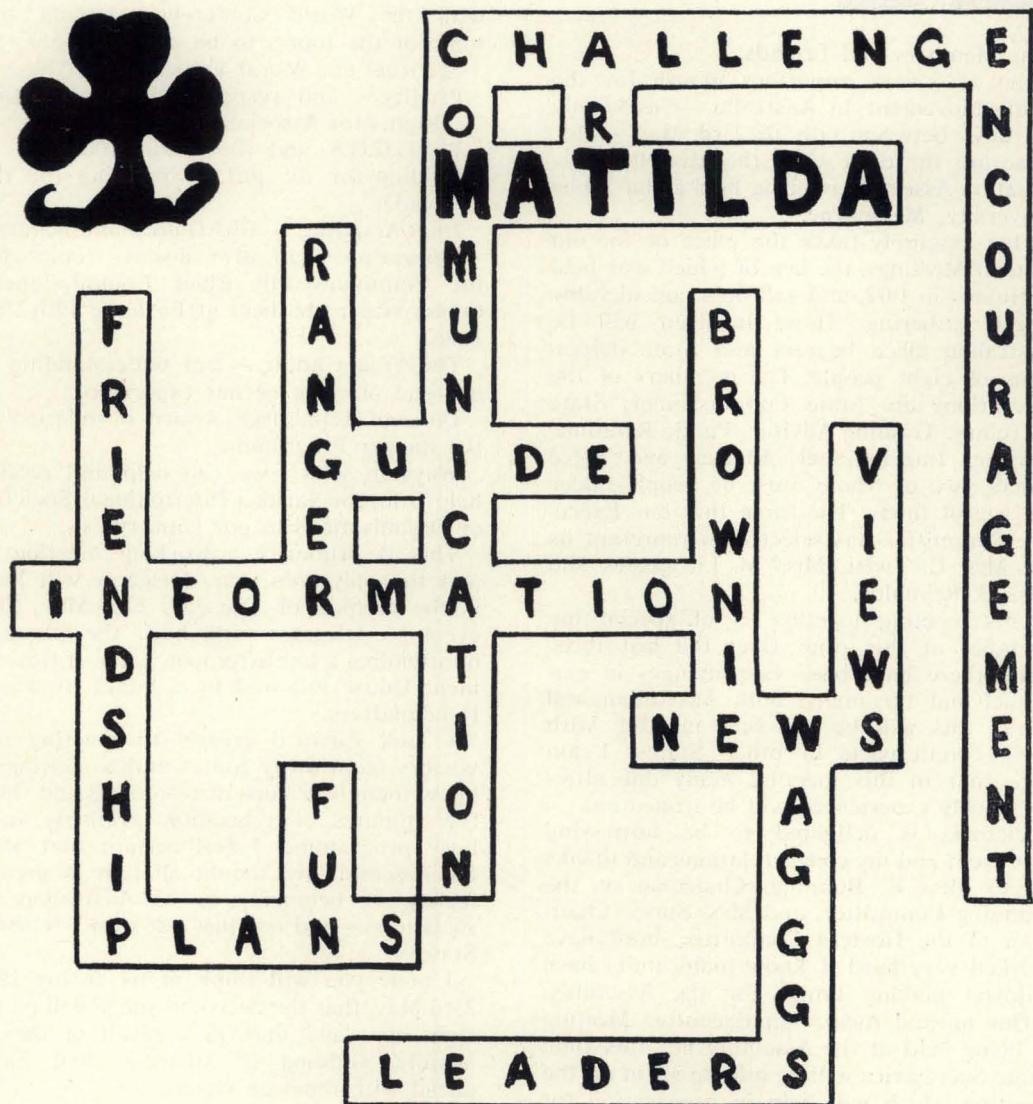
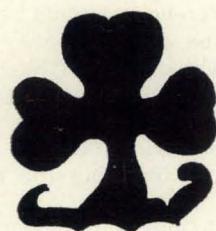


MATILDA





From our State Commissioner

Dear Members and Friends,

May is a very important month for the Guide Movement in Australia — especially the days between 19th to 23rd May — for these are the days when the Australian Association Assembly is being held at La Trobe University, Melbourne.

This Assembly takes the place of the old Council Meetings, the last of which was held in Hobart in 1972, and will be a considerably larger gathering. Those involved will be Australian office bearers and State delegations of eight people. The members of the delegations are State Commissioner, State Secretary, Training Adviser, Public Relations Adviser, International Adviser and three others, two of whom must be people under the age of thirty. The three that our Executive Committee has selected to represent us are Mrs. G. Twist, Miss M. Littlehales and Miss B. Reynolds.

This meeting together is of special importance at this time. Over the last three years there have been vast changes in personnel and for many, both Australian and State, this will be the first meeting with their counterparts in other States. I am sure that in this meeting many difficulties previously experienced will be ironed out.

Victoria is delighted to be hostessing this event and my congratulations and thanks go to Miss E. Bunning, Chairman of the Planning Committee, and Mrs. Surry, Chairman of the Hostess Committee, both have worked very hard. I know many units have enjoyed making things for the Assembly.

Our normal Australian Executive Meeting is being held at the Assembly but this time State Secretaries will be able to sit in on the meeting which will help in preparation for future Australian Executives.

The Official Opening is to be held at Kew Town Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, 19th May, and we are delighted that Senator Margaret

Guilfoyle is to be Guest Speaker. We hope many members of the Guide Movement will be present; those interested are asked to contact their Region Commissioners.

The days of the Assembly will be very full with meetings between the different Advisers and many plenary sessions and discussion groups. During all of these, many of the problems facing the Guide Movement today will be aired and all States should profit from this.

Much of the time will be spent dealing with the World Conference Agenda and some of the topics to be discussed are:

Spiritual and Moral Values

Privileges and responsibilities — Voting

Rights for Associate Members

W.A.G.G.S. and the World Today.

Guiding for the girl — Training for the leader

Joint Activities — Girl Guides and Scouts

Delegations will also discuss topics for the Commonwealth Chief Commissioners' Conference to be held at Foxlease 19th-22nd June:

The Young Adult — our understanding of her and our use of her experience.

Duke of Edinburgh Award in relation to the Ranger Programme.

Ways in which we can help and receive help from the various International Societies or Organisations in our country.

This is primarily a working meeting — and the only free time delegates will have is the evening of Tuesday, 20th May. This evening, delegates will have the pleasure of attending a late afternoon party at Government House followed by a buffet dinner at Headquarters.

I look forward greatly to meeting our visitors from other States and to getting to know them over cups of tea, meals and those few minutes of relaxation available in a busy programme. I feel certain that after the Assembly we should all have a greater feeling of belonging to an Australian Association — and not just our own particular State.

I hope you will think of us during 19th-23rd May, that the decisions made will be the right ones and that, as a result of the Assembly, Guiding in Australia will move ahead with renewed vigour.

With love and best wishes,

Jean E. Grimsdale

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Are we their handicap?

No matter what the handicap, the attitude of the public usually creates a far greater handicap. How we value ourselves depends so much on how others value us. When a handicapped person sees us stare, perhaps showing disgust, fear or embarrassment, her/his self-esteem and confidence suffer, sometimes irreparably. One handicapped person expressed this destructive influence of the public in the following way: "They kill the dream, paralyse the hope, cripple the joy."

As members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, which has been opened to handicapped girls from the early years, most of us probably think we are "doing something for the handicapped" and that we are sympathetic to, and fairly knowledgeable of, the problems of the handicapped. This "goodwill" attitude probably limits our understanding. As individuals **we must examine our attitudes** to throw off those which prevent us from seeing people as people and as equals.

Any girl who can understand the Promise and Law may become a Girl Guide/Girl Scout. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts recognize that attitudes to race, creed, colour, nationality and disability are man-made barriers that disappear with understanding developed through common experience. We have done much to attack the insensitivity and ignorance that often surrounds handicapped people, but the opportunities for future efforts are limitless.

Who are the handicapped? The blind, the deaf, the crippled automatically come to mind. However, the term covers a very large, and increasing, number of people and a very large variety of handicaps. These include the socially handicapped (perhaps social outcasts), the emotionally handicapped (perhaps deprived of love and attention), the chronically ill and accident victims. In reality, an individual is neither 100 per cent handicapped, nor 100 per cent "normal". Every person experiences one, or usually several handicaps or "hindrances". A relatively "normal" girl may be taller than average, or be left-handed, or have big feet. Each of these characteristics requires a small adjustment in every-day life, and each characteristic could become a handicap. It depends on the girl's attitude to herself.

The abilities, talents and problems of handicapped girls are just as diverse as those of other girls, but they may have some special needs in addition to the usual needs of girls in their age-group. Most specialists agree that it is best for a handicapped girl to be part of a non-handicapped group. It is not our function to try to be therapists, social workers, etc., but rather to implement the Girl Guide/Girl Scout programme. In fact, the programme itself often includes the very experiences the girl needs: social contact with girls her own age, opportunities to gain every-day experience, to take ordinary risks and to succeed. With a consistent leader who has the ability to relate to handicapped children the girl's Girl Guide/Girl Scout activity can be a positive influence on her life.

By thinking of helping other people she can become the doer of a good turn, rather than always being the receiver.

Often it is difficult to draw up a set programme for the handicapped, because of the large variety of handicaps and the range of ability within a handicap. Ultimately it is the leader who **knows the girl**, and who with commonsense and imagination, can make adaptations.

If we can help each girl, and ourselves, to accept the limitations of every individual, **including one's own**, and then "to do my best" to get on with life, we will be acknowledging that it is what one **has** that counts.

PATRICIA PIERCE,
(From The Council Fire.)

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Our work with children in inner suburbs is progressing satisfactorily, but we must have help to keep established units working smoothly.

Guiding in these areas is guiding with a difference, and a very worthwhile experience.

