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BROWNIE GUIDE JUBILEE YEAR— 1914-1974

Brownie Guides are celebrating their 60th Birthday this year; Birthdays are usually happy times for everyone, especially for young people and that includes Brownie Guides!

How did it All Start?—It was way back in 1914 when the younger sisters of Guides wanted to join in the fun and excitement that older sisters were having. In fact they did go along and join in the Company Meetings! It was evident that they were too young to do all the "things" the Guides enjoyed, so separate groups of these girls were formed.

One of the first things was to find a name for them. Someone suggested "Rosebuds" and this became their first official name. Like the Guides, they wore blue uniforms with pale blue hair ribbons, but they did not like being called Rosebuds.

In January, 1915, there was a competition to see if a better name could be found. "Sky-larks," "Bees," "Birds," "Bantams," none of these seemed to be quite right. It was the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, who had read the **Story of the Brownies**, which appears in the Brownie Guide Handbook, and suggested the name "BROWNIES." This name the girls liked best of all.

What are You going to do to Celebrate Your 60th Birthday?—You will no doubt discuss this during Pow Wow, and may decide to do something in your Pack, your District, or Division. I am sure you will have some wonderful ideas; whatever you do it will be fun and something to remember. You may like to look up the Records in your Pack and find out a little of its history. What about some photos for Matilda? If your Pack is newly formed, what about starting a record of the things you do? This would

be interesting and could be done in several ways, with everyone helping. Before the end of the year—say, during the first week in November—would you like to have a special **Brownie Guides' Own** to say **thank you** for being part of our large Guide family? This could be held during your Pack Meeting or with your District friends. I hope you will all think about this and discuss it during Pow Wow. At Headquarters we would like to hear what your Pack decides to do.

There will be a special **Jubilee Badge**, available from the Guide Shop soon, which each Brownie Guide may wear on her uniform; you will be notified when this is available. This Badge will be worn on the **right** sleeve just **above** the cuff.



Question: If a horse wears horse shoes, what does a dog wear?

Answer: Hush Puppies!

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Question: If a dog wears hush puppies what does a koala wear?

Answer: Gum boots!

OPEN DAY FOR ALL COMMISSIONERS - Tuesday, 22nd October

An invitation for all Commissioners to meet at Headquarters from 10 am to 3 pm. A stimulating programme has been arranged.

Lunch will be provided - cost 75 cents.

Please return this information slip to - Mrs. D. Jacka, 53 Larch Cresc., Mt. Waverley, 3149, by 11th October.

Name (Mrs/Miss)

Commissioner for District/Division/Region

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"RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WOMEN"

A seminar on "Rights and Responsibilities of Women" was held at Sangam and was attended by twenty-three Ranger Leaders and Commissioners.

The Seminar commenced with an Inaugural Speech by Miss Helen McSwiney, a Guide Leader from England.

Welcoming the delegates, she dwelt briefly on the theme chosen for the Seminar and the subjects selected for the sessions. She hoped that the talks given in the Sessions and the findings thereon would help towards making happy homes.

After a short coffee-break, Mrs. Z. R. Ranji, Chief Commissioner (Guides), introduced the subject of the Seminar. She stressed the value of a good education and how it could help the women of to-day to combat and overcome the difficulties that faced them, brought about by illiteracy, ignorance of one's rights and unchecked population growth.

Miss Maniben Kara, the well-known labour leader and social worker, who is also the President of the Western Railway Employees' Union, then gave the first talk.

Miss Kara spoke on the "Economic Dependence of Women" and how economic self-sufficiency could be achieved by women through insistence on equal wages for equal work and a determined demand for equal job opportunities. She also pointed out the harmful effects of unregulated population on the economic position of women in

a male-dominated society, and the needs to curb over-population.

A workshop was held after the lunch break, with the delegates being asked to form three groups named after the three World Centres of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, namely, "Our Chalet," "Our Cabana" and "Olave House."

The second session of the day consisted of a paper read by Miss Violet Caleb on "How Rangers could help to build Happy Homes."

A chart had been drawn up working out practical methods of running homes and bringing up children.

The last day of the Seminar began with a Prayer Meeting and the last Session was given by Mrs. Lakshmi Raghuramaiah, Chairman of the All-India Women's Conference.

Speaking on the "Contemporary Social Situation," she enumerated the various Acts passed by the Government of India from time to time in order to protect the rights of women, but how in reality very few of them were strictly observed. The reason was that many of the Acts went contrary to tradition, and in India, even to-day, it was tradition and customs which rule rather than Government laws. This not only affected the rights and privileges of women but had eventual repercussions on society as a whole.

A highlight of the Seminar was the participation on the last day by a group of 16 Girl Scouts from Japan, accompanied by Mrs. Emiko Kato, International Commissioner. For two hours they and the delegates mingled with the children of the Phulenagar Colony which is across the road from Sangam, where they played games with them and also learnt something of the art of "Rangoli."

The closing touches to the Seminar were given by Mrs. Lakshmi Mazumdar, National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, who, in her valedictory address, said how happy she was that the Seminar had proved such a success. She was sure that the delegates would carry with them the lessons learnt from the talks of the various speakers and in their own way help to make happy homes.

(From the Asia-Pacific Newsletter.)

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Dear Matilda,

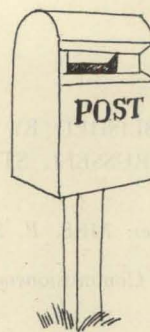
I have ten pen-friends in England, and one of them, Pamela Thompson, is a patient in hospital in Edgeware, near London.

As she is unable to write herself, all Pamela's letters are written by a friend who is confined to a wheel-chair.

Flat on her back for 27 years, Pamela is now a member of the Trefoil Guild at her convent hospital. Recently, some of the Guild members visited Hampton Court Palace where Lady Baden-Powell used to live.

(Mrs.) Nina Cox
Assistant Guider
1st Hampton Brownie Pack.

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VICTORIAN POST BOX

This is an URGENT appeal to all brownies, guides, rangers and guiders. Our requests for pen-friends are dwindling, while requests from overseas for Australian pen-friends are increasing.

Guiders, would you please remind your girls that this service is available to encourage international friendship.

When applying please state—

1. Your name.
2. Your address.
3. Your age.
4. Your choice of countries.
5. Your knowledge of the language of these countries.

And include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Also note that brownies may have a Unit link only.

An open request, "Any Country," brings best results.

New Zealand, with its small population, is unable to fulfil any further requests this year. France still does not supply pen-friends; but French-Canadians write, in French only, to older girls with a working knowledge of that language. We receive more links from Italy, Argentina and Japan, but none from Sri Lanka or Malaysia.

The Australian Post Box secretary says there are outstanding requests for ranger-age links. Over to you, Rangers!

A big thank-you to guiders who have encouraged guides to write for pen-friends. I hope to receive many requests in response to this article.

(Mrs.) C. M. WILLIAMSON,
6 Haines Street,
Cheltenham, 3192.

CONSERVATION

Dear Guiding Friends,

As your new Conservation Co-ordinator, I guess my first duty is to introduce myself and the members of my family—including those feathered or furred!

A Guide Guider, I have a Ranger, Brownie, Scout, two Venturers and a fireman in the household, so we all turn out in uniform somewhere along the way.

Fortunately, my interest in nature is encouraged by an understanding family who periodically share their lodgings with a variety of beasts. Fortunate too that our dog and two cats are so familiar with strange visitors they have learned to keep a respectful distance from talons, teeth, beaks and claws!

Conservation concerns everyone—we all contribute our share of pollutants to the environment, in many cases quite unconsciously. We have witnessed the progressive destruction of bushland, the ever-increasing litter trail and the constant onslaught of Man against Nature which has made many of our unique fauna extinct.

Perhaps your unit could compile a scrap book from the news items we find in the papers each day about matters dealing with conservation?

One phase of conservation which interests me is the terrible slaughter of our native animals and birds on the roads. When the nesting season comes round each year it is sad to see the hundreds of young magpies hit by vehicles. A simple toot of the car horn could save many of the fledglings, but Man in his haste to reach his destination spares no time to think of such things.

Many victims of the roads find their way to my home and one such casualty is still convalescing here.

Jo is a large furry brushtail possum, carrying a naked pink infant in her warm pouch. We found her late one night on a highway where a truck had hit her. With a fractured skull and blinded in one eye, it seemed unlikely she would recover and it was many days before she even regained full consciousness. When her wounds had healed she began to take semi-liquid nourishment and after some time accepted natural foods such as apples, pears, and even the occasional titbit of raw meat.

Now, after several weeks of care, she is a healthy, active and mischievous monster who seems determined to stay with us!

When she first regained her appetite and became active we moved her outdoors to a large empty aviary. She immediately got the sulks, refused to eat and didn't leave her box for three days. So we returned her to the house—her box has been abandoned, the dressing table drawer being her choice of bed; there she sleeps through daylight to come to life about midnight for her "break-fast" and daily exercise.

This procedure has its problems—she is rather attracted to ears or fingers protruding from the bedclothes, so sleep is rather interrupted.

Since Jo is now fit for release we have placed a board from the open window to the trees outside, but we are not over-concerned at her lack of interest in the outdoors; no doubt instinct will tell her when to leave.

Rufus, an orphaned ringtail possum, lived with us for nearly six months before he felt the call of freedom and returned to nature.

Last week we had another temporary boarder. A Nankeen kestrel was brought to us with a suspected broken wing. It is always a joy to see such creatures of the wild at close quarters. His colouring was superb; a beautiful light tan with purest white fluffy "trousers" on his yellow legs and a soft tan and white speckled chest. His needle-sharp talons were his first defence and he was quicker with his reflexes than we were!

