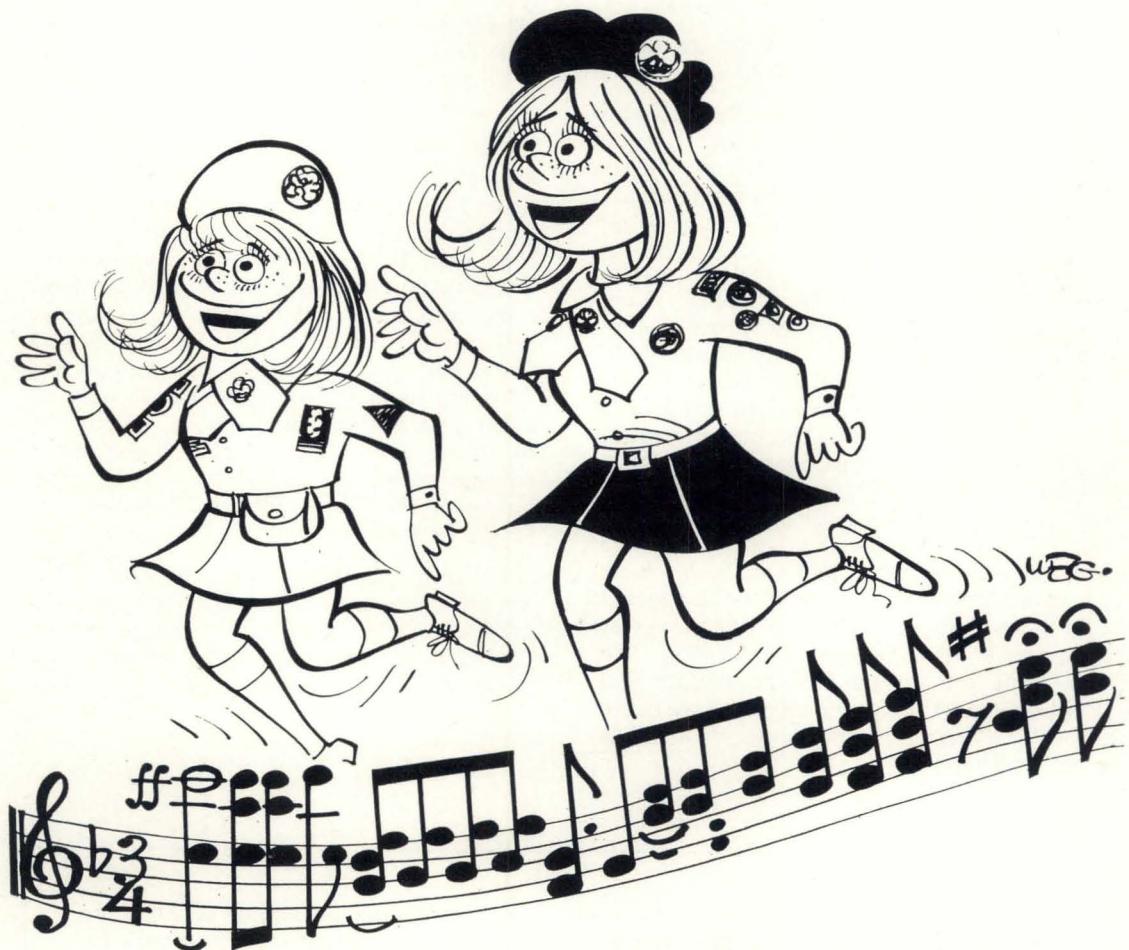


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THOSE WERE THE DAYS

On a December morning 56 years ago a party of eight Guides and two Guiders left Victoria station for Paris, via Folkestone and Boulogne. They were to act as messengers to the British delegation going to the Peace Conference starting in January, 1919, and had been invited to do this job because the Guides working at the Foreign Office during the war had made "such a good impression by their good work and common-sense."

Three more Guides joined the group in February, 1919, and four in April.

Miss Lily Stevens, now Mrs. Rogers, who worked at Guide Headquarters for 37 years, was chosen to go to Paris and has sent us this interesting account of her experiences.

—T. W. M.

"The armistice was signed on 11th November, 1918, and during that month King George V and Queen Mary drove round London to visit the people. Our Guide H.Q. was at 76 Victoria Street and the staff was allowed to go to the Palace to cheer and generally let off steam. On our return to work one day the Secretary, Miss Macdonald, called us into her office where there was a visitor, a Miss Bingham, from the Foreign Office. We stood at attention while they "looked us over" and then went back to work. After a short time Miss Macdonald told us she was arranging for staff to act as messengers at the Peace Conference. We had to obtain our parents' permission and decide by next morning whether we were prepared to go. Three Guides from H.Q. were chosen.

In Paris a convoy of Army cars took us to the Hotel Majestic where the French staff had been replaced by English. We were all tired but excited, having had two hectic weeks learning the new job, getting new Guide uniforms (for which we were given £10) and fitting in interviews and instructions on our social behaviour. Our offices were at the Hotel Astoria, facing the Arc de Triomphe, and we were taken for walks crocodile fashion! I remember being told we were not to walk under the trees in the Bois de Boulogne as we might be kissed by a Frenchman if there was mistletoe above. We never went out at night alone.

The Captain of a Guide Company in Paris, Miss Ritchie Brown, was a wonderful friend to us all. She arranged for us to go to the British Embassy Church and for a short time we joined in her Company's meetings, but owing to changing duties this later became impossible. We joined in a display and were invited to the Sunday School Christmas party. The congregation had saved its sugar ration for it and we were all given prizes. Mine was a book called 'The Beautiful White Devil' which I thought a strange choice for a Sunday School prize, but as supplies were difficult, we realised the sacrifices made by our friends.

The Foreign Office staff, concerned that we were missing Christmas at home, put presents for us all outside our doors on Christmas morning, and later on we had a party with fun and games.

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I feel very sad that Miss Margaret Shaw is retiring as editor of Matilda. I have always enjoyed reading the magazine and would like to say thank you to Margaret for the wonderful job she has done.

Margaret has, I know, been dedicated to Matilda and has worked hard to produce a good magazine for members of the Guide Movement in Victoria. An editor's job is an exacting one.

Well done, Margaret, for the joy you have given so many people, and I know whatever other field you enter will be as successful as this venture.

MARY LAMBIE,
Chief Commissioner.

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From our State Commissioner

Dear Members and Friends,

1975 is an important year for women throughout the world because this year has been proclaimed as International Women's Year by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The United Nation's Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other International instruments state there should be no discrimination on the grounds of sex. Many women however are still denied the rights and freedom proclaimed by these because of laws, customs or tradition.

The objects of International Women's Year are threefold:—

- (a) To promote equality between men and women.
- (b) To ensure the full integration of women in the total development effort, especially by emphasising women's responsibility and important role in economic, social and cultural development at the national, regional and international levels, particularly during the Second United Nations Development Decade.
- (c) To recognise the importance of women's contribution to the development of friendly relations and co-operation

among States and to the strengthening of world peace.

At the 51st meeting of the World Committee of W.A.G.G.G.S. the following statement on International Women's Year was adopted — and I feel that you should all be aware of this.

"The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, as an educational movement open to girls and women regardless of race, creed, class or nationality, has since its beginning in 1910 concentrated on the promotion and well-being of girls and women. Our principles and methods aim at the total development of each girl as an individual and responsible citizen, able to participate fully in the life of the society, conscious of her rights and responsibilities.

"We note with interest and appreciate the efforts made at national and international levels, and especially those of the United Nations to give girls and women equal rights and opportunities. Change in attitudes of both men and women are essential in order to achieve this aim.

"We welcome the U.N. proclamation that 1975 be International Women's Year, and feel that this will draw wider attention to women's contribution to the development of peoples and communities. We hope that International Women's Year will provide the opportunity for many World Organisations to draw closer together, to produce a more unified approach in our efforts to overcome the inequalities which still exist all round the world.

"The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts gives full support to International Women's Year. We are confident that our 6.5 million members in 91 countries throughout the world will continue

to strive for an improved quality in life and seek new areas of involvement."

Many of you may feel that the aims of International Women's Year are the things we are doing all the time — for Girl Guides each year is an International Women's Year — but I do urge you all to support International Women's Year 1975 in your own way, for instance some of your older girls may enjoy a discussion on the role of women in Local Government.

The Girl Guides Association of Victoria is involved in activities at a central level and we are placing emphasis on International Women's Year at Conferences and Meetings with choice of theme and Guest Speakers. We also hope that through the pages of Matilda we shall be able to bring you in closer contact with some aspects of International Women's Year.

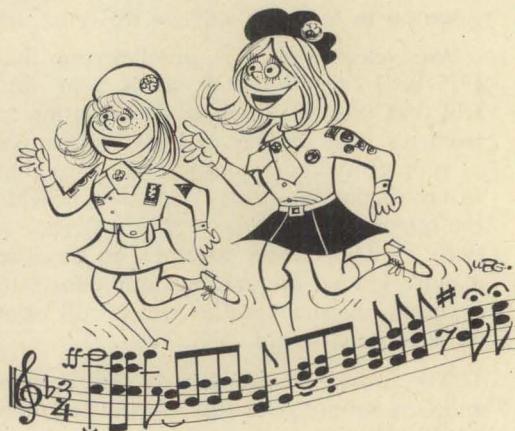
I am sure that within your local communities you will find many things are being done to commemorate International Women's Year. I hope that you are participating in these activities in all stages.

