guest speaker at the annual dinner held at The Lyceum Club on 16 March. Jennifer talked about her life in law, taking the silk (as a Senior Council), her family and the many activities, including mentoring of young lawyers, she undertakes. New member Bridgette Engeler Newbury was also presented with her WON brooch and Elizabeth Adnams reported on the Year of the Girl Guide activities. The evening was declared a most enjoyable social event for WON and we thank The Lyceum Club member Helen Robinson for hosting the dinner.

WON members will be sad to hear that one of our foundation members, Mrs Lee Dale, died on Monday, 8 March. Lee had been in residential care for more than 12 months as a result of Alzheimer's disease. Her funeral was held on Thursday, 11 March. Dr Paula Tomsett attended on behalf of WON.

There have been two Mentor Breakfasts held in March - Daylesford and Casey - watch the next *Communicating* for stories about these events.

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