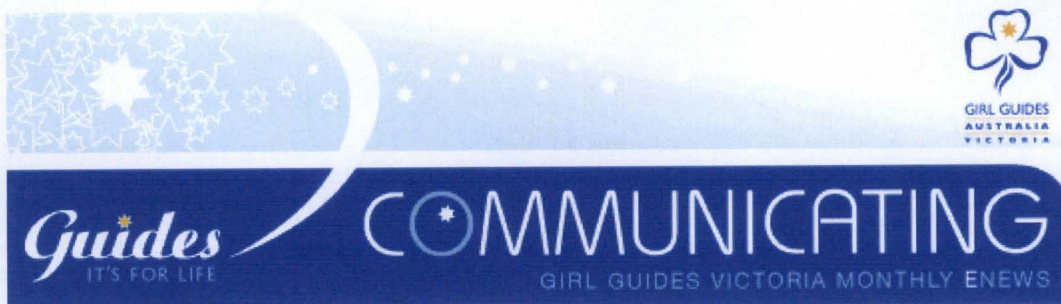
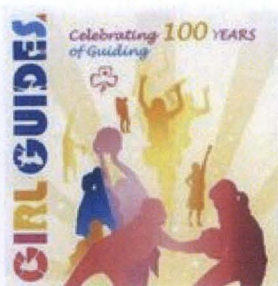


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COMMISSIONER'S TEAM



Hasn't August been an exciting month? We are delighted to be participating in the 63rd United Nations Department of Public Information Conference being held in Melbourne from 30 August till 1 September. It is important for Guiding that our young women have an opportunity to contribute, speak up and share their concerns with others at the Conference. The Conference is titled "Advance Global Health - Achieve the MDGs". Sixteen Guides will be attending as the WAGGGS delegation including Linden Edgell - WAGGGS Deputy Chair - World Board, Lynne Price - Chief Commissioner and 6 Victorians. This is enabling WAGGGS to achieve its Vision of 'being the voice of girls and young women on issues they care about'.

The State BP Award Ceremony this year was well attended and it was a delight to see over 40 Guides



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The last two months have been very pleasant with a few day's holiday and special Guiding experiences. Since I last wrote to you I have enjoyed performances of Gang Show, Camberwell Showtime and Whitehorse Showtime. Participating in these productions is such a wonderful opportunity for our girls to expand their horizons. I have also enjoyed delivering more Trainings and so meeting new Leaders from across Victoria and also attending the opening of the Fairy Garden at Bennettswood Guide Hall, where I was a Leader for so many years.

I am excited about the progress of the Girls Advisory Committee website project which hopefully might be 'live' about the time you read this.

I look forward to meeting new members of State Council at the 4 September meeting. I will be delivering an induction session for all members and there will be a

gaining recognition for their efforts. Congratulations to all the girls who received their BP awards, it is a wonderful achievement and you should be very proud of your hard work. Especially gratifying is the response from parents, extended family and Leaders as they show their support for Guiding and the benefits to their girls. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Kinta Trefoil Guild for providing a wonderful afternoon tea for more than 200 people and to Helen Reid and Jane Pennington for their expertise in arranging an excellent day.

Alecia was thrilled to present Claire Denadic from the Donavle Danger Ranger Guides with her Queen's Guide Award on 1 August. Claire's commitment and effort towards completing this award should be commended. Well done Claire!

On Sunday 8 August, Alison and Noella delivered the Girl Guides Australia repositioning game "Who wants to be a 10 Millionaire" to the Casinia Region Leaders' Weekend at Warburton. They were delighted to participate and the response was excellent, especially the open forum question-time which followed the game. We hope to do more of this over the following months.

Alecia thoroughly enjoyed both Camberwell and South Metro Showtime performances this year. It was wonderful to see the Guides and Scouts performing. Well done to all involved and thank you to all the volunteers involved in bringing it together. We can't wait for next year's show!

Sleepless in Shepparton was held last weekend and over 300 Guides and 100 Leaders joined together to have a night of fun, which of course involved no sleep at all for some. Alecia joined in the fun with the girls and a great time was had by all. Thanks go to Helen Reid and her team on putting this event together.

Don't forget about the State Commissioner's Team Butterfly Award. We would love some more nominations for members who have created networks in the community, increased the membership in their area and who are actively promoting Girl Guides.

We have a number of upcoming events in September including the Centenary Ball and State Council meeting, when the State Commissioner-Elect will be announced. This will be a very exciting time for Girl Guides Victoria and we look forward seeing you all there.