As it is very difficult to obtain leaders, we hope to introduce a scheme whereby we have a permanent guider in charge of the unit, with an assistant on a roster basis.

We extend an invitation to anyone able to help us with the following:

Guide Company at the Fitzroy Girls' School,
Monday 11.40 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Brownie Pack at St. Mark's Church, Fitzroy,
Monday 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Brownie Pack and Guide Company at
Primary School Fitzroy, Friday 2.15 p.m. to
3.30 p.m.

After-school group for girls between 7 and
12 years, at the Maribyrnong Migrant
Hostel, Tuesday 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Many thanks to those who have supplied uniforms and handbooks — we are most appreciative and ask you to keep sending full uniforms or any parts thereof. We can certainly use all of them.

If you can help us, or you would like further information, please ring Barbara Kearney (89 1221) or Ro Lawson (92 8742).

NEWS FROM "OUR CABANA"

Our Winter season at the Cabana has so far brought some interesting and different sessions. A weekend of Mexican guides began the season early in November. This was closely followed by the Adult Adventure Session entitled "Folk Arts In Mexico". We welcomed 67 adults from Jamaica, Canada, U.S.A. and Mexico to this session. Our theme was emphasised especially during the first week. A young man from a ceramic factory in Cuernavaca came to demonstrate painting of ceramics and to assist those already working; a woodcarver and barkpainter displayed their skills with knife and brush; and, later a workshop in paper mache was conducted by an expert in that field. Participants joined in our on-going service project to the low income parish of Gualupita, where we teach crafts, games and songs to approximately 600 children and 125 ladies. Participants appreciated a relaxed and informal morning touring colonial homes in Cuernavaca.

Our regular sessions for girls have been most enjoyable. In early December, a Central American Caravan, bringing guides from Guatemala, Costa Rica and El Salvador shared the Cabana with girls from Mexico, California and Illinois. It was unusual to have at least half the group speaking Spanish. Valuable lessons in communication and understanding were learned during that week.

Perhaps the highlight of our winter season so far has been toy deliveries to children in low income areas near the Cabana. This Christmas we delivered about 2000 sacks filled with toys, candy and animal crackers. The toys and candy are collected year round, from groups attending sessions at our Cabana. Visitors are notified ahead of our project and every space in suitcases is filled with balloons, small cars, puppets, cosmetic samples, pens, whistles, yo-yos, balls, crayons etc. Groups attending the Cabana at Christmas time have the added joy of being part of this highlight.

ROBYN YOUNG

Robyn, an Australian from Brisbane, is at our Cabana for two years as Programme Director.



CAMP "NIRANDA"

Extensions Easter Camp



"God has created a new day — Silver and green and gold."

For many Guides and Rangers of Extension Section a whole new world opened up at Camp Niranda at Britannia Park.

Arriving on Friday morning 85 girls and their active guide and ranger helpers slowly dispersed from the crowded car park. Tractor rides to camp sites were eagerly sought by those who could not walk.

Most found their tents already put up by a small advance party and a group of Lilydale guides who had volunteered to help. The more severely handicapped rangers were soon at home in Brownie Cottage, and guides in Guide House. At least one company, many of whom are in wheel chairs, decided to try out life under canvas.

After the official opening, rangers spent the afternoon making musical instruments and then, joining themselves into a band, learnt to play such classics as "Waltzing Matilda" on the bush bass, lager phones, or 'cellos. (The latter looked very like ice cream containers with a piece of string attached.) Pluck, Plunk, Crash, Plunk. They kept in time, if not in tune.

Meantime, the guides were making puppets, paper plates for heads, decorated with string hair, a stick body and rag bag dresses. Small groups made characters for Fairy Tales, and

later enacted the stories. Even the shyest felt brave behind the paper figures.

On Saturday, a beautiful day, guides enjoyed a Treasure Hunt, with Britannia Park itself as the prize to be found and explored. Where was the tree planted by Lady Baden Powell? Sit in the quiet place and think about a Guide Law. Blind guides had active girls to be their "eyes". Those in wheel chairs had guides or rangers to push them and be their legs.

The Australian Bush Band arrived and Mr. and Mrs. Dow, appropriately dressed, soon had rangers learning Colonial dances. What fun it was swinging and turning your partner in the sun! When they were tired Mr. Dow played jigging music on his fiddle until everyone was on her feet again.

In the afternoon guides danced and rangers swam in the chilly pool, and then warmed up at a Mini Olympics. Mrs. Prentice, our Auxiliary President visited us and watched the fun later in the day.

Camp Fire was led by Kiwi and we learned many new songs and jingles. Old favourites were sung with gusto.

Sunday started with Mass led by Father Michael with his guitar, a beautiful informal service in the chapel.

Guides enjoyed an hilarious mini sports meeting and rangers made mosaics for the rest of the morning.

"Would the Easter Bunny find the camp?" asked smaller guides. Yes, he did, and left 12 dozen Easter eggs, donated to our camp by rangers of Camp Yammimga.

In the afternoon, our State Commissioner paid us a visit and explored our happy camp.

That night we held a concert, what unexpected talent was seen! Dr. Doolittle brought his circus and clowns somersaulted and cavorted as though born to the sawdust ring. A ranger with immense concentration and grace performed a Japanese dance. Songs, skits and dances filled the programme, and in between items, the Bush Band played for our enjoyment. The final item was a clever jolt dance, in which girls in wheel chairs and their partners whirled in a circle in intricate patterns.

"Niranda" means a happy place, and the camp certainly lived up to its name.



(Block by courtesy of Castlemaine Mail)

Five Guides from 1st Castlemaine Company received their Queen's Guide Badges at a ceremony in the grounds of the Guide Hall before a large gathering of families and friends.

Badges were presented by Mr. A. A. Heather, foundation member of 1st Castlemaine Pioneer Scout Troop. Mr. Heather who joined the Scout Movement in 1912, has been con-

tinuously involved in Scouting since then.

The Queen's Guides each received a letter of Commendation bearing the official Seal of Castlemaine City Council. A celebration cake, decorated with a five-point star, was cut by the girls.

The Local Association served a delightful afternoon tea to close a memorable afternoon.

Queen's Guide Application Form — It is suggested that this form be applied for at least two months before the Guide's 16th birthday so that the recommendation by Patrol Leaders' Council can be completed with all members having time to assess the Guide concerned.

This form is available from the Secretary to Advisers at Headquarters and when ap-

plication is made by the District Commissioner, the following information is required:

Guide's name, Unit, and date of birth.

All details should be filled in on the form when it is returned to Headquarters **before** the Guide's 16th birthday and have attached to it the relevant Interest Badge Certificates, Service Flash Card, Patrol Camp Permit card, etc.

THINKING DAY 1975

Dear Matilda,

"Countdown 75" — Barree Region's Thinking Day, began when dozens of blue and brown figures descended on Wodonga on Saturday, 22nd February.

Ceremonies opened with Flag-Break by the Rangers, followed by the carrying on of the Olympic Torch and message of good-will. Colour Ceremonial, all companies competing for a Division Award took place next, then a parade of International Guiding, led by Corryong depicting Australia's history — the settlers, aborigines, convicts, diggers and all. Then came the grass skirts of Fiji, dainty Japanese maidens, Swiss mountaineers, Welsh ladies in big hats and many more. Costumes and national flags of each country passing by added colour to the wonderful procession.

Fun-Olympics were a great entertainment. Have you tried to drive a ping-pong ball along grass with a feather? — and action-filled items like pillow jousting and jockeys-up?

Scout's Pace with an urgent message for Guide and Ranger participation, and an obstacle race for Brownies were also enjoyed.

For the closing ceremony we formed a huge snail, (we really were a "long long trail a-winding") and one representative from each section presented our Thinking Day Fund collection to our two International visitors from Melbourne. The Olympic Torch was extinguished, we recited "The Chain" and departed for home, sisters all in our great Guide movement.

Patrol Leaders,
Wodonga District.



Dear Matilda,

I was very pleased to be asked to plan a "New Zealand" night to celebrate Thinking Day with my Company. My family and I had just returned to Melbourne after a 7-month stay in New Zealand.

I showed slides of some of the places we had visited and told the girls how attractive the country is, and how interesting I found the Maoris — their legends and way of life. Then, wearing my Maori costume, I showed the girls a Stick Game and Poi Dance that I learnt for my Maori Badge. While in Auckland I was a member of Cavell Company, named after Nurse Edith Cavell who was famous during the First World War. Cavell Company is fifty-three years old.

After looking at books and souvenirs from New Zealand, and inspecting weapons — the taiha and mere, we had a sausage sizzle — one of the most popular outdoor meals for guides in New Zealand. For a treat we finished by toasting marshmallows in the embers. Then everyone had a lot of fun trying their hand at the pois and the stick game.

KAREN CLARK,
2nd Wattle Patrol,
1st Parkdale Guide Company.



Dear Matilda,

Recently, we held a Queen's Guide Presentation for Elizabeth Riddett, who has been with the Company for five years. All who had helped her were invited to the Presentation. The same evening we had our Thinking Day Service.

Each patrol dressed in appropriate costumes and cooked meals representing six different countries. A display of maps and a large globe of the world was in the centre of the room, and as the Thinking Day Prayer was read we filed past in patrols and placed coins on our country. We marched into two lines and Elizabeth cut her way through streamers while her second read out all the badges earned.

"Kylie" our Guide Leader presented her with her Queen's Guide badge. After Elizabeth cut her cake, we all sampled the meals the patrols had prepared.

"Kookaburra" Patrol,
2nd Highton Guide Company.



CONSERVATION

While the crows garge in the trees, the galah screeches at a passing cat, Julie plays her record at top pitch, Pete strums his latest amplified guitar tune and Bill revs the hot rod . . . it would seem timely to write about a form of conservation not often mentioned! .

I mean of course, **NOISE POLLUTION!!!**

Cars, trams, trains, buses, planes, machinery of all descriptions, bells, horns, hooters, sirens and honkers . . . we hear them all.