Fortunately the wing was only dislocated and righted itself within hours, so we were able to free him near the dry lake beside our town. He did not fly away immediately but circled gracefully before settling in a dry tree to survey the strange beings who had befriended him.

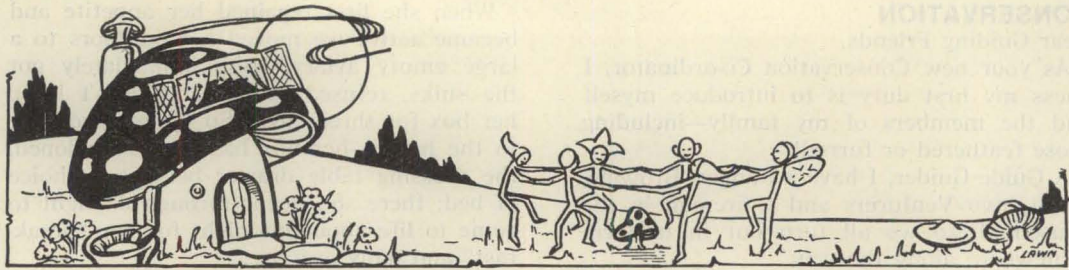
Conservation is a wide topic and covers many aspects, so I am sure we will have plenty to talk about through Matilda.

My Guides have just enjoyed a visit to a private nature reserve, so perhaps we can tell you about that in Matilda too.

Meanwhile, let's have a few ideas about what YOU are doing for the conservation cause.

Anne L. Fraser.

As this was ready for posting, Jo finally found the trail back to nature and left us, having first thoroughly wakened us by jumping all over the bed, at 3 o'clock on a frosty morning. At last we can lower the window and get some sleep!



ACHERON REGION REVELS

We woke to a beautiful day for our Region Brownie Revels at Britannia Park. The theme was "Goldfields," and each pack prepared a tent illustrating a different part of the goldfields.

We changed into olden-day clothes and uniforms, ready for the grand opening.

On payment of five cents we received a miner's Licence from the Chief Commissioner of Goldfields, and a gold "nugget" for each pack. This money was given to help the Melba Day Care Centre in Lilydale.

In small groups we visited other parts of the goldfields—the barber's shop, with its large cardboard combs and scissors; the general store, Cobb and Co., apothecary, the printer who printed the "Diggers' Bulletin" and Reward posters, the bank with gold bricks, the joss-house, the blacksmith with a horse and bellows, and the Inn where we sang.

"Peter Lalor" was taken away by police for making trouble, but miners rescued him. One miner was shot all over and had to go to "First Aid." Our leader robbed the bank and the policemen could not catch her.

We had free drinks, scones and buns, and a big barn dance, which was fun even if we did get mixed-up.

We thanked God for our lovely day, and we thanked all who had helped. Tired but happy, we boarded our buses after a wonderful day with our Brownie sisters.

Acheron Region Brownies.



PIRATE NIGHT

A gathering of Brownies and Cubs was very successful when 2nd Golden Square Brownie Pack was invited to join the 1st Kangaroo Flat Cub Pack for a "Pirate" dress up night. The children were divided into Sixes, mixing Cubs with Brownies. All Pirates paraded to show their costumes, and prizes were given to the best dressed girl and boy. The first game was a strenuous one to get everyone warmed up. The second was a relay to run off excess energy. The tug-o-war was a very interesting contest, as Brownies showed as much enthusiasm as the Cubs.

No Pirate programme would be complete without "Walking the Plank". The last six players not to fall into the "sea" received a prize. The Pirates were delighted when told they could eat their treasure, which they had collected from the centre of the hall.

After supper, the Brownies thanked the Cubs for a very enjoyable night, and invited them for a return visit.

J. Webster, Leader.

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Dear Matilda,

We had a party to say good-bye to Anne-Maree Nevin, who was going to Ireland. At Pow-wow she showed us Irish things, a leprechaun and photos.

We cut out shamrocks to stick on the tablecloth, and we coloured small Irish flags made of cardboard. Later we played an Irish game called "As I went down O'Connell Street," which was great fun.

Like most of the refreshments at afternoon tea, everything possible was green.

Mrs. Nevin took photos of us. It was a very enjoyable day.

Yours in Guiding,
2nd Bentleigh Brownie Pack.



LINK-UP

Throughout this year Guides have been taking part in **AUSTRALIAN LINK-UP 1974 Travel to the eight points**. Sub-camp names such as South Australian "Walkabout," Queensland's **Camp Mirrambeena** (Welcome), in New South Wales, "Moon Mischief" and "Camp of the First Fleeters" (two of their region camps), Western Australian fitness camps encompassing golf, riding, tennis, fishing and a general outdoor canvas camp. When it is all over, 325 Guides from Victoria will have travelled interstate, and 300 Victorians will have entertained 100 visitors from interstate on their "Train Trek," visiting places all over Victoria. Leaders who staff the Train Trek are from all over Victoria, including the metropolitan area. The Guides are enjoying this grand event. All regions have representatives at one or two events and many regions have filled their quota for each event.

What repercussions here in Victoria and all over Australia! What interesting discoveries! Jelly bags, Bell tents, how to travel comfortably by train and camp in a show grounds pavilion. What a lot to pass on to the Guides unable to go!

Matilda will be thrilled to hear all about your experiences, Guides, so do write to tell her all about them.

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The official Link-up badge was designed by a Guide from Queensland in a competition between the States.

A Victorian entry was chosen, with modifications, to be used as our official **Train Trek** badge. The Guide who designed it comes from Syndal. Congratulations to both Guides. We hope you like the results of your efforts.

Guides, it is pleasing to hear from the leaders about your high standard of behaviour and ability. Keep it up. There will be other Guide events in the future and I hope to see some of you younger people there next time.

Janet Anderson,
Victorian Liaison "Link-up 1974.



SEVILLE BROWNIES work consistently for the local Melba Centre. They collected sheets, blankets, plastic sheeting, etc., and also collected wool from which rugs were made, scraps of material and old nylon stockings to make "bears"—a type of mattress for the children to lie on. They did special jobs to get money for blackboards. We have a fun day planned to raise more money to buy special equipment the Day Centre needs.

The girls had permission to visit the Centre during school hours, and they have been in the holidays. A guider helps with transport. At the moment we are growing flowers—half will be sold on our own stalls and half will go to the Centre for them to sell.

N. Barnes,
District Commissioner.



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Terri Revell of 2nd Dimboola Company received her Queen's Badge earlier this year.

Following is Terri's Message of Loyalty which was read during the recent ceremony at Government House.

"We, the Queen's Guides of Victoria, on this most memorable occasion, pledge our loyalty and respect to Your Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and to the Commonwealth of Nations.

"We are willing, to the best of our ability, to live out our lives in accordance with the ideals of the Guide Promise and Laws to the good of mankind."

NILMA PRESENTATIONS

At a very happy evening arranged by the Nilma District Guides, Jan Davey was presented with her Queen's Guide badge by the District Commissioner, and her mother, currently the Brownie Guider, received her Long Service badge from one of the early Division Commissioners of the area.

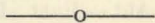
Guides, Brownies and many friends of Mrs. Davey and Jan enjoyed the programme of this fairly unusual occasion.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

The World Committee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts welcomes the United Nations proclamation that 1975 be International Women's Year, and feels this will draw wide attention to women's contribution to development of peoples and communities.

It hopes 1975 will provide opportunity for World Organisations to draw closer together to produce a more unified approach in efforts to overcome inequalities existing all round the world.

The committee is confident that its 6,500,000 members in 91 countries will continue to strive for an improved quality in life and seek new areas of involvement.



During 1975 Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. will be seeking and documenting information about women who have contributed, in many different ways, to the history and development of their great nation.

The girls' findings will be published nationally in 1976, which marks the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution.

It is hoped information gained about "local" contemporary heroines, their skills and interests, will be used to enrich the experiences of the Girl Scouts in that area, and in the community generally.

(Girl Scout Leader, Jan./Feb., 1974.)

GUIDES SPONSOR BANGLADESH BOY

Following their Conference in 1973, when the guest speaker was Mr. L. Reid, president of the group, "For those who have less", the Guides of the Wimmera Region have sponsored a young boy, Mohamed Hanef Ali, from Uncle Erik's orphanage on Bhola Island, Bangladesh.

The orphanage was built shortly after the tragic cyclone in 1970.

In a letter thanking the Wimmera Guides for sponsoring the boy, the orphanage director suggested any gifts sent to Mohamed Hanef Ali be ones that could be shared with other boys, as most do not receive any presents.



OUR ROUND

KOOKABURRA SITS ON AN OLD GUM-TREE,

Eating all the gum-bubble he can see;
Wait! Kookaburra, wait! Kookaburra,

Please leave some for me!

Over radio in Adelaide this verse was heard with surprise and delight by Miss Marion Sinclair, author and composer of "Kookaburra". She realised that her round was used in the primary schools and a broadcasting station ran a competition for extra verses, with this one commended.

Do you know any others?

Miss Sinclair was Guider in the company of Toorak College, then 1st Malvern, 4th Victorian, where she taught music. She was a Diplom'd Guider by late nineteen-twenties. Her round was the first Guide song for Australia to be used in the World Association Song Book — with "bush" changed to "woods" until our protests explained.

During World War II, Miss Sinclair joined the Y.W.C.A. Welfare for Women's Services, then had charge of music in a school in Adelaide, where she now has a unit in a pleasant community of the Methodist Church in North Adelaide.

