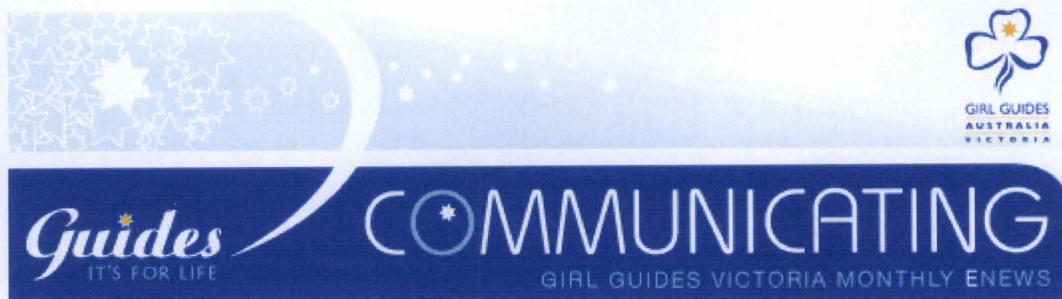
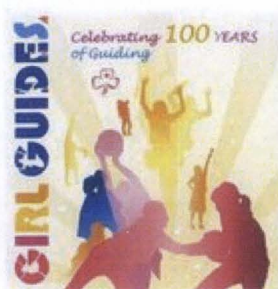


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Commissioner's Team

September has been a



really eventful month, with a number of big events and lots of fun.

The team had mixed emotions at our final State Council meeting. We had the opportunity to present an overview of the past 3 years and what a busy time that has been. It was amazing to reflect on all of the things that we have been able to take part in and to think about moving forward into 2011.

We would very much like to thank State Council for their kind farewell and the beautiful flowers we received. At this meeting Noella had the pleasure of announcing the State Commissioner Elect, Margaret Devlin, who will commence her one year term at Girls Rock in January 2011. A huge congratulations to Marg and our best wishes for 2011.

The Centenary Ball was a wonderful evening, hosted

Chairman's Corner



My congratulations to Margaret Devlin on her appointment as the next State Commissioner of Girl Guides Victoria.

Margaret has been my Deputy Chairman for the last three years so I know she will do an excellent job and I wish her well.

State Council on 4 September was conducted in a new format, as requested by the members. This included a discussion time and I also conducted an induction session so that everyone understands their role.

My last task before leaving for holidays in Western Australia was to continue the review of the Constitution of GGA. I will be back in time for the excitement of the Queen's Guide presentation and Flying the Flag. I hope to see you at Melbourne Town Hall for this very special occasion.

Elizabeth Adnams
Chairman

by Olave. We spent a great evening at the Amora hotel enjoying fabulous food, company and dancing. This was certainly a spectacular event and what a great way to start to cap off the Centenary celebrations. I am sure that this will be remembered as one of the highlights of this year.

Girl Guides Victoria was pleased to be at the Royal Melbourne Show again this year. Once again, GGV had a stand where children could participate in free activities and biscuits were also sold. Girl Guide volunteers also helped children to pot plants. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to help out, this is always a great opportunity to get out and be seen in the community and Alecia very much enjoyed doing this with all of you.

The Victorian Be the Change workshop was held in September. Nine enthusiastic Guides took part and learned about the United National Millennium Development Goals and heard from some wonderful speakers from World Vision, UNIFEM, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Conservation Volunteers. These Guides are now all set to run a project each in their communities with the Millennium Development Goals. Alecia was thrilled to be part of this event and congratulates all the participants on their work.

We are pleased to announce the final draft of our new GGA Constitution is completed along with the first part of the MOU. The Chief Commissioner Lynne Price has called a special General Meeting to vote on these items in late December 2010. This process of change management will combine with our updated Strategic Plan and set a firm foundation for States and National to work together as 'Seven States, One Voice'. We look forward to 2011 with hopeful anticipation as we realise some of the most important re-positioning challenges have been met. We would like to extend a special thank you to those across Australia who contributed to these changes and to those who continue to assist us in moving forward.