I would like to think that through this involvement, 1975 may be the year when more Victorian women join our family of International Women — the world wide family of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

With love and best wishes,

Joan E. Grimwade

APRIL ACTION



What are you doing this month?

CAMP YAMMINGA, 1975

YAMMINGA! . . . the Dreamtime . . . the Dreamtime of Guiding! This was the theme of our Ranger Section Camp held at Britannia Park to celebrate 55 years of Rangering in Victoria.

From the Ranger Conference in 1973 came the unanimous decision to stage an Interstate Camp for our celebrations to be convened by Stradbroke Ranger Unit. We were thrilled to have contingents from Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales and Papua New Guinea.

We were proud to show Britannia Park to our Interstate visitors. The property had never looked lovelier, thanks to good maintenance and recent rain the grass and foliage was fresh and green.

Who would believe however, that during six days we could have drenching rain, warming open fires, brilliant sunshine and fire ban days!

While rain fell steadily, rangers and guiders, bedecked in "wet-weather gear" packed into the B.P. Hut on the Saturday for the Opening Ceremony. Mrs. Joan Grimwade, our State Commissioner opened the Camp and we enjoyed her happy company during the day. She courageously joined in some of the activities (and even tried her hand at riding a tricky continental bicycle!)

Miss Peg Barr, who also joined us for Saturday's revelries, conducted campfire that night. This was truly a campfire to remember!! B.P. Hut rang with the sound of music (singing?) as everyone enthusiastically responded to Miss Barr's direction.

Archery, embroidery, orienteering, screenprinting, rope-making, boomerang throwing, craft workshop, claymodelling, folk-singing workshop, copper enamelling, swimming, kite-making, pioneering and nature rambling were energetically tackled, despite the weather. Of course, Ye Olde Coffee Shoppe "Squire-Twist" was the most popular meeting place on the campsite, especially on nights when "live entertainment" was provided by folksingers, David and Warren.

The Closing Ceremony, conducted out of doors in brilliant sunshine by our Australian Ranger Adviser, Miss Margaret Callister, brought to an end our celebration Camp Yamminga.

GIRL GUIDES OF AUSTRALIA

DISCOVERIES 6

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT "GUIDING" — IN 1917!

I don't know what year the first Guide Company was "registered" in Tamworth. But I do know what year the first "Guide" patrol functioned in the town. For I was one of the patrol. It was in 1917! I lived in Rawson Avenue, and attended the long-defunct Lindfield College at the corner of the street. There was a tight-knit bunch of friends living round about; Jean Hassall, whose dad was the Chairman of the Land Board in those days, Grace Johnstone, Madeline Newman, Jean Armstrong, Edna Peard and Rosland Stanley, Dr. Stanley's only daughter. From somewhere we got ourselves a copy of "Scouting for Boys", and became fascinated by its suggestions.

Every Saturday afternoon we took ourselves out to the hills, just below the present lookout, and "scouted" for hours. A queer looking patrol I'm sure never existed. We wore navy skirts, khaki shirts, leather belts to which was hung an array of knives, compasses, string and goodness-knows-what else.

As far as I can remember, our hats were old ones of our fathers, with a navy band wound round them. In our hands we carried real broomsticks, purloined from the household castouts, and with the "broom" carefully sawn — or chopped — off.

When we arrived at our meeting place we were all very serious about our doings. With

our sole copy of "Scouting" propped on a rock we carried out as many of the activities as we could fit into the afternoon. Most plainly I remember we stalked, tracked and carried out first-aid after staging most realistic and terrible accidents for ourselves. We didn't go far from our home rock, for we had so frequently to refer to The Book for instructions on what to do next. I don't think we ever lit fires and cooked. Perhaps we had promised our parents not to. I don't know. Adults were of another world in those days, and what they did to help or hinder us in our early Guiding is not even dimly remembered.

But, Tamworth, be assured, Guiding began very early in the country.

Elsie Lee.

P.S.—I later went to Japan and became a really truly enrolled Guide with 1st Tokyo Company!

With acknowledgements to "Waratah", N.S.W., September, 1970.

(Grace Johnstone became a Lone Guide, and when seventeen, working on a property at Aylmerton, near Bowral, was leader of a mounted patrol, 1923. She demonstrated "Cobbler" at the first State rally (later article) and was later lieutenant, 1st Mosman, and took her degrees to become a doctor.)

G. H. Swinburne,
Co-Archivist, G.G.A., Australia.



ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Lower Melbourne Town Hall — 20th - 23rd August, 1975.

1. Picture.

- (a) Any media.
- (b) Natural resources.
- (c) Collage.
- (d) Publicity poster advertising this Art and Craft Festival. Two sizes acceptable — 20 in. x 25 in. or 42 in. x 55 in. Forward to Mrs. C. Winchester, 8 Valmont Avenue, Beaumaris, 3193, by **1st August**.

2. Mural. Fabric or firm board.

Unit entry only. Judging by popular vote.

3. Doll.

- (a) Dressed doll.
- (b) Doll dressed in International Guide or Brownie costume.

4. Puppetry.

- (a) Hand made puppet.
- (b) Puppet Theatre.
- (c) Puppet with match box face, for Brownies eight years and under.

5. Toy.

- (a) Character toy — crocheted, knitted or rag.
- (b) Toy for very young child.

6. Knitting.

- (a) Shaped garment.
- (b) Any article.
- (c) Hand spun garment.

7. Crochet.

- (a) Shaped garment.
- (b) Crochet rug — individual entry.
- (c) Crochet rug — unit entry.

8. Plain Needlework.

- (a) Something new from something old.
- (b) Garment with set-in sleeve.
- (c) Any article.

9. Decorative Needlework.

Original design using at least four different stitches.

10. Canvas Work.

- (a) Rug.
- (b) Tapestry. (Furniture incorporating tapestry accepted.)

11. Patchwork. (To be hand-stitched.)

- (a) Any article — individual entry.
- (b) Any article — group entry.

12. Macrame.

- (a) Any article.
- (b) Wall hanging.

13. Hand Weaving.

- (a) Commercial yarn.
- (b) Handspun yarn.
- (c) Decorative weaving — any media.

14. Basketware.

- (a) Any article from cane.
- (b) Any article — natural resources.

15. Pottery. To be delivered to Lower Melbourne Town Hall by 3 p.m. on 20th August.

- (a) Wheel.
- (b) Hand built.

16. China Painting. To be delivered to Lower Melbourne Town Hall by 3 p.m. on 20th August.

- (a) Any article.

17. Metal Work.

- (a) Hand made article.
- (b) Enamel Work.

18. Leatherwork.

- (a) Any article.

19. Jewellery.

- (a) Any media.

20. Dried Arrangement.

- (a) Table centre piece.

21. Cake. (A block may be used.) Any decorated cake.

22. Prose. Entries to be sent direct to Mrs. C. Winchester, 8 Valmont Ave., Beaumaris, 3193 by **1st August**.

- (a) Any topic, 1,000 words.
- (b) Essay on "International Women's Year".
- (c) Write an original story. Brownies only.)

23. Poetry and Lyrics. Entries to be sent direct to Mrs. C. Winchester, 8 Valmont Ave., Beaumaris, 3193, by **1st August**.

- (a) Poem or lyric — any topic.
- (b) A Guiding theme.

24. Photography.

- (a) Guiding.
- (b) Any topic, taken, developed and printed by competitor.

25. Model from Waste Material. (Brownies only.)

- (a) A Bunyip.
- (b) Brownieland.

Rules.

All articles must have been completed within the last two years.

No article may be entered in more than one section.

All entries except those in Unit Sections must be the work of an individual.

Articles made are eligible to be used for Interest Badges.

No more than two entries by any individual in any sub-section.

Judging.

The decision of the judges shall be final. The Organising Committee reserves right of final say in all matters concerning the Exhibition.

Awards.

Certificates of Merit to be awarded for each category. Special awards for outstanding entries.

Entry Fees. 20 cents for each entry.

Exhibits.

Exhibits may be left at Headquarters between 6th and 19th August.

Exhibits may be collected from the Lower Melbourne Town Hall between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd August, and thereafter from Headquarters.

Enquiries.

Please phone: Mrs. C. Winchester, 93 2858; Mrs. B. Sullivan, 93 6123; Mrs. B. Youens, 93 4661.

APPLICATION FORM – Arts and Crafts Festival

Please forward to Mrs. A. Austin, 2 Cavell Court, Beaumaris, 3193, by 1st August, with entry fee(s). Cheques should be made out to "Arts and Crafts Festival". If receipt required please enclose stamped, addressed envelope.

For additional entries, please attach extra sheet.

Total Amount Enclosed.

Name of Adult Leader for future contact:

Address.

Phone.



TASMANIAN LINK-UP

Early Sunday morning the Victorian contingent (twenty Guides) left Tullamarine for Tasmania.

After lunch at the airport we were taken, with the N.S.W. girls, to MacIntyre House, a lovely old home, now Guide Headquarters in Launceston. From there we went, in groups, by bus to camp at Deviot, Sidmouth and Paper Beach, all situated on the Tamar River.