During a visit to England, at campfire at Foxlease, she was asked, as she was from Australia, did she know Kookaburra well enough to lead it for them? And she kept the secret! But her talent is no secret to her fellow-residents, and is often shared with them.

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TRAINING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER
1974

Commissioners and Unit Leaders with the necessary experience are welcome to apply for **ANY** training. Applications should be sent by the **date requested** and be **accompanied by the training fee and a stamped self-addressed envelope**.

Training fees are \$1.50 unless otherwise stated.

Stage 1 Training—for Leaders new to the Movement: Glenroy, 2nd-9th-16th-23rd-30th October—10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.—Guide Hall, Cromwell Street. Applications to Training Department, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, by **19th September**.

Stage 2—Training—for Warranted Leaders: Chadstone, 16th-23rd October—7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., plus residential week-end 2nd-3rd November—**Mayfield Centre, Malvern**—9.00 a.m., Saturday, to 3.30 p.m., Sunday (cost of week-end is to be advised). Applications and \$1.50 fee to Miss M. Hunt, 8 Alcala Court, 7 Alcala Avenue, Chadstone, by **2nd October**.

Stage 3 Training—for Warranted Leaders—Headquarters — Thursday, 3rd-10th-17th-24th October—10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **19th September**.

Ranger Lightweight Camping — Headquarters—Saturday, 5th October—10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., plus week-end 26th-27th October (Leaders only) and 23rd-24th November (Leaders and girls)—Location, times and fee for week-ends to be advised. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **19th September**.

Pack Holiday Training—Barwon Region—week-end 2nd-3rd November. Further information available from Mrs. A. Bell, 1 Layton Crescent, Newtown, 3220.

Special Subjects for BROWNIE Guiders—

Programming for the Pack, including games and activities to help Brownies meet the challenge of the 8-Point Programme. Week-end 5th-6th October—10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.—Headquarters. Note: Applications should include requests based on the current interests and needs of your Brownies. Applications, requests and 75 cents training fee to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **20th September**.

Camp First Aid — East Bentleigh—23rd-30th October-6th November—7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.—Moorleigh Guide Hall. Applications and \$1.00 fee to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165, by **9th October**.

Publicity and Public Relations Training—

The above training will be held at **Ararat** on Tuesday, October 1st, and is open to all Commissioners and Publicity Secretaries. Further information and application forms can be obtained from the Publicity Dept., Guide Headquarters. Applications close on Wednesday, **September 18th**.

Summer Training Week will be held at Britannia Park from 15th-21st January, 1975. Suggestions for subjects to be included during this week should be sent as soon as possible to the Training Department, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.

Training Day for L.A. Office-bearers will be held at Guide Headquarters on 2nd October from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.00 fee (per L.A.) to reach Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **18th September**.

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Training Department:

Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Shirley Reeves on gaining her Guide Training Certificate.

TRAINING PAGES

Hidden deep in the heart
of things,
Thou carest for growth
and life:
the seed becomes shoot,
the bud a blossom.
the flower becomes
fruit.
Tired I slept on my
idle bed
in the illusion that the
work had an end.
In the morning I awoke
to find
that my garden was full
of
flowers.
—Rabindranath Tagore.

Do you remember the joy of gardening when very young?

Pulling out weeds that older folk said should have been flowers?

Helping to “plant” the seeds by pushing them as far down as your finger would reach? (never to be sighted again!).

A little older, were you lucky enough to be allowed to take over a bed that became *My garden*, or did you have a pot plant that was your very own?

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You meet many Brownies with their own gardens or pot plants but what happens as they grow older? How many of your Guides or Rangers have a garden? Is it worth fostering the interest?

“Of course,” says the keen gardener, but if you are not the keen type you may need to think about it, ask keen ones what they get out of it, why they like it.

Sue says: “I guess it is just ‘dirty’ pride with me! I like my garden to look nice.” Then added as an afterthought: “Well, perhaps that is not quite all; I do enjoy the flowers I bring indoors, the vegetables I eat, the birds that come to my garden.” If your girls need an incentive to potter among the plants, think of the things that they do enjoy . . . eating . . . cooking . . . flowers . . . perfumes . . . handcrafts . . . all these could lead a girl into the joy of growing her own.

Have activities in the Unit using plant life and see if they will spark off the interest. Call in the experts; go visit some gardens.

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THINGS TO EAT

Unless you have actually eaten a vegetable you have grown yourself it is hard to imagine it to be exciting. Wouldn't it be fun if you took your own home-grown vegies to Pack Holiday or camp? Or used them for a dinner party . . . there's a new slant on a garden party!

There would need to be some careful planning ahead of course—so out with the gardening books and magazines. Check **when to plant and how long to maturity**.

It's more satisfying to have your own plot of ground at home, but if that is not possible, good use might be made of the Guide Hall grounds; and some kind citizens have been known to lend a corner of their backyards, with freedom for the girls to tend the plants as they wish.

But vegetables can be grown in pots, boxes, tubs and bottles.

Now take the lowly potato—how about a bucket or kerosene tin full, just from one plant?

Make some holes in the bottom of the bucket/tin, put in a layer of drainage material, broken pieces of pots, stones, cinder, etc. Add 8 cm. of compost or well-manured soil. From a potato cut out a piece with a good strong eye, place it on soil and cover with another 3 cm., keep moist but do not over-water; it may take 2-3 weeks to come up; when it does, add a little more soil and as the shoot grows keep adding the soil or compost, but **never cover the growing point**, until container is full. Potatoes should not be lifted until the vine begins to die—then you can have the fun of “weighing in.”

You can plant in July or **early Spring**. They may take 4-5 months to mature.

For speedier results—try radishes. The faster they grow the better. They do need careful watering.

Now is a good time to plant salad ingredients—beetroot, capsicum, carrot, cucumber, tomato among many others; they do not take the same length of time to mature, and they do need differing treatments, so do your research carefully.



Mustard and cress can be fun; they can be grown in pots of bulb fibre or peat moss.

Mustard germinates more quickly than cress and should be sown three or four days later.

Sow seed thickly and press into soil which must be kept moist; cut when 5 cm. tall. Try a mustard and cress sandwich.

Have you grown vegetables in a bottle?

Here is an idea we found in a U.S. Girl Scout paper—the writer hasn't tried it yet. It may be necessary to plant a different variety of seed, but even if beans only were used, they are a popular food at the moment. Here it is as it appeared:—

Seed Sprouts

Each girl brings a wide-mouth jar (one pint or more) and a rubber band. The unit could provide a piece of cheesecloth to fit over top of jar, and seeds (soy bean, peas, sunflower, alfalfa, parsley, mung beans, etc.). In each jar place three tablespoons of the dry beans and one cup warm water. Cover with cheesecloth, secure with rubber band. Leave overnight. Drain, rinse and drain again through cheesecloth. Shake seeds to side of jar, place jar on its side, cover with paper to shut out the light. Rinse lightly with warm water once or twice daily and drain well. On the fourth day expose the jar to light to develop green chlorophyll. Refrigerate or serve immediately in a salad, sandwich, raw, or lightly fry with chopped onion, very little water and add soy sauce. Super vitamin content, and one answer to the high cost of food.

Herbs

Another "in" thing is a herb garden. A small sunny patch of garden is all that is needed and they do not demand a rich soil; they seem to make themselves at home quickly in the poorest soil and to enhance that spot with their fragrance.

Some are prolific growers and spreaders and need to be contained if space is limited. In the garden they can be contained by planting in old car tyres or perhaps by a kerbing of bricks. (Sue has a friend who has grown many different kinds of mint near her lawn's edges; she keeps them cut back from the edge by mowing them as she mows the lawn—and enjoys the perfume at the same time.)

The simplest herbs to start with are the old favourites—sage, thyme, parsley, marjoram, mint—but it is fun to try out the less common ones.

And if you are not sure what you can do with some of these herbs, here is some useful information from one of our Guiders with an "old-fashioned" kitchen; just to imagine her kitchen makes your mouth water—the aroma of freshly-baked bread or home-made cakes, freshly-ground coffee; the fragrance of herbs such as rosemary, lavender, marjoram, sage or thyme drying out in their bunches near the stove—or of the delicate spices being blended for use in sweets or savouries. She usually has something drying, being chopped, or blended or baked. Her callers always pause to sniff and ask, "What is that?" They are enthusiastically given process and the purpose; if you show a really keen interest you will find yourself in the midst of the herb garden, with a cutting of this or a snip of that and a promise of other plants when it is time to divide clumps.

Sweet Basil

A native of India, where it is a sacred herb and the Hindus believe that the plant, growing near their home, brings happiness, is a strongly-flavoured herb, with a clove-like aroma and a very suitable combination with tomatoes. It is excellent with pasta and rice dishes. Foliage and seeds can be used for flavouring soups, stews and sauces. (It is an annual.)

Lemon Balm (Perennial and prolific spreader)

The name is derived from the lemony fragrance of its leaves. The leaves are used in soups and stews and give a refreshing touch to salads.

Borage

An annual or perennial with beautiful little blue flowers which can be candied or used in salads or to decorate a bowl of fruit punch. Borage has long been known as a blood purifier used for fevers and melancholia. The leaves, made into tea or used in fruit punch are considered to be an anti-depressant!

Dill (an annual)

A graceful, feathery plant. The seeds are used in spiced beetroots. Seeds can also be used in coleslaw and in flavouring cooked cabbage. The leaves are particularly good in Fish Sauce, Cream Sauces, with potatoes and in salad. The name is derived from the Norse word, "dilla," meaning to lull. Dill water, a decoction made from the seeds, was given to babies to soothe them in those far-off days, just as it is to-day.

