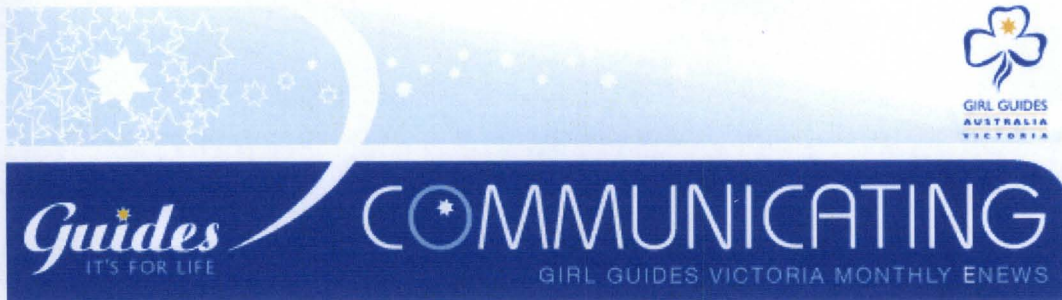


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## Welcome to Summer Bulletin Communicating

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*Girl Guides Victoria would like to wish all of our members and friends a Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.*

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## Commissioner's Team

The 'Year of the Girl Guide' has certainly been an amazing year. 2010 began with our ACE



Centenary Camp and has just kept on going at high speed!

In term four, Noella has been kept busy with the Girl Guides Australia Constitution and MOU being prepared and is to be ready by 20 December 2010.

On the Victorian scene we have been working with the Region Leaders and in particular, Noella has been part of the committee looking of the structure of Girl Guides Victoria.

The Victorian Centenary events have been wonderful celebrations which we enjoyed immensely. We have all loved being at these events with you, our members and volunteers, sharing these special memories of our 100 year celebrations.

There have been so many events we have recently attended that we loved and we would like to make mention of a few of these here. As always we have been warmly welcomed and have seen the wonderful

## Chairman's Corner



It is with mixed emotions that I write this, my last Chairman's Corner.

My three year inaugural term as Chairman

concludes on 29 January 2011 and there will not be another Chairman appointed. As you know Girl Guides Australia has been restructured and they now require the State Commissioner to be a Director of the GGA Board and to chair their State's Executive Committee/Board.

I am confident that the appointments in 2007 of a State Commissioner to look after our members and a Chairman to look after the governance of GGV has been effective for our State.

Governance over the last three years has led to many major steps forward.

Key changes include:

- The composition of Executive now reflects a total separation of governance from management and this was accompanied by a reduction in the size of the Executive Committee.
- We conducted a complete review

Guiding organisation skills on display. Well done to all who have been involved in running events for Guiding in 2010.

Recently Alecia has enjoyed being part of a number of very special events. The Acheron Region Centenary Afternoon Tea was lovely and Alecia was thrilled to present a number of awards including a Wattle Award to Elsie Bolwell and Banksia Awards to Alice Keogh, Melanie Matthews and Heather Dynes. Alecia was also thrilled to be present whilst Sandy McElroy was presented with the Emu Award by past State Commissioner, Ellen Boyd. The new Region Leader being Melanie Matthews was announced and Sandy McElroy was farewelled. The Barwon Region Reunion was a huge success with many past and present Leaders and Queen's Guides attending. The attendees heard from past members and a current Guide on their wonderful experiences in Guiding and Alecia gave a presentation on the future of Girl Guides. The North Metro Region Dinner was a brilliant night for volunteers from the Region. Pam Woodhams was farewelled and Rebecca Chester was welcomed as the new Region Leader. Alecia was also delighted to attend the Maroondah Region Lady Stradbroke Cup to present the trophies to the winning patrols. We send a very big 'well done' out to the organisers of these amazing events.

Alison recently attended the Indian themed Wooryal Region Dinner and had a wonderful time with Leaders and volunteers from the Region.

On Monday 8 November, Noella attended a special celebration to thank the Outer Eastern Region Trefoil Guild members to acknowledge their work in the Outer Eastern Region. On Friday 12 November, Alison and Noella were delighted to attend the Goulburn Region end of year Dinner and they presented a Wattle Award to Maree Dann from Mooroopna District. On Monday 22 November, Noella attended the Dolphin Trefoil Guild end of year Centenary Lunch at Iluka.

We would like to send a special thank you to all who made our attendance at these events, and those throughout the year, so memorable.

As we reflect on what to include in this final report, so many thoughts and memories of the past three years came to mind. We find it is always the little things that stay in our memory, like kind words, warm hugs and cheerful smiles. These caring gestures make all the difference. We remember fondly the events, functions and activities that have included connecting with the girls and the volunteers. Having the honour of presenting numerous awards to such worthy recipients is a really special part of the role too.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and volunteers in Victoria. You have tirelessly

of the ways of work of GGV and this lead to adjustments in the structure of the subcommittees and formation of the Girls Advisory Committee. Also Leader's training became free, the website was upgraded and the Volunteer Development Office was established.

- Finance Committee now includes responsibility for strategic decisions for our property matters.
- State Council meetings now include a discussion time and Region delegate members are encouraged to consult with the members of their Region.
- Executive Committee has had substantial input into the GGA Constitution and Memorandum of Understanding.
- A Future Fund has been established, new policies developed and many policies re drafted. The newest is a comprehensive GGV Substance Abuse Policy – GO 9 – please look at it on the website.
- Grevillea Awards were initiated for groups of supporters of Guiding.
- Strategic Plan was aligned with that of WAGGGS and GGA.
- Partnership with Outdoor Education group established.

