

# MATILDA



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## From our State Commissioner

Dear Members and Friends,

It is frequently brought home to us that in Guiding we do not **give** so much as **share**. How often do we as Leaders learn just as much from the girls as they learn from us. This was brought home to me in a number of small ways by my own children just recently.

One Friday evening, I took Ann shopping for some clothes — frequently a traumatic experience, but this time even more so in that we were trying to buy shoes! We had been to a number of shops and been through the usual procedure each time —

Ann: "Those are nice — just what I want."

Me: "You can't wear those — they're much too high — What about these, they look nice."

Ann: "Ooh Mum, they're awful!"

As we went up the escalator to try for about the fifth time — I felt cranky and irritable and my face obviously was registering my displeasure. Suddenly Ann turned around and with a delightful smile said "Mum I don't think you are keeping the Guide Law."

We both laughed, stepped into the shoe department, and this time with a little compromise managed to buy some shoes which made Ann a very happy girl — and I do not mind. Ann had given me that small reminder sometimes necessary and I also realized that whilst Ann has now resigned as a Lone Guide — the training she has had up until now has left its mark.

The day following this episode was the Head of the River, and the Grimwade family,

amidst thousands of others, spent the day barracking for their respective crews.

These boys had been training for months to row together as a crew and rowing is the one sport where they must really work together — one small slip can throw everything out.

As I watched and cheered myself hoarse, I was very impressed with the attitude of the boys. They had all tried their very best, and if they hadn't made the first crew, they were happy for friends who had. If they won a heat they were excited, elated and waiting for the final; when they didn't win they knew they had really tried and showed genuine pleasure in congratulating the winning crew.

It had been fun, but also hard work. Each crew had done its best and the best crew had won. Then it was over — they were ready to move onto the next thing in their very busy lives.

This day showed me how many aspects of the Guide Promise and Law these youngsters were carrying out, and I could only hope that they would be just the same in twenty years time. That they would have the same sense of values and priorities — the same wonderful loyalties to their friends and their ideals, and this same sense of fun and zest for living — as I said in the beginning, we can learn much from the young and particularly those who are members of the Guide Movement.

With love and best wishes,

*Joan E. Grimwade*

### Our Cover:

#### BROWNIES BRING CHEER TO AGED

Brownies from Central District Ballarat, recently entertained 40 patients of Queen Elizabeth Geriatric Centre. Afternoon tea provided by Central Local Association Members was followed by Brownie songs and games to entertain the patients. Brownies then presented each guest with a gift wrapped plate of biscuits.

To Miss Heather Cathcart, 20 Harrow St., Box Hill, 3128.

I require the following tickets for the State Final of the National Festival of Song to be held at Malvern Town Hall on Saturday, 26th July.

Session	Children & Members	Adults	Total Enclosed
2-00 p.m. to 4-00 p.m.	.. tickets @ 20 cents = \$	.. tickets @ 30 cents = \$	
4-30 p.m. to 6-30 p.m.	.. tickets @ 20 cents = \$	.. tickets @ 30 cents = \$	
7-15 p.m. to 9-30 p.m.	.. tickets @ 20 cents = \$	.. tickets @ 30 cents = \$	

(Note: Tickets will be required for entry to each session)

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## Australian Association Assembly

On Sunday afternoon, 18th May, 8 delegates from each state, and Australian Headquarters personnel gathered at La Trobe University to participate in the first Australian Association Assembly.

We were welcomed by Mrs. Verna Surry and her Hostess Committee and shown to our rooms in Menzies College. In each room, we found gifts made for us by Victorian members, place mat, fruit bowl (made by Brownies), sewing kit, book mark, paper clip/holder, serviette and wooden ring. Also there was a handkerchief rose in a small pottery vase, and a zippered folder containing maps, and information on Victoria, pens, notebook, and a recent copy of "Matilda".

At dinner that evening we met interstate members and Australian Headquarters personnel. State delegates included State Commissioner, State Secretary, Training, Public Relations and International Advisers, one of the Section Advisers and 2 "under 30". (We were the "under 30" delegates).