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

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

discussion by delegates. The topic is to consider different ways to develop Guiding in Victoria as we begin our second century. Do ask your delegates for more information and offer your suggestions to be contributed. This will be my last meeting as Chairman and I can't believe how fast the time since February 2008 has gone by. The name of the new State Commissioner will be announced on this day also.

An adhoc subcommittee is being established to review Region and District boundaries and other related matters. This was agreed to by Region Leaders and the Management Team and the committee will include a wide range of people from across the State. We expect their deliberations to extend into 2011.

Elizabeth Adnams OAM
Chairman, Girl Guides Victoria

PROGRAM NEWS

Term 2 and 3 are the Guide and Scout Show terms, with Melbourne Gang Show and all the Showtimes.

It is great to watch so many Guides and Scouts around the State having such a great time despite all the hard work required to be part of these Shows. Thanks to all the Leaders who give us their time beyond their normal Unit responsibilities to make these events such a wonderful experience for the girls.

As the warmer weather arrives it is a great chance to start planning your next camp, whether it be indoor or outdoor. It is also a good chance to complete a few of the Centenary Challenge clauses such as 'Looking after our World'. The Lady Stradbroke Cup is being run in October and there is also Shindig for girls 14 plus to look forward to.

All girls should be finishing up their Fundraising Challenge, with Leaders forwarding on their donations to Guide Centre as soon as possible. This is a chance for every one of us to stand up and say we want to make a difference in this world.

The Queen's Guide Award Presentation and Flying the Flag event are only just over a month away and both are going to be special events for all those involved. Just checking the website and I see that over 1000 people have registered for Flying the Flag which is fantastic. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Helen Reid
State Program Manager



In today's very competitive world where all organisations are vying for members it is more important than ever that Guiding remains current, relevant and meets the needs of girls and women whose lives have become increasingly busy and in many cases, very stressful. There is no doubt that Guiding has been important in the lives of millions of women across the globe during the past century. The values that Guiding upholds and which are embedded in the fundamental principles of Guiding - our Promise and Law - have been given due consideration by members and non members alike. There is also no doubt that those same fundamental principles are just as relevant and appropriate in 2010 as they were in 1910. But one of the greatest challenges that we are facing is promoting this relevance and the long term benefits of Guiding to the community at large. Even many parents when they first bring their daughters to Guiding have no idea of the opportunities that they are creating for their daughters by becoming Guides.

It is not surprising that in recent market research conducted independently for Girl Guides Australia, consultants found that only 13% of the Australian community have a true idea of what Guiding is really all about and what it can offer girls and young women. Certainly a far higher percentage had heard of Guiding and there were no negative comments about Guiding, but how can we expect our Movement to grow if so few people in Australia understand the impact Guiding can have on the life of a girl and on their own communities?

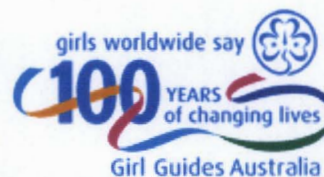
Girl Guides Australia is addressing this concern through a number of ways including rebranding. Obvious signs that you will have noticed is the new uniform, the new tag line - 'Be Your Best' and the great new advertisement that I hope you have seen playing on various TV channels lately. Importantly, branding is about who we are and what we stand for and how we achieve these goals. It is also about how the community perceives Guiding and their expectations of a 'good Guiding experience' for girls and young women. It is therefore about presenting a consistent message and ensuring that we are delivering what we say we are delivering - a fun filled, non formal, educational program of personal and leadership development for girls only and which is supported by Leaders who are appropriately recruited, trained, supported and valued.

Each one of us has that responsibility to ensure we are delivering the same consistent message about Guiding. 'U R PR' was a phrase developed many years ago and significantly it is as relevant today.

The Board recently approved a revised Strategic Plan

WHO AM I?

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CENTENARY UPDATE

September 2010



INTRODUCTION TO GGV CASH BOOKS PROGRAM

From 1 January 2010 all Guide accounts (including Units, Districts, Regions and Committees) will need to be prepared with the new Cash Books Program.

(Click on image above for all details, including session registration.)



WOMEN OF NOTE

When Libby Howlett, then Assistant State Commissioner, presented Girl Guides Victoria with her idea for a 'reward' for Guide Leaders, the Leaders for Life program, she envisaged Women of Note members becoming mentors and presenters for the program. When the first program was completed successfully, a Guides/WON committee was established to tailor the program to better meet the needs of the participants.