The only two Lone Guides at this event were at the Deviot camp, the smallest of the three — 32 girls.

Next morning we made sewing kits for Darwin refugees and prepared a campfire for the Opening that night. Campers from Sidmouth and Paper Beach joined us at "Lindethana" (meaning "Ours"), a Brownie Cottage.

New Year's Eve was celebrated with a party. Earlier that day we swam in Bass Strait at Low Head near Georgetown.

Wednesday was spent in camp learning traditional crafts — hooked rug, braided rug and patchwork.

An all day trip to Hobart took in the Shot Tower, a model Tudor Village, Botanical Gardens and the beautiful Tasman Bridge. (This was just a few days before it was so badly damaged.)

On Saturday we visited Ross, and Clarendon House, built in 1838. Campfire that night was led by 3rd Melville (W.A.) company — they are well known for their singing. They were touring the Eastern States as our guests.

Following Church on Sunday in Launceston we had lunch at the Gorge where the guides made constant use of the chair lift. After visiting another Trust home, Franklin House — same period as Clarendon — we went swimming. Most agreed that Entally House was the best of the Trust homes we visited.

It was also the oldest, being built in 1820 — the furniture dating from the beginning of the seventeenth century. Here we saw craft articles made by the pioneers in the fashion we had been taught.

We were sorry our stay had to end as the Tasmanians had looked after us so well. Special thoughts, like fresh blackberries for interstate guides and guiders, made the camp memorable.

I hope other Lones will have opportunity to enjoy such a camp and have as much fun and learn as much as I did. Sincere thanks to all concerned.

Susan Mander,
4th Victorian Lone Guide Company.



OPEN LETTER TO ALL STAFF AND GUIDES WHO ATTENDED LINK-UP 1974

As this Event has now become just a memory, I would like to thank all leaders who volunteered or answered my call to take guides Interstate and on our Victorian Train Trek. I thank particularly, Mrs. Shirley Prince as our Train Trek Convenor, and all the Guiders-in-charge of trains and interstate contingents. Guides — you should be happy to know that on the whole your behaviour and standard of dress was considered very good and your co-operation and the standard of work in camps was very high. To those guides whose behaviour and dress fell below the expected standard I hope the example of the others showed you what we really expect. I hope you have all remembered to write to thank your leaders, and that you will continue to write to friends you have made Interstate and in other Victorian Regions.

Janet Anderson,
Victorian Link-Up Liaison.

TRAINING CALENDAR

APRIL
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:

Ararat: 31st May, 1st June, and 28th June, 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Saturday, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications to Mrs. J. Hucker, "Wallabaddah", Lake Bolac, 3351, by **17th May**.

Dandenong: Weekends 21st-22nd June and 19th-20th July; time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. H. Lardner, 51 Bundeena Avenue, Noble Park, 3174, by **6th June**.

Headquarters: Wednesday, 28th May, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June, 2nd, 9th, 16th July; time, 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **14th May**.

Headquarters: Weekend 12th-13th July and 2nd-3rd August; time, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: Acceptance cards will be forwarded after the closing date. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **27th June**.

Moorabbin: Monday, 29th September, 6th, 20th, 27th October; time, 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.; plus Saturday, 11th October. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165, by **15th September**.

Moorleight: Weekend 28th-29th June and 19th-20th July; time, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165, by **14th June**.

Red Cliffs-Mildura: Weekend 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**.

Stage 2 Training — for Warranted Guiders:

Colac: Weekend 19th-20th July and 16th-17th August; time, 10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. W. D. McDonald, 5 Scott Street, Cobden, 3266, by **6th July**.

Hamilton: Weekend 31st May-1st June and 5th-6th July; time, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. D. Maconachie, 372 North Boundary Road, Hamilton, 3300, by **16th May**.

Headquarters: Wednesday, 18th, 25th June, 2nd, 9th, 16th July; time, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **4th June**.

Moorleight: Weekend 9th-10th August and 13th-14th September; time, 10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165, by **25th July**.

Mordialloc: Weekend 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**.

Dandenong Region: Weekend 4th-5th October and 8th-9th November. Further information available from Mrs. H. Lardner, 51 Bundeena Avenue, Noble Park, 3174.

Yarra Valley Region: Weekend 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.

Dandenong: Weekend 20th-21st September and 11th-12th October; time, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Guide Hall, Ann Street. Applications to Mrs. H. Lardner, 51 Bundeena Avenue, Noble Park, 3174, by **6th September**.

Warracknabeal: Weekend 7th-8th June and 19th-20th July; time, 10.00 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. Applications to Miss D. Pearse, "Edgbaston", Donald, 3840.

Pack Holiday Training:

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

Local Association Training:

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**.

Special Subjects:

Electives: Guide House, Britannia Park, 4th-6th July; time, Friday evening till Sunday (actual times to be advised). Note: **Suggestions for Electives to be sent to the R.T.A. by 16th May.** Further information available from Mrs. H. Graham, 21 Warwick Road, Montrose, 3765.

Special Subjects for GUIDE Guiders:

Headquarters: Saturday, 31st May; time, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: **Applications should include requests based on the current interest and needs of your Guides.** Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **16th May.**

Ranger Leadership Certificate Weekend (Residential):

Mayfield Centre, Malvern: Weekend 5th-6th July. Fee to be advised. **Application forms available from the Training Department, Guide Headquarters. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of this form.**

Handbook Workshop:

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

Handbook Workshop:

Tongala: Monday, 9th June; time, 7.00 p.m. till 10.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. M. Murphy, 73 Balaclava Road, Shepparton, 3630, by **27th May.**

Commissioner Refresher Day:

Wangaratta: Monday, 28th April; time, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Further information available from Mrs. D. Hamilton, "Hamilton Park", South Wangaratta, 3677.

Active Games for Brownies and Guides:

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

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GUIDE SECTION

8 Point Badge. The importance of the assessment by **Patrol Leaders' Council** of this badge over a 12 month period cannot be stressed too much, as it is this badge which enables the Guide to complete the requirements for the Queen's Guide badge. She has the opportunity of choosing the Interest badges which she would like to do to fulfil the requirements, but **Patrol Leaders' Council** has the important job of assessing whether she has grown in her understanding of the Law and Promise and participated in all facets of the programme. For further information of this assessment see the Part II Revised Handbook, page 5.

Australia Badge.—If a Guide should do Clause 4 (i) it is suggested that the Town Clerk be contacted so that arrangements can be made and a copy of the agenda of the meeting supplied to enable her to follow meeting procedure and discussion more easily.

Accreditation of Badges for Emblems.—If you are working towards an emblem and now find the badge which you earned is no longer listed, please check on page 55 of your Part II Revised Handbook to see which badge is equivalent. If you already hold an emblem, it counts as that emblem for the life of the Guide; it counts towards the Queen's Guide, and she has no need to do extra on revised badges.

ATTENTION !!

1974 Summer Training Week

Any Guiders who ordered and/or paid for but have not received Interstate badges please contact Jan Phillips, 18/43 Kensington Road, South Yarra, 3141. Telephone: (b) 60 1776 (h) 269 2852.





TRAINING PAGES

ARE YOU PREPARED ?

FOR WHAT ?

To plan the DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

It is a meeting designed to present local Guiding as a whole, and is not the Annual Meeting of the Local Association.

As the purpose of the meeting is to bring Guiding to the notice of your local community, thoughtful preparation is most important. We want to present our best possible image.

When do you begin planning?

The day before? . . . Surely not!

A month before . . . No.

3 months or longer . . . Better!

REMEMBER . . .

If you want particular people to attend, they need as much advance notice as possible. Courtesy and consideration for others is important.

If it is planned to have a guest speaker, have you considered arrangements for their personal well-being? e.g., advised of date, time and place of meeting, including arrival and departure times, accommodation arranged if required, someone to greet and look after the visitor. Have you sufficient information to give an interesting introduction of your guest speaker?

A few points to keep in mind . . .

- The date, time and place . . . what suits your area best?
- Pleasant surroundings with comfortable seating, etc.
- Publicity . . . local papers invitations at least six weeks prior to meeting.
- Who to invite . . . Guiding personnel in nearby Districts, Region and Division Commissioners. Representatives of all

local organizations, including Council, Clergy, etc. Cast your net widely . . . there may be a Guider just around the corner!

The business details of the meeting should be organised well in advance . . .

- e.g., Agenda.
- Reports.
- Nominations for office-bearers at least a month prior to Annual Meeting.
- Moving and adoption of reports.
- Supper.
- etc.

**BUT . . . WHAT'S THIS ?
SURELY YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE
A GUEST SPEAKER !**

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE.

Have you ever considered the following:

Family B.B.Q. at local campsite or other suitable area.

Picnic to Britannia Park.

Field Day.

Morning Coffee.

Supper.

Party.

Variety Concert.

Film Night.

Campfire Evening, etc.

Ideas are inexhaustible. Over to you for thoughts and ideas on making **YOUR District Annual Meeting** interesting, informative and **FUN**.



PROGRESS

"Giving opportunities to develop."

"Providing a climate for growth."

"Helping the girl to make progress."

These are the aims of the Guider.

Progress means a going forward, it means growth, it means enrichment.

