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From our State Commissioner

Dear Everyone,

I feel that perhaps we have lost something by no longer having "the purple sheet", that monthly letter in which I tried to help and encourage you.

I have now decided to put a "purple sheet" into the body of "Matilda" and the Newsletter will continue to be a record of the past month's activities.

We now live in rather a "don't care" society, but I have always felt that Guide folk are different. They do care and do think of others. There are some of our members though who say that a lack of care is creeping into Guiding. If we are to do our best for everyone, and in particular our girls, we really must care.

From our team at Headquarters, Commissioners, L.A. members, Guiders, right through to the girls, we must all care for each other. It is only in this way that Guiding will continue to flourish.

I think and speak of you all in Victoria as my Guide family, and I am trying very hard to encourage this family feeling. As in any large family, love and thoughtfulness for each other determine the strength and unity of that family.

We see this very clearly in Guiding. In areas where Commissioners and Local Association members really care for their Guiders, and Guiders love their girls and take an interest in their whole family, then I think we do have this wonderful Guide family spirit and very strong Guiding. Often there may be times when caring means being firm or strict — this is to be expected in any family.

Whilst I was away I saw an American Girl Scout sticker which impressed me greatly — Girl Scouts Grow Up Caring. I am sure it is just as true in Australia that Girl Guides Grow Up Caring. It is up to all of us to make sure that we do just this.

With love from

Joan E. Grimwade
State Commissioner.

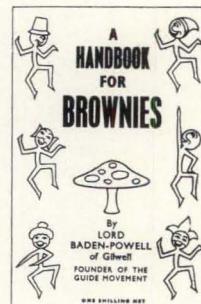


BROWNIES, 1914-1974.

BROWNIE GUIDE HANDBOOK

You all know the nice plump Brownie Guide Handbook which gives heaps of ideas for Interest Badges and Pack Ventures, and tells all about Brownies, and, at the end, about "going up to Guides".

Do you know the first Handbook, a thin little book with six emblems on the cover (see illustration), was written by the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and first published 54 years ago, in 1920?



MATILDA

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NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Girl Guides Association of Australia receive a grant from the Australian Government specifically for the development of Guiding.

In 1970 a National Development Scheme commenced which covered north west Western Australia, across the Northern Territory, outback north Queensland, and the Torres Strait Islands.

The scheme was later extended to urban areas near Sydney and Melbourne and high-rise flat areas in both cities—to Western Australia to help aboriginal girls and women—to mining centres in Queensland, also urban areas near Brisbane.

In Melbourne in 1972 a Project Leader was appointed to work in the Broadmeadows Housing Commission area, a city with many problems, mainly due to the rapid influx of people, resulting in badly over-crowded schools. New districts were opened at Coolaroo and Broadmeadows West, consisting in each area of two packs and a company.

Later in 1972 the project leader extended her activities to Fitzroy, where a Brownie pack was started in Fitzroy North Primary School, meeting during school hours (club time). The pack is flourishing, with 18 Brownies, of whom 13 are migrant girls.

Development work recommenced this year in Fitzroy, an inner suburban high-rise flats area. The overall population is 25,000, with 13,000 overseas born, of many nationalities. Four high-rise flats of twenty stories have been built in this area, housing 3,000 people, of whom half are children, Australian born 26%, United Kingdom 19%, and European 55%. The buildings demolished to make room for these flats housed 557 persons, resulting once again in additional children crowded into existing schools.

There has been Guiding in Fitzroy for many years, but it had been affected by the changing population. Now with units starting in the schools, Guiding is going ahead.

An Extension Company has opened in the Fitzroy Special School, a school for mildly mentally retarded, handicapped children. There are fifty children in this school, more than half migrants. The seven girls in the unit have been meeting weekly during school hours. Their uniforms, all second-hand, given by other Guides, with new red ties, bought with money donated by a pack. Excitement ran high the day the uniforms were tried on. "Miss, Miss, is it really for us? A hat (beret), Miss, look Miss, a belt; we are Guides, we are Guides!" A week later these girls assembled. The skies were threatening, so the ceremony was held in a cleared classroom. The rest of the school sat

very quietly—teachers, parents who could attend and people interested in the welfare of the Fitzroy children, gathered at the back. The girls, all looking spic and span, filed in and stood in a half circle, the Commissioner spoke to them about Guides, the girls repeated their promise together, then their badges were pinned on to their ties. After the ceremony a small party was held, the Guides passing and serving the adults and school children with sponge cake and cordial. One wonders what is ahead of these children. Some of them, Meli, Panagiata and Kirsi, have a double burden, being handicapped and in a new country, to learn the language and the ways. For the present they are happy being Guides.

In Fitzroy Girls' Secondary School, where 79% of the girls are from migrant families, a Company was started with the co-operation of the teachers, meeting during lunch time. It took thirteen weeks before any continuity was achieved, different girls coming each week to see what it was all about. We are now established with fourteen girls interested in becoming Guides.

A multi-lingual coloured pamphlet has been printed by Victoria, eight coloured photographs depicting the guiding programme with a written paragraph printed in English, Greek, Italian, Serbo-Croat and Spanish, with inserts in Arabic, Macedonian and Turkish. The co-operation of the State Savings Bank, A.N.Z. Bank, Ecumenical Centre and Good Neighbour Council, with the translations, was much appreciated. These pamphlets will be so helpful when visiting the parents of the prospective Brownies and Guides.

It does not matter what country the children come from, Greece, Yugoslavia, Turkey or Italy, there are problems and tensions in the home. If we are aware of some of these problems it can only do good.

Take, for instance, Chris, 6 years old, who comes from a rural area in Greece. It is the custom there to have two main meals, midday and late at night; as school finishes at midday, the children are home for this meal.



Chris's mother has had no experience of cut lunches and feels that these cannot be nutritious, also a plump child is a sign that she is being fed nutritiously. So Chris's mother comes to the school at midday with a hot meal and proceeds to feed Chris. With the teachers' patience and understanding this problem has been overcome. A meeting was held at the school and, through an interpreter, instruction was given in preparing nutritious cut lunches.

The children from Yugoslavia have further complications when learning English. This arises with the use of the Cyrillic as well as the Latin alphabet in some Yugoslav languages. Serbo-Croatian can be written in both alphabets, but Macedonian uses only the Cyrillic. Thus the Macedonian child who has had some schooling will experience more difficulty in learning English.

One of the main problems the migrant children have is the language barrier. The children on arrival attend a crash course in English, which provides them with a vocabulary of a few hundred words—the John and Betty books, used in our infant grades in the primary schools, have approximately the same number of words. Some of the children have to try coping with secondary school learning with that kind of equipment. The schools do try to help these children, but there are just not enough migrant teachers to go around. Some of these children had done well in school in their homeland, their parents cannot understand why their children are not fulfilling the high ambitions they have for them.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Uniforms, please, Brownie and Guide, it does not matter the old style, or any part of a uniform.

Depots where uniforms can be left:—

Headquarters (marked "Uniforms"), National Development Project.

Mrs. B. G. Tidex, 8 Rennison Street, Beaumaris (99 2411).

Mrs. R. G. Sloan, 10 Strathallyn Road, Ringwood (870 1687).

Mrs. L. E. Sykes, 13 Bangalore Street, Kensington (33 3472).

Mrs. E. J. Miller, 18 Mangarra Road, Canterbury (836 1958).

Slides.—If you have one or two good slides of Brownie/Guide/Ranger activities, please may we have a copy so we can show the children when visiting the schools. Lastly, I would be very interested to hear if any of you visit migrant families, perhaps teach English to the migrant mothers, go to council naturalization ceremonies, or do anything else with migrants. Please drop me a line, so a record can be made of what the members of the movement are doing to help migrants. My address: 8 Stanhope Street, Mont Albert, 3127.

Mrs. B. Kearney, National Project Leader, and Chairman, Victorian Migrant Committee.

Dear Matilda,

Last school holidays I went to the Guides Leisure-time Activities at the Dandenong Guide hall.

I did enamelling, tac art, flower arranging, and made raffia dolls, paper flowers, a soap casket and a windmill tea-pot stand mat of plastic tubing.

Every day we had morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Mothers were helpers, and their younger children enjoyed making things too. We paid for materials for each item we made.

I made a scene using some of the items, and entered it in a Channel 0 competition for children's hand work. I was thrilled to win first prize for girls—a lovely doll and furniture—and to see behind the scenes of television when I went to receive my prize.

Susan Bergman,
1st Noble Park Company.

WORLD BUREAU HOUSING APPEAL

The 21st World Conference, held in Canada in 1972, authorised the World Committee to negotiate a new lease of 132 Ebury Street, London—the home of the World Bureau. These negotiations have been completed and a lease has been secured for 40 years. Cost of the new lease is £52,500 stg., and as the World Bureau is the secretariat for our World Association, all member countries have an obligation, as well as a keen interest, in seeing that it is adequately housed.

In Australia it has been decided there will be two ways of raising our share of the money. Each member of the movement is asked to give two cents per year for the next three years, and to purchase the special badges and stickers which have been produced for the appeal. They will cost 10 cents each, and are available at the Guide Shop. The attractive cloth badge can be worn on brownie guide and guide uniforms, and in the newsletter you will be advised where it is to be worn. Rangers and guiders will want to sew them on to their camp hats and blankets, and to put the stickers on to the windscreens or bumper bars of their cars.