Industry creates a great deal of noise and even the farmer in wide open spaces needs to wear ear muffs while driving his tractor.

Where there are people, there is **NOISE**.

Noise levels can be measured, and by law, it can be an offence to make too much noise.

I recall hearing of a case where a heater or similar appliance caused a neighbour to seek action to have the noise stopped . . . and he succeeded.

In the country we are fortunate that noise is not a great problem, but city dwellers have more worries.

How can we help combat the noise problem? Guides and brownies can't run about

telling factories to stop making a noise! But we **CAN** be quieter **OURSELVES**.

And if the thousands of guides in this state were **ALL** just a little quieter it would surely help to make life easier for everyone.

We can help by keeping our record players or radios just loud enough, and we can be a little quieter in playground, garden or hall.

We can ask big brother (in the nicest possible way) if he could fix his car motor in the daytime and not disturb people at night.

We can ask musical friends to practise at a time when others are not trying to talk or rest.

Lawns have to be cut, but we can choose times when we will least disturb others.

If our dogs are noisy, we can try to find why they bark (are they hungry, thirsty, sick, tied up too much?) and keep them from annoying others.

I live in a wonderful, quiet country town so I can think of no more ways to prevent noise pollution.

What about **YOU**? What noises bother you? How can you help to overcome them?

ANNE L. FRASER,
Conservation Co-ordinator.

It is with sincere sadness that we record the death of one of Guiding's friends, Mr. Stuart McKay.

Mr. McKay has helped Guiding in many capacities over many years and he will be greatly missed by us all. When his wife, Jeanette, a former Assistant State Commissioner, was Convenor for Britannia Park, he was a frequent helper at working bees there. More recently he took an active interest in the development of Shoreham camp-site, where his sound advice and practical help were greatly appreciated. He also made a valued contribution as Treasurer of our Leisure Time Activities.

In Stuart's passing, Guiding has lost a genuine friend of long standing. To his family — all active members of the Movement at some stage of their lives — we offer our sincerest sympathy.

TRAINING CALENDAR *

MAY
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, "Wallabadah", Lake Bolac, 3351 by **17th May**.

Dandenong 19th/20th July and 9th/10th August (note change in dates) times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Special School, Heatherton Road. Applications to Mrs. H. Lardner, 51 Bundeena Ave., Noble Park, 3174 by **7th July**.

Headquarters Wednesday 28th May, 4th-11th-18th-25th June, 2nd-9th-16th July, time 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Apply **immediately** to Training Department, Guide Headquarters.

Headquarters Tuesday 10th-17th-24th June, 1st-8th-15th-22nd July, 9.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **28th 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**.

Korumburra Weekend 5th-6th July and 2nd-3rd August — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. R. Gaudion, 32 Blackmore Ave., Leongatha, 3953 by **20th June**.

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

Moorleigh Weekends 28th-29th 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 **14th June**.

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**.

Mornington Region Weekends 28th-29th June and 2nd-3rd August. Further information available from Mrs. F. Bucknell, P.O. Box 46, Mt. Martha, 3934.

Stage 2 Training-Warranted Guiders

Canterbury Weekends 2nd-3rd August and 20th-21st September — 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. — Guide Hall. Note: Please bring a cut lunch. Applications to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Ave., Doncaster, 3108 by **19th July**.

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

Doveton 4th-5th October and 8th-9th November, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Presbyterian Kindergarten. Applications to Mrs. H. Kenny, 6 Balgowlah Ave., Noble Park, 3174 by **18th September**.

Eltham Weekends 19th-20th July and 16th-17th August, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Guide Hall, Youth Road. Applications to Mrs. M. Teape, 33 Sparks Ave., Fairfield, 3078 by **4th July**.

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**.

Headquarters Weekends 19th-20th July and 9th-10th August, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. A. Fox, 9 Gardenia Street, Blackburn, 3130 by **4th July**.

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

Pyramid Hill 13th-14th September and 11th-12th October. Further information available from Mrs. R. Wilkins, P.O. Box 492, Bendigo, 3550.

Wodonga 19th-20th July and 16th-17th August, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. D. Hamilton, "Hamilton Park", South Wangaratta, 3677 by **5th July**.

Yarragon Weekends 26th-27th July and 16th-17th August, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Note: Please bring cut lunch, hot drinks provided. Applications to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3827 by **10th July**.

Patrol Leader Training

Puckapunyal Saturday 7th June 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. H. Purcell, "Outlook", Smith Street, Yea, 3717 by **22nd May**.

Stage 3 Training

Dandenong Weekends 20th-21st September and 11th-12th October, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Guide Hall, Anne Street. Applications to Mrs. H. Kenney, 6 Balgowlah Ave., Noble Park, 3174 by **4th September**.

Warracknabeal Weekends 7th-8th June and 19th-20th July, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. Applications to Miss D. Pearse, "Edgabaston", Donald, 3840 by **23rd May**.

Mornington Region Weekends 9th-10th August and 11th-12th October. Further information available from Mrs. H. Bucknell, P.O. Box 46, Mt. Martha, 3934.

Pack Holiday Training

Burnet Park, Glengarry Weekend 28th-29th June (residential) time 10.30 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Fee to be advised. Note: Bring cut lunch on Saturday. Applications to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3828 by **10th June**.

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

Special Subjects

Electives

Britannia Park Weekend 5th-6th July. Fee \$5.00. 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.

Ranger Leadership Certificate Weekend

Mayfield Centre, Malvern Weekend 5th-6th July (residential). 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.

Craft Day

Morwell Saturday 28th June — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Guide Hall, McDonald Street. Note: Bring cut lunch, hot drinks provided. Applications and 75 cents fee to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3828 by **10th June**.

Handbook Workshop

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

Active Games for Brownies and Guides

Surrey Hills Monday 7th July (note change in date) 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Holy Trinity C. of E., Union Road, Surrey Hills. Applications and 60 cents fee to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Ave., Doncaster, 3108 by **23rd June**.

Handbook Workshop

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

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL

This year, Keep Australia Beautiful week will be observed nationally between 23rd June and 29th June. Its theme — "Give Generously" — suggests we give litter to appropriate bins, and energy to beautifying local areas.

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council has arranged a statewide "Golden Broom Award" contest, and hopes to distribute 30,000 trees during the "week".

Suggested activities for youth groups include:

- Litter prevention patrols by volunteers in the community — inside and outside school areas, shopping centres, beaches, waterways, bush walks and parks.
- Poster (single, slogan, essay) competition — with local business firms providing the prizes for anti-litter theme. Local shops should be asked to display winning entries.
- Beautification — tree planting, especially natives. Tidying public areas, including church grounds and sporting venues.
- Clean up an empty lot and turn it into a temporary playground or rest area.
- Select a suitable "needy" house for a clean-up, repair or painting.
- Help elderly people by removing litter or rubbish from their property.
- Distribute litter prevention literature, car litter bags, at sporting events or community occasions.
- Arrange with local municipality and service stations for additional litterbins. Make arrangements for them to be emptied regularly.
- Design a bookmark for distribution to local school and community library.
- Collect glass for recycling.
- Check location and number of litterbins and send suggestions to municipality.
- Stage a littercount — and publicise amount and description of litter involved.

Literature and promotional materials are available from the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (Vic.), Princes Gate, East Tower, 4th Floor, 151 Flinders Street, Melbourne, 3000. (Phone 63 5036).



TRAINING PAGES

"WHO ARE THESE GIRLS?"

"An effective leader understands the girl, her needs, development and growth towards maturity." Recognise these words?

They are from the Leaders' Workbook, Page 3. If you have not played with this section of the workbook make May the month to do it and really get to know your girls better. If we are to assist in the development of the whole person, then we need to know something about the various stages of growth and something about each girl in the unit.



This need is even more important when we have girls who are handicapped. There is a danger in seeing the handicap first and the girl second so let us pause for a moment and think of **The girl with the handicap**. Whether it be a physical, intellectual, social or an emotional handicap she is first and foremost a girl. She needs what all of us need, acceptance, security, curiosity, achievement. To provide these needs our leadership should be one of love, liberty and limits.

+ **Love**, a deep acceptance of the girl as a real person, seeing beyond her handicap.

+ **Liberty** to develop independence, to try things out for herself, to achieve something for herself.

+ **Limits** not really a contradiction to the above. Children expect parents and leaders to set limits because it shows that we love and care for them. Sometimes these limits relate to safety, or they may relate to behaviour, the girls may need some resistance if they are

"playing up" or if they tend to withdraw. The degree of limitation will vary for each girl and should be put there thoughtfully. Ultimately it should lead her to set her own limits, helping her develop **self control**.

Programming for the girls with a handicap follows the same **basic** rules as for the girl without one. (Refer Handbooks and Matilda Training Pages October, 1973.) But of course provision must be made for the specific handicap of each girl.

- Timing may be affected greatly.
- Training methods and aids, and equipment must be chosen even more carefully.
- Flexibility of approach by the leader must be considerable. The girl and the leader need to discover her capabilities.

Challenges must be real

- The need for empathy rather than sympathy is highlighted.
- Patience from the leader may be needed to an outstanding degree, remember the girl will require this too and will gain from the leaders example.

Development of the whole person must include the girl's relationship with others, her sense of responsibility towards them and her community at large.

What greater way is there to develop a sense of responsibility than by **being responsible**?

No matter what the handicap we should see that each girl in some way feels responsible for some thing.

Service to others. So often the girl with the handicap is on the receiving end of service from others. Care needs to be taken so that she does not miss out on the joy of helping others.

Are you needing advice or help for any of your girls?

Mrs. D. Renard, Our Extension Adviser will be pleased to assist you. Don't hesitate to write or 'phone her.



GAMES FOR FUN AND . . .

Dressing the guide

Equipment: Very large sheet of paper. Thick felt pens. Handbooks.