This moving is a continuing but not necessarily continuous process, the growth has no uniform rate either in or between individuals, the enrichment is not always conscious. The paradox of progress is that while it is essentially individual, individual progress makes up group progress, and group progress leads to individual progress.

What Constitutes Progress? Your awareness of the many forms that progress can take will grow as you work with young people. Progress may entail:—

★ **Participation** (just being there). Mere participation in a group or unit activity can constitute progress, particularly to a new or very shy girl, while it can also come in a girl's discovering her capabilities and limitations, her learning to understand people and work in a group, and in her learning to recognize that she has indeed made progress.

★ **Doing something new.**

★ **Learning to like or to conquer something already sampled.**

These are just some things which progress may entail. Can you think of any others? (Refer Guider's Handbook, pages 46-48.)

Challenge.

At first a girl will gravitate towards the parts of journeys, challenges, activities, etc., which appeal to her and in which she feels fairly proficient. It is natural for us all to choose the easy way first. If she can be guided into challenging herself to do something which is a little more difficult than she has attempted before, or into doing something a little better, then we're on the right track. Eventually, the easy way will lose its appeal, even be spurned, as she experiences the thrill of achievement she derives from doing the difficult or new thing. (Refer to Guider's Handbook, pages 49-65.)

Your awareness of the girl's progress entails five things:—

1. **Know** where she starts from.
2. **Care** what happens to her.
3. **Assist** her growth.
4. **Observe** what occurs.
5. **Remember or record** what you see.

The question asked by many Guiders is "How do I keep track of each girl and record her progress?" This is a question which every leader will solve in her own way. If you do not have a marvellous memory (most of us!) you will probably find it practicable to keep records of each girl, noting her actions, and then adding other notes to build up a picture of her needs and progress.

Such records are best kept in a private notebook, and you will probably find it wise to record only facts which you learn and observe, and not your private opinions!

A very simple way of setting out a pack record sheet could be as follows:—

FOOTPATH	
Name	Joan White.
	Date commenced.....
	Date completed.....
Out of Doors	Collection of leaves.
Mind	Participated in Pack Activity, "Getting to Know Our Town".
Homecrafts	Learned to wash-up alone.
Relationships	Learned singing game from Jamaica.
Service	Worked with her Six on Good Turn for the Pack.
Creative Ability	Plasticine Models.
Physical Fitness	Learned to care for own hair.
Character	Good turns, helped to pick up litter at Church fete.
Venture No. 1	Helped to make paper mache toadstools for outdoor meetings.

Records of the Guide's activities may be kept by the Patrol Leader and reported and discussed at P.L. Council every month. These records and the Guider's own observations can then be used to compile reports on the individual's progress.

The 8 point badge is awarded to the Guide as a recognition of her progress over a year. The award is made by P.L. Council and signifies participation and progress in the Patrol and Unit 8 Point Programme.

It is unwise to wait until it is nearly time to award the badge before assessing the individual, as lack of progress in one area may go unnoticed and a reminder may be necessary. For this purpose records are very important.

A P.L. may keep her records as follows:

1. Keeping the Guide Law.

March — Helped with anti-litter campaign.

April — Assisted with Guides Own Service.

2. Exploring the Arts.

March — Worked on Writer's Badge.

April — Passed Writer's Badge.

3. Getting to Know People.

March . . .

April — Patrol started work on Pennant.
etc., etc.

ADOPTING A TREE

— An Activity for the "Four Seasons".

Have you really looked at a tree?

Try the following, either as an individual, six, patrol or unit.

1. Stand underneath your tree — look up into it. Can you see a lot of sky through it? Reason.
2. Can you see any clouds through it? Are they moving quickly or slowly? Why?
3. See if you can put your arms around the trunk. If you can't, get (a) friend/s to help you. Does it measure more than three feet?

4. Close your eyes and run your fingers up and down the trunk — what does it feel like? Rough — smooth — ridgy — knobbly?
5. Can you reach the lowest branch? The highest branch? Estimate the height of your tree.
6. How much shade does it throw? Who uses this shade?
7. Now run your fingers **AROUND** the trunk — what does that feel like?
8. How does your tree move on a windy day? Fast/bouncy/smooth/jerky/wavy?
9. Stand quietly under the tree — what type of sounds can you hear? Loud/soft/harsh/musical?
10. Find a leaf under the tree — what does it look like now? What is the edge of the leaf like? Smooth — jagged — little points?
11. Take one leaf from the tree — look at its veinings — compare with leaf from another tree.
12. Crush this leaf — what does it smell like? Sweet/strong/eucalypt/horrible/nice?
13. Turn over some of the leaves on the ground beneath your tree. Can you see any fungus/worms/slaters/spiders/snails/roots/new growth?
14. Do any birds nest in the tree? What sort?
15. Do any birds use the tree as a perching point? Do they all perch at the same height?
16. Do any birds seek their food from the tree? Why?
17. What type of soil does the tree grow in? Sandy/clay/heavy/light?
18. How does the tree receive its water supply? Man/rain/snowwaters/sea/river?
19. Is there any litter near your tree — or signs of man-made damage to the tree? What do you intend to do about it?
20. What sort of flower does your tree have? What type of seed pod?

WHAT ELSE DID YOU DISCOVER ABOUT YOUR TREE ?

HAVE YOU TALKED TO THE BIRDS LATELY?



If your Guides have become friends with the birds they will enjoy this game.

Equipment

(a) Three large sheets of card. On one paint or paste a picture of the beach; on another, the bush; on the third, a home garden.

Print on them a description of birds that can be found there. Allow room for appropriate picture to be placed alongside description.

(b) Pictures of birds, mounted on card. (Sue says "Did you know that you can protect your pictures with clear "Fablon" or "Contact"? If you have a number of small pictures, paste them on to a large sheet of card, cover them and then cut into small cards."

At the Beach.

1. He may find a pearl.
(Oyster Catcher.)
2. He pipes a tune along the sandy shore.
(Sand Piper.)
3. Wearing his beautiful silver coat, this one acts as the beach garbage man.
(Silver Gull.)
4. Sometimes called the sea swallow because of the way he twists and turns; he has a sooty head.
(Sooty Tern.)

In the Bush.

1. A little blue jewel.
(Blue Wren.)
2. A spreading fan.
(Grey Fantail.)
3. A little gentleman in a grey suit and yellow waistcoat.
(Yellow Robin.)
4. The tinkling bells.
(Bell Bird.)
5. A member of the red-headed gang.
(Gang Gang.)
6. He enjoys a good laugh.
(Kookaburra.)
7. The one who is dressed in crimson and calls "Joey, Joey".
(Crimson Rosella.)

In Your Garden.

1. He is black with an orange beak; she is brown; they eat caterpillars.
(Blackbird.)
2. The father one always wears a bib.
(House Sparrow.)
3. This one came from India.
(Indian Mynah)
4. The greenie who finds honey in flowers.
(White Plumed Honeyeater.)
5. If you creep up close you'll see why he is called _____ Eye.
(Silver Eye.)
6. He is sure he's the boss of them all.
(Magpie.)

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NOTICES

STATE CAMP

Exciting news!!! Start making plans. Name — "Uralba" — "Home between the Hills". Theme — "At Home in the Bush". Dates — 6th-13th January, 1976. Place — Britannia Park, Yarra Junction. Qualifications — No qualifications; open to Guides 11 years old and under 16 years at date of camp.

Who can go? — 1 Guide from each Company in the State. (In **country** Districts where there is only one Guide Company, two places will be offered.)

Watch for further news as to when application forms will be available. When available, the forms will be issued to Division Commissioners.

A GUIDE AFFAIR

A Conference for Guide Guiders will be held at Canterbury Girls High School, Man-garra Road, Canterbury, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.45 p.m. on Saturday 21st June, 1975.

Please forward applications (see form inserted in centre of this issue) by 9th May.

5th JULY, 1975

THE THREE C'S AND YOU

What are they? Where do they start? They start with the Smallest Brownie and should be used by the Eldest Guider.

CURIOS?

Then, turn to the insert in this issue, curb your curiosity, fill in the form and find out more by joining us at Brighton Town Hall for the **Brownie Guiders' Conference**.

RANGER GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

Saturday, 5th July, 1975
9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
at Guide Headquarters.
Keep this date free, and
come to meet old friends
and make new ones.

JUMBUNNA — '75

Patrol Leaders' Gathering and Conference
—29th August - 7th September, 1975, to be held at the Lutheran Youth Camp, Clarendon, South Australia. Three representatives to be chosen from each Region for Victorian Selection. At the Victorian Selection at least one girl from the Region will be chosen to attend (50 girls will be in the Contingent).

Girls chosen must be Patrol Leaders and must be aged 13 years or 14 years at the date of the gathering.

TRARALGON JUBILEE

1st Traralgon (St. James) Guide company invites past members to share memories at their Jubilee Celebrations on 3rd and 4th May, 1975. For details contact Mrs. N. Matthews, 40 Gilmour Street, Traralgon, 3844. (Phone — 74 1238).

YOUNG LEADERS GROUP

Another meeting was held at 2nd Camberwell Scout Hall.

SUCCESSFUL?

