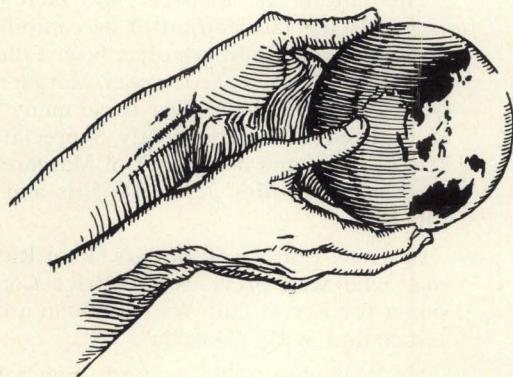


MATILDA

Friendship



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From our State Commissioner

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy New Year to you all. Welcome to happy and successful Guiding in 1975. Many of you have no doubt enjoyed camps over the summer but for others the long school holidays have probably meant a rest from Guide activities.

You will now be busily finalising plans for your own special Thinking Day Ceremonies. I always feel that there is no better way to start the Guide Year than with Thinking Day and all its related activities. We are very lucky to belong to a world wide family and it is wonderful to have this special day to say "thank you" for the lives of our Founder and Chief Guide and to think of our sister Guides and Girl Scouts throughout the world. Our contributions, no matter how small, to the Thinking Day Fund enable each one of us to play a part in supporting and developing Guiding throughout the world.

This year Thinking Day has a special meaning for me. I am able to think of those Guides and Girl Scouts I met whilst in Canada and the U.S.A., and I know that at the same time as we celebrate Thinking Day they will be doing something very similar.

I feel that Thinking Day 1975, is also particularly significant as this is the year of the World Conference, the year when delegations from member countries can meet together to plan the next triennium, and just as importantly get to know one another and help each other. Within our own State and country we find conferences a marvellous source of knowledge and inspiration, how much more inspiring then must be a World Conference.

Whilst we are now thinking particularly of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries, I am sure that over the past month

you have all been thinking of our sister Guides in Darwin. It is hard for us to imagine the devastation and heartbreak caused by Cyclone Tracy and I know Guides throughout the States will have been helping with Darwin Appeals in their own localities. I greatly appreciate the help some of our adult members gave at Red Cross Headquarters between Christmas and New Year and at Migrant Centres where a number of evacuee families have been housed.

We feel now that the thing most needed will be money, so the Girl Guides Association of Victoria has launched an appeal for the Darwin Girl Guides. This money will go to help Guiding families and evacuees and to help re-establish Guiding in Darwin. I hope you will all support this. Perhaps when you are planning your "April Action" for 1975, you may choose to send part of your half of the money raised to the Guide Darwin Appeal.

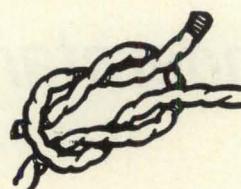
This edition of "Matilda" is a memorable one; it is the last edition to be compiled by Miss Margaret Shaw who has been Editor of "Matilda" for the past 13 years. Margaret has done a wonderful job over these many years and all our members greatly appreciate the keen interest and hard work of Margaret and her assistants, Mrs. Jenny De Nijs and Miss Ella Low.

Our new Editor will be Mrs. Joan Richardson, who was previously District Commissioner for Forest Hill. We wish Joan a happy association with "Matilda".

My thoughts will be with you all on 22nd February.

With love and best wishes,

Joan E. Grimsdale



THE NEW YEAR

New Year's no good by itself, Lord, but any old day will do if you ring in the new me.

David Redding,
(from "Alive Now")

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DARWIN



Mooralbark guides and brownies present a cheque to the Darwin appeal to a girl from Darwin. (Photo by courtesy of the "Sun".)

The Guide Association of Victoria offered its services to the Australian Red Cross immediately the need for help was known.

For five days teams of guide people filled a useful role at Red Cross H.Q. answering telephone calls, and helping in the enormous task of recording and tracing missing persons and evacuees.

Day programmes have been conducted for the children housed in the Commonwealth Migrant Hostels and assistance given there with necessary interviews and surveys.

A Guide Darwin Relief Appeal has been opened and donations will be used to help individual families, to assist in the re-establishment of Guiding in Darwin, to ease the problems facing evacuees etc.

In the meantime many companies, packs and individuals have given help in many ways — two we have heard of are — Mooral-

bark brownies and guides raised \$800 for the Sun-Herald appeal; 1st Baxter company, formed only last April, and working hard for their camp equipment, held a stall and raised \$100.

*O God, Father of all mankind,
we ask Your mercy for the refugees of
Darwin — who bear the mark of pain and
suffering.*

*We pray for the sick, the homeless and
the lonely, and for those separated from
their families and friends.
We ask You to direct the minds of
statesmen and the charity of all men to the
relief of their sufferings and the
healing of their sorrows.*

(From "Adventure")

FAREWELL "CENTS FOR SERVICE" . . . WELCOME "APRIL ACTION"

Remember the questionnaire distributed during 1974 in which you were asked to give thoughts and suggestions for "Cents for Service" in your Districts?

The response was very good and we thank most sincerely those Leaders and Girls who completed the form and offered so many constructive comments and ideas.

After studying the returns, the following conclusions were reached —

1. Girls raise more money per head in group activities than in individual efforts.
2. Brownies and younger Guides are the only ones who enjoy doing individual jobs.
3. Most Leaders, Mothers and older Girls favour group activities.
4. Leaders, generally, accept the need to financially support Guiding in Victoria.
5. Units would like more information on where the money sent to Headquarters is used.
6. It was mainly new Leaders with new Units who like the printed material — many Units doing group activities do not use it.
7. Many Units and girls would like longer than a week for fund-raising.
8. Many felt the word "service" should not be included in the name, as it is felt that our girls should not get paid for doing service for one week in the year, and be expected to carry out service without payment for the rest of the year.
9. Some suggest dividing the money differently to help the District or Region with funds, while others would prefer to help charities outside Guiding, but they are still happy to send a proportion to Headquarters.
10. Two suggestions for a State-wide drive are —
 - (a) Selling Girl Guide Biscuits at one time in the year.
 - (b) Arranging a Car Wash through one of the oil companies on one weekend in the year.

There were other comments and suggestions, but the ones mentioned were the most significant to warrant a change in format of this annual fund-raising event.

As a result of many discussions on these suggestions, the following changes will take place in 1975 —

1. The new name of the drive will be "**APRIL ACTION**".
2. The drive can take place at any time during April.
3. Group activities for fund-raising will be stressed more than ever. However, individual efforts will still be permitted if desired, and cards for this purpose will be available from Guide Headquarters on request. It is most essential that girls doing individual activities use these cards when calling on householders.
4. Girls in Units should discuss before the drive how their half of the amount raised could be used to help Guiding. If there is no need to keep the money in the Unit, a donation could be made to a Guiding project which could benefit girls in other areas, within Australia or overseas, for instance — the Irene Fairbairn Award Fund for Australians to participate in overseas events; Friends of World Centres Fund towards operating costs of the Guide Centres in India, Mexico, Switzerland and England; Mutual Aid Scheme which, among other things, assists Guides in lesser-developed countries to go camping; or the National Development Scheme in Australia to help introduce Guiding in high-density or remote areas.
5. The other half of the money raised will go to Headquarters to help finance Guiding throughout Victoria. The majority of this goes towards general administrative costs, while part of it helps the Camping Department to develop and maintain the camping properties at Britannia Park and Shoreham, and some helps the Training Department to purchase new training aids and equipment, and also travelling expenses for qualified trainers to visit country areas. All these things will benefit the girls in the Movement.

6. The only printed material to be distributed to Units will be a Unit Form, which will include a letter from our State Commissioner to the Girls and the Leaders, and a tear-off page which we ask for your co-operation in fully completing. These will be available for collection from Headquarters after 10th February. Those not collected by the end of February will be distributed at the Commissioners' Conference.

We are sure you will be happy with these changes, and know that they will give you more scope and incentive to plan exciting activities, making them great financial successes and giving you lots of fun.

If you have any queries regarding this annual fund-raising drive for Guiding, please contact Miss Wirth, Publicity Secretary, at Guide Headquarters.

"APRIL ACTION" Sub-committee.



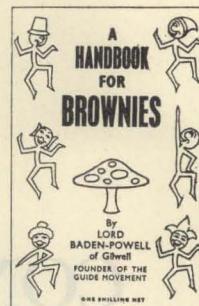
Second Simpson Brownie Pack had a very busy weekend when we were hosts to the 10th Geelong St. Matthew's Pack.

We all went to Camperdown on Saturday morning to meet our guests who were arriving there by train. From Camperdown we travelled by car to the Four Leaf Clover Chalet where the owners of the Chalet showed us spinning and weaving with goat's hair and wool as well as giving us a very interesting talk. Mr. and Mrs. Benson then showed us their flock of black sheep and their goats, bringing the baby goats out for us to hold. Everyone participated in the concert at night and had a marvellous time.

Sunday morning we went down to Port Campbell visiting Lochard Gorge and the Twelve Apostles on the way. We held Brownies' Own followed by a bar-b-que lunch. We went for a walk along the beach where the Brownies had a treasure hunt.

Then back to Simpson where we farewelled our new friends, after a very rewarding and happy weekend.

S. McGrath.



BROWNIE JUBILEE

Dear Matilda,

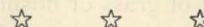
I would like to tell you how we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Brownies. We planned the celebrations in Pow-wow.

We had a 1920's afternoon. We dressed up in costume, learnt how to do the charleston, had a diamond shaped cake for afternoon tea and all received the Diamond Jubilee badges we had bought.

Blue Owl told us again about the origin of Brownies, way back in 1914.

As a surprise in this special programme we finished off with a short ride in a vintage car.

Robyne Phillips,
(on behalf of 1st Dingley Brownie Pack).



We had an exciting international meeting at 3rd Highton Brownies. We all came in costumes from other lands. Mirringaroo came in a beautiful sari and the Chinese coolie was Jinkie. There were Chinese, Japanese, an Eskimo, Australians, Italians and Hawaiians. There was a display of flags too and about twenty beautiful dolls from many lands.

Then we tasted some Italian pizza, rice from China, Austrian applestrudel, prawn puffs from the east. Indian curry, Hungarian goulash and various other dishes. YUM! YUM! We ate marshmallows dipped in chocolate.

Thank you, Jinkie and Mirringaroo for arranging it.

Elizabeth Lester,
Sixer of Tintookies, 3rd Highton Pack.



★ CONSERVATION ★

What sunny sizzlers our summers can be!!!

I guess many of you have been wincing when people touched your sunburn? Or perhaps you are one of the wise ones who wear hats and lots of suncream to prevent burning? I'm afraid I'm a real burner and usually forget to use cream and finish up bright red and very uncomfortable.

At this time of year a lot of city people relax by the sea or cool off in the evenings on the front porch. Some, on the outskirts of the city may see the faint blue smokey haze from distant fires, and read about outbreaks in the daily papers.

But to those of us in the country it is a time for keeping close to home, and checking out all our fire precautions, preparing for the dreaded threat of grass or bushfire.

Every year thousands of acres of bush and grassland are lost, stock and native animals are killed and people lose their homes as fire sweeps across the State.

Guides and Brownies who live in country towns will know the awful sound of the town fire siren or bell in summer. They will know too of the fear and worry of families as volunteer firemen, perhaps their own Dads and brothers, race off on the engines to fight these fires.

Many of these outbreaks are caused through the carelessness of people and should never occur. The throwing down of a match or cigarette, a campfire left smouldering, can cause death and destruction over wide areas.