One member of the group lies down on paper and others trace around her with a pen. The outline is then filled in with a uniform, leader can nominate what badges are to be worn. If necessary the girls refer to their handbooks.

Obstacle race with check points

Equipment: Anything that makes a good obstacle or checkpoint in the course to be run. The girls will have ideas. They could include old tyres, a tunnel of hessian, hoops, a plank (16 cm above ground), stepping stones (upturned flowerpots?) and a slalom section. Check points could include such things as hitting a suspended ball, standing on one leg for a minute with eyes shut, balancing three or four articles on top of each other. There is no end to ideas, if you wish, the checkpoints may be less physical and more intellectual.

Scoring: A token is given for each obstacle or check point completed, perhaps $\frac{1}{2}$ point for those attempted.

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In the dark

Prepare instructions in large capitals and with necessary equipment space around the hall. The activities may be patrol/six or individual efforts. Each group will need pencil, paper and a torch which can be used to read instructions only.

The hall must be completely darkened. To begin, let one group in and then allow five minutes between groups. Activities can be:

1. From large container count 10 split peas into small bottle.
2. Parcel 3 medium potatoes and tie using packers knot.
3. Identify textures — i.e. velvet, silk, cotton, wool, nylon.
4. Thread needle and sew button on piece of cloth. (Large eyed sewing needle.)
5. Fill cup with water.
6. Write down what is in containers, i.e., coffee, onion, coconut, etc.
7. Tear the shape of an elephant from one half page of newspaper.

Out of sight, perhaps behind a screen have noises such as pouring water, beating an egg, winding a clock.

Stranger in a Strange Land

Each group imagines they are in a country where English is not spoken. Give them something to ask for which they must mime, the other guides guess what they are seeking. For example:

Where is the nearest bus or rail station? Could they draw a sketch map of their own district — Page 195 Guide Handbook.

Where do I buy (provisions) — bread, butter, etc.?

Where is the nearest Doctor, Dentist, Hospital, Police?

Ask for a cup of tea without milk, coffee with cream.

Ask Guides/Rangers if they have a migrant family in their Street, School or Church. Where would they take them on their first outing in Australia, Melbourne, Locally? How could they be of help to Strangers in a Strange Land?

Some Brownies might also be able to discuss this if they have been wide awake on their Highway.

CHALLENGE — OPERATION "CAN YOU?"

Paint a picture or poster holding the brush in your teeth?

Use your toes to pick up a handkerchief or marble?

Tie a reef knot with one hand?

Peg articles on line with one hand?

Speed is not important and should not be encouraged, nor is it wise for the leader to bring in competitiveness.

and

What else besides "fun"? Look at the physical development of your girls, can they move easily through spaces or do they bump into things and people?

Do they fall easily, is their co-ordination good? Do they have trouble picking up things with their hands or using their hands for craftwork or writing?

Do they have difficulty in expressing their thoughts and feelings?

Do they need to develop more self control?

Do they relate well to other people?

All these activities can be fun and will help them develop in ways that give the satisfaction of achievement.

Take a second look at "In the dark", "Identifying noises", "Stranger in a Strange Land" and "Operation Can YOU!"

Here are ways to **prepare for Service**.

These could help the guides to understand the difficulty of the handicap.

The experiences gained through the activities could spark off discussion, among Guides and Rangers in particular, about what they felt and how they can and could help. From this discussion there might arise the awareness that further skills are needed.

Experts might be called in or courses attended but do not overlook the simple skills which could make someone else more comfortable.

- Demonstration of bathing a baby, changing a napkin, heating a bottle.
Page 226-229 Guide Handbook.
- Learn how to nurse a small child.
- Have a Best Read competition.
Page 158 Guide Handbook.
- Invalid Care.
- Make a bed and use pillows to support an elderly person.
- Fill a hotwater bottle and make a good cup of tea.
- Make a posy of flowers and set an attractive tray.

In conclusion talk about when it is a service **not to do anything!** One of the most valuable services given in our district was to a lonely, elderly lady. The Guide visited her once a week, sometimes more, and was served afternoon tea and talked to her hostess. This helped to stimulate a failing mind due to lack of stimulation. Discussion about this can be very enlightening to Guides and may even make you think!

SAFETY IN THE SNOW

This is the time of the year when units may be looking forward eagerly to an outing to the snow or the challenge of hiking in high country where there may be cold, wet, windy weather.

This type of activity must be carefully planned by both girls and leaders.

Everyone taking part should have the knowledge and understanding to care for her own safety and therefore the safety of the whole party.

Obtain information from experienced people familiar with the area you intend visiting. Do not rely on the bus driver getting you to your proposed destination — it may be his first visit too!

When planning your programme

- Consider carefully the limitations of the members of the unit in relation to the area to be visited. It may be necessary to have two parallel programmes to cater

for a variation of experience and stamina.

- Make sure the maps you use are up to date, everyone should be encouraged to learn map reading and compass through games and activities in weekly unit meetings.

Remember a "bush mile" can be more than a map mile. Walking in soft snow deeper than 2" or 3" is very tiring, the deeper the snow the more energy expended so keep this in mind.

- The District Commissioner must be given (in writing) all details and names of those taking part. Depending on the area and type of activity you are planning it may be necessary to advise Rangers and Police of your route.
- Careful consideration must be given to the type of clothing to be worn. Warm slacks, wool pullovers, socks, cap, gloves and warm waterproof parka with hood

are essential. Gym shoes are extremely dangerous in wet weather. Gumboots can be worn only if the activity is playing in the snow, they are unsuitable and dangerous for hiking. It is better for a girl to be disappointed and left at home, at the last moment, than attend with unsuitable gear, handicapping herself and the whole party. A change of clothing should be carried sealed in a plastic bag and wet clothing removed as soon as possible after coming to a halt.

With young girls it would be imperative the leader check this is done, as once movement ceases bodies become quickly chilled by wet clothing.

For an emergency each person should carry food such as dried fruit, chocolate etc., and matches in a waterproof container.

When hiking

- The pace of the party should be regulated, steady, even and not exceeding the capabilities of the slowest member, it will help if she walks just behind the leader.
- When travelling through unfamiliar country look back regularly, so you can recognise the way, should you have to retrace your steps.
- Check maps often — this should not only be the responsibility of the adult leaders, everyone should be following progress.
- The party should be kept together at all times, rain storms and sleet can blow up quickly and visibility be greatly reduced. Check your number frequently, especially after a rest and before and after a difficult section.
- When walking through scrub avoid "back-lash" from vegetation. Apart from causing facial injury this can also make people unnecessarily wet. In snow country the terrain can often be covered by loose rocks — never climb a rocky slope directly below someone else.
- Every girl who takes part in an expedition to the snow should know how to take care of herself if by some misfortune she becomes separated from the party or if the group is caught in a snow storm.
- Find shelter quickly and do not keep going until exhausted. If it is possible, get down below the snow line where there will be better shelter and possible fire-wood. Refer to "Fires in the Snow" Training Pages "Matilda", April, 1974.

• If clothes are dry and she is dressed adequately for cold conditions (provided she is out of the wind and has managed to find some dry natural bedding to sit or lie on) she can sleep; if she is wet through and alone she must keep awake, for under these conditions she may die from exposure if she sleeps too long. She must occasionally move about, massage her limbs, stamp her feet to keep the blood circulating, and eat some of her emergency food; the more exhausted she feels, the more essential it is to eat. If there are 2 or more persons lost together they should huddle closely to reduce heat loss. If they are exhausted and wet one must stay awake while the others sleep, so that they all do not sleep too long.

• Should they have to survive overnight in snow they will be safe if they find a deep snow bank in the lee of the wind and dig a hole horizontally into it. It will take at least an hour to make a hole large enough to hold one or two people in reasonable comfort, so do not wait until dusk to start digging. Try to avoid getting clothing soaked while working — wear waterproof coat. Make the entrance at the lowest part of the hole so air warmed by the body will be trapped in the hole. Avoid direct contact with the snow inside the hole and make a seat of branches and shrubbery if available, or a rock. Drips from the roof are a problem, but can be largely eliminated by making the roof dome shaped, smoothing it carefully to get rid of bumps and knobs on which the drips can form. The purpose of a snow hole is to get out of the wind and away from the cold outdoor air and sky radiation. The air inside the hole will be calm and warmed slightly by your body heat.

With careful unit planning and preparation, a snow or high country activity can be a very worthwhile challenge to girls from Brownie Guide to Ranger age, providing them with the opportunity to care for themselves in an unfamiliar environment, with that element of danger just around the corner which adds such zest to life.

Recommended reading:

Survival in the Cold — Elery Hamilton-Smith and Roger Trowbridge, available from Guide Shop — 30 cents.

RANGER REGATTA

What an introduction to Rangering in Victoria! I write, of course, of the Regatta at Mornington and attended by about 160 Rangers, Guiders and helpers.

Coming from New South Wales I viewed the event with a sceptical eye, but found that it was certainly a fun event — despite the weather.

The rain was constant, the wind never abated and we were forced to seek shelter from the elements on a secluded beach.

Unfortunately, on the Saturday, only a few races were held, mainly "Old Salts" (highly experienced rowers) and it seemed the weather might dampen enthusiasm. **NEVER.** Like all Rangers, the hardy group cheered rowers on, and thanks to thorough planning and excellent rowing, there were no accidents.

For those unable to row that day there was a sandcastle competition which was won by Nunawading rangers. Others spent the time selling and buying drinks and Sailing School T-shirts. (Still available from Anne Thomas of "Invincible".)

Night was as much fun as day (and less wet). Most Rangers stayed in Mornington Youth Club hall. Difficulties like food, were overcome by sending everyone out for dinner. Chinese meals, hamburgers, pizzas and fish and chips were the order of the day.

Later we enjoyed a superb campfire, Rangers showing their skills in singing, dancing and acting. They proved to be wide awake and alert till all hours of the morning.