Monday found us involved in "sessions" with the various Advisers. While these sessions were being held, Australian Executive was also meeting. Adviser's meetings went on for 2 days and then, in groups, we discussed various parts of the World Conference agenda.

We managed to have time away from the business part of the Assembly and our first break came on Monday night when we attended the official opening of the Assembly at Kew Civic Centre. A Guide guard of honour greeted special guests, including Lady Winneke, our State President and Senator Margaret Guilfoyle, who addressed us and then opened the Assembly. Most States had their State Standards, and these were carried into the hall by Rangers, with each

State Commissioner following her Standard. Brownies presented flowers to Lady Winneke and Senator Guilfoyle. We enjoyed a short display by Brownies and Guides and musical items from our Guide Choir. During supper many reunions were made.

On Tuesday evening we attended a reception at Government House. Later, at Guide Headquarters, we enjoyed a sumptuous buffet dinner. Special thanks to the Special Activities Committee for looking after us so well that night.

On Tuesday afternoon, some delegates, including Miss Lambie, our Chief Commissioner, went to Channel 2 studios at Ripponlea to be interviewed for "This Day Tonight".

On Wednesday evening and during Thursday, summaries from discussion groups and adviser's meetings were presented to the Assembly. Mrs. Joyce Price, our Life Vice-President, conducted discussions on the World Conference agenda items.

On Thursday evening, because we had completed the day's agenda early, we relaxed informally, singing favourite camp-songs. Many old songs remembered and new ones were learnt too.

Each day about 12 Victorian Guiders came as observers, and they joined discussion groups and participated where possible. In lounges and bedrooms, chatting over countless cups of coffee continued late into most evenings.

Morning and evening devotions were shared by interstate members. The closing ceremony, with State Standards as back drop concluded a busy, but enjoyable and fulfilling week at the first Australian Association Assembly.

— BARBARA REYNOLDS and  
MARGARET LITTLEHALES.



## GIRL GUIDES OF AUSTRALIA

### DISCOVERIES 7

#### RALLY HELD AT SYDNEY SHOW-GROUND, 2nd DECEMBER, 1922

Saturday, 2nd December, 1922, dawned a bright, sunny day, full of excitement for the Guides in New South Wales. Early in the morning, about 9 a.m., trams disgorged masses of blue clad figures, complete with black shoes and stockings and huge straw hats, to stream across Moore Park towards the showground. Smaller figures clad in brown, each sheltering under a huge brown mushroom (Brownie hats looked so like mushrooms), accompany them. If one looked under straw hats one discovered the bright, eager faces of Girl Guides—that new “thing” for girls—while under the brown mushrooms were faces of the Brownies with huge Brownie smiles firmly pinned on them. Such excitement!!!! This was the first public Rally and Badge Display held in New South Wales. Months of work and preparation were to come to reality at last.

The Guides quickly formed company in four ranks, and with Miss Nella Levy out in front, marched into the Showground. 1st Mosman Company had the honour of leading the parade—they were the only Company with a brass trefoil on the flagpole. (Their Guider is now Mrs. Relton.)

Once inside the Showground the Companies and Packs quickly found their allotted space and began setting up their displays ready for the general public. It would be hard to imagine any badge which was not displayed. The Dairymaid Badge, complete with real live cow, which at some time of the proceedings was duly milked. The Animal Lover Badge caused some merriment when a pig broke bounds and found its way on to the arena. Small Scouts appeared out of the blue, or so it seemed, to help (?) catch the animal. Consternation during the display of the Horsewoman Badge when one of the riders was thrown from her horse! Two small Brownies, with tears pouring down their little faces, came up to Brown Owl for consolation. “But, Brown Owl, if their Captain has to stay in hospital, how will the Guides get home?” Concern for the unfortunate Guider was quickly dispelled.