Long grass and thick bushy areas left uncared for near holiday homes quickly catch from a spark carried by warm strong summer winds.

Leaves and grass in spoutings, and carried in under the eaves by birds also catch fire quickly, and haystacks are specially prone to burning in the summer if small children play nearby with matches or fireworks.

Guides are quite big enough to help with fire precautions at home. They can clean out the spouts and eaves and tidy any undergrowth or long grass near the houses.

Brownies may be a bit small to climb ladders but they can play their part by seeing that matches are not left where little children can reach them.

The only time you should handle matches yourselves is when you are lighting your birthday cake or lighting the fire at camp . . . and I should imagine there would be plenty of grown-ups around to help on both occasions!

We can all help prevent fires by learning all the fire rules of our State. These are available on the "Green Pamphlet" from H.Q., or your local fire brigade will help you.

Camping people should be specially sure of the regulations and watch that their fires are safe at all times. (Incidentally, campers, did you know kero lanterns are illegal on Total Fire Ban days?)

There are also things to remember if you are unfortunate enough to be caught in a fire. But I think YOU should tell ME! Send me your ideas and I'll see how many you get right!

Happy Days,

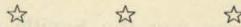
Anne L. Fraser,
Conservation Co-ordinator,
Victoria.

POST BOX

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of **Mrs. CATH BLACKBURN** as our new **POST BOX SECRETARY**. Cath will take over the interesting task of helping our members to establish pen-friendships with members in other countries so she is now the person to whom applications for pen-friends should be sent. **HER ADDRESS IS "LOWLAND FARM", BROUHAM ROAD, MACEDON, 3440.**

Cath is well known to Guide folk in North Metropolitan Region, especially those in Macedon Division of which she was Division Commissioner from 1966 to 1973. She now represents this Region on the Victorian State Council.

In welcoming Mrs. Blackburn, we must say farewell to Mrs. Kit Williamson who has cared for Post Box so ably and with great personal interest for the last five years. Kit has done her active Guiding in a number of different areas but it will be South Metropolitan Region that knows her best as she has given wonderful service to that Region as well as to Victoria as our Post Box Secretary. Kit now takes office as Australian Post Box Secretary and we wish her well as one of the Australian team. On behalf of everyone who has enjoyed a penfriendship as a result of Kit's help and interest, we extend our appreciation and thanks.



Thinking Day Greetings to all leaders, Rangers, Guides and Brownie Guides!



Thank you all for such a wonderful response to my appeal for more requests for penfriends in the September issue of "Matilda".

Because of the response there will be many more of you able to think of a penfriend in another part of the world on Thinking Day.

I would still like more of you to ask for penfriends and there is no limit (other than the cost of airmail letter forms) to the number of penfriends each of you can have.

There have to be a few qualifications . . . language and population still govern the choice of countries. Alternative choices of



countries need to be given when writing but the quickest response comes when you state that you are prepared to accept a penfriend from ANY country. Anyone wanting a penfriend in a Commonwealth country should allow nine months or longer for this to be arranged.

Post Box exists only for members of our Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Association so boy penfriends and friends in Communist countries are not available. Neither can requests be taken from non-members of the Association.

Brownie Guides can communicate only within a Unit link. As soon as the Brownie joins a guide unit she can write for an individual link.

When you write for a penfriend please give your name and address; the date of your birth (which is more helpful than your age in years); the name of your Unit; and **please** include a stamped self-addressed envelope for you to receive back the details of your friend.



One last message I would like to give you. I have enjoyed your friendship during the past five years — my time of office as Victorian Post Box Secretary.

Mrs. C. Blackburn, Lowland Farm, Brougham Road, Macedon, 3440, will be your new Post Box Secretary and will take office from 1st January, 1975.

All your requests should be sent to Mrs. Blackburn, who is a friendly person and will look after your requests very well. I am sure that you will extend to Mrs. Blackburn the same consideration and friendship as you have to me.

Happy Thinking Day!

(Mrs.) C. M. Williamson,



COINCIDENCE AND FRIENDSHIP

Edgware, Middx., England.
Dear Matilda,

As joint-Editor of COURIER, the quarterly magazine of the adult leaders in the Counties of Middlesex East Guides and Greater London-North Scouts, I exchange our magazine with the Editor of your excellent periodical.

My eye was caught by the letter from Mrs. Nina Cox in the September, 1974, issue, and as I read it, the coincidence was almost too great to believe. I am the Guider of the Edgware District Ranger Guide Unit, and attached to us we have two girls who live at the Convent of St. Mary at the Cross — a home for handicapped women and girls. We paid one of our regular visits to the Convent last Saturday to see Irene and Penny, and I made a point of seeing Pamela Thompson. Her friend, Edith Greenham, who writes all her letters for her, was sitting with her, and you should have seen their delight when I read them Nina's letter!

What a small world — because we exchange MATILDA and COURIER, I saw the letter, and was able to give Pamela and Edith a very pleasant surprise. To Nina, may I say what joy your letters give to Pamela, and she looks forward to them enormously.

At one time the Convent had a Brownie Pack — when the girls became too old it changed to a Guide Company, then to a Ranger Unit. Now, apart from Irene and Penny, they are too old for Rangers, so they have a flourishing Trefoil Guild. The A.G.M. of the County Trefoil Guilds was recently held at the Convent, and in one afternoon

they raised £80, which will go to various charities.

Each Christmas the District visits the Convent en masse and each Brownie, Guide, Ranger, Guider and Local Association Member takes a present. We sing carols with our Convent friends, and the afternoon is one of the highlights of the year.

Mary Wallis.

CARE IN INDONESIA

Dear Matilda,

Our company has arranged the adoption of a six-year-old Indonesian girl. We wrote in to the World Vision care centre and officially "Adopted" her.

Her name is Kolina and she has brown hair and brown eyes.

She likes to play hide and seek and her chore is sweeping. The company sends \$11 a month for food, clothing and education.

Cathy Davis,
2nd Karingal Company.



Fourteen years ago the Seville Guide Company made contact with the Girl Scouts in Seville, Ohio, America. We wrote firstly as a group and then, at their request the girls wrote individually, choosing similar ages from a list sent to us.

It was very thrilling recently to have Cathy Nicodemus and her husband of Seville, U.S.A. arrive here for the wedding of Cheryl Smith, of Seville, Australia.

Cathy has two children and unfortunately only able to stay two weeks. We were disappointed that we did not have details in time to give her a reception.

Our unit has now applied for a link-up with one of the other Sevilles in America — we understand there are three.

N.B.

THE EARLY YEARS OF GUIDING

RESULTS OF RESEARCH MAKE REVOLUTION . . .

meaning that some ideas have been turned around . . .

DISCOVERIES

by State and Australian Archivists have made a pattern of early Guiding in Australia

that is . . . different . . . because resources have been fuller than before.

Adjust to the Discoveries . . .

Read! Realize! Retain!
Everyone!

Explore for more!

EARLY YEARS IN AUSTRALIA

"The Girl Guide Movement has the distinguishing feature that it started itself. Girls took up Scouting with their brothers, and we subsequently adapted it to their needs and organised it as a separate movement."

Baden-Powell (see "Adventuring" — June 1974, page 10).

These three stages were completed in New Zealand and in two States of Australia before they came to completion in England, (though there were hundreds, even thousands, of girls set out on the adventure of Scouting) — possibly because the numbers were so much smaller in this part of the world.

The book "Scouting for Boys" appeared early in 1908; the weekly, "The Scout", in April.

The Boy Scout Association was organised in June-July that same year, and at once Baden-Powell asked his friend Lieutenant Colonel Cosgrove, of Christchurch, to be Chief Scout of New Zealand. Lt. Col. Cosgrove found that his youngest daughter, Muriel was interesting her friends to form a Scout patrol at her school in September, 1908. He himself enrolled twenty-four as Girl Peace Scouts, appointed Miss Keith, M.A. to be their Scout Mistress and collected ladies to form a committee for the organisation under his own general supervision. He wrote their special book with the help of his wife and others, dedicated it to the daughter of the Governor-General of New Zealand, the Hon. Ethne Mahine Plunket, and had full permission from Baden-Powell to use any matter he wished from Scouting for Boys.

It is called "Peace Scouting for Girls". Published, July, 1910. A copy is at Australian Headquarters.

During 1909 in Hobart three troops of Girl Peace Scouts were formed under supervision of Mrs. Dobson, president of the Ministering Children's League and ladies of the National Council of Women, corresponding with Lt. Col. Cosgrove.

They were recognised as a parallel movement by the Scout Association.

In Sydney, the Australian League of Girl Aids was formed, in co-operation with Boy Scout Leader, Frank Packer, and with a committee of well-known women.

Lt. Col. Cosgrove seems to have known about the Australian League of Girl Aids, but there was no link of organisation. One unit was formed in Victoria, at Powell-town, and there is rumour of one in Queensland, but numbers were comparatively small and mostly contained in the greater Sydney area.

In England in September occurred the famous Boy Scout rally at Crystal Palace, London, where among eleven thousand Scouts a few girls appeared, and asked B.P. to recognise them within his scheme. When he discovered that at least six thousand girls were already registered as Scouts, the next two stages followed. B.P. himself suggested the name Girl Guides, wrote two pamphlets, made temporary arrangements for girls at the Scout Association, asked his sister to take charge, with a committee; and in May, 1910, the Girl Guide Association was founded.

Miss Baden-Powell planned to write a handbook for Girl Guides. "How Girls can Help to build up the Empire". (The British Empire then included one-fifth of the land of the world.)

When the news came to Australia and New Zealand, Lieutenant-Colonel Cosgrove suggested that an Imperial Association be formed; a Federal system as it were, with members — Girl Peace Scouts, Australian League of Girl Aids, and Girl Guides, each keeping its own identity, and any others from parts of the Empire; South Africa for instance had already units in Johannesburg, at least. It would have been similar it seems to the future World Association, where national Associations keep their own identity. He suggested some overall name like Baden-Powell Girls of the Empire.

In June, 1911, in Hobart the Governor, Sir Harry Barron, and Lady Barron called a meeting to discuss the future of the Girls Organisation in Tasmania, and there it was decided to transfer from the connection with Girl Peace Scouts of N.Z. to become a branch of the Girl Guides' Association in London. Mrs. Dobson was in London at the time in consultation with Miss Baden-Powell — the President.

A committee was appointed at the meeting, where it was reported that fifteen young women were already in training for units for girls within the B.P. scheme.

After May, 1910, individual companies in Victoria (1911) and South Australia (1912) registered direct with Miss Baden-Powell in London until their state associations were set up —

In Sydney the Australian League of Girl Guides phased out after the outbreak of 1st World War, 1914, and apart from scattered private groups, a completely new start was made in 1920 with the Girl Guide Association of N.S.W.

Photostat pages of "History of Girl Guides in N.Z." and the obituary of Lt. Col. Cosgrove, give references to Tasmania, and to fact that the books were sent by request to two publishers in U.S.A., to secretaries of three States of U.S.A., to New York secretariat and to Japan, where a Church of England clergyman in Tokyo enquired. They preceded Miss Baden-Powell's book by at

least two years, and they were geared to the Empire countries in that Scoutmistresses in other parts of the Empire were advised that they should write their own sections on woodcraft, camping, campfire stories of pioneers and flag. A copy was sent to Baden-Powell and at her request to Miss Baden-Powell, though her book is original and on different lines — more distinct from Scouting for Boys in general tone.