By Sunday, although the wind had dropped, conditions were still too difficult for races to be completed. Instead, the newer rowers ("Greenies" and "Sproggies") were given a chance to row with experienced girls.

Maybe, to escape the contrariness of Melbourne weather next year's Regatta will be differently sited — say in New South Wales!!!

JENNY BEALES,
S.R.S. "Invincible".

Note:

A few weeks later, weather conditions only slightly improved. Regatta events were completed at the Sailing School. This year's winners overall were "Anzac" Rangers.

J.R.

WHAT'S DOING IN RANGER SECTION

The "Rangering is Sharing" Conference is to be held on Saturday, 21st June and Sunday, 22nd June at Eltham Guide Hall.

Rangers will decide on fixtures for 1976 and voting will be carried out for Sailing School, Tapestry and Central Committees. Matters of general interest which Rangers feel important will be discussed. Why not come along and see how Rangers put democracy into practice!

Other Central fixtures for the remainder of the year are:

July — "A Rendezvous in Space" — the Ranger Masked Ball to be held on Friday, 11th July, at the Earl's Court Ballroom. St. Kilda at 8.00 p.m.

August — a "Community Living" fixture.

September — an activity organised by the State Ranger/Rover Council.

October — a weekend of Musical Appreciation. Also, the opening of the Ranger Sailing School for the coming season will be held, during which the boats will be blessed.

November — a light weight hike.

December — Ranger Central Committee's big surprise Christmas break-up.



NOTICES

WARRNAMBOOL DISTRICT GOLDEN JUBILEE

Former members are invited to the celebrations on 31st May and 1st June, 1975. For details contact Mrs. D. Hepburn, phone 379 4126, or Mrs. J. P. Swinton, 6 Merri Crescent, Warrnambool, 3280. Phone Warrnambool 62 3066.

GEELONG COMPANY JUBILEE

3A Geelong Guide Company celebrates its Golden Jubilee on 3rd June, 1975. Past members are invited to join in the celebration. For details contact Miss A. I. Moffatt, 6 Strickland Avenue, Highton, 3216.

YOUNG LEADERS' GROUP

Our next Important Function is a meeting on Monday, 16th June at 8.00 p.m., in the Heathmont State School Hall, Balfour Ave., **Heathmont**, when we will finalize arrangements for our Camp at Sorrento House, Sorrento from 18th July — 20th July, 1975.

The cost per person (\$4.50) includes meals and accommodation.

Come to our meeting in June to learn final details.

By then, we must know the number going to the Camp. There must be at least 18 but the more the merrier. For more details, ring Judy Pretty — 89 9637.

"A GUIDE AFFAIR"
Saturday, 21st June, 1975
Canterbury Girls' High School,
Mangarra Road, Canterbury.
9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Bookings have now closed for meals, but registrations are still being accepted for "A Guide Affair". Send your \$1.00 to Mrs. M. Owens, 17 Leonard Street, Moorabbin. B.Y.O. lunch. Tea and coffee available.

**THE RANGER ROVER
SHAKESPEAREAN BALL**
MELBOURNE TOWNHALL
19th SEPTEMBER, 1975.
Contact Doug Kelly — 359 3127.

GUIDE BISCUITS

Arnott — Brockhoff — Guest Pty. Ltd., who bake the Guide biscuits sold through local committees for fund raising, would like you to know that:—

1. Bakings will be made in June, 1975, October, 1975 and March, 1976 — orders to be with the company by the first days of these months.
2. The minimum order is 10 cases.
3. Prices could change, so always check invoice and price.
4. It is suggested 10 cents be added to the cost price for selling. (If cost price is 20 cents per packet, selling at 30 cents will still provide good value for the consumer.)
5. Orders must include —
 - Name and address for account to be sent.
 - Name and address for delivery. (Address could differ.)
 - Phone numbers for contact before deliveries, which are made to private homes or Girl Guide halls.

STATE CAMP — "URALBA"

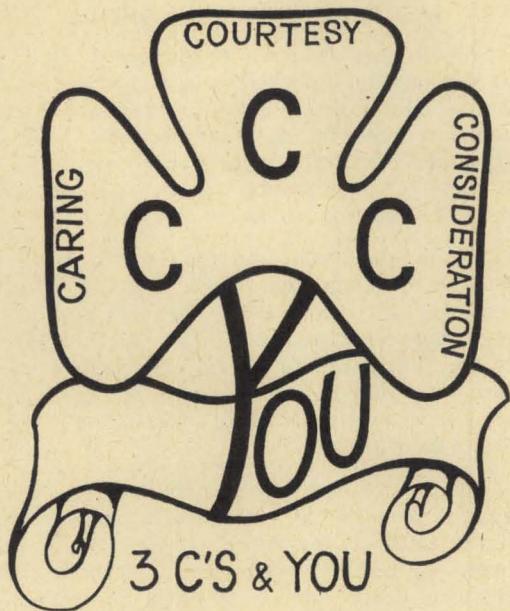
6th-13th January, 1976

Do you remember reading the exciting news about this camp in last month's Matilda? Application forms will be available 1st August through **Division Commissioners**. Start selecting your Company representative now. Watch for further news in Matilda.

FOR SALE

Commissioner uniform. Coat (34), skirt and hat \$15. Mrs. Amor, 35 Marama Drive, Frankston, 3199. Phone 783 8328.

Guider skirt and jacket, size 32, \$20; Hat, \$2.50; skirt and shirt, size 32B, \$10. — Mrs. H. Withers, 10 Urquhart Street, Hawthorn. Phone: 819 3774.



ATTENTION! BROWNIE GUIDERS

Your Conference is at Brighton Town Hall on 5th July, 1975

Application Forms to be in before 30th May, 1975

(See April "Matilda" Insert)

ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Guiders, how would you or your girls like to invite all the people in Melbourne to our Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Lower Melbourne Town Hall, 20th-23rd August.

You could, you know, by designing a poster telling everyone all about it. We would like to display YOUR poster at the Melbourne Town Hall, Guide Headquarters, and other important places.

Your poster should measure 20" x 25" or 42" x 55". Please send lots of entries to Mrs. C. Winchester, 8 Valmont Avenue, Beaumaris, 3193 by 1st August. (See Festival schedule, page 198, April Matilda.)



OUR CABANA

Adult Adventure Session Women's World '75

Under sunny skies and in a relaxed atmosphere, Our Cabana waits to welcome you to a fun-filled holiday. You plan your own programme and go at your own pace, with Cabana staff assisting, on historical sightseeing and shopping tours. Explore the role of women in our modern world. Share your ideas and thoughts with other adults in Guiding and Girl Scouting.

See Taxco, Mexico's silver centre, the market in Cuernavaca, rural Mexico, a pyramid. Our Cabana's ongoing service project to children, the Secret Convent of Santa Monica in Puebla, Mexican arts and crafts, relax by the pool, enjoy library facilities or evenings of folk dancing and singing.

COST: \$10.80 (Dls. U.S.) daily for room and board.

\$20.00-\$30.00 (U.S.) for programme fees.

DATES: 31st October to 8th November, 1975.

31st October to 12th November, 1975.

POLICE GUEST NIGHTS

Guiders, do you want to give your Brownies, Guides or Rangers an exciting night out? You are invited to take groups to "Guest Nights" which are arranged by the Public Relations Division of Police Headquarters. These two hour programmes are held monthly on Friday nights at the Police Auditorium, and include films, slides and talks on various aspects of the Police Service.

All you need to do is telephone the Public Relations Division on 662-0911, Extension 536, to arrange an evening to take your Pack or Company.

SWIMMING UP TO GUIDES

Recently the Burwood District Guides and Brownies held Swimming Sports. The events were exciting and fun, and included dressing relays, balloon races, "Mintie" scramble, and tyre races. Our Pack was lucky and came equal first.

When the excitement of the sports was over it was time for one of our Sixers to go up to Guides. The Brownies lined up on one side of the pool and the Guides on the other.

Judyanne said "Goodbye" to her Brownie sisters and leaders then dived into the water and swam over to her waiting Patrol Leader and new Company. They helped her out of the water and welcomed her into the Company.

Alison Hancock, Rhonda Prager;
3rd Burwood Brownie Pack.



SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT

I enjoyed reading of Sue King's experiences at Our Cabana, Mexico. (March Matilda.) Seminars with practical outcomes such as being able to visit within homes of local people must foster closer understanding and appreciation of what each can give the other.

However, I take issue with Sue regarding "service". There are many kinds of service, and development is but one of them. Certainly, the one need not oppose the other. Some types of service call out all an individual can give of dogged perseverance and "stickability" especially when the circumstances are distressing and the job messy.

I am all for "development" — we all need it, but I hope the word "service" will remain a banner in Guiding for many a day.

BERYL M. EMBURY,
Wodonga.

WESTERNPORT MINI SHOW

Westernport Division held a Mini Show at Mornington. Each Brownie, Guide, Ranger, Guider and Local Association member was asked to enter in the four sections, which covered four of the eight point programme — Arts, Out of Doors, Homemaker, International (getting to know people).

All the Brownies in our pack put in entries and we were pleased to see some of them win first and second place cards. In all, our pack showed eighty-two entries. We had lots of fun talking about it and one evening we went to our District Commissioner who showed us how to decorate saucers and make table decorations.

Our entries had to be at the hall by 11.30 a.m., so we all went to the beach for a picnic lunch until it was time for the Show to open at 2 p.m. We were pleased to have the Brownie Guide Adviser to judge our section of the show. Brownie entries for the Division were 284, and the whole Division 665.

We hope this will be an annual event and I would like to thank all the guiders and helpers who made the show possible.

Gillian Rae,
(1st Somerville Brownie Pack).



IMAGE

An organisation may spread itself world wide and may have a million members, but the average person will usually form his judgement of the organisation through his contact with one individual.