For Planning Activities — YES
For Meeting New Members — NO

Where are our Young Guiders? — **Some** of you must read about our activities — perhaps we don't give you enough notice. At our first meeting we planned the following activities:— Monday, 21st April — Meeting at 3rd West Waverley Scout Hall, Fairway Avenue, Mount Waverley. Friday, 9th May — Bowling night at Chadstone Bowl. Friday, 18th to Sunday, 20th July — Weekend Camp at Y.W.C.A. Sorrento House, Sorrento. Costs approximately \$5.00 depending on numbers. More details later. Monday, 14th August — Meeting at 1st Victorian Sea Scout Hall, Moray Street, Albert Park.

HOPING TO SEE SOME NEW FACES AT ONE OR ALL OF THESE. Ring Judy Pretty — 89 9637 — for information.

STAMP SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

The Scout and Guide Stamp Society of Australia celebrates its 10th Anniversary with a stamp display at Christchurch Parish Hall, on the corner of Denham and Church Streets, Hawthorn, on 21st and 22nd June, 1975. Open from 2 p.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday and between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission will be free.

Stamps and covers will be on sale, including a special 10th birthday souvenir cover at 20c. A limited number of these will have been flown by the Puss Balloon Group, and will cost \$1.00 each.

There will be special attractions for Juniors, a display of aids to collectors, auctions and refreshments — something to interest collectors of all ages, and in all aspects of philately. For further details please contact Miss Mary Lambe, 13 John Street, Kew. (Phone 80 2242).

NEWS FLASH !

We have just been advised that the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation will make a \$7,000 subsidy available for a period of three years to the Girl Guides Association to employ a new staff member as a Recruitment Officer.

SO —

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

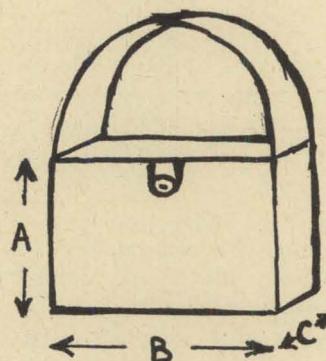
Applications from any interested members seeking a challenging and exciting new job.

An interest in people and enthusiasm for Guiding are the basic requirements.

Contact State Commissioner or State Secretary for further information.

CARRY-ALL FOR GUIDES

How do your girls carry their handbooks, etc., to company meetings? In plastic carry bags or paper bags? Perhaps the girls would like to make their own bags with denim material. The suggested size is big enough to hold handbooks, notebooks, pens, and has straps about 5 cm wide. The opening could be finished with a button or zipper.



Suggested measurements: A = 20 cm, B = 25 cm, C = 5 cm.

ART AND CRAFT

Our District Commissioner organised an Art and Craft night for Guides and Brownies of Kew. It was interesting and great fun and we all learnt useful information to help us with our Art and Craft.

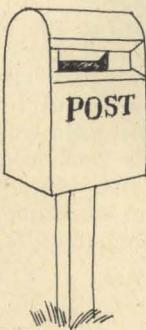
The skills demonstrated were pottery, tile-work, toy making, floral art, collage, macrame, and a few hints on "How to repair a bicycle" were given by the only gentleman at the meeting.

The evening closed with a campfire and supper which was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to all who gave their time and we hope they can come to our next Art and Craft night. The last one was so successful.

Other skills we would like to learn are corn-cob dolls, help with dress-making, quilting and patchwork.

Cathy and Maryann Brown,
6th Kew Brownie Pack.



Dear Matilda,

I am proud of my Guides too.

The day after Boxing Day I sent a note to my four patrol leaders mentioning the Guide Association appeal to help Darwin Guides, and would their patrol like to raise some money? It was left entirely to their enthusiasm and initiative.

Within 48 hours three had their "events" organized. When she returned from holiday, the fourth girl phoned to check "there was still time to do something".

One small patrol spent every morning for a week doing "jobs" for who ever needed them.

Others combined to cook for, and run a most successful cake stall. A couple ran a car cleaning business. The most notable "help" came when a Venturer Scout, hearing of the Guides' efforts, offered his sponsored "bike ride" profits to the girls if they collected more sponsors and gathered in the funds.

The patrol leaders set their target at \$100 . . . and they reached it.

They send this to Darwin to help start Guides again when the girls return — to buy a company books, perhaps a tent, and other equipment.

Yvonne James,
1st Hampton Guide Company.

THANK YOU, BROWN OWL

The Brownies of 1st Maffra Pack recently honoured their Brown Owl with a "thank you" ceremony for her 15 years of service.

Brown Owl, Mrs. Marie McDonald, was presented with a long service ribbon and gifts of appreciation from Brownies and Local Association.

A special cake was served for supper to a large gathering of Guiding friends.

Heather Young,
District Commissioner.

Dear Matilda,

Bentleigh District Brownies Guides, and Rangers held a PASAR MALAM (Malaysian Night Market). We brought our EMAK (mother) BAPA (father) and KAKAN KAKAN (friends) to this most enjoyable night.

On walking past the hall we first saw the welcoming signs enticing us to enter. As we walked up the path a very pleasant aroma came to us — Hamburgers (Rangers). So we stopped to buy one and then we bought a drink at the next stall (2nd Coy).

Inside a busy milling throng welcomed us and brought the Night Market to life. Placed in prominent positions around the hall were many stalls stocked with a variety of goods. First to catch our eye was an array of beautiful handcrafts and cakes (4th Pack). At the next stall (1st Pack), where we saw books, toys and bracelets, the children in particular, had to make big decisions. We heard a shout of laughter and found ourselves in a Peg Race (3rd Coy), — how many could we peg on a line in 30 seconds? Time flew by and we saw fathers, who had obviously had practice, doing quite well. After the Peg Race we were confronted with a tray of Satay, a very tasty Malaysian meat dish with peanut sauce. Bearing the tray was a smiling "Malaysian" woman and her Laki (son).

Another brilliant stall caught our eye — the Anything Stall (2nd Coy), stocked with anything from toffees to doll houses. A bell ringing attracted our attention to a Puppet Show (4th Pack). Then we needed a cup of tea (3rd Coy). Another shout invited us to the Lucky Dips for LAKI LAKI (boys) and PEREMPUAN PEREMPUAN. Not far away were guessing competitions (2nd Pack), and a plant stall (1st Coy).

As we started for home we heard one Brownie say to another "I won the snail race. Did you bring a snail? You didn't, well it doesn't matter — you can hire one".

Following those excited Brownies we found a group of children cheering their starter in the Snail Race (2nd Coy).

Altogether we raised \$161.00. We sent \$53.50 to the Irene Fairbairn travel fund and put the rest into our district and division travel funds.

Janeanne Richards,
2nd Bentleigh Company.

FROM MY WINDOW

It has been a beautiful season — all our hills are still green and the gardens are overflowing with flowers. You would love the birds that feed at my window — dozens every day — five kinds of Honeyeater, two Blue Wrens, two Magpies and occasionally a Thrush.

Last week there was a Rufous Fantail — not feeding at the window but catching flies just outside it.

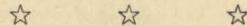
In the winter there was a Golden Whistler. I do enjoy them all.

J.G.

FASHION PARADE

Koonung Heights guides of all ages staged a Fashion Show of childrens clothes followed by afternoon tea. They raised \$50 for the "Watch Shoreham Grow" fund, and inspired Julie Provis, a Brownie Guide with the 3rd Koonung Heights Pack to organise a street stall. In a very fine effort, Julie raised \$13, and we hope that sometime Julie will enjoy camping at Shoreham.

H.M.B.



Happiness is what you feel when you're too busy to be miserable.

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2nd NUMURKAH BROWNIES JOIN THE EASTER PARADE

(Photo by A. J. Puma.)

BROWNIES ON HOLIDAYS

2nd Wodonga Brownies travelled by train (first time for most) to Melbourne.

They visited the Guide shop and a large city store. They liked the novelty clock department, and the escalators.

After a short tram ride they boarded a bus to Brownie Cottage.

What a contrast! Hot, bustling city . . . shady, peaceful Britannia Park.

Brownies splashed in the swimming pool every afternoon, and enjoyed bush walks during cooler mornings and evenings. Other activities included a concert and Hobby-tex painting.

The Brownies sang all the way to the city and the Zoo.

They boarded the train for home after a very exciting holiday.

Margaret Connell,
Brown Owl.

TO BROWNIE COTTAGE

Our pack went on a holiday to Brownie Cottage.

We slept in bunk beds, made flowers and a clown mobile.

There were birds nesting in the trees. We sang around the toadstool and had Brownies Own in the open air chapel.

A man came to photograph us. He was a bird lover and he showed us photos of them. Our theme was the Magic Faraway Tree.

Carole Slaughter,
4th Noble Park Pack.



Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans.

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Good sense is far more valuable than gold or precious stones.

PUT OUT THE WELCOME MAT

We've just had a "happening" in our home! Overnight our teenage family rose from two to five—female variety, Ranger type. The walls vibrated a little more to rock and pop—the coffee jar emptied with lightning speed—fun, laughter, talking and more talking as local young people dropped in to meet those from another State.

To have Guiding personnel, young, or any other interesting age, from the country, interstate or overseas, sharing one's home is a wonderful experience. Would you like to be a "hostess" here in Victoria, and share your home with Guiding friends?

If you cannot offer accommodation, you may like to meet planes or trains and act as chauffeur or guide, or visit Guide folk in hospital. A friendly "hello", or an offer to do some shopping or errands can help so much.