We mentioned last month that we had 6 Victorians about to participate in the 63rd United Nations Department of Public Information Conference being held in Melbourne. From all reports, these young women did a really wonderful job at the conference, taking the opportunity to speak up about the importance of gender equity in achieving the MDGs. The delegation was able to champion this effort, networking with other like-minded organisations to ensure that gender equity is recognised in the Conference Declaration. The voice of Girl Guides was certainly heard and acknowledged as being valuable and relevant.

***Yours in Guiding,
Noella Kershaw, Alecia Rathbone, Alison
Bennett***

Program News



All Units should by now have received their Go Girl Activity Packs. These packs focus on Millennium Development Goal 3; empowering girls and young women through the development of positive self-esteem and self confidence and to look after themselves both physically and emotionally.

The book has been divided into 4 sections focusing on physical activity, healthy eating, rest and relaxation, and exploring body image. There are lots of great activities in this pack and I hope you and your Guides have fun exploring a range of them.

How are the girls going with their Centenary Challenge? We have only 2 months of Guiding left this year to finish off this challenge. If girls haven't been working on these activities this year, it is always possible to use the ideas in future Guide meetings.

Term 4 is a great time to get out camping, and for Guides to work towards one of the camping Trefoils. Each of these camping Trefoils has a number of activities that girls need to do as part of going to camp or being at camp, from following a kit list to cooking outdoors. There is also the Tent Create-a-Challenge badge. Girls can design their own activities and challenges based around their planned camping experience.

For girls 13 – 30 Shindig will be held on the last weekend in November. It is going to be a great weekend to be with friends, try some new activities and relax. Information will be on the website shortly.

Helen Reid
Program Manager

Centenary Update



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Chief Commissioner



I recently attended a conference with Linden Edgell, Deputy Chair of the World Board of WAGGGS, and 14 absolutely amazing young Guiding women from around Australia, and together we formed the WAGGGS delegation to this Conference.

The event was the 63rd Annual UN Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organisations Conference, which was held in Melbourne in late August and early September. This Conference provides members of NGOs and other community organisations to have input into the UN agenda. There were 1600 people from all over the world in attendance at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

The theme "Advance Global Health: Achieve the MDGs" particularly focused on MDG's four, five and six which in 'WAGGGS speak' are, Girls worldwide say - *'together we can change children's lives'; 'every mother's life and health is precious'; and 'we can stop the spread of AIDS, malaria and other diseases'.*

The WAGGGS delegation, in partnership with representatives of Soroptomists International, presented one of the workshops which was titled 'Women and Girl Power: Uniting to Build Healthy Societies, Ending and Preventing Violence against Women and Girls' and our message throughout the conference was clear – violence against girls and women is a global pandemic and is a barrier to achieving the MDG's.

Our young women were given the opportunity to contribute to the Declaration, which was later presented at the MDG Summit in New York in late September – a declaration to highlight the responsibilities of Governments, agencies, corporations and individuals. They were determined that a statement on ending violence against women would be included in this declaration and were thrilled to find that the following statement was included as one of the nine key objectives – 'Ensure gender equality, empower women and expand programs to end violence against women'. During the Conference, they certainly advocated for such wording to be included in this very important declaration.

These young women impressed many in attendance with their self confidence and eloquence. They challenged world leaders in front of 1600 people and as Chief Commissioner, I was extremely proud of their contribution, their passion, their commitment and their optimism. For those 'baby boomer' Leaders in all States – and I include myself in this – who believe



Girls Rock 2011 is Coming!

More details available soon.

Women of Note



WON 20 Years Celebration

On Thursday November 18 we will be celebrating 20 years of WON and 100 years of Guiding at Upstairs@Deco, 211 Camberwell Rd, Hawthorn East (opposite the Rivoli Cinema).

All current and previous WON members are invited. If you wish to attend, please let me know (contact details below)

Position Vacant

You may remember last month's article farewelling Rita Hartney from her role as the link between WON and L4L. That position is now vacant and we are looking for WON members to take up the role. Rita would love the opportunity to give her successor(s) a full hand-over. If you are interested in co-ordinating the presenters and mentors or either one of those please contact me ASAP.

L4L Celebration Dinner

Saturday, 9 October will be an exciting day for the Girl Guide Leaders who have completed the 2010 Leading for Learning program (L4L). The Celebration Dinner for the program will showcase the skills and abilities that the Leaders have acquired and polished during the year.