If you are a leader will you tell your girls about the plan? If you are a member of a Trefoil Guild or Local Association will you make sure that the scheme is discussed at your next meeting?

Two cents per person for three years is not very much to ask of us all, but unless someone is appointed to collect the contributions the scheme will not succeed. Will you get a volunteer for this job straight away? Have a special night to launch the drive for two cents per person. Buy one or two of the five cent posters showing Girl Guiding/Scouting around the world, and have them on display in your hall or room. They show how the movement contributes to development, protects the environment, gives girls the opportunity for training in responsible citizenship and how they serve others. They are so colourful.

This month get planning in your district, and next month in "Matilda" you will be advised how the collection of the money will be made.

BRITANNIA PARK

It is many months since notes from Britannia Park have appeared in "Matilda". We hope all our friends are well, and have, or are about to, enjoy Britannia Park.

We are fortunate that so many of you support our Maintenance Fund, sending in \$6,00 or more regularly each year. During the year \$1306.00 was received, and because of this, we have been able to go ahead with jobs that needed doing. We have received requests that lists of contributors be recorded, as before, in "Matilda", but unfortunately space does not permit this. However, Headquarters is allowing us a new photograph area, where our grateful thanks can be recorded.

During the year our Warden and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, have been constantly employed in the all-over care of Britannia Park. We now have a tractor and slasher, so we can attend to the campsites ourselves when the need arises. We also have a welder, and, with Mr. Fraser's tools in our new workshop, many jobs that would otherwise have had to be done by outside labour can now be attended to by our own warden. With a property such as ours this is extremely valuable. His first job was to completely repair the Warden's cottage and redecorate it. This was very successful, and he has been and is still doing the constant repairs needed on Brownie Cottage and Guide House. There is also constant maintenance on the equipment sheds. Both the Frasers like gardening, and thoroughly enjoy the life at Britannia Park. Mrs. Fraser runs the canteen efficiently, and checks on the cleanliness of the houses and the toilet blocks, to name only some of her jobs.

This time last year we were still worried about our swimming pool, but we are sure it will function well this year. Our main worry is the foreign matter, mainly stones, that younger children of visitors throw into the pool. Can guiders get their guides to train their respective parents to watch their youngsters while at Britannia Park?

Another problem is CARS. We do not allow cars past the car park area. The reason — people insist on driving on to the camp sites even when requested not to, hence the ban. The gate way is padlocked every night at approximately 10.00 p.m. and opened next morning by 6.30 a.m., so your cars are safe. If you should need your car for an urgent matter, Mr. Fraser has to be alerted so the gateway can be opened. Buses are also banned, as the road was never intended for these large vehicles.

When you visit Britannia Park, please remember it belongs to ALL the Guides of Victoria. Now that is a large family, and we all have different views of how we should look after our own and other peoples' properties. However, because we are guides, there should be a fairly high standard of CARE for Britannia Park.

On the camp sites, some of the things we find, which we shouldn't, are toffee papers, tissues, pieces of string and rope, tent pegs and mallets. In the houses we also find rubbish thrown under the beds or tucked behind the curtains. It is your job, if you are in residence, to see you leave Brownie Cottage or Guide House as clean, if not cleaner, than when you entered it. Floors, basins, sinks, etc., must be clean. Perhaps you are trying to fit too much into your programme and not leaving enough time for Patrol and Six Duties! Just a thought — none of us is perfect, but we can always try to be a little better.

Firewood is an expensive item. Would you please use it sparingly? Don't leave stoves burning all day unless you are actually cooking or heating water. Some groups go off for a hike soon after they arrive and bring back most, if not all, of the wood they need from beside the roads and in the forest area.

Electricity is another expensive item. Please don't leave the radiators or lights on when you go outside for an activity.

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AUSTRALIAN LINK-UP

VICTORIA

The Australian Link-Up event in Victoria was a Train Trek to cover the Eight Points—"Getting to Know People".

The event was held during the school holidays, and four hundred guides attended—ninety-one from interstate and the rest from Victoria. The three tours went to Swan Hill, Warrnambool and Yarram.

Many new friendships began as a result of our Victorian Train Trek, so we really did "get to know people".

I would like to express my gratitude to Local Association members who did such a marvellous job feeding all those Guides; to the tradespeople who made sure that our bread and milk was delivered each day to the trains; to the bus companies who made our day trips so interesting; to the railway staff who carried out the arrangements which Nigel Halworth, our Railway representative, enthusiastically planned for the tours; to the guiders from interstate and Victoria, who gave their time and efforts so willingly to the success of the Train Trek; and to the guides whose participation and obvious enjoyment made the "Link-Up" a Victorian event to remember.

Shirley Prince,
Train Trek Convenor.

One of these trains passed through Geelong, where uniformed personnel met the guides and their leaders and escorted them on walks around Geelong, pointing out sites of special interest and giving the girls time to buy souvenirs.

This eight-carriage train went on through Colac to Warrnambool and Hamilton.

Gippsland Train Trek

First stop was Korumburra. The girls toured Coal Creek Historical Park, a small town similar to Sovereign Hill, and visited Leongatha and Inverloch, returning to have their tea at the Guide Hall in Korumburra.

The guides returned to the train to sleep and in the morning arrived at Foster. A bus tour was enjoyed to Wilson's Promontory, where the girls ate lunch prepared by guides from Foster. After exploring the look-out and the beaches, they returned to the Guide Hall at Foster for tea, provided by the Local Association.

Next morning the train went on to Yarram and a bus there took the girls to Port Albert where they saw the Fish Packing Works, Life Saving Club and Marine Museum. At Trevally they visited an old church which had been constructed without nails, and the guides were photographed by the Yarram Press.

At Spencer Street. (Photo by Mrs. Y. Bakewell)



The bus took the visitors to the Yarram Art Gallery and Museum, which was originally a bank, and they met a Gippsland artist whose work was exhibited at the Gallery.

The guides also visited the dock and a shearing shed, where they enjoyed their lunch.

At Yarram Guide Hall there was a concert, with guides from the Train Trek and Yarram guides each putting on skits.

After a good night's sleep on the train, they returned express to Melbourne.

Special thanks to the three L.A.s who provided lovely hot teas for us each night. It was greatly appreciated. We hope the other leaders enjoyed themselves as much as we all did, in between losing the train key and mysterious brown-paper bags. It was exciting meeting Guides from all over Australia and exchanging ideas, badges, and forming many new friendships.

Three cheers for the organisers, leaders, and all others who helped to make the trip a success.

— From reports by Anne Collett, Debbie Kurle, Cheryl Marriner, Karen Wilson, Belinda Holmes.



Train Trek to Bendigo - Swan Hill

One hundred and fifty-four guides travelled three to a compartment on this tour; sleeping arrangements: one guide to each of the two seats, one on a lilo on the floor.

The train left Melbourne in the morning and arrived at Bendigo, where the guides boarded buses for a tour of the city. Their first stop was the Eucalyptus Distillation, which is also an historical farm; then to Bendigo Pottery where they were given an interesting tour around. They returned to the Town Hall, where the Local Association had tea prepared for them.

After a good night's sleep on the train the guides were given a tour through Deborah Mine, and later boarded a tram which took them through Bendigo's main street. A tape recorder in the tram told of points of historical interest as they rode along.

The guides visited the Joss House, a Chinese temple, and then returned to the mine, where they went up a tower from which they could see all of Bendigo.

After having lunch at the local guide hall, they walked back to the train and travelled on to Swan Hill.

Here they were met by some of the local guides and brownies, and were taken to their Guide Hall. Tea together was followed by campfire singing at the hall.

Next morning the bus drove them to "Tyntynder Homestead" and they were shown around by the owners. The homestead was very old and the grounds were beautiful.

While they were there the Leyland brothers arrived in their jeeps. They were making a film on the River Murray, and the girls were fortunate enough to obtain their autographs.

The girls spent the afternoon at the Pioneer Settlement, but there was not enough time to see all of it.

After a shower at the football changing rooms, they walked back in the rain to the Guide Hall, where a lovely roast dinner with steamed pudding was waiting.

Next morning the train took the guides back to Bendigo station where they had a ten-minute stopover and then continued their journey back to Melbourne.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia's contribution to the "Australian Link-Up" was a series of camps under the "Keeping Fit" Point of Guiding's Eight Point Programme. The camps were golf, tennis, riding, fishing and a general camp.

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CAMPING DEPARTMENT

Many queries have been received by the Camping Department re First Aid Kits. Here is a list of suggested items for First Aid Kits suitable for Unit and Patrol Camping.

FIRST AID KIT . . . ALL WEATHERS . . . GUIDE LEADERS . . .

All quantities to be kept to a minimum depending on size of camp. To be placed in a box or case which should have a lock. Light enough to be carried a reasonable distance.

CASE MUST CONTAIN LIST OF CONTENTS AND USES FOR SAME.

GENERAL EQUIPMENT

Plastic bags (assorted sizes), may be used to spread when treating wounds, disposal of dirty dressings, covering bandaged wounds while showering, travel sickness.

Assorted bandages.

Bandaids, adhesive plaster.

Gauze suitable for dressings.

Cotton wool, cotton buds.

Small basin.

Soap, nail brush, small towel or "Chux".

Tweezers, magnifying glass.

Medicine measure, spoon and plastic mug.

Scissors, safety pins, elastic bands for hair, hot water bag.

Torch, matches.

Money for phone calls.

Notebook and pencil for First Aider to note down any treatment given, with date and time so it may be checked.