Rosemary

A small, evergreen, perennial shrub, with tiny mist-blue flowers, Rosemary was highly esteemed by the Greeks and Romans who introduced it to other countries. There is a great deal of herb-lore surrounding this plant and to this day it is a symbol of remembrance and friendship. The bracing and tonic effect of its leaves has always been valued. Eleanor Sinclair Rohde quotes from an old herbal: "Also if thou be feeble boyle the leaves in cleane water and washe thyself and thou shalt wax shiny." Among other virtues Rosemary stimulates the scalp and helps to relieve nervous headaches. Perhaps you have noticed that the currently popular herbal shampoos are rich in the aroma of Rosemary. When dried the leaves become crisp and brittle and are easily crumbled or chopped. Their pungent flavour enhances certain foods, particularly lamb, veal, pork and beef. Try adding a teaspoon of dried Rosemary to your next batch of scones for a delicious and interesting variation.

Mints are a subject on their own. They have been grown and cultivated for many centuries and the kinds now available are very numerous. A few to mention are the common spearmint, peppermint, lemon-scented mint, rose-mint, apple-mint, variegated mint and Eau de Cologne mint. Mints are inveterate spreaders. But no herb garden would be complete without one of this species.

The all-time favourite dish of roast lamb would be seriously lacking in flavour if served without the traditional accompaniment of Mint Sauce. Mint has many qualities, particularly that of aiding the digestion. It is also said to prevent milk from curdling. To quote Miss Sinclair Rohde again: "Mints put into milk, it neyther suffereth the same to curde, nor to become thick, in-somuch that layed in curded milke, this would bring the same thinne againe."

As well as their medicinal and culinary uses herbs are also valuable as natural insect repellents. Did you know that a border of Chives (or any other member of the onion family) in your rosebed will repel aphids?

Mints, planted about pet enclosures will repel rodents, flies and fleas.

Basil keeps tomatoes free from diseases and will keep flies and mosquitoes away from barbecue areas and a potted plant in a room will drive out pests.

Chamomile repels most insects and will make a wonderful herb-lawn.

Catmint.—Rodents dislike it. Plant near pet enclosures.

Tansy repels beetles, ants, aphids, flies and fleas. Plant throughout the garden. Dried leaves make safe insecticides to use in the home. Useful for the allergy-prone and asthmatics.

To come down to earth again—remember your **safety in the garden**—a good gardener takes care of her tools and of herself. Use quizzes and recognition games for learning the name of the tool, what it is used for and how to care for it.

(Drawings or illustrations cut from gardening magazines or catalogues are useful. There have been many ideas for teaching aids in recent Training Pages.)

The next time you have first aid in the unit perhaps your patients might be unfortunate or careless gardeners!

Resource material to help you:

- local gardeners and their gardens,
- gardening books—the local libraries,
- magazines, the monthly, "Your Garden," is very good.
- cook books we can recommend:
 - Rigby Instant Book Series.
 - "Cooking with Herbs"—25 cents.
 - "Spice and Savour" — Rosemary Hemphill.
 - "Fragrance and Flavour" — Rosemary Hemphill (Angus & Robertson).
- books on floral arrangements.



SUMMER TRAINING WEEK

Have you sent your suggestions in yet?

Everyone in the Department is waiting breathlessly, ready to dash out and bring in the experts—just for you! Please send them in now.

GIFTS THAT APPEAL

If eating the successes doesn't appeal, use them as gifts—a **basket of vegies** with a few flowers looks attractive.

If **flowers** are being given to a sick friend it is better to give a small bunch that won't overcrowd the bedside table; include a few sprigs of herbs.

Lavender sachets are very simple to make—or for the better sewers and older girls you can make dainty little **herb cushions** consisting of a mixture of fragrant herbs, lavender, rosemary, geranium, etc., sewn in to organdie or voile cases—an unusual refreshing gift for an elderly lady.

Try a **pot pourri**—there are several recipes and the composition will vary according to the flowers and scented foliage available. The flowers should not be in full bloom; preferably when the buds are opening, pull the petals off and put to dry in an airy, dark place. Keep each kind of flower or leaf separate until they dry.

One recipe: Dry petals of some scented roses, a bunch of lavender flowers and when these are dry keep only the small flowers; a sprig of thyme, a dozen sage leaves, some rosemary leaves, some scented pelargonium leaves cut and dried. You can add any of the following: **Flowers** — borage, marigold petals, clary flowers. **Leaves**—lemon verbena, lemon balm, marjoram, hyssop, lovage alecost.

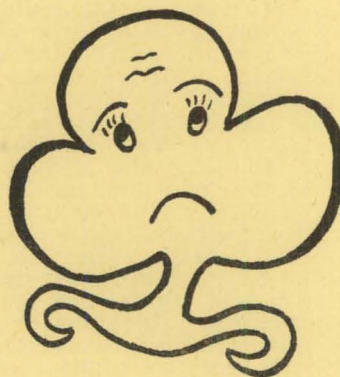
Having dried all these, add a fixative for the perfume such as finely powdered Orris Root (available from big chemist's shops), approximately ½ oz. Sprinkle a teaspoon of allspice, mix and crush slightly with the hands. Put in jar and handle occasionally. Leave until ready to make up.

Dried arrangements have been popular for some time—special plants can be grown for the purpose—it is a long-range project but your Rangers might be interested.

Spatter prints will make gift cards or wrapping papers—see the Brownie Guide Guiders Handbook, page 75.

Leaf Prints can be made by lightly covering the backs of leaves with fairly prominent veins with shoe polish; Padawax is good and less messy—you then press the back of the leaf on to the paper.

Dyes can be made from many plants, including vegetables—see the Guide Handbook, page 123, for directions.



Sue is worried; she is asking everyone: "Have you seen them, have you seen them?" "We are being invaded from outer space!" "Some are shaped like a box, some like a bird but the fearsome ones are the fish!" "They are everywhere." We have calmed her down; if she looked a little closer to earth she would see human legs following closely behind, clutching the string.

Our kite-flying writer was right about the male interest; at least one "Guide" dad just had to get out of his car and "go fly a kite!" We are sorry for the slight delay some people experienced in receiving their instructions—we had trouble keeping up with the demand.

NOTICES

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE 1975

28th FEBRUARY - 2nd MARCH

You may be surprised at the early date, but don't be dismayed.

Because Term holidays and University vacations coincide in 1975, we were unable to arrange a similar date as for 1974 or previous years, so the Committee made extensive enquiries over a range of facilities from Church Convention Centres, Staff Colleges and hotels and motels. In only one case was sufficient accommodation available, and that was at motel rates, which, as you are all aware, are very high.

As a result of our efforts, we have arranged for the weekend 28th February, 1st and 2nd March, at La Trobe University, and feel that this will give us all a good start for 1975. Several Commissioners to whom we have spoken agree with us, and we hope that you will too. Make a date in your diary now!

MURIEL POLLOCK,
Convener.

SURREY JUBILEE

FIFTY YEARS of Guiding in Surrey District will be celebrated on Saturday, 26th October, 1974, at an Open Day, when items of interest will be presented by today's Guides.

Anyone associated with Guiding in the District is **invited** to St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church Hall, corner of Warrigal and Canterbury Roads, Surrey Hills, from 2.00 p.m.

People who have uniforms (particularly hats) featuring the style changes in Guiding since 1923, or old photographs, **please** contact Mrs. Helen Carson, 83 4265.

INTERNATIONAL

YOUTH STUDY TOUR.—Ages 16-30 years. Arranged by National Youth Council of Victoria. To Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand. During January, 1975. Departs Brisbane 29th December, 1974. Returns morning of 20th January, 1975, to Brisbane.

Cost — from Brisbane — \$650.00. This includes travel, accommodation, some meals, transfers to and from airports and hotels. Further enquiries to International Adviser, Headquarters. If interested please contact immediately as party is limited to 30.

CAMPING DEPARTMENT. — Guiders, please make a correction to your Campsite List as follows: Axedale "Olave Park"—Apply to: Mrs. P. Parson, 65 Johnstone Street, Castlemaine. Tel.: 72 2387.

Hi there!

THINKING OF CHRISTMAS YET?

This year give your friends something really special . . .

A GIRL GUIDE 1975 CALENDAR

Produced in colour, it shows the community many different aspects of ranger, guide and brownie guide activities.

Buy one and give it to a friend.

Price \$1 or \$1.20 posted.

Obtainable from

GUIDE HEADQUARTERS or
PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISER,
8 Morris Street, North Balwyn.

All past 1st Hampton Guides are invited to join us for our 50th Anniversary to be held on Saturday, September 28th, 1974, at the Guide Hall, Hampton Street (near Crisp Street), Hampton. Buffet meal at 6.30 p.m.

Bring your Guide photos. Please notify others.

M. Glass (99 2193), M. Bastin (93 4602) for present Guides.

NOTICES

Attention! All Young Guiders: YOUNG LEADERS' GROUP

We had a very successful meeting in July, followed by a Theatre Night in August, with Scout Leaders, at our invitation, attending both functions.

The ratio of Guiders to Scouters on both occasions was extremely disappointing. Now that Scout Leaders are interested in joining our Group, we would like to see more new Guiders at our next function, although we hope this will not be the only reason you come. We are pleased to invite you to a B.B.Q. and Get to Know Each Other Night on **Saturday, 5th October**, at 14 Hutchinson Street, Bentleigh, at 6.30 p.m. (please bring your own meat, etc.).

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, 11th November**, 8 p.m., at Guide Headquarters.

We look forward to greater support from our Leaders at meetings and social outings in future. For further details please contact Judy Pretty (89 9637) or Fiona Constable (89 8476).