Western Australia's Girl Guides' Association was launched enthusiastically at a Public meeting, June 1918. Towards end of 1st World War, and afterwards, Girl Guide Associations in some States had a recession and the movement was stimulated by Guides from England and by suggestions and appointments by Imperial committee which Lady Baden-Powell founded in 1919. In Victoria from 1917, and N.S.W. from 1920, practically a new start was made, but in the early years, B.P. activity for girls rose from among ourselves as Scouting for Boys became known, and it was encouraged and helped by Boy Scout troops and Leaders and we know there were unrecorded patrols here and there.

SUMMARY

Organisation

Tasmania:

1911 — At least three troops of Girl Peace Scouts already in action.

South Australia:

1912 — Interest shown in Scouting by girls at Nailsworth 1909, but two units with Secretary active 1912. Committee formed and other companies soon working.

Western Australia:

1915.

Queensland:

1915 — one early unit. Organisation 1920.

New South Wales:

1909-1914/15 approx. Australian League of Girl Aids. Girl Guides 1920 — formal organisation.

Victoria:

1910-1916 approx. Several companies. Girl Guides — single companies from 1917, organisation 1921.

TRAINING CALENDAR *

FEBRUARY
1975

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

Canterbury. Mondays 14th-21st-28th April, 26th May, 2nd-9th-23rd-30th June — time 7.30 p.m. till 10.00 p.m. — Guide Hall, Faversham Road.

Applications to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curinola Ave., Doncaster, 3108 by **31st March**.

Creswick. Weekends 15th-16th March and 19th-20th April, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. — "Lingbogol". Applications to Mrs. G. Platt, P.O. Box 31, Ballan, 3342 by **28th February**.

Headquarters. Tuesdays 11th-18th-25th March, 8th-15th April, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **28th February**.

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

Pyramid Hill. Weekends 22nd-23rd March and 5th-6th April (note change in dates) time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: Lunch provided for nominal charge, notify R.T.A. if required. Applications to Mrs. R. Wilkins, P.O. Box 492, Bendigo, 3550 by **7th March**.

Red Cliffs, Mildura. Weekends 7th-8th June and 12th-13th July, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. R. Hocking, 812-14th Street, Mildura, 3500 by **23rd May**.

Warracknabeal. Weekends 1st-2nd March and 23rd-24th March, time 10.00 to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Miss D. Pearse, "Edgbaston", Donald, 3840 by **17th February**.

Newborough. Weekends 22nd-23rd March and 19th-20th April — times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. — Guide Hall. Note: Bring a cut

lunch, hot drink provided. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3828, by **7th March**.

Stage 2 Training — for Warranted Guiders

Chadstone. Wednesdays 12th-19th March — 7.30 p.m. till 10.00 p.m. **plus** residential weekend 12th-13th April — 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 3.30 p.m. Sunday **Mayfield Centre, Malvern** — cost of weekend to be advised. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Miss M. Hunt, 8 Alcala Crt., 7 Alcala Ave., Chadstone, 3148 by **26th February**.

Colac. Weekends 19th-20th July and 16th-17th August — 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Applications to Mrs. W. D. Macdonald, 5 Scott Street, Cobden, 3266 by **6th July**.

Hamilton. Weekends 31st May-1st June and 5th-6th July — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. Maconachie, 372 North Boundary Rd., Hamilton, 3300 by **16th May**.

Lakes Entrance. Weekends 22nd-23rd February and 22nd-23rd March, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Apply immediately to Mrs. M. Frawley, P.O. Box 641, Sale, 3850.

Moorleigh. Weekends 9th-10th August and 13th-14th September, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Ave., East Bentleigh, 3165 by **25th July**.

Mordialloc. Weekends 31st May-1st June and 28th-29th June, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: Overnight accommodation available at Guide Hall. If required notify R.T.A. with application. Applications to Mrs. F. Bucknell, P.O. Box 46, Mt. Martha, 3934 by **16th May**.

Warracknabeal. Weekends 15th-16th March and 12th-13th April, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Miss D. Pearse, "Edgbaston", Donald, 3840 by **28th February**.

Yarra Valley Region. Weekends 19th-20th July and 16th-17th August, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Further information available from Mrs. N. Dean, 33 McKellar Street, Watsonia, 3087.

Stage 3 Training — for Warranted Guiders

Hopetoun. Weekends 7th-8th June and 19th-20th July, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Miss D. Pearse, "Edgbaston", Donald, 3840 by **26th May**.

Moorleigh. Weekends 26th-27th April and 31st May-1st June, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Ave., East Bentleigh, 3165 by **11th April**.

Campcraft

Maroondah Region. Weekends 1st-2nd March, 15th-16th March and 12th-13th April. Further information available from Mrs. C. Howarth, 7 Lauriston Court, Ringwood, 3134.

Pack Holiday Training

Bendigo. 5th-6th April — times 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Saturday and 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Sunday. Applications to Mrs. R. Wilkins, P.O. Box 492, Bendigo, 3550 by **24th March**.

Coleraine. Weekend 15th-16th March, time 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Saturday, 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Sunday. Applications to Mrs. D. Maconachie, 372 North Boundary Rd., Hamilton, 3300 by **1st March**.

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

Local Association Training

Headquarters. Tuesday 22nd April — time 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Note: **\$1.50 per L.A.** Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **8th April**.

Mildura South. Wednesday 30th April — time 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. R. Hocking, 812-14th Street, Mildura, 3500 by **16th April**.

Patrol Leader Training

Hume Region. Weekend 19th-20th April. Further information available from Mrs. H. Purcell, "Outlook", Smith Street, Yea, 3717.



Tallangatta. Weekend 12th-13th April — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. D. Hamilton, "Hamilton Park", South Wangaratta, 3677 by **28th March**.

Special Subjects

Hoisting Flag — Ceremonial

Box Hill North. Saturday 22nd March — time 1.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. — Koonung Guide Hall, Rosstrevor Parade. Note: 1 Leader and 3 girls. Applications and 50 cents to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Ave., Doncaster, 3108 by **7th March**.

8 Point Programme

Cheltenham. Saturday 5th April — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Fee — 50 cents. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Ave., East Bentleigh, 3165 by **21st March**.

Out of Doors Day — Geared for Hikers badge (**Guide Guiders only**).

Cheltenham. Saturday April 19th — 10.00 to 3.00 p.m. Fee 50 cents. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Ave., East Bentleigh, 3165 by **4th April**.

Outdoor Day

Donvale Campsite. Saturday 19th April — 9.45 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: This day will cover badge preparation for bushman, hiker etc. Please bring lunch. Applications to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Ave., Doncaster, 3108 by **4th April**.

Handbook Workshop

Numurkah. Monday 23rd June — 7.00 p.m. till 10.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. M. Murphy, 73 Balaclava Rd., Shepparton, 3630 by **9th June**.

Guiders Workshop

Tempy. Sunday 20th April. Further information available from Mrs. R. Hocking, 812-14th Street, Mildura, 3500.

Handbook Workshop

Tongala. Monday 16th June — 7.00 p.m. till 10.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. M. Murphy, 73 Balaclava Rd., Shepparton, 3630 by **2nd June**.

Active Games for Brownies and Guides

East Metro Region. Monday 14th July — time evening. Further information available from Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Ave., Doncaster, 3108.

Workshop Day — Campcraft Refresher Course.

Yallourn. Saturday 15th March — 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: Bring cut lunch, hot drink provided. Applications and 75 cents fee to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovell St., Newborough, 3828 by **28th February**.



TRAINING PAGES

STARTING A NEW UNIT ? ?

THEN

(You will need to refer to P.O. and R. and the Commissioners Handbook)

WILL IT BE . . .

IN A NEW DISTRICT ?

Division Commissioner, contact all interested people —

Call a meeting to find suitable people to help
— a District Commissioner
— Unit Leaders

Also to form the Local Association, the parent/friends group.

Find a Suitable meeting place, schools, church and community halls — to name a few. Your local Council/Shire may be able to help — this is always good Public Relations.

IN AN ESTABLISHED DISTRICT ?

Commissioners, have 2 enthusiastic leaders in uniform

— Introduce them to the other Leaders at the District Guiders' meeting.

Encourage them to visit several units — Brownie, Guide, Ranger.

Find out when and where a Stage 1 training will be held and give them plenty of notice. If necessary, see that they have somewhere to leave their small children.

ALL UNIT LEADERS

CONTACT THE GIRLS AND THE PARENTS

by visiting the homes
making a suitable meeting time for all concerned.

Note: Start with about six girls (Brownie Pack), eight (Guide Coy/Ranger Unit) and increase the numbers gradually — refer P.O. and R. Pages 28 and 29.

MEET TOGETHER TO PLAN THE WEEKLY PROGRAMMES

Remember, Guiding must be FUN

There should be — friendliness

- variety
- action
- punctual start and finish

Discuss

- What Guiding is?
- What the girls could do?
- What your role is?

Refer **your** Handbook
Pages 5-39

- Uniform
- Weekly contributions



The Girls

- will want to select your names
- what "Patrol" and "Six" emblems will they choose?
- what "opening" and "closing" ceremonies will be chosen?
- etc., etc., etc., . . .

Initial Equipment

Books

- Handbooks — girls and Leaders
- programme book — large notebook
- Account book — expenses and receipts
- Unit Record book — names, address and other essential information
- Games book, and other materials — obtainable from the Guide Shop

Plus

- balls, ropes, pencils, paper, cardboard, scissors will be useful

HANDY HINTS TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR NEW UNIT

Brownie Guide Section

You would do well to follow the advice of the Founder, and do as he suggests in the Wolf Cub Handbook. He said "Be content to begin with only a few boys. One is too often tempted to make a start with a large Pack. To do so is to make a mistake. You want first of all to establish the right tone on a small scale, to have a handful of yeast to leaven the lump, when you get it. Even then do not go for too big a Pack. I have found, by experience, that eighteen is as many as I can deal with, giving individual training."

1. Start with six girls aged approximately 8-9 years and train them. When you have had time to observe how they relate to one another divide into 3 "sixes". When these girls have made their Promise at a Promise Ceremony, take the others in small groups of 3 or 4 until you have 18 girls. The reason for limiting the number is that we try to give individual training in the Guide Movement. Each Brownie Guide wants to feel that she has the whole attention and interest of her Guiders.

2. Don't be in too much of a hurry to select the "Sixers". This choice belongs to the Guiders who will need time to observe, listen, in order to get to know the girls so that a wise choice is made. It is a good idea to discuss the qualities of a Sixer with the girls at Pow Wow, so that they understand the kind of a girl a "Sixer" should be and what she could and would be expected to do etc. The Brownie Guides, of course, would need to know that the selection is the responsibility of the Guider.

The Guide Section

Starting a new Unit. Start with 8 girls, discuss the patrol system with them, refer them to their Guide Handbooks, Chapter 3. When they feel ready to make the decision they divide themselves into two patrols.

It is important to build up a good group relationship and to develop leadership potential. Give the girls the opportunity at each meeting to do as much as possible as a patrol. Allow each girl to be a Patrol Leader for one month. She should choose and run a short patrol activity at each meeting. Some assistance is needed from the Guiders, encourage her to discuss her plans and organisation with you so that there is a good chance of it being successful. This is the beginning of

P.L. Training. Direct her attention to her Guide Handbook, provide games books and "Patrol Ideas Book" published by the Girl Guides Association of Australia.

When each girl has had a turn leading the Patrol and after new girls have joined P.L. Elections could be held. It is recommended that only 4 new members are taken in, increasing each Patrol by two.