Oral Tablets. Keep in separate container in kit. All foil wrapped for preference. Better preserved and easier to carry.

Disprin or Panadol for child.

Codis or Panadeine for adult.

Headache, period pain, head cold.

Stomach upset — Alkaseltzer.

Constipation — Laxettes.

Diahorrea — Oletron or Diareze tablets.

Heat exhaustion — Saltadex.

Sore Throats — Eumenthol Jubes or Cepacol Lozenges.

Oral Mixtures — Keep in plastic bottles.

Coughs — Benadryl Expectorant or Nyal Decongestant.

Other Liquid Preparations — Kept in plastic bottles.

Antiseptic — T.C.P. — This is a multi-purpose antiseptic. Does not need to be diluted for cuts and bites. Diluted for gargle.

Sore eyes — Murine, Optone or Nyal Decongestant Eye Drops.

Earache (mild only) — Nyal Earache Drops or Ottcaine.

Sore gums or ulcer in mouth — S.M.33 or Applicaine.

In case of kerosene poisoning give milk — evaporated milk suitable — and seek medical attention urgently.

Specific Purpose Equipment.

Thermometer (flat type for easier reading) — temperatures.

Crepe bandage — sprains.

Triangular bandages — slings and sprains.

Ligature — snake bite, severe bleeding.

Needles — splinters.

Eye bath — foreign body in eye.

Sanitary towels and belt.

Plastic bag with clean linen and burn cream for kitchen emergency.

Ointments used for most convenience of carrying.

Minor burns and sunburn — Paxyl, Bute-san Picrate or Johnson's Burn Cream.

General antiseptic cream — Savlon.

Sore lips and chaffed legs — Lanoline.

Aching limbs and sprains — Iodex or Heat Rub (use only on unbroken skin).

Bites and allergy rashes — only anti-allergy cream, e.g., Anthisan or Caladryl.

Head colds — Vicks Vaporub.

Splinters and boils — drawing paste, e.g., Magnoplasma.

The proprietary lines chosen are not potent and can be used safely by a majority of younger people.

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PATROL PERMIT FIRST AID KIT

Please keep as small as possible.

Plastic bags, bandaids, cotton wool, tweezers, medicine measure, safety pins, matches, money, notebook and pencil. Disprin, Alkaseltzer, Eumenthol Jubes, paraffin oil, T.C.P., Murine, triangular bandage, needles, bandages, Johnson's Burn Cream, Savlon, Vicks Vaporub.

TRAINING CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
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.

Note: See also green Training Calendar supplement.

Stage 1 Training:

Moorleigh, weekend 21st-22nd June and 19th-20th July, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165, by **6th June, 1975**.

Pack Holiday Training:

South Metro Region, 11th-13th July (Residential). Friday 6.00 p.m. till 3.00 p.m. Sunday. Fee to be advised. Further information available from Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165.

8 Point Programme:

Cheltenham, April 5th, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Further information available from Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165.

AMENDMENTS TO "A HANDBOOK FOR GUIDERS — GUIDE SECTION"

The following amendments to the above-mentioned Handbook correct inaccuracies brought about because of changes since its publication. It is suggested that Guide Leaders correct their Handbooks accordingly.

Page 57.—Delete reference to "Biennial Service Badges". Substitute explanation of "Over 13" badges from Guide Handbook Part 2, and "How to use the Australian Guide Badges".

Page 60.—"Recognition of Progress". Delete reference to "Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Association". The only qualifications from other Associations recognised for Guide badges are the Intermediate Star (Junior Lifesaver) and Bronze Medallion (Lifesaver) of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Summer Training Week, Britannia Park, 15th-21st January, 1975.

Here is 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 Creative Expression, Canoeing, Pioneering, Orienteering, Pottery, Photography, Macrame.

Accommodation will be both indoors and outdoors—state preference—indoor limited.

Transport will be arranged Melbourne/Brittannia Park if necessary.

Fee — see Training Calendar supplement (green).

When making your application would you please indicate:

- The kind of training(s) needed.
- Accommodation — indoor or outdoor.
- Whether transport will be required.

Applications and \$10.00 deposit to be sent to the Training Department no later than **20th November**.

Page 61.—"The Eight Point Badge". This section should be read in conjunction with the assessment of the Eight Point Badge as described on page five in the Guide Handbook Part 2.

Page 62.—"Service Flash". Delete reference to "four months' continuous service or 40 hours of service during a twelve-month period". The test for this Flash is "Carry out within a six-month period a minimum of 24 hours' service to a group or individual that will provide you with a challenging experience".

Page 174.—Delete "Pack Leader". Substitute "Pack Guide".

Page 248 (Coudrey Edition only).—"Where to Wear Your Badges"—"Metal Badges and Bars". Delete "Guide First Class, Queen's Guide". These badges are not worn on Guider uniform.

TRAINING PAGES

"LOOKING AHEAD"

Whilst you are being busy with break-up preparations allow time to pause and reflect. A few thoughts and some tentative plans for the future will get the New Year off to a good start.

Leadership

Assess the need for leadership —

- are there two effective leaders in each unit?
- are any of your Guiders leaving?
- have you replacements?
- do you plan to open a new unit?

What plans are you making for the unit without a leader?

Commissioners, have you thought of the wisdom of delaying its New Year commencement date?

If the delay is explained to the girls, they may be disappointed but they will understand.

After all, they, more than anyone, know the value of a leader who has some understanding of what it is all about.

The fun of guiding can be too easily destroyed for the new guider if she is asked to take responsibility before she gains some understanding of her role. Some of the biggest mistakes, and the most difficult to rectify later, are made by the new guider's lack of appreciation of our form of self government in the unit, of self assessment and the capabilities of the girls they are leading.

Working with another unit and **then** attending training **before** she takes over a unit will produce a much more confident guider, better prepared to cope with the challenges of the established unit she has inherited or the new unit she is to open.



Camping and Pack Holidays

- have all the bookings been made?
- is any staff needed?
- have the necessary forms been sent to your C.A.?

Please note that all forms should be obtained from your C.A., not from Headquarters.

First Aider.

Are your qualifications up to date? St. Johns and Red Cross should be re-tested every three years.

Camp First Aid Certificate holders, you are expected to keep your knowledge up to date.

Brownie Revels

Brownie Guiders, do give thought to using the fine weather and lighter evenings of early new year; ask the Brownies **now** so that planning can commence as soon as you go back. Of course, the Revels will be planned by the Brownies, won't they? (See the Brownie Revel leaflet, on how to do it and for ideas. Available from the Shop.)

Gathering Your Thoughts for Thinking Day?

The May "Matilda" Training Pages have lots of ideas. The girls need to decide **now** if it is to be a district celebration or a unit one, and who is to be responsible for the planning.

Our heartiest congratulations to Miss Rae McPhee on gaining her Ranger Training Certificate and to Mrs. Jeanette Barrett (Ranger) and Mrs. Zara Ludbey (Guide) on becoming members of their Region Training Teams.

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Are Your Guides Prepared for a Safe and Happy Summer?

Whether holidays are to be spent at home in familiar surroundings or away discovering new horizons, **now** is a good time to check everyone's knowledge of safety rules. Games and quizzes can be made from the leaflets, posters and books available, for a small charge, from:-

- National Red Cross, 2nd Floor, 122 Flinders Street, Melbourne.
- National Safety Council of Australia, Victorian Division, 191 Royal Parade, Parkville.
- Road Safety and Traffic Authority, 801 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn.

Do not overlook **Home Safety**. When the whole family is home and life is more relaxed, we can easily get careless and thoughtlessly cause accidents. Is your Unit up to date on their **Water Safety** rules? Have all the girls had the opportunity to learn rescue breathing mouth-to-mouth method this year? Have the non-swimmers learnt to swim since last summer? Remember to include in **Road Safety** the rules of safe travel for passengers. Have all owners of bicycles learnt to care for and operate their machines correctly? Many young people receive a bike for Christmas; have these potential new owners in your unit the knowledge to safely use their new possessions? Summer holidays are a time for **CAMPING, HIKING** and **BOATING**. Year after year during the summer holidays our newspapers report accidents which, with knowledge on the part of those involved, could have been avoided.



A LETTER FROM MANDY

Dear Guides,

Many of us have pets; they are our friends and we must remember **every day** we are responsible for their feeding and general welfare. In preparation for the long relaxed summer holidays, now is the time to give thought to summer care of pets.

If your pet is a **DOG** and he lives out of doors, you must provide him with a kennel which is comfortable and dry, and has shade during the hot summer days. Avoid chaining him up; if he must be chained for short periods, give him a running chain and make sure he has a shady spot to rest in. A bowl of clean cool water should always be available for him.

Exercise is essential for the health of your pet, but do not exercise him too violently in the hot sun, and don't make him race you when you are riding a bicycle.



A dog needs daily grooming and a bath when necessary. He will enjoy a dip in the sea if you are at a beach where this is permissible; do not allow him to stay in too long and always rinse his coat afterwards with fresh water so the salt does not harden and set up skin irritation. Brush his coat free from sand for the same reason.

When travelling by car, do not let your dog hang his head out of the open window, it is bad for his eyes. If you have to leave him in the car on a hot day be sure the car is parked in shade with a window partly open.

Your dog should always wear a sturdy collar with his registration disc securely attached. When in a busy street a lead should be used, and when in the country and he is running free, be sure he does not chase farm animals.

