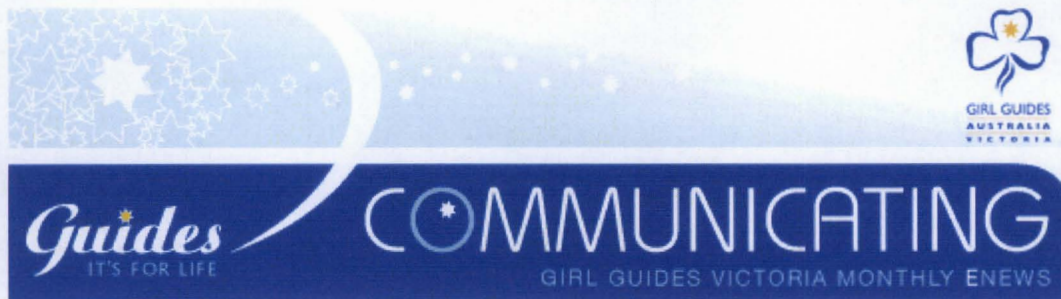
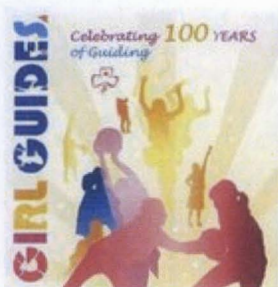


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## COMMISSIONERS' TEAM



What a busy and exciting month June has been. However before we jump into June we need to mention Saturday 29 May following GGV Annual General Meeting, when we attended the Blue and Gold Society Centenary Dinner. The Dinner was a huge success due to the efforts of the Patron, Ellen Boyd and her Team, particularly Jane Pennington. We extend a special thank you for a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. The Guest speaker Jenny Gray, the CEO Zoos Victoria and was amazing, particularly as she wove Guiding into her work at the Zoo.

Also we congratulate Jane Pennington on her recent appointment as Chair of the 'Friends of Sangam International'. Well done Jane!

Noella and Alecia were pleased to be part of the



## VOLUNTEER FOR THE ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

Girl Guides Victoria (GGV) has yet again been given a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Royal Melbourne Show this year. If you are interested in volunteering at the Show, you will have free entry on the day you volunteer and you will also receive an additional ticket for free entry for another day.

To register, [click here](#) or go to 'News' on the GGV website.

Mornington Peninsula 'Region Leader farewell dinner' for Pam Schafer on Thursday 10 June. It was a spectacular evening with lots of presentations, appreciation and fond memories, as well as a welcome to the new incoming Region Leader, Noelle Secoulidis.

Another highlight was the National Centenary 'Chain of Campfires' held on Saturday 19 June, which was well attended throughout the State. Noella visited West Metro, thanks to Christine Croft and her team. It was a night of reminiscing, singing and enjoying a Centenary cake, along with the wonderful atmosphere of the campfire. Alecia visited Sunraysia Region and was delighted to be part of their Region Conference, Region Dinner and Centenary Campfire.

On Sunday 20 June Noella was invited to speak at the Mornington Peninsula Multi-Faith Day. This amazing event brought together religious and community groups in an atmosphere of harmony and goodwill. Thank you to Marjorie West for her contribution and to the Committee for the Order of Australia, who presented a Certificate to Girl Guides Victoria in recognition of the 'Year of the Girl Guide'. You can see this Certificate at Guide Centre.

The National Board has again been very busy making sure the 'Re-positioning of GGA' is well underway. Currently we are working on the second draft of the National Constitution, Memorandums of Understanding and have adopted an updated and reinvigorated Strategic Plan 2010-2012. Sub-Committees are working on these documents along with feedback from State Executive Committees. The finalising of this work will mean States can move swiftly to redraft their Constitutions in line with the National Constitution and formalise agreements between State and National by signing the Memorandums of Understanding. These changes will bring a clear understanding of the rights, roles and responsibilities of States and the rights, roles and responsibilities of National; so they complement one another. We anticipate reduced duplication of work across States and the benefits of 'economies of scale' and purchasing power. Other benefits include a National Management Team consisting of all State SEOs and National Managers which will assist in lifting standards and unifying our delivery of Guiding. We have already begun with our national uniform!