My phone number is 45 2385, my address is 1 Arden Crescent, Rosanna, 3084—and—my pen is poised, waiting to add your name to the list!

DORIS C. SPRATLING,
Hospitality Convenor.

FUND-RAISING IDEA

For Units, Local Associations, Trefoil Guilds.

1976 Girl Guide Calendars to go National (if orders for 20,000 are made).

Buy at 75 cents each; sell at \$1.00 each.
Profit to you: 25 cents per calendar.

Please send orders **only** by 31st May to 1976 Calendar Committee, Girl Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

Calendars will be delivered early September, and must be paid for by 30th September.

LET'S HAVE A CONCERT!

A groan went up among Brandon Park Local Association members when their second Annual General Meeting was mentioned: "What do we do to attract parents to our meeting and to encourage them to be part of our district? Do we repeat last year's programme and have a concert?" The Brownies and Guides wanted a concert, but please could they have a stage?

Deliberation—"Could we afford \$30 to hire a hall?" Decision—"Yes". And so action began. Decisions on what to do, rehearsals and costume making.

We had hoped more parents would come to support our hard-working office bearers. However, disappointment soon turned to joy—watching the concert was reward enough. We enjoyed the Brownies' song, and the poem about Mr. Nobody, and the laughter when the actions didn't quite fit the words. Usually lively Brownies were very demure in their beautiful long dresses, when they sang so solemnly "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree".

The Guides with their own sketches soon had us laughing; their songs and dances were appreciated. Our D.C. had approved the "stripper", but would our visitors? Great relief—they were all laughing. The enthusiasm of both Brownies and Guides made us sit back and think "We are glad we belong to such a happy District".

We were thrilled that a brother of one of our Guides took photographs to remind us of a lovely evening.





GET AWAY FROM IT ALL

Have you ever spent a few days and nights in an unusual modern house amidst towering gums and other native trees, waking early to the noisy chatter of birds and the fresh aroma of the bush?

Anyone who has, knows this description fits perfectly the Thank-You Chalet at Britannia Park. Built in 1971, the Chalet accommodates Local Association members and other adult members of the Movement wishing to escape the busy life at home—and the telephone—and to relax for a while. Husbands and members of families over 16 years of age are also welcome to stay in the Chalet.

For information about bookings and rental of the Chalet, please phone Miss D. Holtz on 82 4661.

RECIPE CORNER

Muesli Bikkies

1/4 lb. soft butter, 1 cup brown sugar (firmly packed), 1 egg, 1 teasp. vanilla, 1 cup whole wheat flour, 1/2 teasp. each carb. soda, baking powder and salt, 2 tbps. wheat germ, 1 cup rolled oats, 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, 1/2 cup each raisins and chopped apricots.

Cream butter and sugar, then add egg and vanilla and beat till blended. Mix together flour, soda, baking powder and salt, and fold into creamed mixture. Stir in wheat germ, oats, nuts and dried fruit, and mix well together. Drop by teaspoonfuls about 2 in. apart on greased baking tray, and bake at 350 deg. for about 10 minutes or until brown. Cool and store in airtight container.



Please send articles for this section to Mrs. D. O. Oldfield, 4 Embling Road, Malvern, 3144.

CARINGAL GUIDE AND SCOUT CAMP

Recently 12 guides and 3 leaders went from Newborough to the McDonald District Scout campsite near Erica. They were followed next day (Friday) by 10 scouts and 3 leaders of 1st Newborough troop.

The weather was extremely hot and total fire ban was imposed on all four days of the camp. Activities were slightly restricted because of the weather conditions.

On Friday morning the guides hiked about six miles to the falls at Caringal.

Guides and Scouts combined on both Saturday and Sunday bushcraft activities.

On Saturday one group laid tracking signs in the bush for the second group to follow. In another activity compasses were used.

Campfire on Saturday night was attended by our Camp Adviser and Division Commissioner.

On Sunday everyone took part in Scouts and Guides Own conducted by one of the Scout leaders.

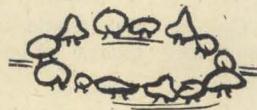
Later that day another bushcraft activity involved both guides and scouts.

At about 2.00 p.m. the guides broke camp and the scouts followed about an hour later.

A canteen at the camp was appreciated by everyone.

The camp was a great success and was enjoyed by all. It is hoped another camp like this will be held in the future.

Jillian Hooper,
1st Newborough Company.



A PACK LINK-UP

Dear Matilda,

3rd Springvale North Brownie pack had a link-up with Ballarat Brownies. We were met at Ballarat station by our link families and on Saturday we all saw the Art gallery and the Linbogel camp site, as well as seeing a Ballarat guider bride.

We saw the fire station too, and films about fire prevention and a band competition. On the Sunday we all went to church and then came home by train. A very big thank you to the Ballarat Brownies and their families, and to Brown Owl and Blueberry for taking us.

TAKE TIME

I take time to reflect on the 1975 Commissioners Conference — an enjoyable, thought provoking weekend.

Firstly, I took time to be friendly and meet other Commissioners. Then I heard about Women's Role in New Guinea Today. Our speaker told of the contributions women in different sections of New Guinea's society are making towards independence.

On Saturday, the International Adviser asked me to take time to give a little of myself to help others, and I heard about International Guiding.

Listening to a talk about Comparative Religions, I was encouraged to take time to think deeply about my faith.

Mrs. Kearney took time to tell us of the love and friendship the National Development Scheme is offering migrant children through Guides and Brownies. Her team is doing a fine job in high rise inner suburban areas.

Outside, in beautiful sunshine, more time was taken by our training team to teach us new games and songs. Later, in discussion groups, we considered a few problems that face us all.

Take time to play and sing resulted in a walk through the beautiful La Trobe University grounds, and later, a Campfire.

Here I learnt what to do when the State Commissioner visits my units — a delightful skit, portrayed by "prominent people"!! Take time to worship was a quiet meditative Guides Own, made more peaceful by the young voices of guides from Dandenong.

Young people took over the day when guides and rangers told of the fun and friendship they enjoyed at International camps, and the benefits they received in personal maturity and experience.

We were challenged by Jill and Lindy, who have been active guides, when they gave a young person's views on Guiding. Miss Peg Barr thoughtfully summed up their opinions and gave me plenty to ponder and take back to my District.

A stimulating conference, beautiful surroundings, fine weather, congenial company — need I say more?

Shirley Tidex,
District Commissioner, Beaumaris Bay.

CINNAMON FUNGUS

We hear a great deal about Cinnamon Fungus these days. It attacks garden trees and shrubs, such as rhododendrons and camellias, but its most serious effect is the destruction of large areas of native forest. It also kills native shrubs in gardens.

What is it and how can it be controlled?

It is often called root rot, because it is a microscopic fungus (related to collar rot) which attacks and destroys the roots of plants, mainly trees and shrubs.

There are several species of bacteria which act as natural controls of the root rot fungus. These live and grow in leaf mould and litter in the forest.

Cinnamon Fungus usually develops in wet or poorly drained ground, or after heavy watering in the garden.

In all cases it destroys the roots which would normally supply the plant with food and water.

Topdressing with bush leaf mould and perfect drainage help to control Cinnamon Fungus, but in the garden it may be necessary to water at least once a year with a good fungicide — Bordeaux Mixture or Difolitan for example, but if these are used too often the beneficial fungi, of which there are many in healthy soil, may be destroyed also.

Jean Galbraith,
Author of "Wildflowers of Victoria."

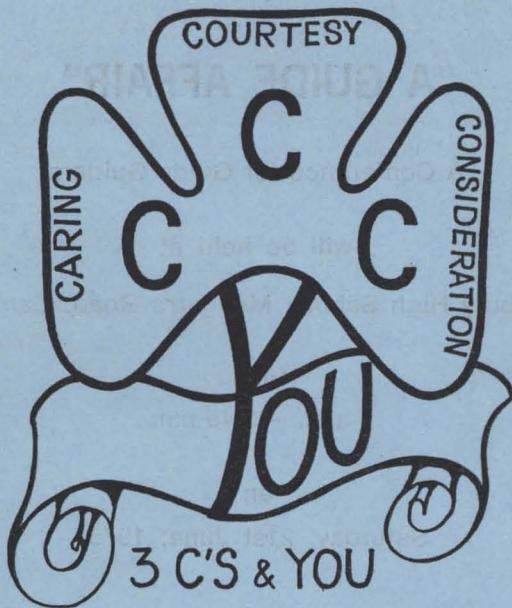
ULTIMA CELEBRATIONS

An evening was held in the Ultima hall in honour of Leanne Fox and Raylene Atkin (Ultima's first Queen's Guides).

Badges earned by Leanne and Raylene were pinned to a large felt trefoil by guides from Lake Boga and Ultima, while their Guider read out the Guiding history of the two girls.

Among gifts to mark the occasion the girls each received a Guide-blue table cloth with the Queen's Guide badge, trefoil, the girl's name and her years in Guiding embroidered in gold.





They start with the Youngest Brownie
AND
should be used by the Eldest Guider.

BROWNIE GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

5th JULY, 1975

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL
CARPENTER AND WILSON STREETS

10.00 a.m. — 3.30 p.m.