When you are grooming him at the beach or in the country keep a special watch for grass seeds which sometimes become embedded in the skin, particularly the ears; these cause great discomfort.

Ticks may also embed themselves in the skin; these swell to the size of a small pea and if not completely removed can cause an abscess.

A dog needs simple training or he will be a menace to himself and everyone else.

During holidays when you can be with him all day may be just the time to start this training. Your local library will be sure to have books on methods of training dogs.

Perhaps your pet is a CAT. He also requires regular grooming, especially at moulting time; if this is not done he will swallow his own hair and this forms balls in his stomach and will make him ill.

Fresh water should be available for cats at all times. You may notice your cat eating coarse grass: it is nature's medicine.

If you wish your cat to wear a collar, it should be of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide elastic, not ribbon or leather.

Have you ever watched closely how your pet drinks his milk?

Is your pet a CANARY or a BUDGERIGAR? Birds enjoy sun and warm weather, but need careful attention. Too much sun can be harmful and may actually kill them. When the cage is outside provide shade for your bird at all times—a piece of cloth hung over one side of the cage will help supply this necessary protection.

Cages should be cleaned daily and a fresh carpet of sand provided in the bottom tray. Drinking water should be changed daily even though many birds do not appear to drink very much. Some pet birds enjoy taking a cool bath during warm weather and should be provided with a heavy firm dish of water on the floor of the cage.

If they do not wish to bathe they may appreciate a gentle spraying with tepid water; this can be done by using a large spray of the kind normally used for spraying perfume.

Special seed food mixtures need to be supplemented with small quantities of lettuce leaves, spinach, water cress, etc.; if this is not eaten within a short space of time it should be removed, as stale green foods can cause enteritis.

Perhaps your pets are FISH in an aquarium. Fish should be kept in a tank, not a bowl. Tanks which stand by a window should be protected from daylight by having the outside of the glass nearest the window painted green; if a great deal of sunlight comes through the window the back of the tank should be protected by a piece of plywood. Sunlight and changing temperatures cause the water to turn green, this spoils the look of the aquarium and harms the fish. Do not overfeed your fish, food not eaten will pollute the water.

If you are leaving your pet with a friend while you are away from home during summer, do leave detailed instructions on how it should be looked after.

May both you and your pet enjoy the holidays.

Love,
Mandy.

Sue thought you might like to either read this letter to your **guides**, or put it on the notice board. Better still, turn Mandy's information into a game. Ask the girls to find pictures of animals that are often pets, and mount them on cards.

Make small cards with statements of various ways of caring for pets.

Here are two ways of using the equipment:

Game 1

Place pictures around the room.

Shuffle cards and hand out.

(If a team game is desired, put a light pencil mark on back to signify team.)

Place cards upside down by the appropriate picture of the pet.

When all are distributed, check for correctness. The team with the least number of incorrect statements are the best animal lovers (?).

This game is a good discussion starter, and plenty of time should be allowed.

Game 2

"Who am I?"

Gather cards into sets of statements pertaining to each pet, arrange in order of difficulty, easiest ones to be given out last.

Give each set a value and divide it by the number of cards in it.

Team selects a set, statements are read one at a time. If the pet is recognized from the first card, full points are gained; for each card read deduct its value from the set's value.

In some cases the first couple of clues might be appropriate to more than one pet, but if a player wishes to make a wild guess, this is all in the fun.

If an answer is incorrect the rest of the statements are read to the other team, who would gain the value of all the cards left.

COLLECTIONS

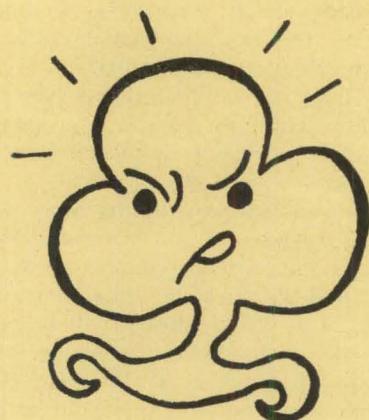
Most people are great collectors of something or other. (Sue says she quite believes that when she sees what some Guiders have in their spare rooms!)

You and the girls might consider a new collection, **just for fun over the coming holidays**. Then early next year you could stage an exhibition of collections. Here are a few possibilities and hints:—

- **Rocks.** Wet the rock to see its colour. Carry a geologist's pick or hammer. (Sue said the Brownies of the N.T. taught her to "clobber" one rock with another.)
- **Soils and Sands.** You will need to collect also small bottles or jars to show off your specimens. If colours vary considerably they could be layered one on top of the other: you need a steady, gentle hand. Practice first with some soils you do not want to keep.
- **Shells.** Always carry a plastic bag when at the beach.
- **Egg cases of marine life** — e.g., Port Jackson shark, dogfish, tulip shells. Look closely among the seaweed and debris after high tide—some things are not always what they seem to be at first.
- **Coral, Sea Urchins, Sea Horses.** Only those washed up on the beach, of course.
- **Seaweed.** To preserve specimens of seaweed they must be rinsed in fresh water to remove the salt. Then place the specimens one at a time into a shallow dish of water. Submerge a piece of white cartridge paper underneath the seaweed. Raise the paper gently so the seaweed remains spread out on the surface of the paper with the water slowly running off. Put the paper in a warm place to dry. Most seaweeds have a substance in them which causes them to adhere to surfaces when they dry.

A collection made in this way preserves much of the original form and colour.

SUE IS ANGRY



We have collected this illustration of Sue being angry—a rare sight, but true. It was because some Guides and—dare we say it—Guiders did not stop to think. It happened at one of our Guide properties where birds have allowed us humans to live alongside them for many years, bringing us delightful and happy moments with their songs and frequent flying visits, but never intruding. A pair of birds thought, quite rightly, that it was a good place to bring up a family, and built their home close to one of the camp sites. There came also, to live for a few days, a company of Guides; they made themselves at home, and then discovered the neighbouring family, now with three newly hatched tiny ones. But what happened to courtesy, consideration and respect for living things?

Curiosity and/or ignorance took the Guides visiting too often, staying too long, and going too close to the home, the parent birds were upset over the intrusion and were forced from the nest, and young ones became cold and neglected, and because of the thoughtless visitors they died. "It should never have happened", cried Sue. "Wasn't there someone to tell the Guides what they were doing? Did no one care?"

Caring for our environment and living alongside the natural inhabitants of the land is something we as Guides **have promised to do**. Leaders, help your girls to understand this. Camping is not just a group of humans living together under canvas: it is (or should be) **LIVING WITHIN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF GOD'S WORLD**.

CHRISTMAS AND THE EIGHT POINTS



When a Guide makes her Promise, she undertakes to do her "duty to God".

Perhaps the suggestions below will help you to **think for yourself** of ways in which **YOU** can tie Christmas into your Guiding programme.

1 — THINKING FOR YOURSELF

- * Do you fully understand Christmas history? e.g., what is myrrh? what does it come from? why was it considered valuable?
- * investigate some Christmas "customs", e.g., from where, by whom, and when was the Christmas tree introduced to England?
- * plan a "different" Christmas activity.

2 — KEEPING FIT

- * plan nutritious festive menus (food values? calories?).
- * hold a grooming campaign for Christmas parties (clothes? budget? finger nails? hairstyles?).
- * discuss the need for sleep and rest between festive activities.

3 — KEEPING THE GUIDE LAW

- * make a special effort to be helpful as increased demands are made on home life, etc.
- * learn the art of making the best use of time (Christmas party? school play? or sleep?).
- * Christmas is a good reason for shy people to start being friendly to all.
- * attend your church Christmas services.
- * 1973 New Year resolutions?

4 — EXPLORING THE ARTS

- * plan decorations for various rooms in the house .
- * hold a tree-decorating competition.
- * make decorations and/or your own Christmas cards.
- * stage a Christmas play or tableau.
- * further your knowledge of biblical history (e.g., name of star, and where it was seen by the Wise Men).

5 — GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE

- * learn how to converse at Christmas parties (at the Guide hall? at home?).
- * invite some lonely person to share Christmas with you, e.g., a person from another land in your office or school, a country person in the city.
- * visit a senior citizens' or convalescent home and extend cheer to the occupants.

6 — GIVING SERVICE

- * take joy to others, e.g., carol singing.
- * hold a senior citizens' dinner.
- * make gifts for others, either as individuals (e.g., toys to homes) or collectively (e.g., a patchwork quilt).

7 — BECOMING A HOMEMAKER

- * learn ways to cook poultry.
- * make a Unit Christmas cake.
- * learn to set the table for dinner, a party, a few friends.
- * plan how houses should be kept ready for friends "dropping in" over Christmas.

8 — ENJOYING THE OUT-OF-DOORS

- * have a dawn or sunset Guides' Own Christmas service.
- * have a beach or bush Christmas party (e.g., four to six course meal with each Six or Patrol responsible for one course).
- * hold an out-of-doors Christmas dinner cooking competition.
- * have a "conservation for Christmas" display for parents and friends.

(from the "Waratah")



JOINT SCOUT AND GUIDE HALLS

The attention of Commissioners and Local Associations is drawn to the under-mentioned policy statement which has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides Association of Victoria and the Scout Association of Australia (Victorian Branch).

"For some time the Scout and Girl Guides Associations have had under consideration the issuing of a policy statement for the guidance of those contemplating having a jointly owned property for the joint use of sections of each Association. Whilst the intentions of parents and friends of each of the Associations are always well meaning, it is appropriate to state that the policy of each Association is against joint ownership and to give the reasons behind that policy.

