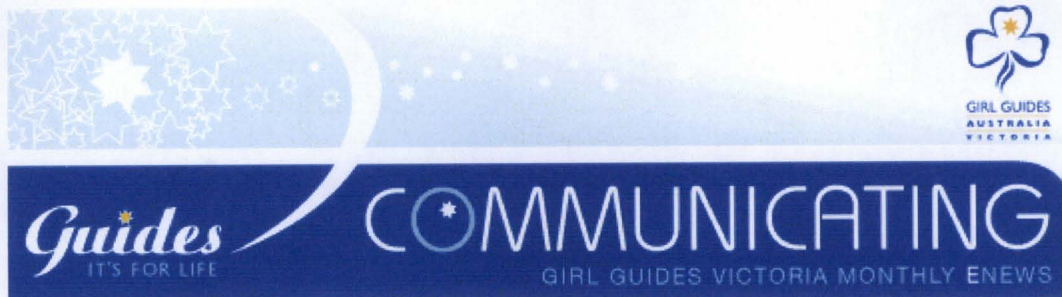
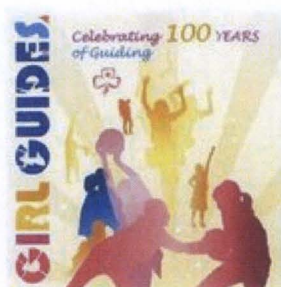


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## Commissioner's Team

October was a very busy month for the State Team and included attending some of our favourite events.



Queen's Guide Award ceremony was hosted by our President Mrs Jan de Kretser. We were excited to celebrate with the eight Queen's Guide and five Olave Baden-Powell award recipients. It was a spectacular day, with the sun shining making for a picture perfect day to be on the lawns at Government House. The awardees and their guests were addressed by Mrs de Kretser, she spoke about her admiration of their 'stickability' and dedication to complete the awards. Noella told the girls to be proud of their success and empower other young women. She recognised the loyalty and respect for all citizens that the girls had displayed through the completion of their challenges.

Our final Region Leaders' Meeting was a great opportunity to reflect on the past 3 years and the work that has been done with the Regions over that time. We celebrated our butterfly theme with balloons and cupcakes. We also took the opportunity to look at the future of Girl Guides Australia by participating in the

## Chairman's Corner



The last month has been full of exciting events which I have shared with many of you. I came back from holidays to Queen's Guide

and Acheron Region Centenary Celebration, closely followed by Flying the Flag, Learning for Leaders Celebration Dinner and the Ballarat Centenary Event. 2010 has been a very exciting and busy year for us all.

In the meantime, the governance work of GGV has continued. After consultation with States, the final draft of the GGA Constitution is completed, which means soon we can begin work on our own document. The consultation process for the Memorandum of Understanding between GGA and States is in progress and we await the final version. This MOU is very important because it sets the rules which govern the relationship between the two entities.

This month all the subcommittees have met and most have urgent major tasks that they are working on – e.g. 2011 budget and property matters. Whilst the management and governance of Guiding never ceases, it does slow down from late

Repositioning Game put together by Girl Guides Australia. Thank you to the Region Leaders and their teams who put in a huge amount of time and energy into Guides; we have loved working with you all.

Flying the Flag was another fantastic centenary celebration. We couldn't have imagined how memorable the day was. Of course the focus of the morning was the promise renewal; however there were a number of other highlights. They included; an announcement by the Premier John Brumby of \$4 million for Victoria's Scouts and Girl Guides over the next 4 years. Also the Premier awarded Olivia Secoulidis with The Gilt Cross, a very special bravery Award for her role in saving her grandfather's life. Centenary coins were also distributed to all members of Girl Guides to mark this special day.

We have also been visiting many Regions. Noella and Alison were delighted to attend an evening with the Ballarat Region for a Civic Reception held by the Ballarat Council, followed by a Centenary Region Dinner. We also spent the following morning with the Daylesford Guides and were glad to be asked to lead a Promise renewal for the girls and Leaders present. Alison also spent a lovely day at the Mornington Region celebrating the past 100 years with them and looking forward for the next 100. Alecia celebrated Children's Week at Melbourne Zoo. A special thank you to staff and volunteers who supported and participated in this event.

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

**Chief Commissioner**



When I first wrote to you as the new Chief Commissioner in February 2006, I remember writing about the journey I had embarked on and related it to skiing down a mountain. I remember writing about the long term goal of the skier – to arrive

safely at the bottom of the mountain. The skier's journey to achieve this goal would include obstacles and challenges but also many short term goals to be achieved along the way.

As a passionate snow skier – albeit not a very good one – I find the breathtaking scenery far outweighs the falls I may have, the nerve racking experience of suddenly having a tree jump out in front of me, and the painful muscles I may have for days following. The atmosphere, the serenity and quiet, as well as the people I meet along the way, have ensured these 'journeys' are lifetime experiences. Obstacles can be converted into opportunities as I have often found when skiing and the tree or the steeper slope provides me with the chance to improve.

November onward for a few weeks – this of course means one feels things have to be completed before the break! And also, since my term as Chairman ceases after Girls Rock, I am personally tying up as many loose ends as possible to give Margaret a clean start to her term as State Commissioner.

