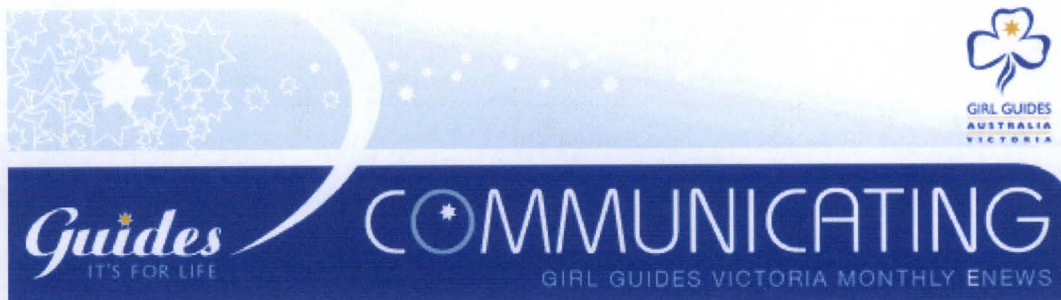
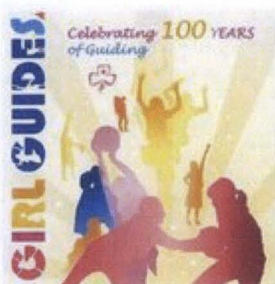


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COMMISSIONERS' TEAM



On Saturday 3 April, Alison and Noella attended the 1st Hampton Guide's barbeque to welcome Guides and Leaders from the U.K. who are spending ten days in Melbourne seeing the sights.

We had a delightful time. The U.K Guides had already spent a few days in Sydney before beginning their Melbourne tour. Alecia helped with the preparations for Judy Poulsen's farewell celebration, held at Britannia Park on Saturday 10 April. The afternoon was spent reminiscing and sharing good times as well as thanking Judy for her years of hard work and effort.

On Friday 16 April, Victoria hosted the National 'Be the Change' event. 'Be the Change' attracted 30 young women from around Australia. They were welcomed by the State Team and participated in a weekend of learning about developing projects and implementing ideas in relation to the 8 Millennium Goals that



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Mobile Phone Recycling Program

Only 3% of all mobile phones sold in Australia are currently being recycled. E-Waste is a growing issue in Australia and around the world, the issue is much greater than just mobile phones, but this is a great place to start. And this is something that all Guides can do - and really make a difference!

To help make a difference Girl Guides Australia has partnered with Clean Up Australia to recycle old mobile phones. For every phone recycled Girl Guides earns \$1.50 and will be helping lead the way to bring about environmental change.

Self and Peer Assessment

Self and Peer Assessment are an integral part of the Australian Guide Program but remember they are only one step in the process. As a reminder to all Leaders please [have a look at this attachment about Self and Peer Assessment](#).

Queen's Guide Award Information Day

This is an information session for Guides (13 plus) who have just begun or are considering starting the

WAGGGS has promoted through their GAT (Global Action Theme).

The National Olave program is building momentum and we have a new National Olave Manager, Petina Blackwell. Our State Olave Manager is Erin Wicking. On Saturday 17 April, we welcomed Erin to the Region Leaders' Meeting. where she spoke about the changes happening at National and how this will impact on the States. This was our second Region Leaders' Meeting for the year and offered us a chance to put forward some ideas and gather new ones. We welcomed a number of new Region Leaders and at the same time, farewelled a number of Region Leaders who have given much of their time and energy to Girl Guides. The same weekend, we had a number of Olave women represent GGV for the Oxfam Event: Penny Ferris, Alex Bennett, Jacqui Seibel, Emily Meads and Vicki Cameron as the support person. These young women were inspired and Penny, in particular, is keen to bring a team together for the next event.

On Sunday 18 April, Lynne Price, Chief Commissioner Girl Guides Australia and Golda Munro, visited Victoria to present the Repositioning Activity and explain the Memorandum of Understanding to the Executive Members and interested Leaders. Lynne explained that the repositioning of Girl Guides Australia has involved many Guiding women from all over Australia. The 'Repositioning' Activity and Memorandum of Understanding relate to the progress that has been made since the recommendations for 'restructure' were passed by the Board in May 2009. This information is being delivered to all States.