For many years proposals to erect joint Scout and Guide halls have not been looked on with favour, although sometimes approved, owing to the problems they frequently bring in their train.

A good deal of experience has shown that as time passes the local needs of each Association vary considerably, with the result that often there are either insufficient suitable meeting times for both Associations or that one or other Group makes unreasonable demands. As time passes the initial enthusiasm of the Scout Group Committee or the Guide Local Association is apt to change with changes in personnel, and there are also likely to occur changes in the relative strength of the Scout and Guide units using the hall. These are matters which with changes in the relative financial resources of each Association at local level frequently give rise to friction of one kind or another.

For reasons such as these it is considered impractical in the more populous areas to have a scheme whereby the Scouts and Guides share the privileges and burdens equally. Both cannot conduct their respective activities at the same favoured times in the week, and each has different ideas about what is fair in matters of occupancy, annual

contributions and other matters relating to the premises.

Nevertheless it is realised that an entirely different set of circumstances may prevail in small isolated country localities where a combined effort to raise funds for a hall for the use of Scouts and Guides appears to be the only course. Then again some local municipal councils or a benefactor will make an area of land available to both Associations, but not to either one alone. In such circumstances favourable consideration will be given to the provision of a jointly owned property providing shared facilities.

When thought is **first** given to the possibility of having a joint Scout and Guide Hall in any district, and before any fund raising for the purpose is undertaken, it is **essential** for both the Scout Group and the Guide District to seek the approval of their respective State Headquarters. It is emphasised that approval of both State Headquarters must be received before proceeding with any joint fund raising, building plans or land seeking. If approval is given for a joint Scout/Guide hall by both Associations the following conditions must be observed:

1. The proposed hall must be designed not only to meet the existing needs of the two units, but also to provide for reasonable expansion over the next few years.
2. The title, lease, licence or permissive occupancy in respect of the land on which the proposed hall would be erected must be in the joint names of the Scout Association (Victorian Branch) and the Girl Guides Association, Victoria. This requirement is essential because each Movement is incorporated by Act of Parliament and only the corporate bodies of each Association are empowered to hold property.
3. A lease, licence or permissive occupancy must contain a clause permitting the removal of the building on the termination of the occupancy.

4. A clearly defined agreement must be drawn up with regard to the use of the building by both the Scout Group and the Guide District concerned. This should cover the hours of use, the days, the nights and weekend use available to each Movement. This agreement must also set out the financial responsibilities of the Scout Group and the Guide Unit in relation to the upkeep and maintenance of the building, as well as the payment for services such as electricity supplied to the hall. In all cases this agreement must be in writing to avoid the misunderstandings which can arise with change of personnel and the passage of time where the agreement has been verbal. It is satisfactory for the agreement to take the form of a written memorandum setting out the terms agreed upon, a copy of which is to be held by the Scout Group Committee and the Girl Guides Local Association and a copy of which should also be sent to the respective State Headquarters of both Movements.

5. In all cases where land is in the joint names of the two Associations a joint deed of trust under which a local committee of management or custodians are appointed by the Executive Committee of both Associations must be executed. The committee of management or custodians thus appointed are the Group Scoutmaster of the Scout Group for the time being, or if there shall be no Group Scoutmaster, the senior Scouter in the

Scout Group for the time being, the President and Secretary of the Scout Group Committee for the time being, together with the Guide District Commissioner for the time being or if there shall be no District Commissioner, the Division Commissioner for the time being of the Division of which the District forms part, and the President and Secretary of the Girl Guide Local Association for the time being.

In normal circumstances in the country as well as in the metropolitan area and in cases where approval for a joint Scout/Guide building is not given, it is regarded as preferable for one Association or the other to be the owners and managers of the hall and to make provision for the other Association to occupy the building at certain times by arrangement, normally by the payment of a weekly or annual rent. In these circumstances the local unit of the Association owning the hall is solely responsible for the capital costs, annual rental of land, maintenance, improvements, repairs, insurance, etc., and the arrangements for occupancy including the appropriate rent to be paid by the other Association can be varied simply and easily from time to time as necessary. In such cases it is also essential that the arrangements entered into should be recorded in writing and a copy kept by each Association."

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Dear Matilda,

Our pack likes cooking, so we made our fathers lemon butter and chocolates. We thought other packs might like to make some too, so here are the recipes.

Lemon Butter

In a saucepan put 2 oz. butter, 1 cup sugar, juice of two lemons, grated rind of one lemon, 2 eggs well beaten. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. (We put ours in baby food jars.)

Chocolates

Stir together and cook for five minutes: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, 2 cups sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cocoa, 1 tablespoon butter. Add: 1 teaspoon vanilla, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups quickota, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups coconut. Mix all together. Roll until small balls and put in fridge.

3rd Leongatha Brownie Guide Pack,



NOTICES

YOUNG LEADERS' GROUP

For a night of fun, new friendships and a delicious three course meal, come along to our big wind-up for 1974 — a Dinner at The Peacock Lair, 1901 Malvern Road, East Malvern, on Friday, 29th November, starting at about 7.30 p.m. and costing \$6.50 per person with a B.Y.O. licence.

Country Guiders — accommodation can be arranged for the weekend.

Please ring Judy Pretty — 89 9637 — or write to 569 Elgar Road, Box Hill North, for further information.

CAMPING DEPARTMENT

Van. The Association is purchasing a van — Toyota Hiace — to help promote and further camping in the State. It will be used in conjunction with the Training Department who will use it for Campcraft Training.

The van will be equipped with a permit size set of equipment and manned by licensed Guiders who will be rostered to take the van away and run a camp when and where it is needed to help Guiders who are not yet qualified for camping.

We hope to start this scheme early in 1975. Guiders and/or Commissioners will apply to the Division Camp Adviser who will refer the matter to the Region Camp Adviser. It is expected that those applying will be able to arrange for a campsite through their Camp Adviser; that there will be at least one Guider from the unit as a staff member; and that preparation for the camp will be included in the Company programme beforehand (suggestions will be supplied). A menu and stores list will be sent out, stores to be purchased and ready for the camp. Camp fees should cover all costs. Further information and application forms are available from Division Camp Advisers.

YALLOURN DISTRICT 50th ANNIVERSARY OF GUIDING MARCH, 1975

JOIN with us in our celebrations —
March, 1975.

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Buffet Dinner and Concert —
Saturday, 1st March, 1975
Guides' Own and Luncheon —
Sunday, 2nd March, 1975

For information contact —
Miss A. Taylor, Mrs. J. J. Robertson,
P.O. Box 141, 32 Hillside Street,
Newborough, 3828. Yallourn, 3838.
(Telephone Moe (Telephone
27 2555 during Yallourn 62 2034)
business hours)

1975 GIRL GUIDE CALENDARS

The 1975 coloured Girl Guide Calendars were officially launched by our State Commissioner, Mrs. F. S. Grimwade, at the Region Commissioners' Meeting.

Have you secured your calendar yet?

They are available from the Public Relations Adviser, 8 Morris Street, North Balwyn, 3104, or The Guide Shop. Price \$1, or \$1.20 posted.

INSIGNIA ON COMMISSIONER GUIDER SUMMER HAT

By a majority decision of the States, it has been decided that the State Badge may be worn on the knot of the bow of the blue summer hat.

FOR SALE

Ranger uniform and cap, size 36, as new: \$25. Apply: Raelene Wyhoon, 3 Henry Street, Korumburra, 3950.

NATIONAL FESTIVAL . . . OF SONG 1975

Brownie Guiders—have you given your Brownies news of our 1975 National Festival of Song yet? Have they started talking about it in Pow-wow?

Guide Guiders—have you mentioned the National Festival to the P.L. Council yet? Have you got your unit's Talent Scouts on the job?

Ranger Guiders—news of our proposed Festival of Song reached your Rangers yet? Knowing how the young folk of Ranger age love pop music, folk, etc., we are sure they will be eager to take part, so put them in the picture without delay.

Yes, our National Festival of Song is a Happening that really will happen, and now is the time to start thinking about it. Every Brownie Pack, Guide Company and Ranger Unit will want to enter the competitions that will be held early in 1975, so start planning, freshen up your repertoire, learn new songs, encourage those blessed with special talents as instrumentalists, pop singers, blues artists, guitarists, pianistes, etc., to practise madly. There will be thousands of girls from all over Australia in this Festival, and we know your girls will want to be amongst them.

MONASH HALL

After twelve years of planning and raising funds, Monash District Guides have a hall of their own.

As Oakleigh City Band played, officials and guests gathered at the hall in Willow Reserve, North Clayton, for the opening ceremony.

Among those attending were the Member for Oakleigh, Mr. Alan Scanlan, Oakleigh's mayor and mayoress, councillors and Assistant State Commissioner Mrs. Turnbull and Mr. Turnbull.

An address outlined the history of Guiding in the district since the first group was founded in 1962.

As Whitburn District Guides, the girls met in various church halls in the Huntingdale area. In March, 1967, a building fund was established, and a year later Oakleigh Coun-

STAMPS INTO CENTS

We can do just that.

Stamp saving is a hobby which anyone can begin and continue for a lifetime. All used stamps, of good quality, sent to me, will be sold to benefit Victorian Guiding projects.

These funds have gone, for some time, to our property at Britannia Park. From this year donations will be made towards the new camp site at Shoreham, on Westernport Bay. The first amount of \$14 has been sent.