If the person is rude or inefficient, it will take a lot of kindness and efficiency to overcome that bad impression.

Every member of an organisation who, in any capacity, comes in contact with the public, is an ambassador, and the impression he makes is an IMAGE — good or bad.

from "Coo-ee" (Queensland).

BROWNIES CELEBRATE

For the first time in 25 years, a passenger train pulled in at the Murchison station recently.

It was a very special train, and carried 295 Brownies, their leaders and mums and dads.

They joined Murchison and Rushworth brownies in celebrating 60 years of Brownies.

To give the jubilee gathering an international atmosphere, the Brownies wore hats representing many countries.

Brownie packs were: 1st Toolamba; 1st, 2nd and 3rd South Shepparton, 1st Shepparton, 2nd Shepparton, 4th Shepparton, 1st Rushworth, 2nd Rushworth, 1st Orrvale, 1st Murchison, 2nd Mooroopna, Katandra West.

After a welcome by the Division Commissioner, the children rendered items from their country. These were well presented and greatly appreciated by the audience.

A highlight of the day was the enrolment of three Shepparton and one Murchison Brownie.

A lovely cake with 60 candles was made by District Commissioner for Orrvale, and very much enjoyed.

Guiders had arranged activities for the afternoon and six happy groups could be seen.

Brown Owls just managed to outlast their small charges and were happy to see the passenger bus kindly loaned by Mr. Grieves pull in, ready for the trip back to the station.

A long service brooch was presented to Mrs. Jean Phillips for 15 years as leader with 1st Shepparton Guide Company during the afternoon and the fashion parade of clothes from guider uniforms to the daring neck to knee bathers of 60 years ago caused a great deal of merriment.



"MIRRABOOKA"

Barwon Region Brownie Cottage has been named "Mirrabooka", meaning "Under the Southern Cross". It was designed by a young architect familiar with the locality and conditions.

The Cottage is at Kingston Park, Ocean Grove within an attractive green area set aside for passive recreation. It is finished with vertical weatherboards and green pine posts which support heavy oregon beams. Full length windows provide a natural bushland outlook.

Its construction began through the generosity of four Geelong Rotary Clubs. Power and water services were arranged by the Shire of Bellarine who have leased us this site and provided a good road to the entrance of the Cottage.

The Cottage, which accommodates eighteen brownies and six leaders, will also be available to guides and leaders for camping and training, rangers, Local Associations and other organisations for special meetings.

"Mirrabooka" is near shopping centre, beach and the Ocean Grove Nature Reserve which contains many wildflowers, native birds and trees, as well as koala bears and kangaroos. Guided tours of the Reserve for guides and brownies are easily arranged.

All units and local associations in Barwon Region have raised funds for building materials.

Gifts of furniture and furnishings include refrigerator, chairs, tables, knitted rugs for bedspreads and six double bunks made by a very special friend. Mrs. M. Head, 11 West Fyans Street, Newtown, would be delighted to hear from other friends wishing to help to equip the Cottage, and all friends of Guiding are encouraged to visit the site.



Guide leader phones well-known fried chicken parlour.

Leader: "I want to order chicken and chips for two Brownie Packs".

Young Parlour Assistant: "We have Snack Packs and Jumbo Packs, but I have never heard of Brownie Packs!"

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Take two parts of Unselfishness and one part of Patience. Work them together, add plenty of Industry, lighten with Good Spirits and sweeten with Kindness. Add good deeds as thickly as raisins in a plum pudding and bake with warmth for a tender heart.

GERMAN MEASLES (RUBELLA)

The following comes from the Victorian Deaf/Blind and Rubella Children's Association.

You have probably heard of rubella or perhaps you have even had the disease. Generally speaking it is not considered dangerous and it often appears as a mild rash on some part of the body for a few days.

Whilst it may not affect the person on whose body it appears, this mild rash can cause disastrous consequences to the unborn child where the mother contracts german measles during pregnancy. The consequences can range from stillbirth to deafness, blindness, mental retardation, physical deformities and heart condition in live-born children.

Statistics show that Victoria has the highest incidence of german measles and the lowest incidence of vaccination. A State wide vaccination campaign against german measles (rubella) was conducted during 1974, but you can still get an injection from your local doctor.

The Victorian Deaf/Blind and Rubella Children's Association has records of many Victorian children who require a centre where they can receive care and training under specially trained staff. Some of these children were born before an effective vaccine was available. Now that we have a suitable vaccine, recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Association would like to think that all susceptible women of child-bearing age (12 years and above) become vaccinated and reduce the incidence of multiple handicaps in live-born children.

GUIDERS TRIBUTE TO LOCAL ASSOCIATION

This ditty was written by the Guiders at Yarra Junction and sung, to the tune of "My Bonnie lies over the Ocean", at the District Annual Meeting.

Our L.A.'s a busy Committee
Our L.A.'s a bonza crew,
Our L.A. is working for us
Oh, what would we do without you.
Chorus — Come then, Come then,
Support our L.A. today, today.
Come then, Come then,
Join our L.A. today.
Our L.A.'s a working Committee
With cooking and stalls having fun,
They're girls caught up with a purpose
And helping us all, everyone.
Chorus — Come then, Come then, etc.
Our L.A. buys uniforms and badges
Our L.A. strengthens the fort,
They pay for our trainings and magazines
And give us their moral support.
Chorus — Come then, Come then, etc.
They may not be many in number,
They may not be many at all.
Their activities make us all wonder,
However they answer the call.
Chorus — Come then, Come then, etc.



RECIPE CORNER

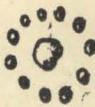
INSTANT CUP CAKES

2 cups S.R. flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar, pinch salt, 2 eggs, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. softened butter, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Sift dry ingredients, add others and beat for 5 minutes. Bake at 375° (electric) for 12 minutes. This makes 3 dozen cup cakes.



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



JOAN ALSTON

A guide in her school company at Toorak College in the 1920's, a guider with an active company in Toorak — a traveller overseas — then, whilst staying with her sister at Warrnambool, Joan Alston was stricken with poliomyelitis. For weeks desperately ill, she was left almost totally paralysed, but with a very active and logical mind.

Seven long years followed lying in a wheeled bed. It was then that she became Post Brown Owl. With someone to type and illustrate the letters for her, she composed and sent out monthly Pack Meetings to Brownies who were in similar situations to her own.

When rehabilitation was allowed she fought hard to sit up in a chair, to propel the wheelchair, to walk a few steps, to care for herself, and to go to camp.

With the help of two or three willing friends Joan became Commissioner of Extensions (Adviser) at the same time acting as Captain of her old company, 1st Toorak. Although in a wheelchair she took the guides hiking and on many adventures.

She camped with Extension Guides and always her courage and friendliness were a great encouragement to the handicapped girls.

At this time Joan went, each week, to mend splints etc. at the Hampton Children's Hospital.

She served on the committee of the Mission to the Streets and Lanes of Melbourne and on the council of the Victorian Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

These words of Elinor Lennox seem to epitomise Joan Alston's life —

"Who knows from the pattern the dauntless heart weaves,
What colour he chose from, what price he has paid?
Who knows by the wealth of the fruit and the leaves
What struggle the roots of the tree may have made?"

A.McA-C. and N. M.

JOAN HARPER

Working with active and Lone guides Joan Harper passed on her love of all things in nature and her interest in learning more about them.

Joan had the ability of seeing beauty where others might pass by — and of showing that beauty to others simply and effectively.

Some time ago there were thoughts of printing a book of extracts from *Matilda 1923-1960* — as we looked back it was amazing how often the comments came — "Some of the most interesting things we read were Joan Harper's nature notes. They were well written and always relevant". Joan contributed to "Matilda" over many years.

Involved in groups promoting knowledge of nature, particularly that of Australia — anxious to help children learn more of the natural world, Joan Harper will be remembered for her gentle ways and her willingness to help.

Beside her hospital bed were found the following lines, which show her thoughts of life:

"Never admit the pain — bury it deep,
Only the weak complain,
Complaint is very cheap.
Cover thy wound fold down,
It's a curtained place.
Silence is still a crown — courage a grace.
The sufferings we now endure
Bear no comparison with the splendour,
As yet unrevealed,
Which is in store for you."

(NANCY LAMPEARD),

BARBARA VAN LAMBAART

Those who knew Barbara van Lambaart, skipper of S.R.S. Anzac, will realize the great loss her death means to her family, crew and all rangers at the Sailing School.

"Skip" has been leader of Anzac Rangers since 1966. Her true ability at seamanship was shown as she taught rangers to deal with all moods of the sea.

She set us high standards in courage. Although she knew her illness was terminal, "Skip" never showed fear or sadness. To be brave and sure of herself while suffering great pain was a feat in itself.

— S.R.S. ANZAC RANGERS.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

Guiders' Long Service (15 years):

Mrs. B. May, Mt. Eliza; Mrs. N. Robinson, Numurkah.

Combined Long Service:

Mrs. P. Webb, Whorouly South; Mrs. E. Walpole, Whorouly South; Mrs. B. McDonnell, Wattle Park; Mrs. P. Batty, Syndal.

Local Association Long Service:

Mrs. P. Horlock, Strathmore; Mrs. E. Webdale, Bairnsdale; Mrs. G. Bailey, Whorouly South; Mrs. M. Newton, Moorabbin South.

Trefoil Guild Long Service:

Mrs. M. F. Fleming, Mildura; Mrs. P. Kinley-side, Mildura; Mrs. B. Matthews, Mildura; Mrs. M. Mills, Mildura.

Thanks Badge:

Mr. E. McPherson, Wattle Park; Mrs. B. Fietz, Birchip; Mr. H. V. Beard, Ringwood; Mr. A. Oliver, Ringwood; Mr. A. Rawson, Ringwood.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:-

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. B. J. Minogue — Mornington Peninsula (from June).