Preparation for P.L. Elections

The most important thing is that the choice of the P.L. is that of the Guides themselves. To help the Guides make a wise choice some preparation is necessary. Discuss with them qualities to look for in a leader. Make clear the responsibilities of being a P.L. Encourage each girl to think of herself. Most Units hold a secret ballot, and each Guide votes for a Leader for her own Patrol. They usually like to vote for a girl within the Patrol, a first and second preference sometimes makes it easier to choose an acceptable girl. When the outcome of the election is clear, it is a good plan for the Guider to speak to the

Guide privately and to ask her if she wishes to accept the appointment and at the same time making sure the Guide understands what is required of her regarding extra time and activities etc. It could be suggested too, that a firm decision be given the following week, after she has had time to discuss it at home, and read the Guide Handbook Chapter 3, and what her own role as a P.L. would be.

The P.L. is usually on probation for 8 to 10 weeks to prove her capability and acceptance, after which a P.L. investiture can be held and P.L. Stripes and Beret Badge presented. The Patrol Second is chosen by the P.L. P.L.s and Seconds may wear lanyards.

The Ranger Section

For about a month the Guiders might take the lead in preparing programmes, based on contributions from the girls. After that time the girls should be ready to elect office-bearers and hold a unit in council thus becoming more responsible for managing their own affairs.

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER — HER ROLE

SHE IS P.R. OFFICER and ADMINISTRATOR

and is responsible for:—

- Establishing good relationships between the Leaders and the Local Association and between ALL Guiding personnel and the Community.
- Forming a Local Association and attending the meetings regularly to present her report.
- Holding regular District Guiders meetings where the Unit Leaders gain much help by discussion, airing problems and gaining new ideas etc.
- Registering newly formed units and helping the Unit Leaders when required.
- Finding Suitable Leaders and Testers.

IT'S OVER TO YOU!!! ALL THE BEST WITH YOUR NEW UNIT!!!

Activities for Small Groups

The girls' Handbook, the Guiders' Handbook and various game books available from the Guide Shop can give you many ideas for activities. With a little thought and imagination these ideas may be adapted for any number of girls.

Concentration: Pairing: On slips of cardboard write facts or names that tell the story of Guiding. (Number or letter the pair alike, to help the Guides learn as they play.)

The Founder A
Robert Baden-Powell A
Guiding first started B
in Great Britain B

Guides' First President

was Agnes Baden-Powell

Our Chief Guide

is named Olave Baden-Powell

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Turn all slips face downward on the table. Each girl in turn turns up 2 and if they pair together she keeps them, if not she lets all others see what they say before turning them face down again and giving the next girl her turn. The one with the most pairs at the end wins.

You can think of any other topics suitable for this activity e.g. Picture of a bird and on a second card — Bird's name, or Knots and their correct uses can be paired.

Kim's Game and Observation:

First step: Take a Christmas card (or a flower, or picture, or piece of material) each in turn tells a fact about it, and passes it on. Any one who cannot think of a further observation drops out, and the one most observant keeps going the longest.

Even better practice is to repeat, in the correct order, all the other observations made before adding to the list.

Guide Law Jig-Saw

Write out the Laws in texta-colour on thin cardboard, drawing paper or strong brown paper. Cut with scissors into, say 20 pieces. Who can assemble the quickest? If you make a jig-saw for each Patrol, use different colour background or texta-colour in case pieces get mixed.

Let's Go Fishing

Make a "fishing line" with a hook or a magnet on the end for each Six. Cut out a quantity of fish shapes from paper or cardboard and attach a wire ring or piece of metal on the nose of each fish so that it can be picked up. On each fish write a question. The fish are placed in a "pool" in the middle of the floor. Reference books to find the answers are available. On signal, one member of each Six "catches" a fish and the other members of the Six try to find the answer. If they find the answer they keep the fish, if not they throw it back. The Six with the most fish "correctly answered" wins.

This activity can be used for Road Safety, Home Safety, Knowledge of Movement, First Aid, Uniform, Clothes on Fire. What others can you think of?

The Brownie Guides enjoy making fishing lines and the fish!!!

Goal

Partners stand facing each other with their feet apart. A ball is placed on floor mid-way between. At a given signal, each girl tries to kick the ball between partner's feet.

— MATILDA CONTRIBUTIONS —

As from February, 1975, all "Matilda" contributions, etc., should be sent to the new editor — Mrs. L. Richardson, 31 Hampshire Road, Forest Hill, 3131. Phone: 878 5361. Changes of address and subscriptions should continue to go to H.Q., 20 Russell St., Melbourne, 3000.

A PLAN IS BORN

Sitting round a log fire can be satisfying, rewarding, even creative.

Soon after Miss Margaret Coleman became Australian Training Adviser the Australian Training Committee of the time, meeting with her round a glowing fire, thought about (i) **A.L.T.P.**, which stands for **The Australian Leadership Training Plan** and (2) **Leaders Workbook**.

Trainers have had the A.L.T.P. for some time, and now comes *your* turn.

The Leaders Workbook is now ready and this is what Miss Coleman writes about it:— "It has been designed to assist **ALL** leaders. It is an aid to **YOUR** development and progress. It will help **YOU** become a more effective leader. It does not replace the Leader's Handbook or other printed material it is a supplement to them and is intended to help you set your own learning goals — it will help you find out what you know and where you need to find out more. You may work through sections of it by yourself, or in groups, in your own time and at your own pace.

It is a loose-leaf book so you may add your own notes and comments, and pages may be replaced if the information becomes out of date — thus saving the expense of buying a whole new book.

The Australian Training Committee hopes that you will find this a useful supplement to your leadership knowledge, and would welcome your comments. The Committee is most appreciative of the time, effort, and expertise given freely by those who made such a book possible."

LEADER'S WORKBOOK (available now in the Guide Shop).

This will help you plan your programmes — see Pages 57-72. Here are some extracts to start you off.

Page 63 likens a good programme to baking of cake.

Thus: **PREPARATION:** Take the ideas, interests, suggestions of Guides and Leaders in Pow-Wow, Patrol Council, Leaders' Council.

INGREDIENTS: An equal measure of each of the points of the 8 Point Programme.

METHOD: Blend together with games, outings, visitors, camps, quizzes, discoveries, challenges, hikes, ventures, songs. Ensure that plenty of fun is added and that everyone has a stir of the cake!

And then you are asked (in the space left for your answer) "Do the girls keep asking for another slice, or do they leave it on the plate?

The challenge to us, of course, is "More please!"

On Page 69, we read: "Give every opportunity for the guides to organize, carry through, and be responsible for as much as possible. Do not underestimate the ability of your guides — give them a chance to prove what they can do, and to learn and grow through doing.

Then, on the next page, your own assessment sheet gives space for a Yes/No answer to questions such as

Did you do all the preparation, and provide equipment, etc?

OR Did the girls share this responsibility?

The book is typed, on quarto size paper, and there are plenty of sketches.

It is truly a "Workbook" with spaces for you to jot down notes, assess unit activities, find and note the answers to questions asked, and room to list comments from the girls in your Unit. There are many ideas on Leadership, Challenge and Self-Assessment.

SURREY JUBILEE

On a beautiful sunny day, Surrey Hills' Guides, held their 50th birthday at St. Stephen's Church, Surrey Hills. Ex-guides and guiders had been invited as well as all the present Brownies and guides, and some guests from headquarters.

Altogether about 200 people came to see the displays of camp as it is today — and as it was 50 years ago, with some of the 1st Surrey Hills guides of today in the old style guide uniform.

There was a display of soap and rugs which guides used to make during the war as well as an outstanding display of photos from 1923-74. 1st Surrey Hills guides had on display their map of Australia which won a State Commissioner's prize a few years ago.

The programme had some speeches, tree planting by one of the first guides, cutting of an enormous cake, and the performing of a song first performed by Brownies in 1934 at a Scout jamboree. Everyone received a piece of the birthday cake.

Alison Vickery,
2nd Surrey Hills Guide Company.

QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATIONS

Margaret Billington of 4th Box Hill (St. Andrew's) Company, was presented with her Queen's Guide badge by the District Commissioner.

The Ceremony, held in St. Andrew's Hall, included a Brownie going up to Guides, two Guides making their promise, others receiving earned badges and patrols enacting aspects of Guiding which had been covered by Margaret during her work towards her Queen's Guide badge.

Highlights of the evening were the marching on of colours and the candlelight ceremony, when Margaret renewed her promise and received her badge.

Later, guests were invited to supper, when Margaret cut a beautifully decorated cake and thanked her leader, family, friends, testers and sister Guides for help while she was with the Company.

Jennifer Derbyshire,
4th Box Hill Company.



Competitions, work and tests paid dividends for two Moorabbin girls when they received their Queen's Guides awards.

Deirdre Owens and Anne Mauder were presented with their awards by their mothers at the request of the 2nd Moorabbin Group's captain.

The hall was decked in cherry blossom and lanterns made by girls in the group. The two cakes were decorated in the shape of fans.

As each girl's story was read a fold of a large fan opened and each fold contained a section of the Guide eight-point programme.

After a "Mod Pinocchio" play the girls and their guests ate supper prepared by the company.



Dear Matilda,

Grantville Brownies held a pets parade and lucky dip to help Moonya retarded centre in Wonthaggi. We also had afternoon tea, and we raised \$50.00.

Kristine Argent,
Jennifer Johns.

NOTICES

INTERNATIONAL — Invitation from Sweden — Guides 15 years — Rangers to 18 years.

Camps	Date	Place	Cost	Ages
Backalagret	July 28 - Aug. 6	St. Olaf, Skane	190. Sw.Crs.	15-16
Intiwon	June 11 - 18	Osjonas, Tivaden	150. Sw.Crs.	15-18
Orebro- Varmland	June 11 - 18	Bergslagsgarden, Savsjon	150. Sw.Crs.	15-18

NO FINANCE AVAILABLE. Hospitality a week before or after camp.

Guiders are also invited for these Camps.

Application forms available, on receipt of stamped, addressed envelope, from International Adviser, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.

CLOSING DATE 1st April. All applicants will need to attend selection Day on 12th April at Headquarters, 10.30 a.m.-4 p.m. Bring change of casual clothes. Lunch provided.

CALLING ALL STAMP COLLECTORS

Advice has been received that the Girl Guides' Association of Great Britain, which is hostessing the 22nd World Conference to be held in 1975, is producing a special commemorative cover to mark the occasion.

These covers will be on sale at 25 pence (U.K.) each, which includes postage within the United Kingdom, with a discount price for orders of 25 or more. They will be posted in a special posting box installed by the Post Office in the University of Sussex where the conference is to be held and will be franked with a specially designed hand stamp, the date of which will be changed on each day of the Conference. Unserviced covers will be available at the lower price of 20 pence each.

Any members wishing to order these covers should do so by writing to Commemorative Cover, C/- U.K. '75 Office, Girl Guides' Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1 W OPT, U.K. enclosing a sterling cheque or bank draft.

GUIDE GUIDER'S
CONFERENCE —
CANTERBURY GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL
21st JUNE, 1975

YALLOURN DISTRICT 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GUIDING — MARCH, 1975

JOIN with us in our celebrations
Buffet Dinner and Concert — Saturday,
1st March, 1975
Guides Own and Luncheon — Sunday,
2nd March, 1975

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



BROWNIE GUIDERS — Mark this Important date in your 1975 Diary now:

SATURDAY 5th JULY, 1975

It is the Brownie Guiders' Conference and will be held at Canterbury Girls' High School. If you have any suggestions for Session Themes they can be forwarded to: Mrs. June Denehey, 23 Gladwyn Avenue, East Bentleigh.

ANNUAL ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE

St. Paul's Cathedral.

Friday, 18th April, 1975.

Members of all religions and denominations are invited to join in this Scout and Guide service on the Friday before 23rd April, **THE** day of the international Patron Saint of Scouting.

The service will be conducted by Rev. J. Ryan.

The speaker — Rev. Bert Neal.