Donors of stamps are asked to see that these are not damaged in any way, and not too heavily postmarked, as these are not saleable and should be discarded—this saves on the postage also. The special issues of stamps are of better value than the usual letter rate postage, as are the low and high values. There is no need for any counting, but please sort your soaked off stamps into their different kinds. For foreign ones, into countries will be sufficient. Pack stamps flat, into used envelopes is best (or some similar container) and post to me at: Flat 6, 86 Park Street, St. Kilda, 3182; NOT to Guide Headquarters.

I hope to have your parcels soon.

LORNA E. CUZENS.

cil made land available in Willow Reserve. The name had already changed to Monash District Guides. Oakleigh Council offered \$6000 towards cost of the hall, while members and friends of the association were busy raising money with trash and treasure markets, coffee mornings, and other activities. Oakleigh Council provided additional funds to help meet increased costs.

With a grant from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, the group has to meet a debt of between \$7000 and \$8000 instead of the \$14,000 anticipated.

Much of the expected cost was saved by Mr. Humphreys, who carried out site works free of charge, and Mr. Shadforth, who put in the foundations of the building, under some difficulty.

The District Commissioner praised people who helped to make the dream come true, including the builder, Mr. Teunissen.

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Two things are bad for the heart — burning up hills and running down people.

SIZZLE AND SING

"We don't see enough of our fathers" was a cry often heard at East Malvern-Gardiner Local Association meetings. But, after all, whose fault was that? Were they ever asked to anything?

So it was decided to hold a family barbecue and campfire instead of the annual Mother-Daughter Dinner.

The first step was to seek the co-operation of the Guiders, who rose to the challenge and supported the L.A. all the way.

Step two was to decide on a suitable venue and here the local council offered the L.A.'s first choice — Ardrie Park.

Step three was to contact wholesalers to determine availability and cost of sausages, ice creams, cordial, bread, etc. Also somewhere handy to the park had to be found to store 80 lbs. of sausages overnight.

Step four — notify parents and try to assess number attending, and then to order the required goods.

Paper plates, cups and serviettes, and plastics forks were provided, all of which were expensive. Some parents brought portable barbecues while others brought card tables which were set in groups for serving salads made by the mothers.

The local tennis club — bless it and its Guiding family members — provided extra barbecues and water heating facilities.

One Guide Company provided a programme of songs, the words of lesser known ones having been duplicated.

A charge of \$2.00 per family and 40 cents for other children was made, while Guiders and families were "on the house". Attendance was about 300; weather was perfect;

singing was superb; sausages were done to cordon bleu standard; coffee was cold. Oh well, you can't win them all! Profit was about three times that of a mother-daughter dinner, and work about eight times less.

To cap it, as well as many verbal comments on the function itself, TWO LETTERS of thanks were received from parents requesting a repeat performance. This may not sound like the literary equivalent of a standing ovation, but it was two more than were ever received for a M-D dinner.

Next morning, two mothers scoured the park for rubbish which missed the bins, and were delighted to find only one piece of paper, proving that Guides and Brownies really care for their environment.

Since they are courteous, too, thank-yous were written to council and tennis club. One thing was obvious — Guides and Brownies DO have fathers, just waiting to be asked to join in the fun.

RECIPE CORNER

ITALIAN PIZZA

8 ozs. S.R. flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ teasp. salt, 1 oz. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, 2 onions (sliced), 1 cup sliced, skinned tomatoes, 4 oz. gruyere or cheddar cheese, 1 small tin anchovies or sardines.

Sift flour and salt, rub in butter and mix to a light dough with milk. Turn on to floured board, knead and roll out to fit 9 inch pie plate. Cook onions in oil until tender, and spread over scone dough, then cover with slices of tomatoes. Arrange slices of cheese on top and place an anchovy or sardine on each slice. Bake in a hot oven at 450 degrees for 10 minutes.

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

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Victoria was well represented at the camp, with 36 guides and three leaders coming from our State.

The two days prior to the camp were spent with billets. It was with these people that I saw much of the beautiful City of Perth.

Golf Camp.

At the golf camp which I attended there were ten girls from W.A., six from Victoria, and one from N.S.W., and we had four leaders. We stayed at Paxwold Guide Training Centre at Lesmurdie, about 15 miles out of Perth. Other than golf, our activities included talks on photography, survival in the bush, learning about forests and wildflowers, and make-up. Golf was played in the afternoons, and on the final morning a nine-hole competition was held. One morning was spent touring through one of the many forests, and then going to the nearby Mundaring Weir. On the last night of camp the tennis camp held a campfire which the riding and golf camps attended. Besides well-known campfire songs, the programme included skits from each of the camps.

All of us spent an enjoyable and informative ten days in Western Australia and I hope that many other guides will have the opportunity to share the wonderful times and friendships experienced by all there.

Lynn Carter,
1st Ocean Grove, Guide Company.

Fishing Camp

All the girls going on the fishing camp met together on the Perth station, got into the Albany Weekender and headed off.

Next morning everyone arrived at Camp Quaranup (the old quarantine station). The day was spent discovering and settling in.

We spent the week fishing from the camp's jetty, from the beach and from the rocks. Nearly everyone caught a fish, even if it was only a blow fish (no good to eat or for bait). We caught leather jackets, a few rock cod, two whiting, many tiddlers and even a shark. The lucky fisherwomen were allowed to eat their catch.

We also did craft (bark pictures, hobbytex and tinfoil pictures), cleaned a nearby beach and had a general look around. Thanks to our leaders we had a great time.

After packing up we piled into a bus and went to Albany, where we saw an old church, the "Dog Rock", and Strawberry Farm. We had early tea and caught the train back to Perth.

At about 7.00 next morning we met our billets and enjoyed another day in Perth. At 12.00 that night the Queensland and Victorian guides flew from Perth airport. On the way home we were shown the cockpit.

At 5.15 next morning we landed at Tullamarine, ending a well organised, very enjoyable experience. Special thanks go to our billets, leaders and the organisers.

Barbara Prictor,
1st Kyneton Company.
Gillian Graham,
1st Allansford Company.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Australian Link-Up came to life for us when Susan was chosen to attend the Moonlight Mischief camp held in New South Wales.

Train strikes, flooded highways and a washed-out campsite could not stop the Victorian contingent from linking-up.

A pre-dawn invasion saw seventeen travel-worn Victorians descend on one Sydney hostess for showers, forty winks and breakfast.

Thanks to a generous farmer, a dry campsite had been substituted, and many months of planning and hard work became a reality.

New friends, the unknown bell tents, patrol cooking, and many untried challenges followed during the next week — absailing, canoeing, macrame, polser art and moonlight mischief amongst the cows! What a wealth of new experiences to be shared.

Ever-thoughtful guiders arranged a trip on a double-decker bus for the visitors to see the sights of Sydney, with lunch by the Harbour and in the shadow of the Opera House.

The guides struck camp and enjoyed the friendly hospitality of a Sydney guide and her family before the long trip home to share the memories of another wonderful guiding experience.

Thank you to all who gave so much of their time and energy to see that our girls were part of the Australian Link-up, from Susan and her mother.

Jean Campbell,
Assistant Guider,
1st East Keilor Company.

From the * GUIDE SHOP

NEW ITEMS

Brownie Annual, 1974	.....	Approx. \$2.95
The Lenderhand Brownies	.....	\$2.00
Girl Guide Annual, 1974	.....	Approx. \$3.50

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

BROWNIE

Miniature Badge	.....	20c
Handkerchiefs	.....	50c
Handkerchiefs (box of three)	.....	\$1.50
Diary and Pencil	.....	40c
Plastic Mugs	.....	40c
Notebook	.....	15c
Notepaper in Folder	.....	60c
Autograph Books	.....	\$1.00
Compass and Compass Keeper	.....	60c
Pocket Badge Cleaner	.....	25c
Brownie Cut Out Dolls	.....	60c
Charms	.....	55c
Pendants	.....	\$1.50
Bracelets	.....	\$1.25
Wishbone Brooch	.....	\$1.75
Keyrings	.....	\$1.35
Teatowels	.....	60c
The Brownies in Hospital	.....	\$2.60
The Brownie Cook Book	.....	\$2.35
The Nargan and The Stars (Book of the Year)	.....	\$3.75
The Challenge Book of Brownie Stories (Paper Back)	.....	70c

GUIDE

Miniature Badge	.....	35c
Handkerchiefs (Badge)	.....	50c
Handkerchiefs (Camp Scene)	.....	40c
Diary, 1975 (Lett's)	.....	95c
Plastic Mugs	.....	40c
Notebook	.....	45c
Compass Keepers	.....	30c
Compasses	.....	from 30c
Pocket Badge Cleaners	.....	25c
Charms (Gilt or Chrome)	.....	55c
Pendants (Gold or Silver)	.....	\$1.50
Keyrings	.....	\$1.35
Wishbone Brooch	.....	\$1.75
Cutlery Sets for Camp	95c
Pathfinder Map Measure	85c
Camp Penknives	from 85c

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RECORDS

Songs from An Australian Campfire Song Book	\$2.00
Campfire Songs	\$2.00

Margaret Becomes a Doctor	.....	\$2.80
Air Hostess Ann	.....	\$2.80
The Gift Wrapped Pony	.....	\$3.95
A Dog Called Debbie	.....	\$3.95

ALTERATIONS TO PRICES

(Please alter your copy on the appropriate page.)