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. T. Rawlings — Far Western; Mrs. J. A. Duncan — Assist., Central Murray.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. I. H. Griffiths — West Heidelberg; Mrs. K. Ratcliffe — Springvale; Mrs. K. Mueller — Fish Creek; Mrs. S. Ely — Shepparton South; Mrs. J. Woolley — Maryvale; Mrs. J. W. Cameron — Marnoo; Mrs. W. J. E. Thomson — Thorpdale; Mrs. F. J. Morris — Trafalgar; Mrs. G. C. Carlos — Lilydale; Mrs. W. W. Elliott — Sorrento; Mrs. W. R. Griffith — Broadford; Mrs. N. R. McRae — Minyip; Mrs. R. L. Wigg — Cheltenham; Mrs. J. N. Taylor — Ringwood North; Mrs. B. B. Chatfield — Blackburn South; Mrs. J. W. Hann — Scoresby; Mrs. N. E. Tyshing — Assistant, Glen Iris; Mrs. F. Fullbrook — Broadmeadows West; Mrs. W. E. Pullin — Yarraville.

Guide Guiders:

Mrs. C. Evans, 1st Portarlington; Miss L. Robinson, 1st Tatura; Miss B. J. Cartmel, 1st The Basin; Mrs. Buckingham, 2nd Puckapunyal; Mrs. R. Terrell, 2nd Overport; Mrs. L. Breaut, 3rd Bairnsdale; Mrs. M. G. Creek, 1st Nhill; Miss A. Teller, 4th East Brighton.

Assistant Guide Guiders:

Mrs. T. Toman, 1st Golden Square; Mrs. R. Henry, 1st South Croydon; Miss A. Rae, 3rd Cheltenham; Mrs. R. F. Archibald, 1st Berwick.

Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. A. H. Sweatman, 2nd Portarlington; Miss M. Atkins, 7th Ballarat; Mrs. B. G. Murray, 1st Research; Mrs. E. R. Brudenell, 2nd Eltham; Mrs. V. J. Flanagan, 1st Meadow Fair North; Mrs. F. Brathal, 4th North Balwyn; Mrs. R. D. Thege, 1st Trafalgar; Mrs. C. B. Burchett, 2nd Rye; Miss M. Higham, 5th Williamstown; Mrs. G. Wadley, 3rd East Doncaster; Mrs. R. D. Wright, 2nd Cheltenham; Miss D. Horlock, 2nd Strathmore; Mrs. N. Cowan, 1st Templestowe; Mrs. B. Rokesky, 1st Bannockburn; Mrs. T. Jackson, 3rd East Preston; Mrs. M. J. Kimberley, 1st and 3rd Forest Hill.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. A. J. Smith, 2nd Werribee; Mrs. J. M. Munro, 1st Beeac; Mrs. N. J. Turney, 1st Research; Miss R. K. Robinson, 1st Meadow Fair North; Miss H. R. Lawry, 1st Trafalgar; Mrs. B. Sloan, 2nd Syndal; Mrs. M. A. Sinclair, 2nd Belgrave; Mrs. L. Vine, 1st Belgrave; Mrs. V. Riza, 1st Gunbower.

REGISTRATIONS

Drysdale Local Association; Murchison Rangers; Blackburn South Rangers; 3rd Brandon Park Coy.; 1st Sebastopol Coy.; 1st Meadow Fair North Coy.; 3rd Lower Plenty Coy.; 1st Research Pack; 2nd Dingley Pack.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. N. B. Welsh, Mornington Peninsula.

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. G. A. Saddler, Northern Suburbs; Mrs. H. J. Jones, Bulla; Mrs. R. G. Sloan, Mullum Mullum; Mrs. G. B. Andrew, Mitta Mitta.



Victorian Newsletter

MAY, 1975

Dear Everyone,

April has seen us travelling to all quarters of the State to Conferences, gatherings and trainings — a busy but happy month for everyone. We all enjoy these visits to you and at our weekly meetings we are able to share the fun and happiness we have experienced with you all.

I had a wonderful weekend in Ballarat Region, in spite of having almost no voice! Saturday saw about 1,000 girls at Lingbogol Camp at Creswick. The March Past and opening ceremony was most impressive with the colour of flags and uniforms set amongst a background of beautiful old pine trees. The Brownies had an afternoon of International games and the Guides presented a wonderful pageant of Guiding. In the evening I was delighted to be able to relax with Guiders and Commissioners over a delicious meal. Much of the success of this evening lay with the Trefoil Guilds who worked so hard in the kitchen. The two Ballarat Trefoils play a great part in all Guiding activities.

After dinner, I was given a present. When I opened it, I was completely overcome — a painting of Glenaroua Homestead — done in about 1890 when the property was owned by the Singleton family. The house has changed little, and there were even Suffolk sheep in the foreground. The painting now hangs over the fireplace in the flat, so we can enjoy the beauty of Glenaroua even when we are in Melbourne.

On Sunday, we had a Church Parade in Ballan and then a family basket luncheon afterwards. I left for home in mid-afternoon with the wonderful warm glow always experienced after being with my family and seeing their enthusiasm and happiness.

The Lady Delacombe Golf Day was played on a perfect sunny day and was once again a great success. I was delighted to present the trophies, particularly when I learnt one of the winners played off 36 — perhaps there is hope for me yet.

At the Dandenong District Annual meeting, I was happy to share some of my experiences in Canada and U.S.A. with everyone.

Marjory Lane and I attended the Annual Service of the Mothers' Union at St. Paul's Cathedral. This was the largest Communion Service to be held at the Cathedral with about 2,000 women present. The World President, Mrs. Chad Varah, was a delightful person and a truly inspiring speaker.

I was disappointed to miss the St. George's Day Service, but I believe it was a great success, and the Cathedral was packed. This night the Choir and I had a long standing engagement to visit Morwell. I went down early in the afternoon for a Civic Reception the Shire President gave for me. It was a very happy time with many Guiding folk present. After the reception, I had the opportunity to see the Morwell Art Gallery. The Director explained the very modern exhibition, without his help I would have been quite lost.

At 8 p.m. we moved towards April Action. The Town Hall was set up with displays of work from Brownies and Guides, and also, stalls stocked with luscious and useful goodies. After everyone had enjoyed the many International songs sung so beautifully by the Choir, and I had shared some of my experiences of International friendship — April Action, Morwell style, was launched. Stalls and supper did a roaring trade and I am sure it was a great success in all ways. I hope your April Action has been just as successful and as much fun.

On the way home on Saturday, I went to a most enjoyable luncheon, given by Upwey District, to say Thank You to Lysbeth Turnbull who has retired as Guide Captain.

Anzac Eve, I went to a Queen's Guide Presentation for three Guides from 1st Albert Park Company. This was a very simple but moving ceremony held at the Eternal Flame. After this we went back to the local Scout Hall for an evening of fun at a District get-together.

The main thing I have noticed during the last month, has been the enthusiasm everywhere I went, and the number of new young Guiders and Commissioners who are thoroughly enjoying their involvement with Guiding. This has made me very happy and I hope it is the trend throughout the State.

With love and best wishes to you all.

JOAN GRIMWADE.
(Mrs. F. S. Grimwade)
State Commissioner.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLY

This important Assembly, which will be attended by delegations from all States of Australia, takes place at Latrobe University this month. It will be officially opened by Senator Margaret Guilfoyle on Monday, 19th May, at 8.00 p.m., at Kew City Hall. Victorian members are welcome at this function, and those interested in attending are asked to send their names to the State Secretary as soon as possible.

CAMPING ADVISER

In her letter last month, Mrs. Grimwade welcomed our new State Camping Adviser, Jessie Lamond. Those wishing to contact her on camping matters, should note her address: Mrs. K. J. Lamond, 70 Bowen Street, Camberwell, 3124.

CONFERENCES

Don't forget these important Conferences that have been advertised recently:

Brownie Guiders — 5th July
Guide Guiders — 21st June
Ranger Guiders — 5th July
Local Association — 23rd September.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GUIDERS

BROWNIE GUIDE SECTION

There is some confusion following the statement published in last month's Matilda re Brownie Guide Berets.

It is not expected that the Brownie Guides who are almost ready to leave the Pack will need to buy Brown Berets. It does mean, however, that all new recruits, including those who purchased second hand uniforms, will need to buy Brown Berets.

GUIDE SECTION

Queen's Guide nomination forms — Concern has been felt by testers of Camper, Guide Knowledge and Australia Badges, that not enough time has been allowed **before the Guide's 16th birthday** to assess these badges. Should the Guide's knowledge not be sufficient to pass, there is often not time for a re-test, and this causes embarrassment to the testers concerned. To try and prevent this situation arising, it has been decided that application for nomination forms for the Queen's Guide Badge should be made to Headquarters **at least six months before the Guide's 16th birthday**.

NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SONG

Entries have now closed and we hope that all participants are enjoying practising their items. Entrants will be contacted soon regarding dates for judging — these are expected to be held throughout the State during June.

The State final will be held on 26th July, at Malvern Town Hall, and we hope non-participants will come to this important function to help provide an appreciative audience for all our talented performers.

WORLD HOUSING APPEAL BADGES

Our thanks go to all members who have already sent in their contributions to this important appeal. Kindly note that, to save costs, receipts will not be forwarded unless requested.

Please note that the badges, which are obtainable from the Guide Shop, should be worn as follows: Brownie Guides — On the left arm under the Venture Badge; Guides — Under the World Badge.

TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

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

FORTHCOMING COURSES

Stage 1 — Bairnsdale

Weekends — 31st May/1st June and 7th/8th June. Time: 10.00 a.m. — 4.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. M. Frawley, P.O. Box 641, Sale, 3850 by 17th May.

Safety — Guide Guiders

How safe are your girls, particularly when camping? A special training is being organised. Applications will be **limited to 20 Guiders** and each Guider may bring **2 Guides**.