Grace Johnstone, a Lone Guide, sat cross-legged in the traditional manner and mended shoes. Passers-by could have their shoes heeled while they waited. Manly Company chose the Entertainer Badge, and put on a very good show every hour during the day. The Laundress Badge, First Aid, Home Nursing, Child Nurse, Folk Dancing, Camping, Cook's Badge, and Gymnast—all had a place, with practical demonstrations. The public sat in the stand to watch the “ring events”, or wandered around the exhibits, and were most suitably impressed.

The Brownies were a great success, and, as usual, won the hearts of all present. Among other things they displayed, they played singing games, formed Fairy Rings, and gave a grand howl for the V.I.P.s.

The end of the day came all too soon, when the displays were dismantled, and the grounds left neat and tidy, for “where we have been, no-one can find, never a trace we leave behind”. The Guides again formed company and marched across the park to catch trams which would take them home, tired but happy, and still bubbling with excitement.

The first big public display, thanks to the organising ability of “The Lev”, was a success. Sydney knew that the Girl Guides had “arrived” and would become part of the way of life.

#### NOTE

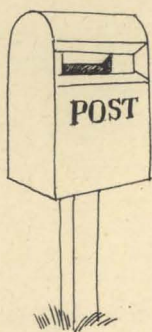
The Girl Guides Association of N.S.W. dates from late 1920, when Lady Davidson, wife of the State Governor, invited Miss Nella Levy to organize Guiding throughout the State.

The description of the Rally, two years later, one suggests, is comment enough. It has been contributed through Mrs. M. O. Schmid, Archivist, N.S.W. G.G.A.

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







Dear Matilda,

As most Barree Region Guides arrived home after Thinking Day celebrations, fifteen girls and three leaders, from Moyhu, Corryong and Wodonga were settling into camp at Towong Hill near Corryong alongside two hundred scouts. We had been invited to share "Founder's Day" weekend and to take part in the opening of "The Way of the Kings" on Sunday. This Scout/Guide camping area is known as "The Coast of Adventure", and "The Way of the Kings" is an avenue of trees providing an entrance.

Sunday dawned hot and fair, but a thunderstorm the previous day had ensured that fire restrictions would not hamper our camp cookery. We were expecting important visitors, Sir Henry Winneke and Lady Winneke, our President.

Guides took part in opening ceremonies, Guard of Honour and Scouts/Guides Own. Sir Henry and Lady Winneke inspected our camp and were most interested in the girls' activities.

Lady Winneke remained to lunch, Sir Henry had his with the Scouts. Hay-box cookery, namely chicken casserole, fascinated our President, this being her first Guide camp. The girls' greatest triumph was making and setting cheesecakes and keeping fruit salad cool in very hot, humid conditions.

BERYL M. EMBURY,  
Camp Adviser,  
Mitta Mitta.

Dear Matilda,

Who would think that two days after reading "Guiding Discoveries" in the April Matilda and desperately wanting to know more about the people mentioned, I should meet Miss Swinburne.

She was having tea with our District Commissioner, and me (both new recruits to guiding). We sat enthralled for two hours while this delightful lady recounted many incidents in guiding since it began in Victoria.

Amusing anecdotes about butter turning purple and serious moments when guides were awash in the bay kept us asking for more.

I hope many others have an opportunity to meet Miss Swinburne and hear about guiding's exciting history.

Mrs. Sheila Teale,  
Assistant Guider,  
2nd Yarrawonga Co.

Dear Matilda,

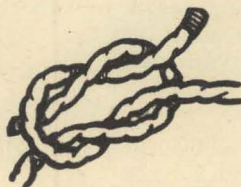
Our Company held a very successful Mother and Daughter night. We invited our mothers to come to see what happens at Guide meetings.

Before mothers arrived, each patrol prepared a different type of food for supper (to show our mothers we can cook after all). We made scotch eggs, cake in a frypan, biscuits, chow mein, and pikelets.