Brownie Guide Uniform	.....	to \$7.75
Guide Skirts	.....	to \$6.75
Guide Blouses	.....	to \$6.50
Camp Blouse	.....	to \$4.70
Ranger Frock and Jacket	.....	to \$29.50
Guider Blouse	.....	to \$6.00
Guider Skirt	.....	to \$11.50
Guider/Commissioner Jacket	.....	to \$22.00
Guider/Commissioner Sets —		
Jacket and Straight Skirt	.....	to \$34.50
Jacket and Gored Skirt	.....	to \$33.50
Guider/Commissioner Summer Frock		
Sizes 32-38	.....	to \$18.00
Sizes 40-44	.....	to \$19.00
Dreamtime	.....	to \$3.95
Dawn of Time	.....	to \$3.95
First Sunrise	.....	to \$3.95
A Field Guide to Australian Wildflowers	.....	to \$6.95
Brownie and Guide Handkerchiefs	.....	to 50c

NEW SNOWY MOUNTAIN PROJECT, N.S.W.

The Association is arranging to purchase a block of land at Jindabyne (in the Snowy Mountains area) for \$2000. The block is one of those set aside by the Snowy Mountains Authority for the use of youth organisations, and the purchase was recommended by the Region Commissioner for that area.

The possibilities for an all-year-round activities centre here are tremendous, with the snowfields within cooee — Lake Jindabyne sparkling in the distance, mountains to climb (by foot or horseback) or any other outdoor activity that takes one's fancy in this scenic area.

From "The Waratah".

Victorian Newsletter

NOVEMBER, 1974

Dear Everyone,

I am trying to collect my thoughts and even more important my papers ready for my departure to the Australian Executive Committee Meeting by the 6.50 a.m. plane on Tuesday morning!

October always seems to be a very busy month and this one has been no exception.

I spent a very happy night with the 1st Melbourne and Stradbroke Rangers — one of the highlights of the night was Greek dancing. Contrary to my expectations I could walk the next day!

The Special Activities Committee had a marvellous luncheon at "Greystones", the home of Mrs. Adrian Gibson, to raise funds for the Victorian State Commissioner's Standard. It was perfect weather and everyone enjoyed the day in the country in such a very lovely setting.

Just before the Queen's Guide Presentation Ceremony I was thrilled to enrol our State President, Lady Winneke, as a member of the Guide Movement. I am sure all members felt as proud as I did to see Lady Winneke in her Guide uniform. The Queen's Guides all looked extremely well turned out. We were very proud of Brownie Rhonda Bevis, who was awarded the Certificate of Merit for helping to save a friend from drowning.

That evening I visited Barwon Region for the first time for their Miss Barwon Guide Presentation. It was wonderful to meet so many members and to see how hard all units had worked to raise money for their Brownie Cottage.

The Guides' Own for Queen's Guides on the Sunday morning was a very good service. The theme was "Giving and Kindness", words which are synonymous with Guiding.

The Annual Meeting of State Council was a happy meeting. At the end of the business we had an informal discussion on the future of Guiding and how it can best meet the needs of the girls today. My thanks go to those members who retired from Executive and State Council for their wonderful help and I welcome new members.

The Guiders' "Spanning Seminar" was a most successful day — in spite of the pouring rain in the middle of the morning. It was marvellous to see so many Guiders from all Sections present — building bridges between the sections. As members of a very large family, we should all mix together as much as possible so that there are no barriers between us. I am sure we all learnt much from the Seminar and I expect to see many more bridges built between Guiding and the Community following the morning's panel session.

I am very sad that Mrs. Goldsbrough has been forced to resign as Ranger Adviser owing to pressure of family and business commitments. We do thank Eileen for all her help to the Section and the Guide Movement in general. I am sure you will all be pleased to know that Mrs. Twist, Convenor of the "Spanning Seminar", has agreed to take on the position of Ranger Adviser.

We held a highly successful luncheon for Mayoresses and Shire Presidents' wives at Headquarters. We were very pleased to have Mrs. R. Walker, Lady Mayoress of Melbourne, with us. The Special Activities Committee once again provided a delicious meal; Miss Wirth put up some excellent displays, and after lunch, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Advisers spoke briefly on their Sections. I felt this day gave us the opportunity to thank Councils for the help they give Guiding and also to give them more information about what we are trying to achieve. We were very disappointed that more Division Commissioners did not bring their Mayoresses or Shire Presidents' wives to join us. We hope to have a similar luncheon next year and I hope to see a much better representation from all areas.

That evening I went to Essendon District's Annual Meeting — a very happy night. It was the first time the State Commissioner had visited Essendon. I would be interested to know what other districts throughout the State have not been visited by a State Commissioner. We shall have to try to remedy that situation.

The Annual Meeting seemed to be a successful night again — in spite of my annual memory lapses. We were delighted to welcome Lady Winneke to her first meeting as our State President. Our Guest Speaker, Professor Brian Crittenden, Dean of School of Education at La Trobe University, was most stimulating and it was interesting to see so many people queuing to talk with him at supper time about his philosophy of education. Perhaps one of the highlights of the evening was the short musical presentation by girls of Forest Hill and Parkmore Districts. It was a delightful finish to the meeting. These girls and the Rangers who helped at the Meeting were an excellent advertisement for Guiding. We thank them all. Our warmest thanks also go to Della Hutchinson and her supper ladies who came from South Eastern Region.

The day after the Annual Meeting saw many Commissioners at Headquarters for our Annual Open Day, ably convened by Mrs. D. Jacka. As well as meeting one another, always a pleasure, we enjoyed a stimulating programme.

Yesterday, I attended a luncheon at Bendigo in honour of The Prince of Wales. He is a very charming young man and seemed to enjoy everything very much. I hope he noticed the members of the Guide Movement along the way. Tomorrow night Fred and I are to attend the Reception at Government House in his honour — and then I go off to Sydney for a busy few days.

With love and best wishes,

JOAN E. GRIMWADE,
State Commissioner.

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ESPECIALLY FOR GUIDERS

RANGER "CAMP YAMMINGA"

Guiders, Grab This Opportunity! Plan now to take your Guides and Brownies for an interesting and enlightening day at "Camp Yamminga", The State Ranger Camp at Britannia Park. All welcome to visit us on Open Day, 11.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., Monday, 27th January, 1975. Join in celebrating 55 years of Rangering in Victoria.

GUIDING PERSONNEL

The 1974 edition of Guiding Personnel is now available from The Guide Shop, price 40 cents.

CALLING ALL COMMISSIONERS

Has your application for the 1975 Commissioners' Conference reached us yet? If not, please apply without delay to Mrs. W. Pollock, 21 Collins Street, Ormond, 3204, 'phone: 58-3651. Conference Dates: 28th February — 2nd March. Location: La Trobe University.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

NEW RANGER ADVISER

We welcome Mrs. G. H. Twist who took office as Ranger Adviser on 1st November. Mrs. Twist's address is — 45 Windsor Avenue, Mt. Waverley, 3149 — 'phone: 277-3444.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES — January Programme

The following Leisure Time Activities will be held from January 20th-24th at the venues to be announced.

Guides, Brownie Guides and their friends can attend two or three day workshops which will be held in the following subjects: Pottery, Copper beating and jewellery, Cake decorating, Macrame, Theatre Workshop, General Arts and Crafts.

An adventure tour will be held in the Gippsland area and will cover visits to places of historic and geographic interest, nature and pioneering. This activity, which is for members of the Guide Section, will take place in the last week of January.

Full particulars and application forms will be available from the Publicity Department, Guide Headquarters, after 18th November.

BARBECUE AND TENNIS DAY — TAPESTRY MOWER FUND

A Barbeque and Tennis Day will be held at the home of Mrs. Squire, 1 Salmon Road, Boronia, on November 27th, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Donation will be \$3.00. Prizes. R.S.V.P. 'phone: 762-1846, by 20th November.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Girl Guide Calendars — Wanted to Sell — 2,000 Calendars at \$1.00 each. Available at the Guide Shop or from Mrs. E. Lane, 8 Morris Street, North Balwyn, 3104.

In the six weeks since these calendars were launched at the Region Commissioners' Meeting on 18th September, they have been well received by many thousands of people. Have members of your Pack or Unit bought them yet? They will make good Christmas gifts. In 1976, the photographs, pasted on cardboard, will make a good display for your Guide Hall. So think ahead — buy now.

Dog-A-Thon

We have been advised that their is to be a Dog-A-Thon to aid Yooralla at the M.C.C. Parklands on Sunday, 1st December and, as there are Brownie and Guide Units at Yooralla and it is a very worthy cause, it was thought that some members may be interested in giving this venture their practical support. Packs and Companies may like to make this an end-of-the year outing, giving valuable service at the same time. If units do this and participate with their Leaders, uniform may be worn, but some girls may choose to go with their families (as well as with their dogs!).

Further information from Headquarters, or from Ande Barnes, Channel 9.

FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

It is now time to start planning the next Biennial Conference which is to be held during 1975. Would your members like to help with this? We need volunteers — A Convening Committee, L.A.'s to undertake catering — and we want programme ideas from everyone. Offers and thoughts to Mrs. D. Oldfield, 4 Embling Road, Malvern, 3144, at an early date, please.

TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

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

SUMMER TRAINING WEEK

Dates: 15th to 21st January, 1975. Location: Britannia Park.