Tuesdays — 8th and 29th July. Time: 7.30 p.m. — 9.30 p.m. at Headquarters. Applications and \$1.50 fee to reach the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by 24th June.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULED PROGRAMME

Stage 1 — Sale

Please note that this course has been **cancelled**.

FUTURE TRAININGS (Further information June "Matilda")

Ceremonial — Cheltenham — 12th August.

Campcraft — Yarraville — Wednesdays 9th/23rd July, 6th August, 10th September, plus Saturdays 2nd and 16th August, plus 2 weekends, (dates to be arranged).

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Australian Association Awards are designed to give recognition to the work of Girl Guides in Australia. The awards are based on the Girl Guide Code of Conduct and the Girl Guide Law. The awards are given in three categories: the Girl Guide Award, the Girl Guide Silver Award and the Girl Guide Gold Award. The Girl Guide Award is given to Girl Guides who have completed the Girl Guide Code of Conduct and the Girl Guide Law. The Girl Guide Silver Award is given to Girl Guides who have completed the Girl Guide Code of Conduct and the Girl Guide Law, and have also completed the Girl Guide Silver Award. The Girl Guide Gold Award is given to Girl Guides who have completed the Girl Guide Code of Conduct and the Girl Guide Law, and have also completed the Girl Guide Silver Award.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. M. E. Symmons, Fish Creek; Mrs. R. D. Huppert, West Heidelberg; Mrs. P. J. Kent, Shepparton South; Mrs. N. M. Buckley, Maryvale; Mrs. M. West, North Balwyn; Mrs. R. G. Kelly, Lake Boga; Mrs. E. A. Johnston, Sunshine; Mrs. A. B. Friedman, Wangaratta; Mrs. J. J. Dobson, Beechworth; Mrs. W. J. Berry, Bunyip; Mrs. B. L. Fox, Nilma; Mrs. P. Garrity, Longwarry; Mrs. L. H. Culph, Yinnar; Miss L. M. Rigby, Balmoral; Mrs. M. D. Crombie, Beaconsfield; Mrs. T. A. R. Walden, Pakenham; Mrs. P. M. Rose, Cheltenham; Mrs. G. M. Porter, Ringwood North; Mrs. K. R. Evans, Blackburn South; Mrs. N. Ewison, Scoresby; Mrs. J. C. Roos, Upwey; Mrs. K. V. Robinson, Gisborne; Mrs. B. Harris, Corryong-Walwa.

Ranger Guiders:

Mrs. D. Carthy, Bayswater Rangers; Mrs. W. R. Woods, Invergordon Rangers.

Guide Guiders:

Mrs. R. J. Dunstan, 1st Great Western; Mrs. B. E. Millist, 1st Corryong; Mrs. G. W. Chamberlain, 2nd Mt. Beauty; Miss L. Lowing, 2nd Malvern; Mrs. M. E. Roberts, 2nd Heywood; Mrs. M. J. Waters, 3rd Bayswater; Miss J. M. Hildebrand, 1st Springfield; Mrs. R. W. Bear, 1st Noble Park; Mrs. P. Hanaghan, 2nd Mt. Eliza; Mrs. E. N. Millar, 3rd Sunshine; Mrs. D. N. Holmes, 1st Leopold-Wallington; Mrs. E. Doroszuk, 1st Boronia.

Assistant Guide Guiders:

Mrs. W. Robertson, 1st Syndal North; Mrs. M. McKendrick, 2nd Mt. Beauty; Miss F. N. Smith, 1st Niddrie; Mrs. G. Bode, 1st Noble Park; Mrs. C. Evans, 1st Portarlington; Miss K. L. Stone, 3rd Frankston; Mrs. R. Terrell, 2nd Overport; Mrs. L. Brchaut, 3rd Bairnsdale; Mrs. R. E. Proposch, 4th Templestowe; Mrs. K. O'Hehir, 1st Koo-Wee-Rup; Mrs. L. Smith, 1st Boronia.

Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. D. Keuris, 2nd Portarlington, Miss S. E. Smith, 7th Malvern; Mrs. R. D. Burnell, 1st Violet Town; Mrs. M. King, 3rd Tatura; Mrs. D. Owen, 2nd Heywood; Mrs. D. Nicholls, 1st Oak Park; Mrs. K. R. Hilton, 5th Wattle Park; Mrs. G. P. Edwards, 2nd Bayswater; Miss A. J. Chandler, 4th Bayswater; Mrs. E. L. Hunt, 1st Elliminnyt; Miss K. A. Hardidge, 3rd Monbulk; Mrs. N. Anderton, 1st Gladstone Park; Mrs. J. Johnson, 1st Rowville; Mrs. K. G. Coburn, 1st Sunshine; Mrs. R. G. Jennings, 1st Brighton; Mrs. W. Bristow, 1st Forest Hill; Mrs. W. De Vroom, 2nd Yallourn; Mrs. M. Littleton, 2nd Pakenham; Mrs. L. W. Plowright, 1st Dingley; Mrs. A. H. Checkley, 1st Monash; Mrs. W. A. Johnson, 4th Monash; Mrs. Y. Smit, 1st Lake Bolac; Mrs. J. Heagney, 4th Boronia; Mrs. E. J. Jennings, 2nd Rye; Mrs. E. Johnston, 3rd Mildura.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. G. Howell, 2nd Oak Park; Miss L. Barnes, 1st Kyneton; Miss G. Best, 3rd Brunswick; Mrs. L. J. Crothers, 2nd Yarrawonga; Mrs. R. Weaven, 1st Camperdown, Miss J. Bell, 2nd Simpson, Mrs. E. Collier, 1st Yea; Mrs. I. Lane, 1st Watsonia; Miss M. Atkins, 7th Ballarat; Mrs. C. B. Burchett, 2nd Rye; Miss M. Higham, 5th Williamstown; Miss D. Horlock, 2nd Strathmore; Mrs. E. A. Stephens, 3rd Leongatha; Mrs. R. T. Southam, 1st Keilor; Mrs. E. J. Carter, 1st Thomastown; Mrs. D. Blasi, 1st Hallam.



In Answer to a Remark that Trefoil is Where Elephants Go to Die . . .

I know to some strange people the thought
is very new,

That when you're old and feeble there's one
thing left to do,

That once you've found that Guiding is
getting just too much

You trot along to Trefoil — you know —
to keep in touch!

You find that every meeting is such a busy
time

You never even notice the hill of work you
climb.

There are baby clothes for infants who no
one seems to own.

Wool rugs and things for children who can
not walk alone.

Then on to really old folk who are sick and
lonely too,

The bushfires and the flood times, the help
there is not new.

Of course we have our fun times, our tongues
are never still.

There are just a million more things to do
if just we will.

So never, ever think, folk, that 'cos you're
now Trefoil,

You will only sit and stagnate . . . just come
and see . . . that's all.

M.L.T.
per ISOBEL LISTER.

THE GUIDE SHOP



With frequent changes in prices due to rising costs in labour and materials it is difficult to produce an up-to-date Price List. As a help to members a different section of the Price List will be printed each month with current prices of items as at date shown.

As at 1st April, 1975:

BROWNIE GUIDES

BROWNIE GUIDE UNIFORM:

Uniform	\$7.75
Chest: 26", 28", 30", 32", 34".	
Tie (gold)	1.00
Beret and Badge	1.55
Summer Hat (brown)	3.30
Sizes: 21", 21½", 22", 22½", 23".	
Belt	1.30
Belt Pouch	1.50
Cardigan (brown)	7.50
Sizes: 26", 28", 30", 32", 34".	
Panties (fawn)	
Size: 8, 10, 12.	1.05
Sox — Ankle (fawn)	
Size: 9 to 12	0.60
13 to 3	0.70
2 to 8	0.70
Sox — Knee High (fawn)	
Size: 9 to 12	1.05
13 to 3	1.20
2 to 8	1.20
Tights (fawn)	1.80
Size: Child's 7 to 9 yrs.	
Maid's 10 to 12 yrs.	
Uniform Material, per metre	1.30
Uniform Buttons, each	0.01
Uniform Pattern	0.80
Hair Ribbon (brown)	
per metre	0.18

PACK HOLIDAY WEAR:

Brown Shorts	\$2.25
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BROWNIE GUIDE BADGES AND DISTINGUISHING MARKS:

Badges —

Promise	0.35
Journey — Footpath	0.20
Roadway	0.20
Highway	0.20
Venture	0.15
Metal Nos. for Venture Badges	
Nos. 1 and 2 each	0.13
3 and 4 etc. each	0.10
Interest	0.15
World (metal)	0.55

BROWNIE GUIDE EMBLEMS:

Fairy	— Yellow
Ghilli Dhu	— Green with red cap
Kelpie	— Yellow with red cap
Leprechaun	— Red
Sprite	— Green
Tintookie	— Pink
Tookonie	— Green with red hair
Junjarins	— Orange with white cap
Lalagullis	— Saxe blue with white cap
Moora Mooras	— Yellow
Mullokas	— Pale blue with green cap
Woorails	— Red with green cap

Service Stars —

1st year	0.10
2nd year	0.10
3rd year	0.10

Stripes —

Second Sixer	0.15
Sixer	0.15

Please note that only Guiders and Badge Secretaries may purchase BROWNIE GUIDE PROMISE, GUIDE PROMISE and WORLD BADGES unless a written authority signed by the Guider is produced by the purchaser.

NEW ITEMS

Personnel Registers	available for purchase from Guide Shop at 40c per copy.
English Girl Guide Song Book No. 2	\$1.50
Games for all Occasions	1.50 (297 Indoor and Outdoor Games)
Games and Party Ideas	1.00
100 Games for Boys and Girls	1.40
Creative Handcrafts for Juniors	1.75
Creative Handcrafts for Youth	1.75
Animated Paper Craft for Parties	2.75
Patrol Leaders' Book	0.40

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