MACEDON DIVISION GARDEN DAY

October 31st.

To aid Irene Fairbairn Award Fund and Division Funds. As well as viewing gardens this year, you are invited to see a deer-breeding property. We start at 10.30 a.m. with morning tea at the home of Mrs. Cath. Blackburn, "Lowland Farm," Brougham Rd., Mount Macedon, and lunch at 12.30. For directions write to Mrs. Blackburn or ring (054) 26 1391.

R.S.V.P. October 15th.

J.O.T.A.

What does this mean? Jamboree of the Air. Date?—19th and 20th October, 1974.

Have your Guides had the enjoyment of participating in this event? If not, this is the year to start. Over the years many Guides have made lasting friends with other Guides and Scouts with whom they have made contact through this annual event. It is fun to be able to talk to other members of the movement—overseas, in another State, or even your own next-door neighbours.

If you would like further information on how to participate I would be very pleased to help you make contact with your nearest radio operator. Please telephone me—evenings only—on 232 7414.

All those "old hands" who have their own contacts—please don't forget to ring and let me know so that I can forward you the Log Sheets.

—Joyce Kellett—Liaison Officer.

THE SPANNING SEMINAR

Are you taking a train, a car, or a tram? To spin along the way to Melbourne town; Gaily you will go, taking friends you know; Be there at the "Spanning Seminar" with them,

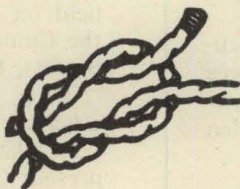
On Saturday, October 12, from 9 to 5 p.m.

Old friends to greet, new friends to meet;

"Spanning" the years, from B.P.'s vision to '74,

"Spanning" the links, between Brownies, Guides and Rangers,

Into the community wide, Across the country side."



THE COUNCIL FIRE

How do **you** keep yourself up-to-date with what is going on in World Guiding? How familiar are **you** (and the girls in your unit) with what the Guides of Mexico or Tanzania or Israel are doing? If you want more information about the World Family to which we all belong, we strongly recommend that you become a subscriber to **The Council Fire**, the quarterly magazine of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Previously Gordon & Gotch have handled all orders. This year members may subscribe through Headquarters, provided the order is placed by 31st October. Subscription for 1975, \$1.10, or \$2.75 for three years, together with the completed application form, obtainable from H.Q., should be lodged by this due date. We regret that no late subscriptions will be accepted.

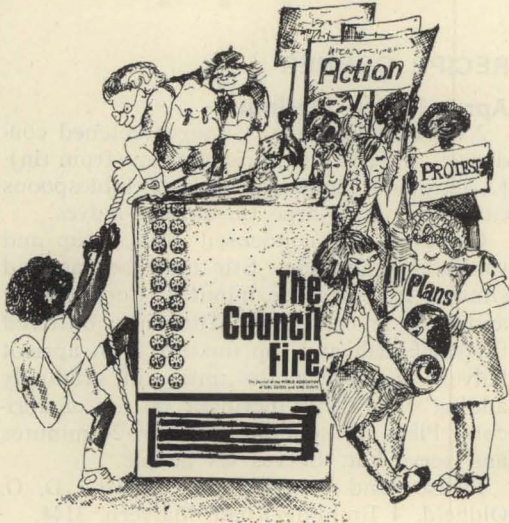
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Ideas...Actions...Plans...
Successes...Difficulties...

Looking for a world view of Girl
Guiding/Girl Scouting? Read

The Council Fire

Your quarterly magazine.



World Bureau — Staff Vacancies. If you know of anyone interested and qualified to be considered, now or in the future, for suitable positions at your World Bureau in London, please ask her to write to Dr. (Miss) Perin K. Banker, Deputy Director, World Bureau, 132 Ebury Street, London, SW1W 9QQ, England, with full particulars of qualifications and experience.

Readers will in future receive **The Council Fire** larger in format and different in layout — and which concentrates mainly on a theme. We hope readers will find the new **Council Fire** interesting and stimulating.

The next three issues of **The Council Fire** will cover the themes of Environment, Guiding and Politics, and The Role of Women.

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Wednesday, 23rd of October, will be **CHILDREN'S DAY** in Australia.

This special day of friendship and concern for children is sponsored by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and more than one hundred countries have their own festivities and events each year.

The Victorian Committee for UNICEF invites Guide and Brownie groups to be part of the Children's Day "circle of friendship," with music and dances of other lands, poster and art displays or a collection of small coins for UNICEF.

Even small coins go a long way when you give them to UNICEF. For just a few cents the Fund can give a hungry child a life-saving food mixture, or vitamin "A" tablets to prevent blindness.

Posters and further information can be supplied to groups, on request to: Hon. Secretary, Victorian Committee for UNICEF, Mrs. E. Morgen, 1009 Malvern Road, Toorak, Vic., 3142. Or you can telephone Mrs. Morgen (20 5408), or Mrs. Warland (29 2866).

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Children seldom misquote; however, they often repeat, word for word, what you shouldn't have said.

DAD'S MY GUY

I hear the children call him Pop
And though his hair is thin on top,
A glimpse of lovelight in his eyes
Still stirs my heart with sweet surprise.

Although his face is growing lined,
The creases round his mouth are kind.
There's still the magic in his smile
That always could my cares beguile.

I know he's grown a trifle stout . . .
I had to let a few seams out,
But I can find within his arms
A haven from the world's alarms.

The family sees just Mum and Dad,
Our "getting on" to them is sad,
But passing days bring us no rue,
While Dad is still my lover true.

No matter how the years may pass,
I'll always be his looking glass,
And in his eyes I'll always see
The gay young blade he used to be.

Mildred Cupitt
Hazelbrook, N.S.W.

A HELPING HAND

For several years now members of Malvern Local Association have provided voluntary help at the Elderly Citizens' Centre on one regular day each month. Some members have been on this roster for the fifteen years that the Centre has been operating. Many of their former guide daughters are now married.

Two helpers prepare vegetables during the morning, and the second shift of six helpers arrives at lunchtime.

After serving a most appetising, substantial meal, cooked by permanent staff, to the active Elderlies who come to the Centre,

about thirty per day, the volunteers cheerfully wash, dry and put away all the dishes.

Before this job is finished, Meals-on-Wheels drivers return the metal containers used for delivering these meals to inactive elderly people in the area. These all have to be thoroughly cleaned ready for the next day's meals, and with approximately one hundred and seventy deliveries each day, this is quite a big job.

Although this form of community service sounds very demanding, it is most rewarding and gives members an opportunity to meet some of our Elderly Citizens as well as getting to know each other better, while chatting over a sinkful of dishes or an urn of boiling water for that well-earned cup of tea.

Help is always required and very much appreciated. More drivers and helpers are always needed for delivering the Meals-on-Wheels.

If you and your L.A. can assist in any way, your secretary could make inquiries at the local Council or Shire Office, or at the Elderly Citizens' Centre in your area. This is a very worthwhile and rewarding form of community service.

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RECIPE CORNER

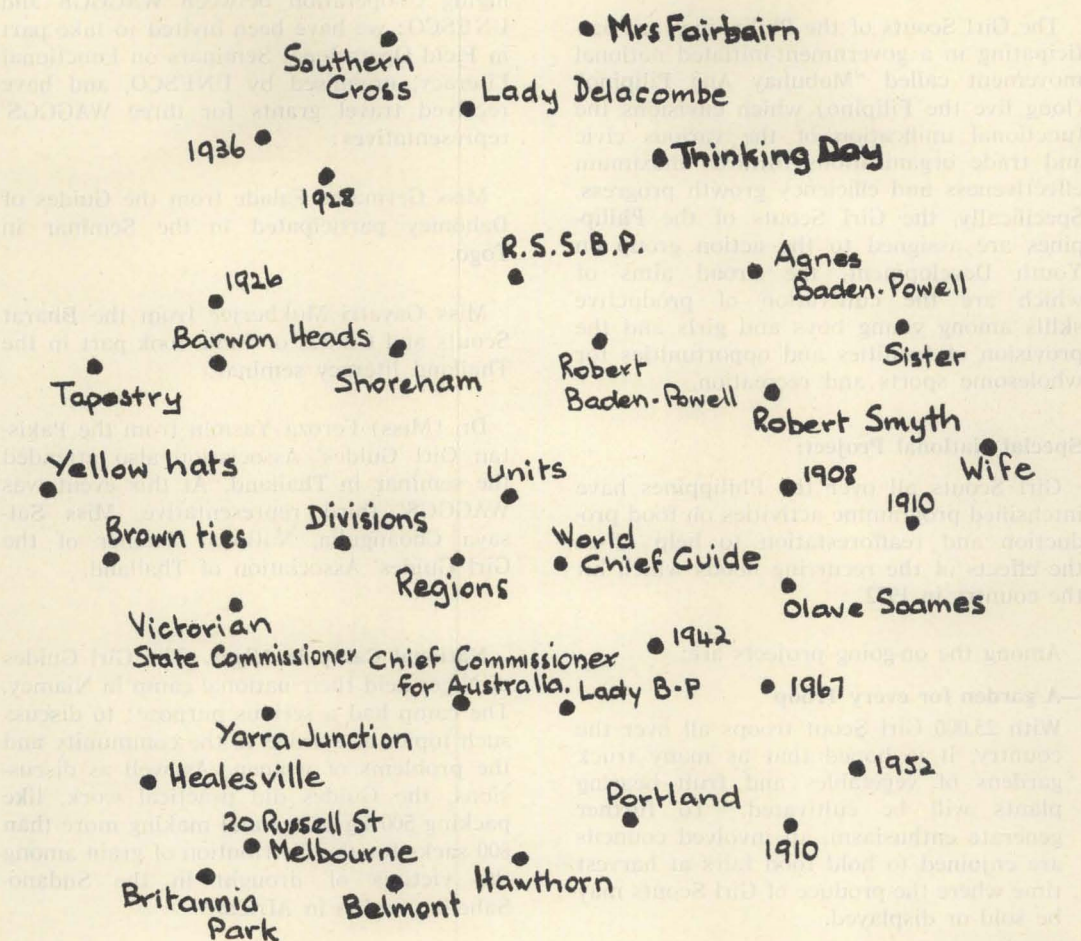
Apricot Rice Meringue

2 cups cooked rice, ½ can sweetened condensed milk, ½ cup apricot syrup (from tin), ½ teaspoon vanilla, 2 eggs, 2 tablespoons castor sugar, 1 large tin apricot halves.