Music by the "Scout Reach" group — modern guitarist/vocalists led by Lynton Wade of Gang Show fame.

The Guide Choir will lead the singing.

The following hymns have been chosen for the service:

Song of Joy.	Sing Hosannah.
Come to Me.	Onward Christian
Thank You.	Soldiers.

Practise them in your unit so that you will be able to participate fully — let us make the rafters ring!

Experience the thrill of worshipping with a vast number of brother Scouts and sister Guides.

Join in the renewal of your Promise.

Enjoy the spectacle of the flag ceremonial.

Why not combine with the Scouts in your District to travel to the Service?

The Scout and Guide Diocesan Council.



ATTENTION COMMISSIONERS:

GANG SHOW 1975 needs and wants young guiders on stage

If you have any young guiders (between 17 and 25 years) in your District here is their opportunity! They need to be free for rehearsals Monday evenings from June until September, 1975.

Apart from cast, there are several other interesting departments needing help: Secretarial, Public Relations, Costumes, Front of House, Make-up, V.I.P. Hostessing, Typing and/or Shorthand, Typing, Dressmaking, Usherettes.

Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary to Advisers, Mrs. B. D. McNally, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne by sending her a **stamped self-addressed envelope**.

Applications close 14th March, 1975.



Dear Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Guiders, Commissioners, LA and Trefoil Guild Members —

You will all be delighted to hear of the wonderful response for the Chief Guide's Christmas card — \$555.55 was the total amount for Australia. In Victoria we almost reached the \$200 mark. Thank you so much for this grand effort.

The gift, with representative signatures wrapped in blue and gold paper, would have arrived for Christmas.

The other signatures you sent, with lovely illustrations, were stuck on to a blind by three Mornington Guides and have been sent off to the Chief by ordinary mail. These should arrive before Thinking Day and I feel sure will give Lady Baden-Powell a lot of pleasure knowing you all think of her. Please remember her in your prayers at your special Thinking Day ceremonies.

Gwen Buckland.

KOORONGA CAMPSITE

Attractive wooded Gooronga campsite (belonging to Dandenong Region) is situated approximately 3 miles north of Dandenong adjacent to Churchill National Park, and provides an ideal setting for enjoying the out-of-doors.

Water and power available, also toilet and shower facilities.

Information from booking secretary — Mrs. A. Mutton, 18 Hillside Avenue, Dandenong. Phone: 792 5406.

CHINESE TALK

If you know the actions to the song, "Chinese Talk" would you please forward details of them to; Mrs. M. Lindsay, P.O. Box 130, Casterton, 3311.

CAMP !

Dear Matilda,
Our first camp!

We all excitedly left St. Andrew's Guide Hall on that cool morning for Britannia Park. Chauvel, our original campsite, had been under water so we were moved to Somers which was lovely.

A good supply of wood was in store, and Wood and Water patrol soon came plodding back with a trolley load. We had collected some wood prior to boarding the bus too in case it may have been in short supply at camp.

Coco Q.M., was saying, "The Store tent should go east-west"; so the cooks spent some time finding north and then checking with a compass.

The Caretaker, Mr. Fraser, was extremely kind and helpful and was always nearby when needed.

Camp Patrol put up the bath tent and everyone enjoyed a refreshing but squashy bath. The cooks prepared jellied fruit and hung it in the meat safes over night to set.

Patrol Leaders organised an amusing game. Everyone, blindfolded, held on to a rope and followed it for some time. When our blindfolds were removed, we discovered we had been going around in circles!

Sunday was very warm and the cooks rose at what seemed like the crack of dawn. After breakfast we prepared for Guides' Own.

The Britannia Park photographer came and we had our photo taken. Later we made some gadgets and went off to follow a trail laid by one Patrol.

Some of the guides made plaster castes of seed-pods and some made bark rubbings.

Two recruits were enrolled when their parents were present. Finally, we had an Emu Parade, picking up bits and pieces from the ground as we went, which fascinated our parents.

Janetta Webb,
P.L. Heath Patrol,
3rd Brighton.

In order to reap the full possibilities of youth, we must not tie them too rigidly to the theories of an older generation. Their value lies in being a voice not an echo.

Willett L. Hardin.



PAKISTAN

You will have all heard of the recent earthquake disaster in Pakistan. Australia's International Commissioner has written to the Girl Guides Association there expressing our sympathy. Should you wish to give any donations, I will see that they are forwarded. Closing date will be **26th March**.

L. Dwyer,
International Adviser, Victoria.

PAKISTAN GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

Miss Eleanor Manning,
International Commissioner,
Girl Guides' Association of Australia.

Dear Miss Eleanor Manning,

It was very kind of you to send a generous donation of Rs.3,312.82 on behalf of your Girl Guides to help the people of our country affected by the unprecedented floods of 1973. Your donation has been utilized to meet the building costs of flood relief centre in Papeen, a village in Sialkot district of the Punjab Province which was badly affected by the floods. The village was selected by the district authorities as there was a great need for such a shelter there. During 1973, this village was completely washed away. After a year the villagers started building their new houses. They are happy to see that the Girl Guides are taking interest in them, and are helping towards their rehabilitation work.

This centre will be used as a flood relief shelter during floods and a community Centre and Dispensary during normal times. Begum M. H. Sherazee, Deputy National Commissioner and Provincial Commissioner, Punjab fixed the stone at the Centre. The writing on the stone is in Urdu and English. It reads—

PAKISTAN GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION
RELIEF-CUM-COMMUNITY CENTRE.

The Centre has been made possible by donations from Girl Guides of different countries of the World.

Yours sincerely,

BEGUM G. A. KHAN
NATIONAL COMMISSIONER.

"MATILDA" CONTRIBUTIONS



ADVERTISEMENTS IN "MATILDA"

Have you remembered that "Matilda" is happy to insert advertisements for that special function your unit is holding? that uniform you want to sell? that re-union you're having to celebrate the birthday of Guiding in your area?

However, it must be stressed that these "notices" are **advertisements**.

"Matilda" would like to insert freely all the material and notices you send in, but the number of pages available (which affects the weight of "Matilda" issues and therefore the postage costs) just aren't sufficient.

Advertisements in "Matilda" are of two types—one, the classified variety, which is inserted at a cost of 5 cents per word; and the other, the display variety, which costs from approximately \$3 upwards.

The Editor of "Matilda" can give you details of space available, costs, etc.

The Editor of "Matilda" is delighted to receive stories, reports, articles about **interesting** activities, happenings, etc., games, etc., etc., etc., which take place in **YOUR** area.

Don't wait for someone else to write in about them!

When you are sending these articles in, would you remember please:—

1. It helps if they are typed or printed (carefully) on a separate sheet of paper from any letter.
2. If typed (which is preferable) they should be typed in **DOUBLE SPACING**. Rarely can we print articles we receive in their entirety, and double spacing helps if we have to cut or alter. In any case articles need to be in double spacing to help the printer read the material easily.
3. When you are reporting an event, please remember that "Matilda" is interested in **HOW** you planned, the **RESULTS** of your work, and any **HINTS** to others planning similar activities. Don't overload your stories with lists of names and local detail, for "Matilda" serves a wide public.
4. If you are sending in a report which has already appeared in your local paper (although you must remember that reports for local papers differ in approach to reports for "Matilda"), will you make sure that you have permission for the article to be reprinted in "Matilda". The laws of copyright are very strict, and it is easier for local people to contact the papers than for "Matilda" to do it. Please send "Matilda" the name and address of your paper so that a copy of the relevant issue can be forwarded to the Editor in due course for his records.
5. When writing to "Matilda" would you please use the Editor's address (given in the Victorian Guiding Personnel List, under Headquarters Appointments) and so save Headquarters having to re-address letters?

THANK YOU!



SYBIL HOWY IRVING, M.B.E.

When Sybil Irving became State Secretary of the Girl Guides in Victoria I was a young and enthusiastic captain of a country company in S.A.

I well remember the thrill it gave me, on a short holiday in Melbourne, to meet her at H.Q.

She had about her a sort of aura made up of good looks, charm and energy. One sensed her tremendous integrity, and felt that here was one to whom the Guide promise meant a great deal. She obviously had great powers of leadership.

Fortunately for Australia this was recognised, and in August 1941 she was appointed Controller of the Australian Womens Army Service which she had to raise and organise.

Those of us who knew her were certain it would be the success it proved and many Guides enlisted in all States.

Miss Irving perhaps never received the public recognition so well deserved but those who knew and worked with her in Guiding, Red Cross, the Army, the Crippled Children's Association, and the Council of the Ageing, and her personal friends will never forget her.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." For that reason we want to perpetuate her memory through a National Memorial which will benefit members of all the organisations she served so well and faithfully.

M.S.D.

Those in Victoria who wish to make a donation in remembrance of Sybil Irving's life and work may send their gifts to Miss Doris Carter, at Victorian Girl Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000. Miss Carter has kindly offered to assist the Victorian appeal Committee in this helpful way.

M.C.

Friends of the late Sybil Irving are invited to attend morning service (9.30 a.m.) on 23rd February, at Christ Church, South Yarra, when the Appeal will be opened.

To commemorate our Founder's birthday, the Trefoil and Baden-Powell Guilds of Victoria will this year hold a gathering at Gilwell Park on Sunday, 23rd February, commencing at 10 a.m. Members can obtain further information from Mrs. Lister, State Trefoil Adviser (95 1835). This day is being held (for this year only) in lieu of the usual residential weekend for members and their families.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FORMER SCOUTS AND GUIDES

The 11th General Assembly of IFOFSAG will be held in Aalborg, Denmark from 15th to 20th August, 1975. Using professional services, we believe members can travel with guaranteed comfort, and travelling as a group get value for their money. Australian Express Ltd. have drawn up a travel plan including South Africa, and Kruger Game reserve, on the way over; time for shopping in Hongkong on the way back; London and European highlights; time for the G.A., Denmark, in between . . . for under \$2000. Aalborg is the fourth largest city in Denmark, and the municipal hall, with the neighbouring hotel, Hvide Hus, have been booked as general assembly and seminar centres.

After the assembly it is planned to invite all foreign participants to spend three days as guests in the homes of Danish Guild members throughout the country, when local guilds will do their utmost to ensure a memorable visit to their country. Registration must be made by 1st March, 1975.

Application (whether you wish to travel alone, or with the group) should be made to the International Secretary, Miss Merle Puddicombe, 7/37 Tramway Street, Denistone West, N.S.W. 2114 without delay.

Remember Win Cozens?

You knew and met her in so many avenues of Guiding. It was so often "Oh ask Win, she will do it." And she did.

Win passed away in June, 1974. Now the Twigs Trefoil group wants to remember her with a gift to the Guide House, which she loved.

Thoughts to Miss Hilda Driven, 10 Bourke Street, Ringwood, 3134.



THE FOUNDER, LORD BADEN-POWELL,
1857-1941

BOOKS WRITTEN BY BADEN-POWELL

- 1883 — Vedette.
- 1884 — Reconnaissance and Scouting.
- 1885 — Cavalry Instruction.
- 1889 — Pigsticking or Hoghunting.
- 1896 — The Downfall of Prempeh.
The Matabel Campaign.
- 1899 — Aids to Scouting.
- 1900 — Sport in War.
- 1907 — Sketches in Mafeking and East Africa.
- 1908 — Scouting for Boys.
- 1910 — Scouting Games.
Yarns for Boy Scouts.
- 1913 — Boy Scouts Beyond the Seas.
- 1914 — Quick Training for War.
- 1915 — My Adventures as a Spy (The Adventures of a Spy).
Indian Memories.
Young Knights of the Empire.
- 1916 — The Wolf Cub's Handbook.
- 1917 — Girl Guiding.
- 1920 — Aids to Scoutmastership.
- 1921 — An Old Wolf's Favourites.
What Scouts Can Do.
- 1922 — Rovering to Success.
- 1927 — Life's Snags.
- 1929 — Scouting and Youth Movements.
- 1933 — Lessons from the "Varsity of Life".
- 1934 — Adventures and Accidents.
- 1935 — Scouting Round the World.
- 1937 — African Adventures.
- 1938 — Birds and Beasts in Africa.
- 1939 — Paddle Your Own Canoe.
- 1940 — More Sketches of Kenya.
- 1941 — B-P's Outlook (posthumously published).