It is clear that these women and those in national sub-committees offer diverse experiences and expertise, willingness and a commitment to ensure Guiding in Australia can be delivered more efficiently and effectively. Many of our Guiding women are continuing to work hard on the restructure and are dedicated to providing hundreds of hours to ensure our Organisation becomes a unified one, where States work together to ensure Guiding continues to change the lives of girls and young women.

The St George's Day Service was held on Friday 23 April at St George's Church, Ivanhoe. It was a delightful service that also acknowledged the Centenary of Guiding, whilst celebrating the legend surrounding St George, the Patron Saint of Scouting. Noella was in attendance and invited the Guides present to renew their Promise.

Anzac Day went very well too. Thank you to the girls and Leaders who attended. Our new uniform looked very smart!

On Friday 14 May, Noella will attend the Annual General Meeting for Girl Guides Australia along with

Queen's Guide Award. Leaders of girls doing this award are also strongly encouraged to attend.

This is a chance to learn more about the award, what is expected, how and where to begin, and to ask questions. You will also have a chance to see reports from those girls who have finished their Queen's Guide Award, to give you ideas on how you might present your achievements. Participants will be given a copy of the Girl's Guide to the Queen's Guide Award as part of the day and lunch will be provided.

We strongly recommend that any Leaders who haven't assisted a Guide through her Queen's Guide Award before attend, as it will help you understand what is required of the girl, the peer group and the Leader.

Any questions please contact Helen Reid, State Program Manager either by email (program@guidesvic.org.au) or 03 9899 6364 (AH)

Register via the website: \$10 for girls (includes handout and lunch); free for Leaders

Junior Leader Day/Reality Check

I hope all Guides 13+ have set aside the weekend of the 24 - 26 June. It is going to be a fantastic weekend. More information will be coming from the Program - Youth Team who are organising the weekend and they tell me it is going to be EPIC and unmissable. Further details coming soon.

Sleepless in Shepparton - 28/29 August

Planning is well underway for this sleepover in Shepparton, based on the same idea as previous sleepovers, this one will be a little rougher than in the past, with little undercover areas at the Shepparton showgrounds however some great activities to keep you entertained will be on offer. Keep the weekend free and keep watch for details.

Flying the Flag - 10 October

Everyone is also planning the Flying the Flag celebration at Government House on the 10 October. Has your Unit thought of coming down to Melbourne the day before, sleeping over in a Guide hall before joining the celebrations? Or if you are a city Unit with a Guide hall, maybe you could consider hosting a country Unit the night before, a great chance for girls to meet new Guides and share this great experience.

Helen Reid
Program Manager
program@guidesvic.org.au

the National Board Meeting.

On Saturday 22 May, we celebrate our Centenary Event, 100 Downunder at the Royal Melbourne Show Grounds. This will be an exciting event and thanks to Debbie McLaren and her Committee, we are looking forward to a wonderful day. On a final note, please remember that Victoria's Annual General Meeting is coming up on May 29 and this will be followed by a Centenary Dinner. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Chairman's Corner



This past month has been one of mixed emotions. The death of Jane Scarlett was very sad for me, she appointed me as a Trainer, I worked with her on Executive for many years and then was an Assistant State Commissioner in her Team. So many Guides from across the State and interstate attended her Thanksgiving Service. Visitors included the Chief Commissioner Lynne Price, Deputy Chair of the World Board Lynden Edgell, Chair of Australian Procedures Committee (past Chief Commissioner) Barbara Horsfield and past Chairman of the World Board, Ginny Radford. We celebrated the life of a very special Guide whose philosophy was to always look ahead - and we will do that. To confirm this, I was delighted to present my great niece with her World Badge when she made her Promise, an exciting night for her (and me).

I am pleased to tell you that the Girl's Advisory Committee has had its first meeting and have set a direction going forward. We will be seeking opinions from girls about the issues that concern them to ensure that this committee is working on the most appropriate material. This committee includes women with a wide range of experience in working with girls, both in Guiding and outside.

Executive Committee and other interested people took part in a workshop presented by the Chief Commissioner to explain the repositioning of Girl Guides Australia related to the States. Golda Munro, an expert on writing Memoranda of Understanding, introduced us to this concept which is new for Guiding.