Combine rice, condensed milk, syrup and vanilla in saucepan. Stir until boiling and simmer two or three minutes. Cool slightly and beat in egg yolks. Turn into buttered fireproof dish and top mixture with apricot halves. Beat egg whites until stiff, gradually adding sugar. Pile meringue on top of apricots. Place in moderate oven for 20 minutes and serve hot. Serves six people.

Please send contributions to Mrs. D. O. Oldfield, 4 Embling Road, Malvern, 3144.

A map of the Southern Cross constellation, showing the five main stars. The star at the top is labeled '1928' and the star at the bottom is labeled '1936'. The constellation is labeled 'Southern Cross' in the center.



- Solution on page 70.
(From an idea in "The Canadian Guider,"
March, 1974.)

FROM PHILIPPINES

"Mabuhay Ang Pilipino":

The Girl Scouts of the Philippines are participating in a government-initiated national movement called "Mabuhay Ang Pilipino" (long live the Filipino) which envisions the functional unification of the various civic and trade organisations towards maximum effectiveness and efficiency growth progress. Specifically, the Girl Scouts of the Philippines are assigned to the action group on Youth Development, the broad aims of which are the cultivation of productive skills among young boys and girls and the provision of facilities and opportunities for wholesome sports and recreation.

Special National Project:

Girl Scouts all over the Philippines have intensified programme activities on food production and reafforestation to help offset the effects of the recurring floods which hit the country in 1972.

Among the on-going projects are:

—A garden for every Troop

With 25,000 Girl Scout troops all over the country, it is hoped that as many truck gardens of vegetables and fruit-bearing plants will be cultivated. To further generate enthusiasm, all involved councils are enjoined to hold food fairs at harvest time where the produce of Girl Scouts may be sold or displayed.

—Establishment of Seed Shops

This is to provide a place where seeds may be continuously collected, stored and exchanged; and will be undertaken in co-operation with government technicians.

—Reafforestation

- (a) Three Trees for the Country. — Individual reafforestation efforts with each girl planting at least three fruit-bearing trees in her immediate home area.
- (b) Continuous tree-planting in all Girl Scout camp sites and training areas and continuing care of trees and plants earlier planted.
- (c) Organisation of service camps for the principal purposes of planting trees in denuded areas.

WAGGGS/UNESCO Co-operation. There have been developments in the long-standing co-operation between WAGGGS and UNESCO: we have been invited to take part in Field Operational Seminars on Functional Literacy, organised by UNESCO, and have received travel grants for three WAGGGS' representatives:

Miss Germaine Falade from the Guides of Dahomey participated in the Seminar in Togo.

Miss Gayatri Mukherjee from the Bharat Scouts and Guides of India took part in the Thailand literacy seminar.

Dr. (Miss) Feroza Yasmin from the Pakistan Girl Guides' Association also attended the seminar in Thailand. At this event was WAGGGS' third representative, Miss Sat-saya Choangulia, National Trainer of the Girl Guides' Association of Thailand.

National Camp in Niger. The Girl Guides of Niger held their national camp in Niamey. The camp had a serious purpose: to discuss such topics as service to the community and the problems of women. As well as discussions, the Guides did practical work, like packing 500 kg of tea and making more than 800 sacks for the distribution of grain among the victims of drought in the Sudano-Sahelian region in Africa.



GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AMENDMENTS TO 1970 EDITION P.O. & R.

RULE 26—THE GUIDER. 1 (c), Page 23.

Add the word "Guide" before "Promise" in the last line of this clause.

RULE 30—THE GUIDE SECTION. 1 THE GUIDE, Page 29.

Delete "The 10th birthday" and insert "10½ years."

RULE 34—UNIFORM. PART 11. 1 BASIC UNIFORM, Page 39.

Insert at end "**NOTE—Specialised Units.** Members of Units previously recognised as Land, Sea and Air Units may wear specialised colour Investiture Badge, i.e. Sea Ranger—dark blue, Land Ranger—red, Air Ranger—pale blue."

RULE 36—CAMPS AND HOLIDAYS. 1 (e), Page 58.

Add—"For a mixed overnight walk the Guider must be warranted and have had previous experience with similar mixed activities and the boys' adult leader must be in attendance."

RULE 36—CAMPS AND HOLIDAYS. 2 (c). JOINT CAMPING WITH BOYS. (i) Page 59.

Alter to read—"The Guider in Charge must be an experienced Guider holding a Camping Qualification and have assisted in the organisation of other mixed activities, and the boys' adult leader must be in attendance."

RULE 40—BOATING. Pages 78, 79 and 81.

General Note under Rowing, Sailing and Canoeing Charge Certificates:

"The holder of a Charge Certificate must have 20 hours of practical boating per year or she may be required to take the test again."

RULE 40—BOATING. SAILING CHARGE CERTIFICATE, Page 79.

(As re-written—published September, 1973.)

"Clause 1. Hold the Rowing Charge Certificate

OR

- (a) Hold the Boating Permit;
- (b) Clauses 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of the Rowing Charge Certificate.
- (c) Show proficiency in rowing.

RULE 48—AWARDS. Page 98.

"Application"—insert at end, new heading—

"**Procedure.** For Awards initiated by States—After approval by the Australian Awards Committee a recommendation is sent to members of the Australian Executive Committee for ratification by post."

RULE 48—AWARDS. COMBINED LONG SERVICE BROOCH. Page 100.

Delete and insert:

"A member of the Association who has given service of 15, 25, or 35 years in two or more of the following categories—Local Association Member, Trefoil Guild Member, Unit Helper, Uniformed capacity, is entitled to the Combined Long Service Brooch.

"Years of service necessary for the qualifying period need not be given consecutively."

From the **GUIDE** **SHOP**

ENROLLING YOUR NEW BROWNIE—

Brownie Dress (all sizes)	\$7.15
Beret and Badge	\$1.43
Tie	70c
Belt	\$1.15
Sox—Knee Hi	\$1.05
Sox—Short	70c
Pouch	\$1.50
Cardigans (all sizes)	\$6.95

ITEMS FOR GIFTS—

Brownie Mug	40c
Brownie Notebook	15c
Brownie Handkerchief	30c

BROWNIE STORY BOOKS—

The Brownies in Hospital	\$2.60
The Brownies on Television	\$2.20
The Brownies at the Zoo	\$2.20
The Brownies and their Animal Friends	\$2.20

The Brownies and the Fire	\$2.20
The Brownies' Day Abroad	\$2.20
Air Day for the Brownies	\$2.20
Lucy's Brownie Road	\$2.20
Lucy's last Brownie Challenge ..	\$2.20

Brownie Guide Uniform Chart—

(Pack Holiday and Official Uniforms with position of badges)

with position of badges)	5c
Brownies make things, Number 1	50c
Brownies make things, Number 2	50c

ALTERATIONS TO PRICES—

Please adjust lists in appropriate places.

Brownie Uniform Patterns	to 90c
Miniature Commissioner Badges ..	to 35c
Sleeping Bag Sheets	to \$2.80
Superior Acrylic Sleeping Bags ..	to \$17.20
2'3" Australian Flag	to \$4.75

ANNUAL MEETING OF VICTORIAIN TREFOIL GUILDS

The Annual Meeting of Victorian Trefoil Guilds will this year be held at Ferntree Gully Guide Hall, Underwood Road, Fern-tree Gully, on Saturday, October 5th, at 3 p.m.

Dame Phyllis Frost, a member of the State Relief Committee, will be guest speaker.

For those free to make a day of it, our hostesses, members of Ferntree Gully Trefoil Guild, will be at the hall from 10.30 a.m. to welcome visitors, so bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship before the meeting commences.

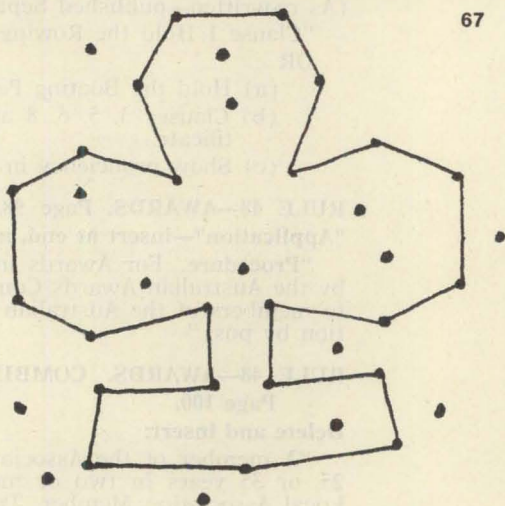
Afternoon tea, provided by Guides and Brownies of the District, with help and encouragement from the District Commissioner and leaders, will be served at 2.30 p.m.

There will be a "buy and bring" table which we hope will have the support of all members.