Our District Commissioner, President and Secretary of the Local Association attended and explained the fields of Guiding in which they work. Patrols then held displays which included knots, bandaging, tracking signs and whistle signals, fire-lighting, bedding roll and guide knowledge games. Mothers were then able to walk around and ask about anything they didn't understand. Then we served our mothers the delicious goodies we had made earlier.

It proved a most enjoyable night for all.

— Magpie Patrol,  
2nd Moorleigh Company.







## CONSERVATION

### MINIBIKES

When I was young (a long time ago) I owned a small motor bike . . . which was quite unladylike in those days!

Actually it was more a motorised bicycle but it was lots of fun to ride, and I needed a motor cycle licence to use it. With my long hair streaming in the wind I could get up to 40 kph. on that bike and I felt like a speedway driver!

Today many young people own motor bikes. Guides ride and race minibikes, and more people are buying trail bikes and dune buggies or four wheel drive vehicles to travel overland away from roads.

From this we see that people have much recreation time.

Sadly, misuse of this leisure has a terrible effect on some of our surroundings.

Recently the Ranger of one of our National Parks told us of two trail bike riders who damaged acres of bushland by taking a ride off the beaten track. A couple of small bikes can destroy an acre of plant life in minutes!

Unfortunately, few of these weekend "fun" riders and drivers take the same track back to the road, so damage to our bushland or beaches is doubled.

Perhaps you feel this isn't a Guide problem?

If we drive or ride we can do so more carefully and stay on formed roads where possible. After all, there is so much more to see if we walk quietly in the bush. Wildlife will not stay if we roar through bracken and undergrowth . . . and there is a greater chance of personal injury by being tossed over a log or tree stump.

If **YOU** have a mini bike or enjoy trail riding, perhaps you will remember that your vehicle is meant for pleasure but not at the expense of our beautiful bushland which others enjoy so much.

**PS.** Just between you and me . . . I would love a little motor bike right **NOW** . . . it would be so handy around camp . . . especially up that steep hill!

Anne Fraser,

Conservation Co-ordinator.

### AUSTRALIAN SECRETARY — New Appointment

The Girl Guides Association of Australia is seeking applications for full time appointment as Secretary to the Association at Australian Headquarters, Sydney. The appointment calls for the wide outlook necessary for liaison with States' Guide Headquarters, Australian Office Bearers, Government Departments and the World Bureau.

Administrative ability is essential, together with a knowledge of accountancy procedure. The management of a small staff is also involved.

- Salary range \$7,000 - \$8,000. Superannuation is available.
- Five day week — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Annual leave — four weeks.

Applications in writing, including names of two referees will be received up to 31st August, 1975 and should be addressed to:

The Chief Commissioner for Australia,  
G.P.O. Box 675,  
Sydney, N.S.W., 2001.

Commencement date for appointment — 1st November, 1975.



# TRAINING CALENDAR

JUNE  
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

**Hastings** Weekends 28-29th June and 2nd-3rd August. Times to be advised. Church of England Parish Hall. Apply **immediately** to Mrs. F. Bucknell, P.O. Box 46, Mt. Martha, 3934.

**Headquarters** Weekends 12th-13th July and 2nd-3rd August — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: Acceptance cards will be forwarded **after** closing date. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **20th June**.

**Korumburra** Weekends 5th-6th July and 2nd-3rd August — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Apply **immediately** to Mrs. R. Gaudion, 32 Blackmore Ave., Leongatha, 3953.

**Moorabbin** Monday 29th September, 6th-20th-27th October, time 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. **plus** Saturday 11th October — time to be advised. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Ave., East Bentleigh, 3165 by **8th September**.

**Moorleigh** Weekends 28th-29th June and 19th-20th July, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Apply **immediately** to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Ave., East Bentleigh, 3165.

## Stage 2 Training

**Canterbury** Weekends 2nd-3rd August and 20th-21st September — 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. — Guide Hall. Note: Please bring cut lunch. Applications to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Ave., Doncaster, 3108 by **12th July**.