We are pleased that Girl Guides Victoria will be running a workshop on the Millennium Development Goals for girls and boys aged 14-18. This will be held on the weekend of 18 - 19 September and is called Be the Change. Four Victorian members aged 14-30 years old who attended the national Be the Change workshop will be facilitating this event and it is sure to be great. Information and applications forms [are on the website here](#). Applications close 31 July 2010.

We look forward to the upcoming Centenary Events in



## CENTENARY FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

### *How are you progressing with the Girl Guides Victoria Centenary Fundraising Challenge?*

Girl Guides across Victoria have been challenged to raise at least \$10 each in terms 2 and 3 this year. The funds raised will support 'Girls Unite to Read & Write' which is the national fundraising challenge for 2010, Guides in Haiti and 'Heads Held High' the national service challenge for 2010.

If you haven't received a challenge card yet, [click here to download and print yours now](#).

Unit Leaders can send funds raised to the Joyce Price Centre as they are received, marked 'Centenary Fundraising Challenge'.



## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

For girls aged 16 and 17 years  
Applications close **Friday 9 July**  
2010  
**(Flyer...)**



## GGA NEWS FROM THE OUTDOOR DEPARTMENT

### CHANGES TO GUIDE LINES

There have been some changes to Guide Lines for outdoor activities.

### Changes to Guide Lines for Camping

Victoria; the National Tree Planting Day and the Sleepless in Shepparton. We wish you all a warm, woolly winter and hope you enjoy the lovely rain as much as we do!

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

#### CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



*2010 Year of the Girl Guide* is already half way through and we have enjoyed many special events including the Chain of Campfires on 19 June. In Melbourne we were blessed with great weather and my Region's campfire was wonderfully noisy and very well attended - something the Guides will remember forever.

But behind the scenes, the governance work of GGV goes on. I am pleased to tell you that the new members of the Executive Committee elected at the AGM are Belinda Abbott, Tess Davies, and Margaret Devlin.

Executive Committee is concentrating on the new GGA Constitution and the Memoranda of Understanding between GGA and the States. Human Resource Committee is managing the process to find the next State Commissioner. The members of the new Girls Advisory Committee are enthusiastically developing a new initiative for the Guides through a special blog to be connected to our website.

An outcome from the May 1 discussion sessions at State Council will be some new responsibilities for Region delegates. These will be included in a new job description for State Council members which will be circulated as soon as possible.

Do enjoy the midyear break from your Unit. I am also taking a few days off to refresh and revitalize myself.

**Elizabeth Adnams OAM**  
**Chairman, Girl Guides Victoria**

#### CHIEF COMMISSIONER



I am pleased to advise that Helen Geard has been elected by the Board as Chief Commissioner for Girl Guides Australia, to take effect as at 1 January 2011. Helen is currently the State Commissioner for Girl Guides Tasmania and has been a member of the GGA Board for 3 years. As such she has been on the repositioning journey for that time

Where the State has confirmed that a suitable Guide Leader-in-Charge is not available, the State can allow an expedition as an adventurous activity rather than a camp. For the expedition to be allowed as an adventurous activity, the Leader-in-Charge must hold either FD O7 or FD O8 and meet the requirements of an adventurous activity. The Leader-in-Charge sources an appropriate non-Guiding instructor, whether individual or company, who has specific knowledge and skills in running expeditions and meets the relevant insurance obligations of an adventurous activity provider. This instructor must be approved by the State. The Leader-in-Charge is to remain responsible for all members participating in this activity at all times.

#### **For Guide Lines Section 8: Administering Medication**

Girl Guides Australia and Guide organisations in each State have a duty of care for the physical safety of youth members. This includes the safe administration of medication to youth members at Guide events, camps, meetings or other activities.

A Leader must have written permission from a parent/guardian before administering prescription medications to a youth member. The written permission is to be on the Activity Consent Form. The medication must include an original pharmacy label with the name of the person for whom it has been prescribed, the dosage, time to be taken, expiry date, date dispensed and medical practitioner's name.

A Leader must have written permission, including name, dosage and instructions from a parent/guardian before administering over-the-counter medications, including homeopathic medications and analgesics, to a youth member. The written permission is to be on the Activity Consent Form.

Youth members can self-medicate as appropriate to their age and capability - determined in consultation with the parent/guardian and youth member.

Medication is stored in a secure appropriate place that is accessible to the Leader and youth member (if self-medicating).