Fill in Application Form overleaf

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on

Saturday, 21st June, 1975

- ★ Afternoon Session commences 1.30 p.m.
- ★ Morning and Afternoon Tea will be provided
- ★ Registration fee: \$1.00 (compulsory)
- ★ Meal charges: \$1.50 (optional)

Join our "GUIDE AFFAIR" by bringing your Camping, District, Division, Region badges or name tapes to swap with other Guiders.

Please forward application form (overleaf) by 9th May.

"A GUIDE AFFAIR"

APPLICATION FORM for "A Guide Affair" for Victorian Guide Guiders on 21st June, 1975, at Canterbury Girls High School.

Send to: Mrs. M. Owens, 17 Leonard Street, Moorabbin, 3189.

By: As soon as possible — but no later than 9th May.

Enclosing: Fees, stamped, self addressed envelope for return of receipt, meal tickets, etc.

NOTE: Only one form per Unit please.

SECTION 1 — personal details.

(a) Christian and surname

Address

Post Code Phone:

(b) Christian and surname

(c) Christian and surname

SECTION 2 — personal requirements.

Number of leaders wishing to attend @ \$1.00 per head

= \$

Number of leaders requiring lunch @ \$1.50 per head

= \$

TOTAL: \$

I enclose cheque/postal order for the above amount.

Cheques and postal orders to be made payable to "A Guide Affair" — money orders payable to Mordialloc Post Office.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER 11th JUNE, 1975.

SECTION 3 — hospitality

Do you need hospitality? YES/NO Please give necessary details

Can you offer hospitality? YES/NO Please give necessary details

UNIT

SIGNED

DATE

BROWNIE GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

Conference Fee — \$1.00.

Luncheon — Sandwiches, Cake, Tea/Coffee — 85c; Soup — 15c; Tea/Coffee — 10c — available lunch only.

Morning and Afternoon Teas with Biscuits — 15c each.

Complete Form below and return with stamped, self-addressed envelope for receipt and luncheon vouchers to:—

Mrs. H. Ennis, 123 Marianne Way, Mt. Waverley, 3149
BEFORE 30th MAY, 1975

Tear Off

PLEASE TICK 3 OF THE FOLLOWING THINK TANKS!

- What type of Leader Are You? Keeping Your Cool!
- Promise — Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block?
- How Wide is your World of Guiding?
- Creativity Plus
- What's in Your Cupboard?
- Indoors/Outdoors
- Audio/Visual — use and care
- Coping with the Individual — no two children are alike

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CONFERENCE FEE	\$
LUNCHEON	\$
SOUP	\$
TEA/COFFEE	\$
AFTERNOON TEA	\$
MORNING TEA	\$
TOTAL: \$	

I need hospitality prior to and/or following the Conference (attach details)

YES/NO

Cheques payable to —

"Brownie Guiders' Conference Committee"

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Victorian Newsletter

APRIL, 1975

Dear Everyone,

What a difference the recent rain has made to the garden and paddocks! I am writing this sitting in Ann's "bean bag" and as I look out the door I am thrilled to see the green tinge appearing on the paddocks that have been so bare.

This month began with the Commissioners' Conference which was, as always, a very stimulating weekend. My congratulations to the Conference Committee who helped us "Take Time" for all those things so important in Guiding. We were delighted to have with us Commissioners from S.A., N.S.W. and Queensland.

As promised last year the "Weekly Meeting Players" performed prior to Camp Fire, like all these things possibly more fun for the players than the audience!

Jean and I represented the Association at the Women's World Day of Prayer, and I also attended the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women.

We had all the family home for the long weekend and promptly put them all to work preparing for our Cattle Sale held on Tuesday! This went off quite well. We managed to sell all our cattle and the prices were not as low as we had anticipated.

I was sorry to be unable to attend the Youth Garden Party but months ago I had promised Fred I would spend the weekend in Bendigo as wife of the Local Member. I am sure all our girls had a great morning.

This last week has been busy with State Council, where Sue King, Assistant Ranger Leader at Highton, spoke on the Juliette Low Seminar she attended at Our Cabana.

Our Executive meeting dealt with further items on the Agenda for the World Conference. I am pleased to advise that the Executive approved the appointment of Mrs. J. Lamond as Camping Adviser from 30th April. Welcome Jessie. My sincere thanks to Nan Squire for the wonderful job she has done over the last five years.

Mrs. N. E. Richards now finishes as Chairman of the Awards Sub-Committee — Thank you Edna and welcome to Mrs. W. H. Chamberlain, who is taking her place.

On Friday, Peg, Doris and I, joined members of Highton District for a most exciting occasion, the Opening of their new Guide Hall by the Hon. Brian Dixon, M.P., Minister of Youth, Sport and Recreation. The district has worked very hard for this hall for over seven years and finally with the money they raised and a grant from the Department — they have been able to build a delightful Hall in a most attractive setting. Brownies, Guides and Rangers put on a variety of Guide activities outside the hall which we all enjoyed. After the

Official Opening the Local Association, in true L.A. fashion, gave us all the most superb afternoon tea and the evening came to a wonderful finish with a Campfire run by Peg. It is an evening which I am sure all will remember for a long time.

Yesterday, along with thousands of others, I watched my son row. The Yarra banks on a fine warm day are a delightful spot to be. Broadmeadows Brownies added an extra splash of colour as they walked along the bank from an outing in the Botanical Gardens — followed not long after by a Cub Pack. This just confirmed my view, that wherever you go, you meet Guides and Scouts.

I now have a request especially for the girls. I leave for the World Conference in June and I wonder if you could please make me some small items to give to delegates at the World Conference and also girls in the U.K. I would be very thrilled if you could. Please send them to Headquarters with your name and address attached, and the name of your unit. The people I give them to I am sure would like to know who made them. I look forward to receiving all sorts of exciting things — with that special "Australian Flavour".

With love and best wishes,
JOAN E. GRIMWADE,
(Mrs. F. S. Grimwade)
State Commissioner.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SONG

We anticipate that you are all having great fun practising your items in preparation for the first round of "sing offs". Parents and friends will enjoy watching the heats, so when these are being arranged be sure to tell them they are welcome. Badges will be available for participants — more details later. In case you haven't sent your entry in yet, consideration will be given to late entries, so hurry and send it in now (details and application forms in January/February "Matilda"). Please contact the Convenor, Mrs. West — 857 9078 — if you have any queries or would like to let us know how things are progressing.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLY — OFFICIAL OPENING

The Australian Assembly which is being hosted by Victoria will be officially opened on the evening of Monday, 19th May, at the Kew City Hall, and some invitations to attend will be issued through Region Commissioners. If you would like to attend this function, please let your Region Commissioner know.

NEWS FROM THE RANGER SECTION

Boys and girls from the Government home "Illoura" will be treated to a bush holiday when Rangers take them on a camp at Wandong in May. This fixture promises to be lots of fun for all.

DIALOGUE DAY — 2nd MAY

There are still a few vacancies for anyone wishing to come to Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on 2nd May to our "Air and Share" evening. Names to the State Secretary please.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS

If you are between the ages of 15 and 25, and are involved in a successful project which is providing a community service or is meeting a community development need, you could be considered for a Commonwealth Youth Service Award. People receiving these awards will be eligible to travel to another Commonwealth country for a period of up to 28 days to discuss youth programmes. If you would like to know more contact the State Secretary.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GUIDERS

REGISTRATION FEES

When a girl first makes her Promise to become a member of the Movement (this may be as a Brownie Guide, Guide or Ranger Guide), her Guider fills in and forwards to Headquarters a Registration slip together with the registration fee. Guiders are asked to please note that as from 1st May, 1975, the registration fee will be 30 cents.

RANGER GUIDERS

What: Ranger Guiders' Conference.
When: Saturday, 5th July, 1975.
Where: Headquarters — Time: 9.30 a.m. — 4.30 p.m.
Application forms will be in the May circulars.

BROWNIE GUIDE SECTION

Brownie Guide Tie — Refer to "Matilda" September 1974 — Will all Brownie Guide Leaders please note that the six months "change-over" period expired on 1st April and it is expected that every Brownie will now be wearing the new style tie.

Brownie Guide Beret — Yellow caps are no longer acceptable for Brownie Guides. Every girl should now be wearing a Brown beret which is the official headgear to be worn with the uniform.

ESPECIALLY FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

STATE LOCAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

23rd September is the date to set aside for your attendance at the State L.A. Conference (not 18th August, as previously indicated). This date falls in Show Week and has been chosen in the hope that it will facilitate representation from Country Local Associations. Heidelberg Town Hall is the selected venue.

TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

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

FORTHCOMING COURSES

Stage 1 — Hamilton

Weekends — 31st May/1st June and 5th/6th July. Time: 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. D. Maconachie, 372 North Boundary Road, Hamilton, 3300, by 16th May.

Stage 1 — Headquarters

Tuesdays — 10th, 17th, 24th June, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd July. Time: 9.45 a.m. — 1 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by 28th May.

Stage 1 — Sale

Wednesdays — 28th May, 4th, 11th, 18th June. Time: 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Guide Hall, Market Street, Sale. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. M. Frawley, P.O. Box 641, Sale, 3850, by 10th May.