**Colac** Weekends 19th-20th July and 16th-17th August — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. W. D. Macdonald, 5 Scott Street, Cobden, 3266 by **30th June**.

**Doveton** Weekends 4th-5th October and 8th-9th November, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Presbyterian Kindergarten. Applications to Mrs. H. Kenney, 6 Balgowlah Ave., Noble Park, 3174 by **11th 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 **28th 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 **28th June**.

**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 **18th July**.

**Pyramid Hill** Weekends 13th-14th September and 11th-12th October — 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. C. Hollow, 54 Raglan Street, White Hills, 3550 by **24th August**.

**Wodonga** Weekends 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 **30th June**.

**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 drink provided. Location — Public Hall, Campbell Street, Yarragon. Applications to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3828 by **3rd July**.

## Stage 3 Training

**Dandenong** Weekends 20th-21st September and 11th-12th October — time 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 **28th August**.

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

## Campcraft

**Yarraville** Wednesday 9th and 23rd July, 6th August and 10th September, — 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. **plus** Saturday 2nd and 16th August — 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. **plus** two weekends — dates and venues to be decided at first session. Fee — to be advised. Note: Course covers necessary preparation for indoor camps which lead to Holiday permit. Applications to Mrs. F. Moorall, "K" Road Roadside, Werribee, 3030.



## Special Subjects Ceremonial

**Cheltenham** Tuesday, 12th August — 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Ave., East Bentleigh, 3165 by 23rd July.

## Electives

**Britannia Park** Weekend 5th-6th July — time 9.30 a.m. Saturday to 3.30 p.m. Sunday. Fee — \$6.00. Note: Please bring cut lunch Saturday. Applications to Mrs. H. Graham, 21 Warwick Road, Montrose, 3765 by 14th June.

## Ranger Leadership Certificate Weekend

**Mayfield Centre, Malvern** Weekend 5th-6th July, time 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 3.30 p.m. Sunday. Fee — \$8.00. **Application forms** available from Training Department, Guide Headquarters. Please enclose stamped self addressed envelope for return of form. Note: Early application is recommended.

## Safety

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

Tuesday — 8th and 29th July — 7.30 p.m. — Headquarters. Applications to reach the Training Department, Guide Headquarters by 17th June.

## Craft Day

**Morwell** Saturday 28th June — 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Guide Hall, McDonald Street. Note: Please bring cut lunch, hot drink provided. Apply immediately to Mrs. S. McDonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3828.

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Woman expects man to put her on a pedestal, then complains about his being under her feet all day.

## 10th GEELONG, ST. MATTHEW'S BROWNIES

Eighteen excited Brownies of 10th Geelong, St. Matthews Pack anxiously awaited arrival of the train bringing their visitors, 2nd Simpson Pack, to Geelong for the weekend. The Geelong Brownies had been guests at Simpson last year. After renewing friendships, everyone walked to D24, where they were taken on an interesting tour. Window shopping followed. Cars were waiting at the Moorabool Street pier to take everyone to the Eastern Gardens for picnic lunch with host families. We were pleased to welcome our Region Commissioner, for a few minutes before she went to Revels at Ocean Grove. Later we went to Alden Lodge Coral Gardens, Grovedale where Brownies were amazed at the kaliedoscope of colour in displays of coral, shells, marine life, etc.

At night, Brownies and families, with our Division and District Commissioners, gathered at the Guide Hall to see films generously provided and shown by Mr. Fred Valentine.

On Sunday morning sixteen cars toured Bellarine Peninsula, stopping at Kingston Park, Ocean Grove, for barbecue lunch and inspection of "Mirrabooka", the Brownie Holiday Cottage. "Brownies Own" was held before returning to the Guide Hall, where the City District Local Association members served afternoon tea.

By 4.30 p.m. Simpson Brownies had all departed for home. We were left with a wonderful feeling of friendship and goodwill.

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## RUTHERGLEN FESTIVAL

1st Rutherglen Brownie Pack entered a float in the recent Wine Festival. Our theme was "Diamond Jubilee".