Members must observe State laws and regulations as they relate to administering medication. For further information refer to Guidelines for Administration of Medication to Youth Members, Girl Guides Australia Administration Manual which is available from your State Guide office or National Office.

For any further information contact your State Outdoors Department.

and is familiar with the decisions that have been made over this period including the vision for the new structure, ways of work and operating protocols of GGA. She has been an integral part of the progress to date and fully supports the future directions that the Board has detailed and agreed to whilst on this repositioning journey. Helen has demonstrated enthusiasm and commitment to these new directions as well as courage in supporting the Board to make some difficult and at times almost controversial decisions.

Just as 2010 is proving to be a momentous and exciting year for Guiding in Australia with 'The Year of the Girl Guide' and the Centenary celebrations, the year 2011 will also be memorable as it will definitely be the year of change. It is anticipated our new Constitution will be approved by the Members of GGA (the States) in October this year and one of the most obvious changes that we will see as a result is that Helen will be leading quite a different Team - the composition of the Board of GGA will change significantly. The State Commissioners will not be representing their States and will be Directors in their own right, but will continue to advise the Board on issues within their SGGO's. The Honorary Treasurer will also be a Director of the Board.

The election of two Board members as well as the appointment of up to two co-opted members will strengthen the overall skill set of the Board as well as provide other members to support the Chief Commissioner to focus completely on national affairs. The State Commissioners will still have specific roles in their own States as specified in their State Constitutions. In keeping with WAGGGS and the AP Region directions, GGA will encourage young women to nominate for these additional Board positions. The National Executive Officer will continue to attend Board Meetings, contributing to the discussions and decisions but will not have a vote.

There will be regular internal reviews of the Board and the Board will have the ability to remove any non performing Board member through a documented process.

Girl Guides Australia needs a strong and visionary Board which is strategic, and which has the courage to steer Guiding in Australia into the next 100 years of changing lives. We will be looking for individuals with sound governance skills who have the time, commitment and enthusiasm to enable this to happen.

The Board Meeting in May was an exciting time of determining new directions and strategic priorities for the future. A summary of the decisions appears in the Chief Commissioner's report on the GGA website.

I hope that all members had the opportunity to share

**Bev Neilson**  
**Girl Guides Australia,**  
**Outdoors Manager**



## **GUIDES SAY ...2010 DEADLINE EXTENDED**

To give Guides Australia-wide more time to complete *Our Guides Say... 2010* survey, we've extended the deadline until July 9 2010.

The Federal Office for Women is supporting the survey and recently provided us with a funding grant to assist in producing a report of the findings - making it even more important for Guides to get involved. Best of all, by completing the survey you go in the running to win some great prizes! Up for grabs is a six month subscription to Total Girl magazine, five six month subscriptions to Crikey! Magazine and five family passes to Australia Zoo in Queensland.

### **How to participate**

There are two ways to have your voice heard as part of *Guides Say... 2010* including an online survey and a postcard style survey.

The postcard style survey is designed to be completed by Patrols of any age. It asks Patrols to list the top three issues they care about on a local, national and global level. Patrols are also asked to rank the eight Millennium Development Goals in order of importance.

The postcard was sent to all Units in mid April, however it can also be downloaded via the Girl Guides Australia website at <http://www.girlguides.org.au/attach/GGA%20A5%20Reverse%20V3.pdf>

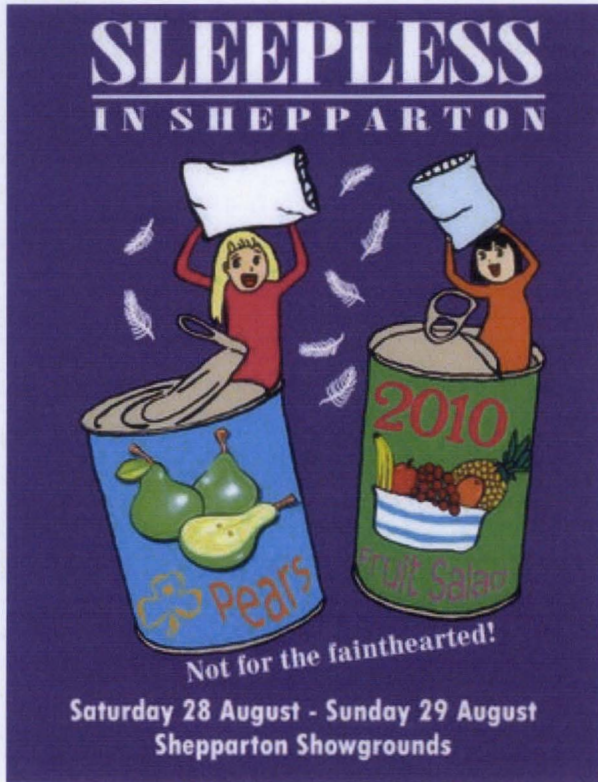
The online survey contains a more comprehensive list of questions and takes around 15 minutes to complete. You are encouraged to complete both the online and postcard survey. The online survey can be found at <http://ntfgroup.net/cgi-bin/gg2/go.cgi>