Training Fee: \$26.00, plus cost of craft material. Closing Date: 20th November. Further information in Training Calendar.

STAGE 1 — HEADQUARTERS

Tuesdays: 11th, 18th, 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th March; plus follow up day, 29th April. Time: 9.45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Location: Headquarters. Closing Date: 20th December, 1974.

Note: This course has been planned for New Leaders and Assistant Leaders who are starting work with units early in 1975. In the case of a leader opening a new unit, it is suggested that the opening be planned for a date **after 18th March** and the re-opening of an existing unit also be deferred until **after** that date. For the six weeks of the course it would be expected that the Leader be **working** with an established unit in her area and be **attending** District functions, so gaining practical experience with which to relate the course. To gain maximum benefit the leader should commence working with her own unit between 18th March and the "follow-up" date in April.

STAGE 2 — GIPPSLAND REGION

Weekends: 22nd/23rd February, 22nd/23rd March. Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Location: Lakes Entrance. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. M. Frawley, P.O. Box 641, Sale, 3850, by 7th February.

FORTHCOMING COURSES — EARLY 1975 (see December "Matilda" for full details).

Stage 1

Ballarat: 15th/16th March and 19th/20th April.

North Central Region: 22nd/23rd March; 26th/27th April.

Stage 2

South Eastern Region: 12th and 19th March, plus weekend 12th/13th April.

Western Border: 31st May/1st June, 5th/6th July.

Pack Holiday

Western Border: 15th/16th March.

Ceremonial

East Metropolitan: 22nd March.

Outdoor Day

East Metropolitan: 19th April.

A SWEDISH LEGEND COMES TRUE AT CAMP "DUST", 1974

The legend tells of a robber chief, Ramunder, and his daughter, Skaga. During the short summer the robber chief and his people go to the eastern shore of Lake Unden, where he puts up his camp at Osjonos to hunt and fish in that area. His daughter, Skaga, arrives with her people; it is a lively meeting. Hunting and fishing parties are arranged, games and competitions take place. Smoke rises from the kitchen and campfires, and now and then the homecoming guards bear witness to successful plundering raids. There is food and drink in abundance. The people are kept in separate villages where exemplary order reigns. Village chiefs have been accepted, each village been given a name. Thanks to the law and order that Ramunder keeps, he is a powerful man and Skaga is like her father. At the big campfires the Gods of the camp assist. On one occasion a Christian priest, a Franciscan monk, stepped forward in order to let the Christian God bless the camp with hunting luck. Perhaps he tries to introduce the good and milder customs to the wild inhabitants of the Tivenen. The big assembly place is situated on the hillside and when the camp is built and when it breaks up everybody meets to hear the rules of Ramunder, his commands, and to receive his praise for deeds well done.

THIS OLD SWEDISH LEGEND WAS RE-ENACTED THROUGHOUT OUR CAMP . . .

Many paths led the 1660 Girl Guides and Boy Scouts who travelled to the eastern shore of Lake Unden, Osjonos, Sweden, for Camp "DUST", during the summer season, August, 1974. They came from Austria, Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Holland, Liberia, Nigeria, and of course we four from Australia. Camp Chief Ramunder first met us all at an International Flag Ceremony where we hoisted our national flags to become one in unity. After this we were shown to our villages and introduced to our leaders and new friends. A village had about 34 boys and girls.

So we began CAMP DUST, '74.

November, 1974

CAMP **Duty.**
Unity.
Service.
Thanks. 1974.

A typical day's menu was: Breakfast — cereal, bread and butter, cheese and caviar. Lunch — cocoa, bread and butter, cheese and caviar, and one sausage. Tea — fish, peas, potatoes, rhubarb soup with biscuits.

Because of the summer twilight hours, a lot of activities were held during the bright nights: campfires (some for all the 1660, but some were individual village groups), night orienteering, dollar hunts, group entertainment and night safaris. Other nights we had discussions, where we learnt many new and interesting things about our fellow Guides and Scouts around the world.

International Guides and Scouts were very interested in our Interest Badges, and those Guides and Scouts who don't belong to a Commonwealth country were especially interested in the work to become a Queen's Guide or Queen's Scout.

Through International Camps such as this we truly realize the meaning of the unity within the World Associations of Girl Guides and Boy Scouts.

Wendy Sage, 2nd Ringwood Company.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fraser are very willing to help you, and they enjoy Britannia Park when it is full of young folk, but do remember, whatever they do for you is a favour and not entirely expected of them. Also, unless there is an emergency, please try not to disturb them in the evenings — **think ahead.**

We hope you are enjoying your camps, both indoor and outdoor, at Britannia Park. I'm sorry to have "preached" so much in this letter, but I hope it will help all of us take more CARE, and be concerned enough to pass this on to the younger members of the movement.

If any of you have helpful criticism we are always ready to hear.

MARGARET TUCKER.

Congratulations to the recipients of the following:

Guiders' Long Service Bar (15 year): Mrs. A. Taylor, Croydon.

Local Association Long Service Bar: Mrs. N. T. McQueen, Murtoa; Mrs. G. Caris, Murota; Mrs. F. Carrick, Aspendale; Mrs. L. Pascoe, Chelsea.

Thanks Badge: Mrs. H. Wright, Monbulk.

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APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. J. W. B. Draper, Assistant, East Metropolitan.

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. D. J. Faichney, East Waverley; Mrs. P. J. Wrigglesworth, Nunawading-Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. J. M. Bowden, Moorabbin East; Mrs. C. L. Swyer, Nunawading-Tunstall; Mrs. J. S. Edwards, Inner Southern Suburbs (from 1st January); Mrs. E. Lees, Ebeling (from January).

District Commissioners:

Mrs. J. H. Maher, Newport; Mrs. A. N. Leyonhjelm, Jeparit; Mrs. P. Anderson, Merrigum; Mrs. A. J. Cavill, Cowes; Mrs. A. L. Lienhop, Harcourt; Mrs. R. B. Morham, Craigieburn; Miss J. Gorrie, Glenroy; Mrs. I. Crawford, Templestowe; Mrs. K. R. J. Davis, Epping.

Ranger Guider:

Miss W. Clisby, Mitcham (Ext.) Rangers.

Guide Guiders:

Miss E. A. Wood, 1st Red Cliffs; Mrs. G. Fry, 4th Benalla; Mrs. M. E. Gould, 1st Macarthur; Miss L. R. Kirkham, 1st Narre Warren North; Miss J. C. Ennor, 1st Epsom.

Assistant Guide Guiders:

Miss C. J. Talsma, 1st Herne Hill; Mrs. B. Treloar, 3rd Williamstown; Mrs. N. Harrison, 1st Stanhope; Mrs. D. Cachard, 4th Laburnum.

Dear Matilda,

2nd Greythorn Brownie Pack had a cake stall on the 28th September. We had fun making and selling cakes. We made \$26 which we are sending to Shoreham Camp Fund.

Greetings to other Brownie Packs,

Leanne Findlay,

Robyn Metcalf

Jenny Roberts

Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. T. I. Cawley, 2nd Belgrave; Mrs. G. D. Wylie, 1st Lockington; Mrs. R. Griffiths, 1st Bundoora; Mrs. D. E. Smithers, 4th Mordialloc; Mrs. R. Riggs, 2nd Leopold-Wallington; Mrs. M. J. Beovich, 4th Syndal North; Mrs. W. R. Bayliss, 1st Bentleigh East; Mrs. G. Platt, 1st Ballan; Mrs. L. Campbell, 12th Ballarat.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Miss C. A. Comer, 1st Stanhope; Mrs. S. Sartori, 1st Nurrabbit.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

We acknowledge with gratitude the services given by the following, whose Warrants have been returned:

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. J. M. McRae, Maroondah.

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. L. F. Eager, Nunawading-Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. M. McNaught, Nunawading-Tunstall; Mrs. J. C. Morphet, Moorabbin East.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. J. A. Street, Thorpdale; Mrs. M. Fairhead, Oliver's Hill; Mrs. J. C. Hague, Harcourt; Mrs. N. H. Grayden, Cowes; Mrs. M. Slee, Rupanyup; Mrs. P. Ramsay, Glenroy; Mrs. T. F. M. Jackson, Preston East; Mrs. J. N. Cowan, Templestowe.

Assistant Guide Guiders:

Miss O. E. Bryan, 2nd Sunshine West; Miss B. Begg, 1st Belgrave; Miss G. R. Easton, 1st Niddrie; Miss A. P. Taylor, 1st Yallourn.

Brownie Guider:

Mrs. M. Viersen, 3rd Balwyn (Yooralla).

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. D. J. McNaughton, 1st Wycheproof; Mrs. G. F. Brown, 1st Broadmeadows West; Mrs. E. Brown, 1st Doveton; Mrs. B. Walker, 1st Norlane; Miss J. C. McMicking, 3rd Ballarat.

REGISTRATIONS

1st Strathmore Coy.; 4th Fitzroy (Ext.) Coy.; 3rd Ringwood Coy.; 3rd Wodonga Pack, Anglesea L.A., Clayton L.A.

Dear Matilda,

Our Captain and two helpers took us on a three-day camp to Donvale. The object was the test camp for our Captain. If she passed she would gain a permit to take us to camp when she wished. The week-end was a great success, finishing off with Captain gaining her permit.

The guides of 2nd Laverton would like to congratulate Captain on her effort, and look forward to many more fun-filled camps.

Sandra Deller, 2nd Laverton Co.