ALL WELCOME.

Solution to Puzzle on Page

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Victorian Newsletter

Dear Everyone,

It is good to be back with my families again after our trip away. Both seemed to get on very well, Granny kept an eye on the children, and my thanks go to Jean, Lysbeth, Peg, Doris and all other members of my team for looking after my Guide family so well.

Fred and I came back to a busy programme, so lazing on the beach at Waikiki now seems like a very dim dream!

We had another meeting with Mr. Butchart and members of the Scout Association. The main topics discussed were joint Guide and Scout activities and the Scout Association decision to admit girls to the Rover and later Venturer Sections. This announcement of policy will not be implemented for some little time.

I went to a meeting of the Springfield District—lots of fun but rather short and sweet as the Springfield Guiders were going on to a farewell to their Region Commissioner—and I was due at a Form I dinner for Ann.

I also visited 4th Malvern Company and was able to participate in an enrolment.

I spent a magnificent weekend in Mildura for the Annual Region Conference. The theme of this was Reach Out with Love, and this they certainly did the whole time I was with them.

The weekend began with a most enjoyable Civic Reception on the Friday evening—how wonderful to see the World flag flying from the City offices throughout the weekend. The first session of the conference followed a delicious meal at the Mildura Tennis Club. The hostess L.A. members were excellent cooks and Rangers and Guides were highly efficient and attractive waitresses. It was exciting to see so many people outside Guiding at the meeting, particularly members of the Sunraysia migrant population.

Saturday morning was spent with the children, and I was able to talk with them and join in their activities. A group of us visited the Mildura Hospital, where Brownies and Guides presented 17 knee rugs they had made—the girls knitted and crocheted over 700 squares. Congratulations!

The second session of the conference on Saturday afternoon was also well attended—but this time with our own members only.

Sunday morning we had a Guides' Own—how wonderful to see the church absolutely packed—with Brownies even sitting on the Kneelers.

I left Mildura after the Guides' Own—having a barbecue lunch at the delightful Guide property, Yandiah, at Nangiloc, with the Committee of Management and their families.

I left on the drive home loaded with goodies from the area, full of the friendship of Sunraysia Region and inspired by the way Guiding seems to be progressing in the Region.

I was guest speaker at Box Hill District Annual Meeting. The L.A. said they were a small group, but again here we had a packed hall—always a little nerve shattering but how rewarding for the District Commissioner, L.A. and Guiders.

Both Box Hill and Mildura made me more convinced than ever that with enthusiastic leadership Guiding can fill the needs of the girls of today—and can grow even bigger and stronger.

Holidays are now on and everyone is finally home. Ann was in Sydney for a week, and Rick in Cadet camp. As I look about the property the lines of a song come to mind—

Mud, mud, glorious mud—

There's nothing quite like it for cooling the blood.

It is disappointing for all those camping not to have nicer weather, but sometimes we have even more fun under adverse conditions, and a little bit of mud never hurt anyone!

With love to you all,

JOAN E. GRIMWADE,

State Commissioner.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GUIDERS

BROWNIE SECTION

Brownie Guide Tie.—The new cross-over style Brownie Guide Tie will be on sale at the Guide Shop from September, 1974, and will cost \$1.00 each. This will be the only official tie to be worn with the uniform.

It is not expected that all Brownie Guides will need to purchase a new tie, but it does mean that the tie worn at present by the girls will need to be altered. This can be done quite easily by purchasing a new tie as a sample and involving the parents, L.A. Members or any other interested "friends", e.g., Needlework Tester for the Unit, for this project.

There will be a six-months "change over" period, and it is expected that all the girls at present in the Units will be wearing the new style by 1st April, 1975.

Brownie Guide Cap.—It has come to our attention that a number of Brownie Guide Packs are holding yellow caps in stock, and the new recruits are wearing them while in the Pack and handing them back when they leave. The Brown beret has been on sale in the Guide Shop for almost two years, and from the 1st November, 1974, each new recruit will be required to buy a brown beret. Yellow caps **are no longer acceptable for recruits**. The brown beret is the official head-gear to be worn with the uniform.

Jubilee Year.—Brownie Guide Leaders, we would like to remind you that this year is the Brownie Guides' Jubilee Year, and would refer you to the article found in this issue of "Matilda". Please share it with your Brownie Guides.

THE SPANNING SEMINAR

Who? All Victorian Guiders.

What? THE SPANNING SEMINAR, '74.

When? Saturday, 12th October, 1974.

Where? Melbourne University — 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Open House at Headquarters — 5.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.
Tea and coffee available from 5.30 p.m. onwards.

Bring your own evening meal, or buy it on the way! Applications close 14th September. See July "Matilda" for the application form, and August "Matilda" for full details.

FOR DIVISION COMMISSIONERS

The Mayoress's Luncheon, scheduled for 16th October, at Headquarters, will commence at 12.15 p.m., cost \$1.50. Acceptances to the Hon. Secretary, Special Activities Committee, c/o Headquarters, by 6th October, please.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

CHRISTMAS CARD FOR THE CHIEF

Are **you** going to remember our World Chief Guide at Christmas time this year? Once again, members throughout Australia can send their thoughts to her in one great co-ordinated message, together with a gift cheque for her to use as she wishes. Donations, no matter how small, together with donors' signatures, should be sent to Miss G. Buckland, 52 Tanti Avenue, Mornington, 3931.

RYDER CHESHIRE FOUNDATION

Many members of the Movement will be interested in the tremendous work accomplished throughout the world by the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation, which was established by Group Captain Cheshire and his wife, the former Sue Ryder, a British Guider, well known for her relief work. The Cheshires will be visiting Australia in October, and will be speaking at a Public Meeting at the Dallas Brooks Hall on Tuesday, 29th October, at 8 p.m. (No admittance charge.)

TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

(To be read in conjunction with Training Calendar in "Matilda".)

Stage 1 — Barwon Region.

Thursday, 14th November, from 7.30 p.m. - 10 p.m., at Guide Hall, Myers Street, Geelong.

Saturday, 23rd November, from 9.30 a.m. - 5 p.m., at "Tallawalla", Moggs Creek.

Saturday, 30th November, from 9.30 a.m. - 5 p.m., at Guide Hall, Myers Street, Geelong.

Applications and \$1.50 training fee to Mrs. A. Bell, 1 Layton Crescent, Newtown, 3220, by 30th October.

Indoor Camp Permit — for Guide Guiders.

Weekend — 19th/20th October. Time: 9.30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday; 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. Location — "James Cottage", Scoresby. You may live-in if you like. Fee: \$4.50 (live-in), \$3.50 (live out). All to bring a cut lunch. Applications and fee, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to Mrs. C. Howarth, 7 Lauriston Court, Ringwood, 3134, by 4th October.

Q.M. Course.

Maroondah Region have offered to run a Q.M. Course during October/November — either daytime or evening. If you would like to attend this course, please ring Mrs. Howarth — 870 8246 — as soon as possible.

Training Day for L.A. Office Bearers.

Please note that this training will be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on 2nd October, **not** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. as advertised in the Training Calendar.

Summer Training Week.

At Britannia Park, 15th - 21st January, 1975. Here's an opportunity for developing your leadership ability in an atmosphere of friendship and fun in pleasant bushland surroundings. Open to **ALL** adult leaders. Programme will include: Stage 1; Stage 2; Special Subjects, including Canoeing, Pioneer, and Orienteering. Accommodation will be both indoors and outdoors — please state preference — indoor limited. Transport will be arranged from Melbourne/Britannia Park if necessary. Fee — to be advised. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by 11th November.

Camp Fire Club.

12th September, 10th October, 14th November, at Headquarters, from 8 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

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Commissioners and Guiders
Local Association Members, Parents and Friends

*The State Commissioner, Mrs. F. S. Grimwade,
and Members of the State Council
of the Girl Guides Association, Victoria*

invite you to attend

The Annual General Meeting

to be held at

*New City Centre, Coltham Road, New
on Monday, 21st October, 1974 at 8.00 p.m.*

*Guest Speaker: Professor B. Crittenden,
Dean of School of Education, Latrobe University*

ACCEPTANCES TO
STATE SECRETARY,
20 RUSSELL STREET,
MELBOURNE — BY 15th OCTOBER

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CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:—

Guider's Long Service:

(25 years)

Miss D. Kane, Melbourne; Mrs. G. Bode, Noble Park; Mrs. K. A. Grose, Robinvale.

(15 years)

Mrs. D. Renard, Nth. Balwyn.

Combined Long Service:

Mrs. Muirhead, Murchison.

Local Association Long Service:

Mrs. W. O'Donnell, Mildura Sth.; Mrs. Finn, Yarraville; Mrs. E. M. Cowan, Richmond; Mrs. K. M. Sallows, Richmond; Mrs. A. Frew, Coleraine; Mrs. H. Hutchins, Coleraine.

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Thanks Badge:

Mrs. I. Thompson, Noble Park; Mr. K. G. Robbins, Mildura; Mr. I. H. Ramsay, Mildura; Mr. K. G. Henshilwood, Irymple; Mrs. J. Gabb, Kew.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

District Commissioners:

Mrs. W. D. Young, Maffra; Mrs. A. W. Holmes, Woodend; Mrs. P. P. Caruso, Boort; Mrs. J. A. Street, Thorpdale; Mrs. N. E. Hawkes, Stratford; Mrs. J. A. Crichton, Hallam; Mrs. P. G. Challen, Red Hill; Mrs. R. J. Sproull, Nowa Nowa; Miss G. Buckland, Mornington; Miss S. McKay (Assistant), Ararat.