Commissioner Refresher Day

Monday, 28th April — 10 a.m. — 3 p.m., Wangaratta. Apply immediately to Mrs. D. Hamilton, "Hamilton Park", South Wangaratta, 3677.

Camp Fire Club

Forthcoming meetings — 1st May, 5th June.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULED PROGRAMME

Eltham — Stage 2 (19th/20th July; 16th/17th August).

Please note applications should be sent to Mrs. M. Teape, 33 Sparks Avenue, Fairfield, 3078.

Hamilton — Stage 2

Please note this course has been cancelled.

Active Games for Brownies and Guides (East Metropolitan)

The date of this evening training has been changed from 14th to 7th July.

Puckapunyal — P.L. Training

Please note that this training which was to have been held on 19th April, has been postponed. It will now be held on 7th June, from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Applications to Mrs. H. Purcell, "Outlook", Smith Street, Yea, 3717, by 22nd May.

FUTURE TRAININGS (Further information May "Matilda")

Stage 2 — Canterbury: 2nd/3rd August; 20th/21st September.

Stage 1 — Woorayl: 5th/6th July; 2nd/3rd August.

Stage 2 — Headquarters: 19th/20th July; 9th/10th August.

THE GUIDE SHOP



NEW ITEMS

World Flag Card (with explanation of symbols)	10 cents
English Girl Guide Song Book No. 1	50 cents
Camp Cooking (particularly suitable for patrol camping, but numbers easily adjusted)	\$1.00
The Brownies and the Wedding Day	\$3.25
Girl Guide Stories (limited quantity)	\$3.50
Pow-Wow Stories (Paperback Edition)	95 cents
My First Gardening Book	\$1.50
Fire Leaflet (replacing "What every Girl Guide should know about Fires")	Free
Record — The Story of Lord Baden - Powell. 33½ r.p.m. Stereo. (Narrated by Michael Aspel. Introduction by Lady Baden - Powell)	\$2.95

RECORDS NOW AVAILABLE

Songs of Australia, sung by the Victorian Girl Guide Choir	\$4.95
Campfire Songs	\$2.00
Girl Guide Songs	\$2.00
Songs from "An Australian Campfire Song Book"	\$2.00
The Brownie Guide Story — Songs and Graces	\$2.00
Brownie Singing Games	\$2.00
Festival of Song, sung by the Girl Guides of Britain	\$3.00
Get Together (Children's Songs with a Message)	\$4.00
Songs of Papua, sung by Hanna-bada Girl Guides, Port Moresby	\$1.50
Party Time — Songs and games for children's parties	\$2.99

THOSE WERE THE DAYS (from page 194)

We were invited to go swimming in the Seine at 6 a.m. where there were mobile baths. (We had to go early as the rest of the day was for men!) I enjoyed those morning bathes but found, in spite of many promises, the younger members were never brave enough to venture out at this early hour.

Miss Ritchie Brown was the official sightseeing guide for the Y.M.C.A. and she would often include two or three Guides when she was showing a party of soldiers on leave round Paris. We soon knew more about Paris than London!

Our hours of duty were from 8 a.m. to midnight, but this was no hardship, as we worked in shifts and seldom all met except for meals. We had a marvellous waiter, Johnnie, who looked after us like a nurse although he was only 20.

One morning one of the Guides came in and said it was 8.30 a.m.! We hurriedly dressed and raced to the restaurant, only to find it was 7.45 a.m. We heard the sequel later. On the way to work we passed the soldiers' billets and one of them yelled: 'Look out. The Guides have passed,' and immediately set to work with spit and polish. We had no idea we were the soldiers' alarm clock and had to promise never to be early again!

We spent our off-duty time visiting places of interest, letter writing, developing our photographs and doing embroidery. On return from a fortnight's leave in June I found we had been given a recreation room with a gramophone. At parties we were never short of partners; the only trouble was we had to be on duty at a moment's notice.

The day the peace treaty was signed we were given two tickets and my name was drawn. I shall never forget being at Versailles. We were driven there by the army and had the road cleared! That evening all the British in the city paraded down the Champs Elysses singing in the rain, our fellow workers watching from the roof as they were not allowed out.

Although the peace treaty was signed on 28th June, 1919, there was still work for the Guide group to do and we did not return to England until October. Then, of course, it was back to my job at Guide H.Q."

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CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:—

Guiders' Long Service (15 years):

Mrs. J. Macnee, Yarram; Miss M. A. Boyd, Black Rock.

Local Association — Long Service:

Mrs. K. Downey, Bairnsdale; Mrs. E. Arthur, Bairnsdale.

Thanks Badge:

Mrs. V. Spencer, North Melbourne; Mrs. P. Young, Tongala.



APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Division Commissioner:

Mrs. G. Farley, Wimmera East.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. K. W. King, Kyabram; Mrs. N. E. Gallpen, Lancefield; Mrs. A. A. Vincent, Coburg; Mrs. A. E. Griffiths, Seymour; Mrs. R. L. McClellan, Belgrave South; Mrs. R. W. Bear, Assistant, Noble Park.

Ranger Guiders:

Mrs. D. Mackintosh, 4th Mordialloc Rangers (St. Brigid's); Mrs. D. Coupe, Yallourn Rangers.

Guide Guiders:

Miss H. Turpin, 7th Ballarat; Mrs. A. M. Turner, 3rd St. Kilda; Miss J. Laughton, 2nd Carnegie; Mrs. M. Currey, 2nd Cranbourne; Mrs. B. E. Dougherty, 1st Dingley; Mrs. L. Maynard, 1st Ferntree Gully; Mrs. R. P. Hoare, 3rd Morwell.

Assistant Guide Guiders:

Miss S. Neyland, 1st East Ivanhoe; Miss A. Rooke, 2nd Ivanhoe; Mrs. R. G. Baillie, 1st Dingley; Miss A. J. Long, 2nd Moe; Mrs. G. T. Leitch, 1st Sorrento; Miss S. L. Whinney, 1st Ferntree Gully; Miss C. Bannan, 3rd Bayswater; Mrs. W. S. Innes, 1st Hallam; Mrs. S. White, 2nd Blackburn South; Mrs. C. E. Duncan, 1st Blackburn South.

Brownie Guiders:

Miss P. F. Hammond, 1st Timboon; Mrs. A. C. Tormai, 4th Blackburn South; Mrs. K. W. Hatch, 2nd Hadfield; Miss A. Phelan, 1st Oakleigh; Mrs. R. G. Bromage, 2nd Ferntree Gully; Mrs. P. G. McConville, 1st North Fawkner; Mrs. W. B. Grieve, 1st South Croydon; Mrs. G. E. Mahoney, 2nd Deer Park.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. A. Flack, 3rd Blackburn South; Mrs. J. Keily, 1st Ferntree Gully; Miss H. Gross, 4th Surrey Hills.



RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

Division Commissioner:

Mrs. D. W. Matheson, Far Western.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. G. P. Mackenzie, North Kew; Mrs. D. R. Latchford, Malvern; Mrs. G. Pope, Seymour; Mrs. R. D. Oliver, Ballarat Central; Mrs. J. A. Duncan, Waaia; Mrs. K. J. Heeps, Springvale North; Mrs. R. J. Simms, Lancefield; Mrs. F. Angus, Ensay; Mrs. A. I. Poole, Berriwillock-Woomelang.

Ranger Guider:

Mrs. B. Van Lambaart, "S.R.S. Anzac", Highett.

Guide Guiders:

Mrs. T. Beagley, 1st Watsonia; Mrs. W. J. Johns, 1st Norlane; Miss J. M. Knight, 1st Colac; Mrs. L. A. Wright, 2nd Portland; Mrs. R. Pender, 1st Kinglake; Mrs. J. K. Finlayson, 1st Bundoora; Mrs. M. Latham, 1st Bentleigh; Mrs. I. Wallace, 1st Herne Hill; Mrs. W. J. Carson, 2nd Laburnum; Mrs. E. P. England, 3rd Brighton; Mrs. E. Perriman, 1st Apollo Bay; Mrs. M. N. Magilton, 1st Timboon.

Assistant Guide Guiders:

Mrs. C. Eatham, 3rd Blackburn South; Mrs. R. P. Hoare, 3rd Morwell.

Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. G. J. Bray, 1st Swan Hill; Mrs. A. W. Astbury, 2nd Red Cliffs; Mrs. G. N. Wilson, 2nd Dromana; Mrs. R. McCallum, 2nd Red Hill; Mrs. W. Talsma, 2nd Herne Hill; Mrs. I. A. Bishop, 3rd East Brighton; Mrs. D. Shears, 1st Ferntree Gully; Mrs. F. E. Webb, 2nd Cheltenham; Mrs. K. T. O'Dwyer, 1st Dimboola; Mrs. J. E. Hanson, 1st Timboon.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. A. P. McGrath, 2nd Highett; Mrs. D. Johns, 1st Red Cliffs; Mrs. R. Van Dorssen, 2nd Dromana; Miss J. I. Wilson, 1st Moe; Mrs. V. A. Collins, 4th St. Kilda; Miss E. K. Forsyth, 2nd Laburnum; Mrs. A. D. Needs, 1st Frankston; Mrs. I. Penfound, 1st Laburnum; Miss P. F. Hammond, 1st Timboon.



You cannot teach a man anything. You can only help him discover it within himself.

— Galileo.