FISH CREEK QUEEN'S GUIDE

Ellen Mueller received her Queen's Guide badge at a ceremony held at Fish Creek.

The evening began with colour parties presenting Guide and Scout flags to our District Commissioner, who spoke of Ellen's progress through Brownies and Guides.

Fish Creek guides mimed badges Ellen had earned, and sang campfire songs.

Our guides spoke about the requirements of the badge and presented Ellen with her Queen's Guide badge.

Ellen then cut a cake decorated with eight-point badges in the four colours, surrounding a replica of the Queen's Guide badge.

After Ellen thanked everyone who had helped and encouraged her, guides and Local Association members served supper to about seventy people.

Jenny Flanders,
1st Fish Creek Company.

LONE QUEEN'S GUIDE

Carolyn Field, a Lone Guide received her Queen's Guide badge at a presentation arranged by Invergordon and Katamatite guides, brownies and Local Associations.

The hall was decorated in blue and gold.

Forming a guard of honour the guides held lighted candles and at each "point" a guide read Carolyn's achievement in the eight points.

Carolyn's Lone Captain was present as were the Division and District Commissioners, Shire President and many friends.

But best of all to me — Carolyn's grandmother, who had been a Lone guide and ranger, and also a Lone guider and first joined guiding over fifty years ago — it was a very great honour to see my granddaughter, a Lone, invested with the Queen's Guide badge.

Congratulations to all who made this night such a memorable one for all present.

Florence B. Field.

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Dear Matilda,

Would you like to hear about our "fun" going up ceremony? We stood in a line in pairs with an apple suspended between each pair. The Brownie going up had a bite of each apple and called out a challenge. After eating her way up the line she met her new guide leader and we had a great time trying to finish off those bobbing, swaying apples.

Alison McNulty,
3rd Parkmore Brownies.

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HEADQUARTERS?

How many of your Local Association members have **never** visited our Guide Headquarters at 20 Russell Street?

This is the hub of our State Association where members from throughout the State meet from time to time for stimulating discussions on everything pertaining to the Movement.

Some of these meetings involve all Region Commissioners, who come together four times a year with our State Commissioner, and another is for Division Commissioners who meet together once a year.

Would any L.A.s have two or three members willing to come to Headquarters on one of these days to serve luncheon to our Commissioners? They would be required to arrive at about 11.30 on the morning of the meeting to put sandwiches on plates, cut up fruit and serve tea and coffee. The food is provided by the Association at no cost to the L.A.s concerned. After tidying up after lunch, they should be ready to leave by 1.30 p.m.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider this request at your next L.A. meeting and, if interested in helping, please write to Miss P. Barr, State Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000, for dates for 1975 and further information.

Another way L.A.s can help Headquarters is to supply groups of ladies to fold our State Magazine "Matilda" ready for dispatch. This is a big job for the few ladies who come each month, but could be made much easier if more came to assist. The regular morning for this is the second Tuesday of each month, and you would find it very stimulating.

Have you ever thought of holding one of your monthly meetings or perhaps your annual meeting in one of our training rooms? If you are interested, a tour of the building can be arranged on this day, and so give

your members an opportunity to learn more of the Movement. Contact Miss Carter, our Headquarters Secretary, for booking rooms.

You will find our pleasant Members' Lounge, just inside the main doors, the perfect place for a quiet sit, read, or chat with a friend, or a rest and cup of tea after shopping in the City. Make enquiries about tea-making facilities from the Reception Desk.

On the large notice-board in the Lounge, each Region is, in turn, showing a display of their activities, and these are proving most interesting.

Please remember, Headquarters belongs to Local Association as well as uniformed members of the Movement, and you are always welcome there.

OUR HERITAGE

The historical Clunes Town Hall was the venue chosen for the Ballarat Region Local Association Conference, with Clunes Division acting as hosts for the day.

The theme of the Conference was "Our Heritage" and this was appropriately featured by many displays of historical interest around the Hall.

In opening the Conference, Cr. G. McLennan, President of the Shire of Talbot and Clunes, said that of the many things for young people today, it would be better for them if there were more Guides and Scouts.

Our State Secretary, Miss Peg Barr, spoke on the history of Guiding, passing through the different periods of Guiding over the years, and coming up to the present day, with Guiding in over 100 countries throughout the world.

Mrs. D. Oldfield, Assistant State Commissioner, outlined ways in which Local Associations can help their Districts through their District Commissioners to the Leaders and the girls. Investing in the Headquarters Building Pool was mentioned as a way of helping other L.A.'s. who may be building or renovating a Guide Hall.

Discussion groups followed, and some interesting comments came forward after discussing how L.A.'s. can help overcome any problems facing Guiding today.

The Guest Speaker, Mrs. Nina Valentine, gave an enlightening and humorous account of the part she played in the authentic furnishing of the Sovereign Hill buildings.

The day concluded with a talk on spinning and weaving by Miss J. Batch, while demonstrators showed their skills with raw wool. This session created a great deal of interest, and proved a relaxed ending to a most successful Conference.

RECIPE CORNER

APARAGUS ROLLS SUPREME

Roll asparagus tips in bread, place in casserole and heat in oven for 10 minutes. Make sauce with 1 large can of Cream of Chicken Soup, add one cup milk, salt and pepper, and 1 tablespoon cornflour. Thicken and pour over asparagus rolls. Decorate with parsley.

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

A Visit to the Fire Station

2nd Bendigo Brownie Pack went to the Fire Station.

An officer took us around and told us about everything there. One of the fire trucks, called the Tanker had broken down. It had a row of seats on it for the firemen to sit on.

On the trucks they carry a lot of tools and special suits for fires.

He showed us the outfits and gave us a hat to try on. The hats were only light. He took us into the switchboard room and showed us all the switches on the big table.

On the way home we did the "Scout run" as it was raining and we were in a hurry.

Karen McNaughton.



A letter written to a large soap manufacturer —

Dear Sir,

You advertise with the claim — IF IT'S SAFE IN WATER, IT'S SAFE IN LUX. Now, about my goldfish . . .

LONG SERVICE . . .

Mrs. Peatling was first a guide with 1st Victorian Post Guide company 44 years ago and learnt all her guide work by correspondence. She was enrolled by post too.

The girls in this company were Extension guides, scattered throughout Victoria and their meetings were then (as now) a monthly newsletter. Guiding commenced in Cohuna in 1932 and Mrs. Peatling was invited to attend the meetings, and later became a Lieutenant for ten years. She took over as Captain when Mrs. Pollard moved to the Brownie pack.

Two children later she was persuaded to start a Ranger company and her trainer in this situation was Miss Betty Macartney, later to be State Secretary.

The Ranger company lost its leader when Mrs. Peatling found running the Ranger unit and guide company (whose captain had retired) too much — but she stayed with the Guide company until her retirement at the end of last year.

Mrs. Peatling can retain her interest in guiding through her granddaughter, who is a Queen's Guide.

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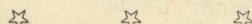
Women from various districts gathered at Donald, to recognise the many years of service given to the Guide movement by Miss Dorothy Pearse.

Her service includes that as Guide, Guide leader, District Commissioner and Commissioner of East Wimmera Division.

Speakers paid tributes. The present District Commissioner added words of appreciation on behalf of the movement.

Miss Pearse suitably responded, stressing that she had derived much more from Guiding than she had ever put into it.

(From Donald, Birchip Times.)



FRIENDSHIP FROM JAPAN

Dear Matilda,

We had a Japanese night and the other North Balwyn packs came too. We had Japanese food and wore Japanese clothes. We made origami, paper blossom trees, learnt a Japanese dance and played a Japanese game. We tried to eat with chopsticks but none of us were very successful. A Japanese girl named Junko came along with her family and showed us many Japanese games and treasures.

3rd Pack — Nth. Balwyn.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following—

Guiders' Long Service

(25 years)

Mrs. H. Gallpen, Lancefield.

(15 years)

Mrs. J. Phillips, Shepparton; Mrs. E. McGlashan, West Heidelberg; Mrs. H. Baker, Strathmerton; Mrs. G. D. Maddock, Doncaster; Mrs. M. McDonald, Maffra.

Local Association Long Service

Mrs. M. Burgess, Elsternwick; Mrs. H. Sleight, Elsternwick.

Combined Long Service

Mrs. M. Furness, Burwood; Mrs. D. A. Goudie, Highton; Mrs. R. Humphreys, Dareton, N.S.W.

Thanks badge

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward, Bright; Mr. J. Mitchell, Kerang.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Region Commissioners

Mrs. S. C. Smith, Dandenong; Mrs. S. C. Peterson, Assistant, Yarra Valley.

District Commissioners

Mrs. G. C. Banks, Inverloch; Mrs. L. D. Elms, Heatherdale; Mrs. J. D. Hutchison, White Hills; Mrs. C. T. Edmunds, Aberfeldie; Mrs. M. R. Marshall, Broadmeadows; Mrs. A. W. Pearce, Beeac; Mrs. B. W. Baker, Rupanyup; Mrs. J. S. Temple, Horsham; Mrs. R. L. Schlager, Belvedere Park - Pine Forest; Mrs. J. C. Hall, North Brighton (from 1st February); Mrs. G. N. Berger, Forest Hill; Mrs. S. Coles, Assistant, Avondale Heights-East Keilor.

Ranger Guiders

Mrs. M. Campbell, Doncaster West Rangers; Mrs. L. Ashby, "S.R.S. Curlew", Bendigo Rangers; Mrs. K. A. Loughrey, Reservoir West Rangers; Mrs. T. B. O'Shea, Frankston Rangers.

Assistant Ranger Guiders

Mrs. K. C. Rowe, "S.R.S. Curlew", Bendigo Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Mrs. E. J. McWharton, 1st Springvale; Mrs. A. J. Johnson, 3rd Nunawading; Mrs. M. Walker, 1st Grantville; Mrs. M. T. Tucker, 1st Templestowe; Mrs. L. Vangulik, 2nd Maryvale; Mrs. R. G. Bysouth, 1st Cockatoo; Miss R. Ward, 3rd Warrnambool; Mrs. E. Bahn, 1st Hightett; Mrs. S. Hopkins, 2nd Blackburn South; Mrs. J. T. Doolan, 1st Bright; Mrs. J. R. McMillan, 1st San Remo-Newhaven; Mrs. A. J. White, 1st Belvedere Park; Mrs. A. J. McMillan, 1st Mansfield; Mrs. Y. B. Pascals, 1st South Oakleigh; Miss M. Moore, 1st Brighton Beach; Miss A. P. Taylor, 1st Yallourn North.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs. S. E. Mynard, 1st Trafalgar; Mrs. H. Sprott, 1st Warrandyte; Mrs. I. K. Thomson, 1st Sunshine West; Mrs. N. Botheras, 2nd South Shepparton; Mrs. S. Teale, 2nd Yarrawonga; Miss W. Smibert, 7th Malvern; Mrs. J. Goss, 1st Granville; Mrs. C. Carlin, 1st North Cheltenham; Mrs. H. Morris, 2nd Herne Hill; Mrs. J. Tooher, 1st Solway; Mrs. J. Tye, 1st Bright; Mrs. N. King, 3rd Heathmont; Mrs. B. C. Black, 1st Dandenong North; Miss L. M. Sinclair, 1st Manangatang; Mrs. L. Marshall, 1st Springvale North; Miss W. Frost, 1st The Basin; Mrs. M. A. Jeff, 1st Yarram.