Ranger Guiders:

Mrs. C. E. Wauchope, "S.R.S., Hobart"; Miss R. Whitely, Nth. Balwyn Rangers.

Assistant Ranger Guiders:

Mrs. J. Hardie, Sunraysia East "Illawong" Rangers.

Guide Guiders:

Mrs. R. C. Nelson, 1st Elwood; Mrs. W. J. Johns, 1st Norlane; Miss E. F. Szoka, 2nd Springfield; Miss G. Hume, 1st Clifton Hill; Miss M. I. Mason, 1st Balmoral; Mrs. J. R. Lyon, 1st Rosanna; Mrs. B. W. Broome, 1st Cann Valley; Mrs. W. C. Kennewell, 2nd Sorrento; Miss J. Dougall, 1st Daylesford; Mrs. W. L. Kay, 1st Orbost; Mrs. B. Webster, 2nd Bendigo; Mrs. T. J. Kenney, 1st Keysborough; Mrs. R. McConchie, 5th East Brighton.

Assistant Guide Guiders:

Mrs. K. J. Angwin, 1st Kyneton; Mrs. J. Grinter, 1st Nathalia; Miss R. Jeffrey, 2nd Seymour; Mrs. V. E. Batchelor, 1st Cranbourne; Miss H. Cox, 2nd Cranbourne; Mrs. V. Courtot, 1st Daylesford; Mrs. H. Trevena, 4th Doncaster; Mrs. D. J. Hilyear, 1st Keysborough; Miss S. E. Cohen, 4th St. Kilda; Mrs. H. W. Cole, 2nd Shepparton; Miss R. Saddler, 1st Pascoe Vale Sth.; Miss S. MacCallum-Bathgate, 1st Ringwood; Mrs. I. Cattannach, 1st Cardross.

Brownie Guiders:

Miss J. D. Hobbs, 4th Horsham; Mrs. A. K. Kemp, 4th East Malvern; Mrs. L. W. Plowright, 1st Dingley; Mrs. J. Teed, 3rd Waverley North; Miss J. Pretty, 1st Box Hill; Mrs. R. C. Nickels, 3rd Traralgon; Mrs. J. Hill, 3rd Swan Hill; Mrs. F. B. Edwards, 1st Newcomb; Mrs. S. M. Parrington, 1st Monbulk; Mrs. S. McMahon, 2nd Keysborough; Mrs. J. P. Maskiell, 1st Kilsyth; Mrs. K. Landwehr, 1st Minyip; Miss J. M. Glen, 3rd Cranbourne; Mrs. A. Mattingley, 1st Herne Hill; Mrs. D. K. Williams, 1st Dimboola; Mrs. K. Broome, 1st Cann Valley; Mrs. J. R. Morcom, 2nd Wendouree; Mrs. J. A. Beaumont, 2nd Mt. Eliza; Mrs. N. D. Catt, 1st Mt. Eliza; Mrs. W. O'Hoy, 2nd Bendigo; Mrs. D. G. Boak, 1st Mt. Clear; Miss J. D. Hobbs, 4th Horsham; Mrs. D. P. Hughes, 2nd Keysborough; Mrs. R. Postlethwaite, 1st St. Arnaud; Mrs. W. F. Strauss, 1st Rainbow; Mrs. J. W. Boucher, 2nd Rosebud; Mrs. D. Read, 3rd Mulgrave.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Miss L. J. Mansfield, 2nd Tongala; Miss L. J. Amiet, 1st Nilma; Mrs. A. C. Tormai, 4th Wattle Park; Mrs. R. E. Dawson, 1st Coolaroo; Mrs. G. McNees, 1st Maryvale; Mrs. J. H. Lewis, 1st Box Hill; Mrs. G. Preston, 3rd Traralgon; Miss M. Fyfe, 1st Cowes; Mrs. L. Baker, 1st Simpson; Mrs. F. Smith, 1st Minyip; Mrs. M. L. Doidge, 3rd Cranbourne; Mrs. A. Richmann, 1st Cranbourne; Mrs. N. G. Cox, 1st Cann Valley; Miss R. C. Prossor, 3rd Dandenong; Mrs. P. H. Gilbert, 8th Ballarat; Mrs. K. Wangman, 7th Colac; Mrs. G. W. Bird, 2nd Williamstown; Mrs. H. Mercer, 2nd Bentleigh; Mrs. W. H. Mahoney, 1st Keysborough; Mrs. B. J. Stanford, 3rd Williamstown; Mrs. R. Goff, 3rd Heathmont; Mrs. N. P. Jenkins, 2nd Heathmont.

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Registrations:

Bairnsdale Rangers; 2nd Frankston (Ext.) Rangers; Monbulk Rangers; 4th Mordialloc Rangers (St. Brigid's); Orbost Rangers; 3rd Burwood Pack; 1st Gembrook Pack; 1st Grovedale Pack; 3rd Black Rock Pack; 2nd Charlton Pack; Highvale L.A.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

We acknowledge with gratitude the services given by the following whose warrants have been returned:—

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. P. B. Binnion (Assistant), Yarra Valley.

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. W. Andell, Brighton; Miss D. G. Pearse, Wimmera East.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. W. J. E. Thomson, Thorpdale; Mrs. A. G. Foley, Yallourn North; Mrs. C. S. Gilbert, Ashburton; Mrs. R. A. Collins, Trafalgar; Mrs. M. Davis, North Brighton; Mrs. E. M. Williams, Preston; Mrs. N. T. Anderson, Boort; Mrs. E. Ryan, Bellarine; Mrs. J. McGregor, Berwick; Mrs. P. J. Derwent, Macleod-Rosanna; Mrs. J. Cantwell, Hallam; Mrs. G. J. Handasyde, Wantirna South.

Ranger Guiders:

Mrs. D. G. Pritchard, Beechworth Rangers.

Guide Guiders:

Mrs. R. C. Measham, 2nd Lara; Mrs. H. J. Lardner, 1st Keysborough; Miss S. MacCallum-Bathgate, 3rd Ringwood; Mrs. R. Marshall, 1st Neerim; Mrs. C. N. Allan, 1st Wycheproof; Mrs. N. M. Sutcliffe, 2nd Myrtleford; Mrs. J. S. Carroll, 1st Toorak; Mrs. G. A. Taylor, 2nd Monash; Mrs. E. G. Bunker, 2nd Lilydale; Mrs. S. Hocking, 1st Whittlesea.

Assistant Guide Guiders:

Mrs. M. C. Hayman, 2nd Laverton; Miss E. Fletcher, 3rd Nth. Ringwood; Mrs. C. B. Graham, 1st Glen Waverley; Miss R. Owen, 1st Wedderburn; Mrs. R. Bracken, 2nd Belmont; Miss C. A. Semple, 1st West Heidelberg; Mrs. D. G. Ginn, 1st Irymple; Mrs. B. Parker, 1st Catani; Mrs. J. R. Lyon, 1st Rosanna; Mrs. T. J. Kenney, 1st Keysborough; Miss M. Gloz, 1st Moe; Miss J. L. Dann, 2nd Ocean Grove.

Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. J. Ryder, 1st Tawonga; Mrs. A. E. Bright, 1st Red Hill; Mrs. E. Goodacre, 1st Sth. Croydon; Mrs. D. L. Langdon, 4th Nth. Balwyn; Mrs. R. C. Watkins, 2nd Dareton; Mrs. W. H. Carter, 2nd Thomastown; Mrs. M. Archer, 2nd Kyneton; Mrs. J. H. Lewis, 1st Box Hill; Mrs. L. Ferry, 1st Bannockburn; Mrs. M. Roussy, 1st Elwood; Mrs. J. George, 1st Herne Hill.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. A. S. Beauchamp, 3rd Monash; Miss E. M. Lewis, 1st Yarrowonga; Mrs. S. M. Parrington, 1st Monbulk; Mrs. S. McMahon, 1st Keysborough; Miss J. Pretty, 1st Box Hill; Mrs. A. Mattingley, 1st Herne Hill; Mrs. W. F. Strauss, 1st Rainbow; Mrs. C. J. Taylor, 2nd Hampton Park; Mrs. B. S. Beal, 3rd Bayswater; Mrs. D. Read, 3rd Mulgrave; Mrs. D. P. Hughes, 2nd Keysborough.

**AUSTRALIAN FRIENDSHIP BADGE**

The first Australian Friendship Badge was approved in September, 1951, at an Australian Council meeting held in Sydney. It was a dark blue map of Australia, with the brass Trefoil in the centre, similar to the present bright blue Australian Beret Badge worn by Australian office-bearers and representatives at overseas gatherings, and this also was approved at the 1951 Australian Council meeting.

At the 1955 Council meeting it was agreed that the Map of Australia Badge be used as the Australian Beret Badge ONLY, and that States submit a new design for the Australian Friendship Badge.

At the 1956 Australian Council meeting held in Tasmania, 16 designs were submitted from States and individuals.

The badge chosen was designed by Miss Lillian Mitchell, then State Secretary for New South Wales, and now our Australian Secretary.

The Australian Friendship Badge features a dark blue kangaroo on a white enamel background; at the base, a dark blue boomerang; and, as a "Crown", the tiny brass Trefoil. The idea was that the kangaroo was squatting with front paws extended in friendship; the boomerang represented the sending of goodwill to a wide area, from which it returns to the sender with reciprocal wishes and friendship.

The original badge was of very good quality enamel. In 1959 it was agreed that the badge was too expensive for the Guides to buy in any quantity, and a cheaper one was made, of silver-coloured metal, with a royal blue kangaroo and boomerang.



OUR CABANA VACATION JOBS



For full details see

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