Families and friends will gather to help the Leaders celebrate their achievements along with the women who have been mentors or presenters throughout the program and WON members who have an interest in the L4L program.

One of the participants said how much they appreciated the insights, experiences and knowledge of their mentors and presenters, and the time that these women have given up to support the Leaders undertaking the program. We look forward to your company on this

these young women are our leaders of tomorrow, we are all wrong! They are our leaders of today and ready to take up the challenge. Congratulations to all of you and to the hundreds of other young Leaders in Guiding whom you represented.

During the past weeks, Assistant Chief Commissioner, Natasha Hendrick, has visited States to work through with the State Boards and other State personnel, the GGA revised Strategic Plan, and in particular highlighting what the national priorities and priority actions will mean to the individual State. The response to Tash's visits has been terrific as we continue to work towards Guiding in Australia 'changing and growing together'.

In October we will celebrate together one of the last events of our Centenary Year – Flying the Flag. I have heard of some amazing events being held at various venues throughout the country. At 10.00am on the 10th day of the 10th month in 2010, as we renew our Guide Promise together, I encourage you all to reflect on the commitment you made when you first became a Guide and realise that together we are celebrating 100 years of changing lives.

Lynne Price
Chief Commissioner

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Coming Events

Dolphin (Red Hill) Trefoil Guild
Flying the Flag Celebration

to mark the Centenary of Guiding

State Lady Stradbroke Cup

eventful evening, for without your support, the program would not have been so successful. If you are interested in being part of this important evening, please contact Helen Boak ASAP.
Have a great month,

Maureen Ahearne
Chair WON Committee

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Post Box



Just a bit of an update on Post Box, and some information for those of you who haven't heard about it before. Post Box links girls, adults and Units with pen friends around the world and Australia.

They can be e-pals or post-pals, and they can be friends for life!

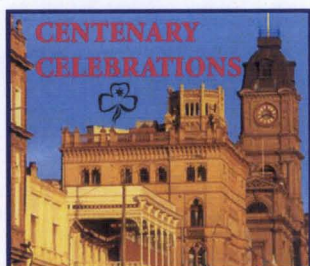
If you would like a pen friend in another country you:
Must be a member of Girl Guides Victoria
Must be at least 5 years old
Should know how to write an interesting letter via email or post.
Should understand the purpose of Post Box – to make friends and promote the spirit of Guiding through international links.
Need to be prepared to correspond with your pen friend on a regular basis.
Need to keep in touch with the Post Box Secretary if you need assistance.

We are having a very busy year!

We have 150 applications so far this year and still some from last year to be linked. Many of the girls and Units have already been linked but there are many more to go. Links can be very slow, so please let your girls know that we haven't forgotten them. All the links are made by Post Box Australia and then returned to me to let the girls know who their penfriends are. I am more than happy to hear from anyone checking on their applications, as it gets a bit tricky trying to keep up with



Ballarat Girl Guides Centenary Celebrations



23-24 October 2010

Whitehorse Showtime Bendigo



Sat 30 October and Sun 31 October

Friends of Sangam Fundraiser



Sunday 14 November 2010

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The Guide Shop

everyone.

Post Box Australia is looking for Units with age groups 6-7 and 7-10 to link with the USA and UK.

Applications forms are available on the website (Members Only > Adults > Program (AGP) > WAGGGS Association and Activities >) or please email me postboxvic@gmail.com I look forward to hearing from you.

Just another reminder: Post Box badges are available in the Guides Shop!

Brenda Payne
Post Box Secretary

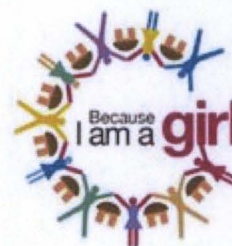
International Competition



WAGGGS Centenary Competition

"What does Leadership mean to you?"
 Applications close
3 November 2010
 Prizes to be won!

[Details here](#)



Sign the International Day of the Girl Petition
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Found at Whitehorse Showtime



A Leader's badge tab was handed to me at the Wednesday evening performance of Whitehorse Showtime. It has 5 badges on it and looks like the owner may have travelled overseas with Guiding.

If it is yours please contact me at Guide Centre.
 Jane Pennington
ea@guidesvic.org.au

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