From that review committee grew the committee that actually ran the program and the WON representative on the 'running' committee was Rita Hartney. What a treasure WON found when Rita became a member. Not only did she add her support to running the Casey Mentor Breakfast each year, but she became a stalwart on the Leaders for Life (L4L) committee, more than adequately

for 2010-2012 which has strengthened the previous one adopted. The new 2015 GGA Aspiration is to be Australia's leading organisation for girls and young women in leadership and personal development. There are three new and exciting strategic goals to be achieved by 2015. With the repositioning of GGA, this revised Strategic Plan is truly an Australian Strategic Plan as all State Girl Guide Organisations have agreed to adopt it to fulfil the GGA Mission and the SGGO Members and their management have agreed that they will commit to the implementation of the strategic directions of the GGA Board. This is one of the many changes being implemented as a part of the repositioning. It is imperative that if Guiding is going to have a sustainable future, change is not only necessary, but essential.

Earlier I made mention that the new uniform for girls and adults formed a part of the rebranding process. I do want to reiterate that there is no longer a 'formal' and 'informal' uniform as there was with the previous Guide uniform. Older Guides and Adult members can choose to wear either the polo or v neck shirt, or the blue shirt (in the case of the older Guides) or the striped shirt (in the case of Adults). It is now no longer appropriate to advise Guides to wear 'informal or formal uniform'. Please refer to the Uniform Booklet and Uniform FAQ's on the GGA website for further information. (www.girlguides.org.au)

Lynne Price
Chief Commissioner

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COMING EVENTS

representing WON over almost a decade. For each of the L4L programs that has been run, Rita has found mentors and presenters. When WON members agreeing to be mentors became fewer and fewer, Rita found mentors outside 'the family' to fill the gaps, and some of these subsequently became WON members. When presenters were hard to find Rita would fill in herself in her (many) areas of expertise. How many hours she has spent on L4L over the years we can only imagine, but we'd like to say publicly how grateful we are that she did. Guide Leaders who have gone through L4L will remember Rita for her wonderful smile, her zany sense of humour, her unending cheerfulness and her bottomless supply of 'I'm Special' pins. Thank you, Rita. Your contribution has been enormous. The L4L program, in whatever guise it continues, owes you a great deal, and so does WON, for your more than adequate representation over the years. They're big shoes to fill.

WON members, please do not forget that we're having our own celebration of 100 years of Girl Guides and 20 years of WON on Thursday, 18 November at 6 p.m. If you are in touch with women who are former WON members, please let them know the celebration is on so that they can get the date into their diaries. Details will be forwarded in the near future.

If you are a previous WON member interested in joining the celebration on 18 November please email maureenahearne1@gmail.com to receive further information about the event.

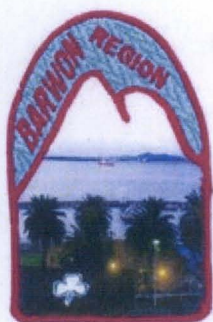
Maureen Ahearne
Chair, WON Committee



2010 LEARNING FOR LEADING CELEBRATION DINNER

Saturday 9 October
The Rendezvous Hotel, 328 Flinders Street, Melbourne, commencing at 6.30 pm
All welcome.
RSVP by Friday 24 September.

Please [click here for more details.](#)



GIRL GUIDES REUNION

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER 2010

GIRL GUIDE HALL
33 MYERS STREET, GEELONG



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STATE LADY STRADBROKE CUP



Patrol Challenges Making Friends Fun Activities

Britannia Park
22-24 October 2010

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THE GUIDE SHOP

DISTRICT CENSUS FORMS

are due to be returned to Region Leaders by **10 September**. [Available here](#) or on the website under 'Forms'.



ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

- **Now Live on GGV Website** - Youth and Adult members have the ability to pay their renewal fee by MasterCard or Visa once they log into the website. There is a link to the membership renewal on the 'member updates' menu.

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> FORWARD TO A FRIEND

Uniform Shipment Delay

Due to a hold up at the factory, the 1st shipment of garments was polar fleeces only. This means a DELAY in the delivery of the Polos until the middle of September. Remember the V neck tops are National uniform too and look just as good - a great alternative!

The Guide Shop will **open** on **Saturday 9 October** from 11am to 3pm and **Sunday 10 October** from 1pm to 3pm to coincide with the Flying the Flag event.

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