I know it is May because my District's biscuit order has arrived and if you forgot to order or run out, the Guide Shop has plenty! May also includes events to look forward to - 100 Downunder, Melbourne Mentor Breakfast and the Jewish service will all be interesting.



Art Camp

Hi Everyone!

The **June/July School Holiday Art Camp** preparations are coming along fantastically! Art activities will include drawing, painting, indoor and outdoor sculpture, and an art gallery and artist studio visit. The finale will be an Art Exhibition where all the wonderful artworks will be displayed.

This will be a camp for girls aged 9 to 13 years of age 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. If Girl Guides bring a friend who is not a member - they will receive a great gift!

The dates are: **Sunday June 27 to Saturday July 3**
\$525 members \$675 non-members

Early bird special - book by 14 May:
\$495 members \$645 non-members

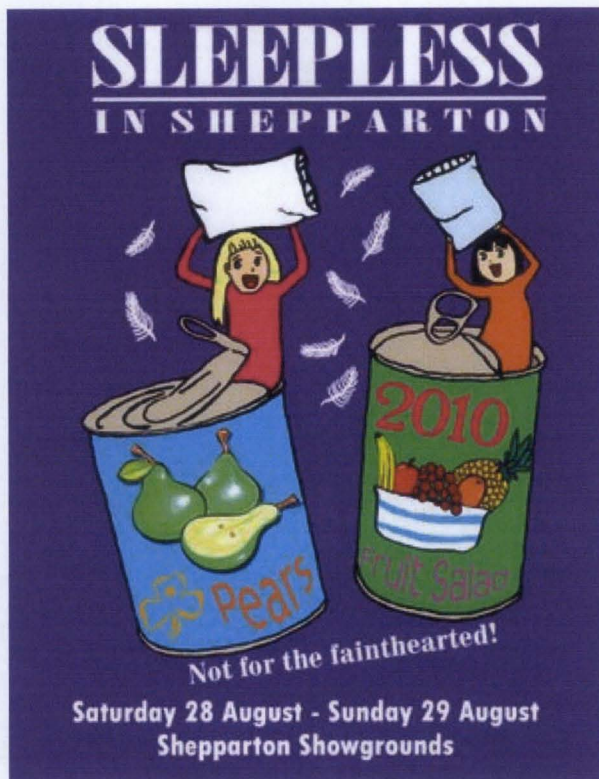
Art Camp cost is inclusive of accommodation, catering, materials & equipment, gallery & studio visit. There are no extra payments required. A comprehensive *Art Camp Information Kit* will be provided to all participants prior to attending Art Camp.

An [Art Camp Parent Fact Sheet](#) is also now available on the Girl Guides Victoria website in the 'News' and 'Calendar' section. You can also register online [here](#).

Hope to see you there!

For *any* queries contact camps@guidesvic.org.au

Liz Paolacci
Manager, Holiday Programs & Activities



This event will include a movie marathon, talent show, Step Star, games and activities to keep you entertained throughout the night. A hot supper will be provided along with breakfast. Guides will need to bring a packed dinner for the trip there.

Cost: \$30 for Guides \$15 for Leaders

Transport: Catch a special train direct from Southern Cross Station leaving 4.45pm Saturday afternoon, arriving back at 10.50am Sunday morning. Cost is \$30 per person. Or you can arrive at the Showground direct at 7pm and leave on Sunday at 9am. There are a limited number of seats on the train so book early.

All Guides should be accompanied by a Leader to ensure correct ratios.

Numbers will be limited due the space at the showground and no late applications will be accepted so get in early and don't miss out.

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THE GUIDE SHOP

meetings, diaries of events, personal recollections such as stories and anecdotes about members' times connected to the Region and asks that people share how this contributed to their own personal growth.

If you are able to help Jan with any of this information, or can suggest people she could interview, she would appreciate hearing from you.

Please contact Jan by email on macintyr@squirrel.com.au

WORLD PEACE DAY



The non-profit organisation Peace One Day (POD) is inviting Guides to raise awareness of World Peace Day on 21 September 2010. ***(More info...)***



CANOE CAPERS

[Newsletter of Girl Guides Victoria Leader's Canoe Group](#)

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