**Have a voice and speak out with  
*Guides Say...2010.***

in a very special Guiding tradition in June - the Centenary Campfires. Can you imagine having been in a space ship on the night of 19 June and having seen hundreds of fires all over Australia? I attended a floating campfire on Lake Moogerah in Queensland and what a joy it was to confirm that such a tradition, where the warmth of the Guiding Spirit is so evident, is still such an important part of Guiding in 2010.

**Lynne Price**  
**Chief Commissioner**

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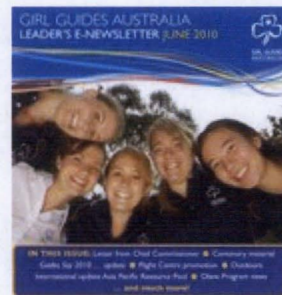
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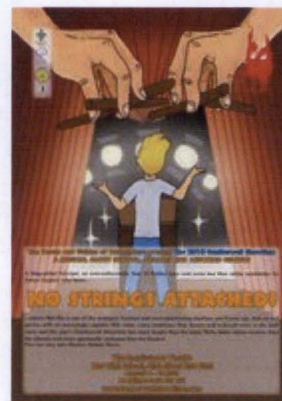
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**WOMEN OF NOTE**

Our exciting news this month is that there is a new Chairman of Women of Note, Maureen Ahearne, who

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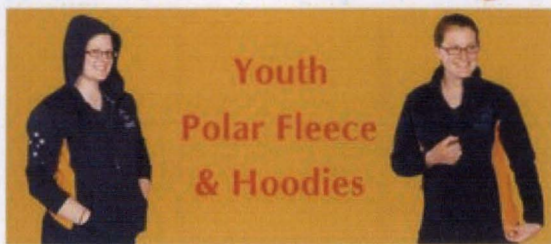


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succeeded Dr Paula Tomsett after the Melbourne Mentor Breakfast in May 2010.

Maureen took a leading role in organising this year's breakfast and has been a supporter of WON for many years, joining in 2008, and is now offering her skills in a leadership position. We're delighted that she has taken on the job and we're sure she will do a wonderful job filling the position that Paula has vacated. Paula will remain on the WON Committee. She has done a magnificent job of leading WON since 2004 and we're very pleased that we will not be losing any of that valuable experience.

Maureen has a background in Courts Administration and Client Service although her preferred career would be to travel the world, returning home intermittently. She realises she will have to put that (dream) on hold while chairing the WON Committee. She is looking forward to working with the committee in presenting great events for all Women of Note and meeting many existing and new members.

We also farewell Anne Antoniou from the WON Committee and thank her for the great effort she has put into co-ordinating the development of the Women of Note website, [www.womenofnote.net.au](http://www.womenofnote.net.au) - which she has offered to continue until the website is fully functioning. Thank you Anne.

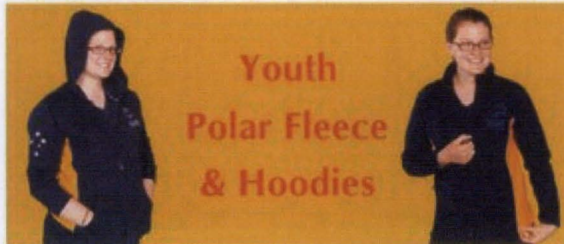
For information about WON contact Mary Martin, Secretary, WON Committee, [cedarrise@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cedarrise@yahoo.com.au)

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