Brownie Guiders

Mrs. F. Pernek, 2nd Thomastown; Mrs. K. B. Findlay, 1st West Doncaster; Mrs. R. J. Vaughan, 2nd Kyneton; Miss L. S. Regan, 4th Sunshine West; Mrs. B. McGrady, 3rd Northcote; Mrs. J. Barrett, 1st Elwood; Mrs. A. Drackford, 1st Parkmore; Mrs. L. Walker, 1st Craigieburn; Mrs. R. Morton, 1st Warrandyte; Mrs. D. C. Hutton, 1st Tawonga; Mrs. D. Nattress, 1st Dartmoor; Mrs. V. Bray, 2nd Ballarat; Mrs. H. W. Johnstone, 3rd Newborough; Mrs. K. Blanchard, 2nd Charlton; Mrs. B. Lewis, 4th Springvale North; Mrs. B. Garrard, 2nd Springvale North; Mrs. N. Anderson, 1st Gladstone Park; Mrs. D. Ennor, 1st Eltham; Mrs. J. M. Perkins, 2nd Blackburn South; Mrs. P. A. Males, 4th Surrey; Mrs. L. G. Idle, 1st Surrey; Mrs. T. Pickering, 2nd Yarram; Mrs. S. Tiver, 4th Mildura; Mrs. C. F. Buckland, 1st Mansfield; Mrs. R. Donaldson, 1st Anglesea.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. G. L. Heeps, 1st Mt. Waverley; Miss L. Barnes, 1st Kyneton; Miss E. Gross, 1st Malvern (Exts.); Mrs. J. G. Haggart, 2nd Beaumaris; Miss J. Cook, 2nd Watsonia; Mrs. M. Rickard, 1st St. Arnaud; Miss L. Collins, 2nd Armadale; Miss S. Miles, 2nd Armadale; Mrs. J. Evans, 2nd Alexandra; Mrs. J. Diesberg, 2nd Ringwood; Mrs. J. Simpson, 2nd Ringwood; Mrs. J. G. Scroggie, 1st Ashburton; Miss C. Jenkins, 2nd Glen Iris; Mrs. C. Reid, 1st Elliminny; Miss L. H. Summers, 1st Dartmoor; Mrs. B. P. Kent, 3rd Oakleigh (Exts.); Mrs. A. H. Rae, 4th Beaumaris; Mrs. D. Harry, 5th Moorleigh; Miss E. C. Moncrieff, 1st Elmore; Mrs. L. Parnall, 1st Cockatoo; Mrs. M. Love, 3rd Newborough; Mrs. J. M. O'Brien, 2nd Charlton; Mrs. D. A. Rucker, 1st Ringwood; Mrs. A. Lynch, 3rd Mentone; Mrs. S. Tonge, 2nd Oakleigh; Mrs. M. B. Bristow, 2nd Wonga Park; Mrs. I. P. Fox, 1st Dunolly; Miss B. Cornell, 4th Mildura; Mrs. P. Steer, 2nd Maryvale; Mrs. J. G. Abraham, 1st Terang; Mrs. R. E. Ellis, 1st Colbinabbin.

Registrations

2nd Keysborough Company, 1st Cowes Coy., Jordanville Ranger Unit, 3rd Werribee Coy., Hopper's Crossing L.A., Kiewa L.A., 3rd Keysborough Pack, 2nd Norlane Pack, 4th Mildura Pack, 2nd Cobden Pack.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

Division Commissioners

Mrs. K. C. Furness, Camberwell South; Mrs. C. H. Dick, Eltham; Mrs. D. L. Tulloh, Assistant, Eltham.

NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SONG

We now bring you details of the National Festival of Song that you have been waiting to hear. What a wonderful opportunity for Victoria to act as hosts for representatives from our sister States, when all the finalists come together for the grand conclusion of the Festival, due to take place in August. In our State wide competition there will be four (4) categories - they are:

1) Brownie Group - item with or without accompaniment
2) Guide " " " " "
3) Ranger " " " " "
4) Solo or Group not exceeding four - vocal or instrumental

You will note the term "item" is used - this means any form of Stage presentation as well as Campfire singing, so there is plenty of scope.

What fun you will all have deciding which item to prepare, what sort of costumes to wear and so on. Even if only a small talented group from a unit actually performs the item all members can be involved in helping with ideas for costumes and props. We are sure that in every unit there will be at least one group of Brownies, Guides or Rangers who will want to represent that unit in the competition.

Items are to be limited to five minutes each. If an accompanist is required the group must provide its own. This also applies to any other properties which are needed.

The heats and semi-finals for this competition are expected to be held in May and June. These will be held at selected country and suburban centres to minimise travelling but the State finals which will take place in July will be held in Melbourne. Overnight hospitality for country members competing in the State finals will be arranged. State winners will represent the State at the National Grand Finale to be held on 23rd August at the Dallas Brooks Hall. The weekend of the National Finale will be a most exciting one and, apart from the thrill of performing on stage at the Dallas Brooks Hall, there will be many other exciting things planned during the weekend.

Application forms accompanied by \$1.00 entry fee per group item, or 50 cents for solo item, should be forwarded to Miss H. Cathcart, 20 Harrow Street, Box Hill, 3128, by 31st March. Details of the type of item are to be given on this form, e.g. group singing, play, piano and violin duet, etc., but the name of the item is not yet required so competitors will have a longer time in which to make their choice. Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope with the application form so that details of the arrangements for heats can be forwarded. Any queries concerning the Competition should be sent to the Convenor - Mrs. J. N. West, 6 Dunstan Street, North Balwyn, 3104 - telephone 857 9078.

APPLICATION FORM

To be forwarded to Festival Treasurer: Miss H. Cathcart, 20 Harrow Street, Box Hill, 3128, by 31st March, with entry fee(s) and stamped addressed envelope(s) of selected representative(s). Cheques should be made out to 'National Festival of Song'.

1975 → OUR 'EXPLORING THE ARTS' YEAR - 1975

Dear Brownies, Guides and Rangers,
Guiders and Commissioners,
Local Association and Trefoil Guild Members,

What an exciting and challenging year 1975 is going to be for us all. You have already heard something about the National Festival of Song to be held this year and now we've decided to incorporate all the Arts. Members will be able to take part, no matter in what category of the Arts they shine and we hope everyone will share their special 'thing' by taking part in at least one facet of our 'Exploring the Arts' programme. You may not sing but perhaps you pot? If you're not itching to go on the stage, perhaps poetry is your forte? Maybe you're a budding toymaker or embroiderer? There will be scope for everyone, young and old, so start thinking about your entry now and be sure to tell your Brownies, Guides and Rangers what's in the wind so that they, too can begin to prepare their masterpieces. As I go about districts I have seen examples of beautiful work done by Guides so I am sure we will have some wonderful entries.

Overleaf you will find all the details about the National Festival of Song and I hope every unit in the State is intending to enter what promises to be an enjoyable and entertaining series of programmes for performers and audience alike. You will note that entries close at the end of March, but units will have until early May to reach 'Concert Pitch'. There are to be two finals - a State final to choose who will have the honour of representing Victoria at the National Finale (non-competitive) to be held here in Victoria on Saturday, 23rd August.

Run concurrently with the Festival of Song (which will include other musical items and stage presentations as well as singing) will be our State-wide Arts and Crafts Competition covering a wide range of creative arts and crafts such as painting, poetry, pottery, toymaking, etc. There will be a special Display of selected entries, including the winners of each section of the competition, in August. Full details of how to enter, when entries close, what categories there are to be and so on, will be given next month. You know what to do in the meantime, don't you!

"I, too, will something make
And joy in the making"

Joan E. Grimwade

Victorian Newsletter

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1975

Dear Everyone,

The holidays are almost over, and I am writing this at Mt. Martha just before we pack up to go back to Glenaroua. We will have those last few days at home before everyone goes back to school and the house becomes lonely, quiet and tidy until Easter.

It hasn't been good beach weather, but we have enjoyed the change—the boys have sailed the Paper Tiger and we have managed to catch some fish.

Just before we came down to Mt. Martha, Fred and I went to the opening of the Castlemaine Market by His Excellency, the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr. You may not know that just recently Sir John very graciously agreed to become President of the Girl Guides Association of Australia. This is the first time this position has been held by a man and we are delighted that the Queen's Senior Representative in Australia has seen fit to honour our Movement in this way. At the opening of the Castlemaine Market, the Guides and Scouts formed a Guard of Honour for the Governor-General and it was thrilling to see the interest which he took in the children.

I do want to thank the many of you who have given so much help to the Darwin evacuees—helping at Red Cross House, collecting money and clothes and helping with families staying in your own areas. I also want to thank those of you who have helped staff the Leisure Time Activities at Maribyrnong Migrant Hostel—these have been a great success, and I am sure have helped the children through a very sad and difficult time.

Many of you may be about to start a new job—perhaps your first one—my best wishes to you all. For all who are returning to school—or some form of tertiary education—I hope this is a very happy year and a very successful one.

I hope your Guide year gets off to an excellent start and you all have very happy Thinking Day Celebrations. What about making this the year when each one of us tries to introduce one new member to the Guide Movement. I am sure there are plenty of people about who are just waiting to be asked to help. For after all $1 + 1 = 2$.

With love and best wishes,

JOAN E. GRIMWADE,
State Commissioner.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO ALL

MINIMUM AGE FOR GUIDERS/UNIT HELPERS

The age at which a young woman can commence service as a Guider or Unit Helper has been lowered from 17 to 16 years, a decision taken to help to maintain or to foster the interest of girls of this age in working with Brownies and Guides. On the recommendation of their Commissioners enrolled members in this age group may wear Guider uniform and attend training classes, but they will not be eligible to be warranted as Assistant Guiders until they become 17 years of age. Uniform is not worn by those accepting appointment as Unit Helpers.

"MATILDA"

"Matilda" welcomes a new Editor this month, and farewells her former foster mother, Miss M. Shaw, who cared for her lovingly for 13 years. Will all contributors—and we hope there are many—please note that Matilda's new "Mum" is Mrs. L. I. Richardson, 31 Hampshire Road, Forest Hill, 3131. Intended copy should reach her by the first of the month for publication in the following month's edition. Notification concerning Guiders' and subscribers' names and addresses should not be sent to the Editor, but to Headquarters.

APRIL ACTION — Formerly "Cents for Service"

Make sure you read the article in this issue for full information.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GUIDERS

GUIDE SECTION

Revised Part 2 Handbook.—As from 1st January, 1975, everyone within the Guide Section will be using this Handbook, and we would like to draw attention to page 55, where the accreditation of badges for Emblems is explained in detail. Please make sure that your Guides also read this page, and understand that all badges they have earned from 1971 are still acceptable in 1975—e.g., the Angler Interest Badge earned since 1971 would be acceptable for the Fitness Emblem, its equivalent now being the Sportsgirl.

Service Flash—Guiders/Commissioners please note.—When bringing or sending in Service Flash cards for approval, please bring or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of the cards.

Queen's Guide Presentation Ceremony—Urgent.—The next Presentation Ceremony will probably take place in May, and information to this effect should now be passed on to present and prospective Queen's Guides. It is necessary that papers for any girl who is to attend this Presentation should reach Headquarters by 18th March at the latest. Information about the Ceremony and the rehearsal for it will be sent to the girls concerned some time in April.