Thank you to my Deputy Margaret; to Wendy Lewis; to the members of Executive Committee and all the subcommittees; also those who have actively supported me over these three years. I look forward confidently to the progress of Girl Guides Victoria under Margaret Devlin as our new State Commissioner.

**Elizabeth Adnams**

## CEO's Blog



Click on button to read the latest entries or access blog via the GGV website homepage.

## Training Update Kaleidoscope Training Event



**25 - 27  
March  
2011  
at**

**Britannia Park  
Cost: \$135.00**

The revised edition of the Australian Adult Leadership Program - **Leader's Journal** is now available on the Girl Guides Victoria website (See

given your time and energy to Guiding and without your dedication and commitment, Guiding could not continue. Special thanks to the Managers, Region Leaders, District and Unit Leaders and Unit Helpers.

On behalf of the State Team, we wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We look forward to 2011 and Victoria's Centenary celebrations.

***Yours in Guiding***  
***Noella, Alecia and Alison***

#### COMING EVENTS



**29 January 2011**

**Guest Speakers include:**

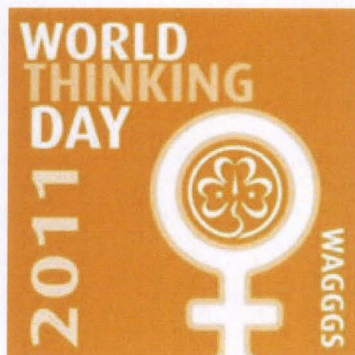
*Rachel Robertson* - the second female ever to lead a team at the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition in Antarctica.

*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!***

Thinking Day 2011 Celebration



**19 and 20 February 2011 at Iluka, Shoreham**

**Closing date: 1 February 2011**

**Click on any logos above for more information.**

[Please click here to view all current events](#)

School Holiday Camps

[Members Only > Adults > Training \(AALP\) > Leaders' Journals and FD Modules >](#) as well as the **2011 Training Calendar** ([See Members Only > Adults > Training \(AALP\) > Training Calendar >](#))

#### **Trainings February & March 2011**

**Youth 1 & Youth 2** - 26 & 27 February - Joyce Price Centre - South Melbourne  
**Leader of Adult** - 27 February - Joyce Price Centre - South Melbourne

**CPR Update** - 26 February - Springvale Guide Hall  
**Level 2 Update** - 5 March - Joyce Price Centre - South Melbourne  
**FD T4** - Guiding Partner - 5 March - Mooroopna Guide Hall

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#### **Get onboard: the new GGA strategic plan and what it means for YOU**

The GGA Board has signed off on a new strategic plan which will significantly improve the way of work for EVERYONE.

The new GGA strategic plan will deliver direct benefits to all Guides, leaders and other volunteers in local communities across Australia. It will bring about a number of changes which will ensure Guiding continues to remain relevant to girls and young women in the 21st century.

It's important that everyone understands the GGA strategic plan. Please take the time to read through the information pack to learn about why the GGA strategic plan is needed and the benefits it will deliver for YOU.

Go to [http://www.girlguides.org.au/attach/Strategic plan](http://www.girlguides.org.au/attach/Strategic%20plan) - leaders pack - final.pps for a copy of the information pack.



#### **Women of Note**

On Thursday, 18 November, 18 WON members and friends gathered for dinner in celebration of 100 years of Guiding and the part that Women of Note have played in the most recent decades of that century.

It was good to see foundation members of WON like Heather Barton there, as well as newer members such as Helen Boak and Maureen Ahearne, who have not only joined the organisation but also taken on active roles in keeping its work going.

Stalwarts like Mary Martin, Lynne

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



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Further information and application now available at [www.guidesvic.org.au](http://www.guidesvic.org.au)  
 Go to Activities ~ School

[Holiday Programs](#) or on the Calendar.

## Centenary Ambassadors

2011 marks the Centenary of Guiding in Victoria and to assist with celebrations throughout the year Centenary Ambassadors will be appointed in each Region.

Click [here](#) for more information and an Application Form.

**Applications close on 20 December 2010.**

## The Guiding Journey

Girl Guides Australia is embarking on a journey to reposition us for growth in the 21st century. Every Guide member – now and in the future – will benefit from the changes we are making. Our background story, ***The Guiding Journey (read it here)***, provides details on how the changes came about, why they're important and what they will mean. We will continue to communicate with you as the journey unfolds so stay tuned for more.

## The Guide Shop

**LAST MINUTE XMAS SHOPPING**

Gifts for \$1.00

Girl Guide Pens  
Erasers  
Rulers  
Pencils  
(all assorted colours)

**All ACE badges & some Centenary merchandise reduced**  
**Check Out our Website for these specials**

Please note: We are out of stock in some sizes of the

Cox, Winnie Lam and Pauline Ahearne were there, along with those whose chief interest is in the friendships they have formed through WON.

There was no formal business for the evening; it was a time of conversation, laughter, catching up and remembering. However, tribute was paid to Rita Hartney who has represented WON on the Leaders for Life (now Leading for Learning) committee for many years. Rita was presented with an L4L badge from WON, a Thanks Badge from Girl Guides Victoria and a lovely vase.

WON activities for 2010 are now completed but the work goes on behind the scenes, particularly for the **Melbourne Mentor Breakfast on Friday, 20 May 2011**. Please put the date in your diary now because we will be looking for your support on that morning to provide a special experience for Year 11 girls from schools across Melbourne.  
**(Photos here ...)**



## Volunteer Survey

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

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

## Volunteer Opportunities



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

**> FORWARD TO A FRIEND**

Girl's and Tween's Polos.  
We will be receiving more stock early in the New Year.  
Please re-order at that time. Thank you.

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.](#)

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