***Elizabeth Adnams  
Chairman***

## NEW - CEO's Blog



***Click on button above to check it out or go to GGV homepage.***



## School Holiday Camps

The September 2010 School Holiday Program was a Cooking Camp and it was a fantastic experience. We all had a great time and we cooked a lot! The girls worked in their patrols to whip up a selection of fantastic tasty treats and also were very active in the kitchen to assist cooking our meals. As the girls worked so wonderfully together we were able to bake away the days!

The next program is an Active Girls Camp in the 2011 summer school holidays.



Active Girls Camp is a camp dedicated to young girls moving their bodies. The program incorporates dance, life-skills and tailored adventure activities.

- Surfing!
- Circus Skills!
- Dance workshop!
- Canoeing!
- Mind & Body Balance workshop!

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

In May 2007, GGA was presented with what could definitely be considered an obstacle, when the results of the WAGGGS Partnership Visit determined that GGA was not strategic, the Board was not functioning as a governance one and was more concerned with writing and reading reports than implementing initiatives, and in all, Girl Guides Australia was dysfunctional. Seven States were working independently of each other and even worse, there was open competition between each of them. We were definitely not 'One Voice'.

The Board turned this obstacle – this challenge – into an opportunity, and I know that by now you are very aware of the changes that have already been made at a national level to our management structure and the proposed changes to the Board of GGA. But structural changes are only the beginning. They can only facilitate the ability of GGA to grow and to achieve the 2015 Vision to be Australia's leading organisation for girls and young women in leadership and personal development. The implementation of many of the recommendations of the Structure Review Working Party, still need to be determined and there is still much work to be done. The GGA Strategic Plan on paper is an outstanding document and we have been complemented by many external people for the initiatives that it demonstrates. The key objectives will only be achieved however, if the Board has the courage to continue to go the distance and make some very difficult decisions on the way. Helen will be leading a new team of Board members with only six of the possible 13 members of the new Board continuing in 2011. There are also many other key volunteer roles becoming vacant in future months. It is imperative that GGA has the most appropriate people in all of these governance and management roles and I encourage you to apply yourselves if you believe you have the skills required, or to seek out others to do so.

Guiding in Australia has an amazing future. In every State there are women who are prepared to commit to ensuring that our Mission is achieved – my heartfelt gratitude to you all. As we move into the next century of changing lives, my wish is for Guiding in Australia to continue to be a strong and challenging movement. GGA collectively has many resources – people, publications, properties and finances. As with any team, we can only be as strong as our weakest member and it is vital that as a team, GGA members work together to identify and utilize the skills and expertise of its members and the resources that each member has, to ensure that we will not only remain sustainable, but will continue to grow as a powerful movement.

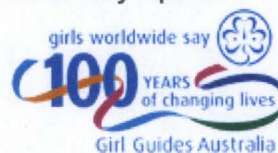
I feel overwhelmingly honoured to have been Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Australia for the past five years. Guiding has been a major part of my life since I

part of this great experience.

Further information and application available soon on the new webpage at [www.guidesvic.org.au](http://www.guidesvic.org.au)  
[Go to Activities ~ School Holiday Programs](#)

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## Centenary Update



**Click on logo above for latest centenary update**

**MY BEST CENTENARY  
MEMORY COMPETITION  
Closes Friday 26 November 2010**

All details available [here](#) or on Girl Guides Australia Centenary website.

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## Women of Note



**Centenary Dinner Invitation  
Thursday 18 November 2010  
(Further details ...)**



## Volunteer Survey

So that we can review our performance, we are seeking your feedback through this survey.

Your responses will help us to address issues that are identified, as well as providing us with valuable information on ways that we can improve your Guiding experience.

We estimate that this survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Please fill in the Volunteer Survey [here](#).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and providing us with this valuable feedback.

first made my Brownie Promise when I was 7½ years old. To have been part of the changes that have occurred in the past few years has been a privilege as it has to have been your Chief Commissioner in the Centenary year.

I thank all the people who have walked this journey with me and supported me – all of you who have held various Board, Manager, Committee Chair and Committee Member roles, the Staff at National Office, and in particular, our two amazing Assistant Chief Commissioners – Miriam and Tash. You have all made this journey for me an exciting one. I wish Helen and her teams all the very best and I am sure you will give her the same support and friendship that you have provided to me. To all of you – keep 'Sharing the Spirit'.

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

**COMING EVENTS**

**Friends of Sangam  
Fundraiser**

**Sunday 14 November 2010**

**Further details**

Shindig 2010



**For young women  
aged 13 to 30**

**26 to 28 November 2010**

**Register Now!**

Girls Rock



**29 January  
2011**

**Guest  
Speakers  
include:**

*Rachel  
Robertson* -  
the second  
female ever to  
lead a team at  
the Australian  
National  
Antarctic  
Research  
Expedition in

**International Volunteer  
Day 5 December 2010**



**A thank you letter** to  
all Girl Guides  
Victoria volunteers  
from Noella Kershaw  
- State Commissioner

**Volunteer Opportunities**



Victorian [vacancies for  
Region Leaders](#)  
and other positions.

**The Guide Shop**

The Guide Shop will **close** on **Friday  
December 10 2010** for stocktake  
and Christmas and will **re-open** on  
**Wednesday January 19 2011**.

[Click here to visit the Guide Shop and  
to shop on-line.](#)

**> FORWARD TO A FRIEND**

Antarctica.

*John Marsden* - World renowned, award-winning author and Australia's best-selling author for teens.

Come along and be a part of the first event for 2011 – the year we celebrate 100 years of Guiding in Victoria!

***All welcome!***

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