BROWNIE SECTION

Uniform.—It has come to our attention that Brownie Leaders do not realise that brown (or fawn) pantees are part of the Brownie Guide uniform. Would you please see that this is included on your uniform lists for Recruits, and that the members of your Pack adhere to this matter, because no other colour is acceptable.

CAMP VAN

Our newly acquired Camp Van is now ready for operation. Isn't that exciting? If you want the Van to come to your area, send in your application now. Application forms are obtainable from Division Camp Advisers. (See November "Matilda" for full details.)

YOUNG LEADERS' GROUP

Young Guiders, if you were not a member of our Group last year, you missed some fabulous activities. Scouters are now members of our Group but we need more faces to help continue on from our success in 1974. If you are 20+ and your Unit does not meet on a Monday, come to our first 1975 meeting on Monday, 17th February, at 2nd Camberwell South Scout Hall (directly behind "Floor Coverings"), Queens Parade, Burwood, starting at 8 p.m. It is hoped that a Camp will be held later this year, along with various other social activities. For any enquiries, ring Judy Pretty—89 9637.

ESPECIALLY FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM STATE YOUTH FUND

Districts wishing to apply for a grant to help with building projects (new halls, repairs or maintenance), general running expenses or any other special project, are advised that applications may be made direct to the **Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne**. The closing date for general grants is usually mid-April, but requests for building subsidies may be submitted at any time. All applications should be forwarded on the official application forms which are obtainable at the Department's office.

L.A. CONFERENCE. Our Biennial Conference will be held this year—expected date, Monday, 18th August—and we look forward to an excellent representation from all Local Associations in the State. If your L.A. would be interested to help with this Conference in any way, or if you have any ideas concerning its format, programme, etc., please contact Jean Oldfield at an early date.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE, 1975

See you at La Trobe University during the weekend of 28th February—2nd March.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- February 22 — Thinking Day.
- February 28 - March 2 — Commissioners' Conference.
- April 7 — Lady Delacombe Golf Competition.
- April — "April Action".
- April 18 — St. George's Day Service.
- June 21 — Guide Guiders' Conference.
- July 5 — Brownie Guiders' Conference.
- August 18 — Local Association Conference (date to be confirmed).
- August 23-24 — Grand Finale, National Festival of Song.

TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

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

Stage I — Newborough.

Weekends: 22nd/23rd March and 19th/20th April. Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bring cut lunch, hot drink provided. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovall Street, Newborough, 3828, by 7th March.

Stage 1 — Upwey.

Tuesdays: 18th, 25th March; 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th April; 6th May. Time: 7.30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. R. H. James, "Nigabinda", Stud Road, Scoresby, 3179, by 4th March.

Stage I — Yarra Valley Region.

Fridays: 28th February; 7th, 14th, 21st March; 11th, 18th April. Time: 7.30 p.m. - 10 p.m. **Plus** Outdoor Day on Saturday, 5th April, from 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Further information available from Mrs. C. Dean, 33 McKellar Street, Watsonia, 3087.

Stage I — Western Plains Region.

Weekends: 31st May/1st June and 28th/29th June. Applications to Mrs. Hucker, "Wallabadah", Lake Bolac, 3351.

Special Subjects for RANGER Guiders.

Saturday, 5th April. Time: 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Location: Headquarters. Applications, requests and \$1.50 fee to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by 24th March.

Ranger Leadership Certificate.

Guiders and Commissioners who have Rangers working for or intending to work for the Leadership Certificate are invited to an evening at Headquarters on **9th April** from **8 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.** to discuss the Leadership Certificate and its requirements. This meeting is for **Adult Leaders** only, including the Guide or Brownie Guiders of the Units which the Rangers are attached to for their training. R.S.V.P. 23rd March, Training Department, Guide Headquarters.

Ideas and Crafts Day.

Saturday, 22nd March. Location: Lake Bolac. Further information available from Mrs. A. Hucker, "Wallabadah", Lake Bolac, 3351.

Commissioner Refresher Day.

Monday, 28th April. Time: 10 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Further information available from Mrs. D. Hamilton, "Hamilton Park", South Wangaratta, 3677.

Campfire Club.

Meets at Headquarters, 8 p.m. - 9.30 p.m., usually the second Thursday of the month. The first get together for 1975 will be Thursday, 13th March. New-comers welcome.

District Commissioners

Mrs. C. T. Hickey, Springvale; Mrs. J. Ware, Lake Bolac; Mrs. S. V. Connell, Inverloch; Mrs. C. E. Dobson, Syndal North; Mrs. P. H. A. Strasser, Balwyn; Miss G. Taylor, Aberfeldie; Mrs. B. Nicholls, Oak Park; Mrs. P. Peeters, Trentham Cliffs; Mrs. J. McMillan, Minyip; Mrs. R. Cooper, Assistant, Bendigo Central.

Ranger Guiders

Mrs. K. C. Rowe, "S.R.S. Curlew", Bendigo Rangers.

Assistant Ranger Guiders

Mrs. T. B. O'Shea, Frankston Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Mrs. A. G. Nixon, 2nd Cranbourne; Mrs. R. H. Lade, 1st Bairnsdale; Mrs. H. E. Matthews, 2nd Maryvale; Mrs. M. Boyle, 1st Rosanna; Mrs. Peatling, 1st Cohuna; Mrs. Y. L. McPhee, 3rd Warrnambool; Mrs. K. R. Evans, 1st Blackburn South; Mrs. K. J. Stocks, 3rd Forest Hill; Miss H. M. Lucas, 1st Camperdown; Mrs. T. D. Craig, 2nd West Heidelberg; Mrs. J. F. Tadgell, 1st Gardiner; Mrs. K. Wilson, 1st San Remo - Newhaven; Mrs. W. Smith, 1st Glen Waverley.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs. M. R. Bott, 1st Yarrawonga; Mrs. I. L. McLean, 1st Colbinabbin; Miss L. Love, 1st Newborough; Miss A. Sutcliffe, 2nd Maryvale; Mrs. M. Walker, 1st Grantville; Mrs. M. T. Tucker, 1st Templestowe; Mrs. L. Vangulik, 2nd Maryvale; Mrs. S. Hopkins, 2nd Blackburn South; Miss B. Nelson, 2nd Yarraville; Miss M. Moore, 1st Brighton Beach.

Brownie Guiders

Miss H. I. Lehre, 1st Braybrook; Mrs. M. A. Brown, 3rd East Keilor; Mrs. B. P. Weedon, 2nd East Keilor; Mrs. J. I. Hopkins, 1st Avondale Heights; Mrs. M. Love, 3rd Newborough; Miss J. Leversha, 1st Kilsyth; Mrs. G. Szekfy, 3rd Chadstone; Mrs. A. Hose, 1st Cobden.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Miss N. M. Oldfield, 2nd Kilsyth; Miss K. Morrissey, 2nd Ivanhoe; Mrs. R. J. Vaughan, 2nd Kyneton; Miss L. S. Regan, 4th Sunshine West; Mrs. J. Barrett, 1st Elwood; Mrs. D. C. Hutton, 1st Tawonga; Mrs. A. W. Johnstone, 3rd Newborough; Mrs. B. Lewis, 4th Springvale North; Mrs. J. M. Perkins, 2nd Blackburn South; Miss A. Wilson, 1st Cobden; Mrs. C. P. Mitchell, 3rd Glen Waverley.

GUIDE SHOP

NEW ITEMS

Leader's Workbook	\$1.15
(To be used in conjunction with the Guiders' Handbooks)	
Two ring binders for the Leader's Workbook	\$1.50
"Australian Brownie Guide Interest Badges" booklet	15 cents
(New badges and revised syllabi)	
The Alps at the Crossroads — by Dick Johnson	\$3.50
(The Quest for an Alpine National Park in Victoria, supported by — The Victorian National Parks Association The Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs	
The Save Our Bushland Action Committee)	



THINKING DAY — International Ideas

Brownies Around the World Books 1 and 2	each \$1.60
(Both contain Things to do, Games, Testwork, Good Turns, Uniforms in colour and Language)	
Brownie World Colouring Books 1-6 Each	25 cents
(Containing pictures of uniform and badge and colours for same)	
Brownie Cut Out Doll	60 cents
(Containing 4 Brownie dolls to be cut out and dressed. 18 uniforms to be coloured, cut out and put on dolls)	
Trefoil Around the World	\$1.60
Guide Games and Recipes (From many countries)	35 cents
Games from Many Lands (For Brownies and Guides)	35 cents
International Songs (Learn a new song)	20 cents
Chalet Song Book	45 cents
Sheets of 10 Thinking Day Stamps	10 cents

GUIDE SHOP (continued)

Postcard (coloured) — The Four World Centres	10 cents
The Story of The Four World Centres	50 cents
World Association Sheet — 12 Pictures of World Guiding/Girl Scouting	15 cents
Guiding in Pictures —	
Around the World — Sets 1 and 2 each 8 pictures	each 10 cents
Thinking Day Cards — World Flag	12 cents
Thinking Day Cards — Victorian Heath	8 cents
Brownie Guide Handbook-complete with new Badges booklet	90 cents
Revised Guide Handbook Part 2	20 cents
How to use The Australian Guide Badges —	
For Commissioners, Guiders and Testers	10 cents
A Book for Patrol Leaders — published by the Girl Guides' Association New Zealand	70 cents
Activities for Patrols	30 cents
Patrol Ideas Book	25 cents



AT COBRAM

1st Cobram Guides feel they have had a successful and happy year — it commenced with a celebration for 21 years of Guiding since reforming in 1953.

Girls went to the Link up camps in South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria, as well as a region camp at Britannia Park. The company also had its annual camp.

We had three leaders, including a unit helper who has to leave us this year and we will miss her very much. We were fortunate too in having a new District Commissioner, as we had been without one for fifteen months.

We had two Queen's guides — our first ever; our representative attended Lady Delacombe's farewell at Government House; three guides earned their camp permit and we did local service at the hospital.

It has been a most rewarding and exciting year for both girls and leaders, and we look forward to 1975's activities with enthusiasm.

Kookaburra Patrol.

Recently, in the leaflet "Facts", I read an article headed "Words, words, More words" — and I thought back over the last thirteen years and the words written for "Matilda" . . .

How often have I said — "Well, each page takes 750 words without allowing for headings, illustrations and so on"?

750 words x 32 pages x 11 issues per year x 13 years — something over three million words, and, to me, a thought behind every one of them:

Thoughts of the Brownies, Guides and Rangers who wrote in about **their** activities . . .

The leaders and Commissioners eager to share their experiences . . .

H.Q. — supporting and leading in every aspect of our guiding activities . . .

Trefoil and L.A. members wanting to give help wherever they could . . . **AND** behind each word too, from me, a Thank You —

To everyone who responded (mostly readily!) to my constant cry — "Why don't **YOU** write it up for "Matilda"?

To the typists and artists who helped prepare material; To all H.Q. staff who did so much for Matilda's well-being; To the friends who wrapped and sent her on her way each month; To the men at McKellar Press who taught me much about printing — so readily and so cheerfully; To my two colleagues, Ella Low and Jenny De Nijs, who, having been Rangers with me all those years ago, were still willing to work in the team for the whole 13 years . . .

And last, but by no means least, to **MATILDA** herself . . . she brought me many friends — another facet of guiding adventure and experience — and a storehouse of memories of development, of co-operation and shared laughter. May Joan Richardson have just such an on-going adventure — **TO YOU ALL — Matilda and friends —**

THANK YOU . . .