A large truck was borrowed, and decorated with brown and gold material, paper flowers, and streamers. Chicken wire across the back, was covered in paper flowers of all colours. Brownies dressed in 1914 and 1974 uniforms stood beside a large badge behind the cabin. Sitting in a circle the rest of the pack were dressed in different uniforms showing the changes over the years.

(Mrs.) Lois Kay,  
Brownie Guider.

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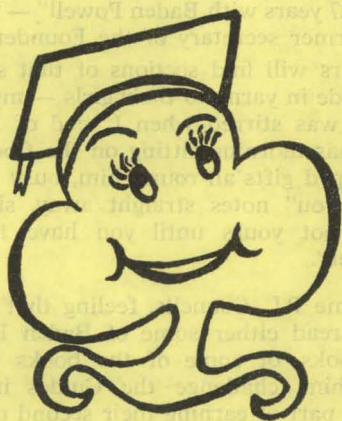




# TRAINING PAGES

## NEWS ITEM

As you read this, our State Commissioner, who has been selected to be one of the Australian team of 5, is preparing to attend the 22nd Conference of W.A.G.G.S.S. Do tell the girls in your unit. Surely they will be interested.



## SUE SUGGESTS

If you haven't the pages from May, 1974 Matilda, maybe you have a Guider friend who would lend you the pages. Maybe you could get a photostat copy for yourself.



## FLASHBACK

In the Training pages of May, 1974 you will find "Please, please, please do not think Internationally only on 22nd February". Matilda hopes you have that filed with your Training Pages and urges you to read again, and act upon Pages 231-233. To the handbook references Page 233 add the new "Guide Knowledge" Interest badge.





## COUNTRIES WITH GUIDING MEMBERS OF W.A.G.G.S.

The following pattern of letters can easily be copied, one for each patrol or six.

Names of countries can be found, by starting with a letter and **moving to an adjoining letter**. Movement may be up or down, sideways, or on a slant. Various letters in the group, of course, will be found to form part of the name of several countries.

C	A	N	U	S
G	H	A	D	N
T	S	I	T	A
U	C	E	L	M
R	K	Y	G	E

Who can find the most names, say in ten minutes? (There are at least 12 — sharp eyes may find more!)

### Follow-up Activity

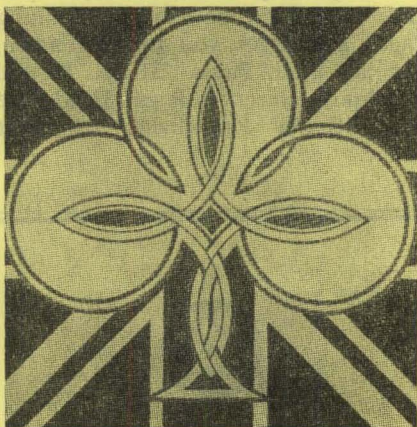
Find the countries on a world map. Consult charts, or "Trefoil Round the World", to see the badge. Colour the guide/brownie uniform of one country in the painting book.

Brownies, might like to find out the name given, in that country, to their age group.

Some of the older girls might seek pen friends in some other country of Guiding. (See P.O. & R., Page 83, for procedure.)

Answers to the Country Quiz.

Canada — Sudan — Chile — Malta — U.S.A. — Italy — Turkey — Haiti — Ghana — Iceland — Thailand — U.K.



## GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE

How about the girls in your Unit "Getting to know" more about the Founder of Scouting and Guiding, Robert Baden Powell (B.P.)

Here are some ideas:

1. With time to prepare (say the week between meetings) challenge each patrol to mime or act a scene:

An incident related in "Scouting for Boys".

If you do not know where to start try the Campfire yarn on Tracking

or

The girls approaching B.P. at the Crystal Palace Rally in 1909

or

Something of B.P.'s schemes at Mafeking to worry the enemy

(He was most ingenious)

Useful references:

"The Wolf that never sleeps"

"Help yourself to know Baden Powell", by Betty Clay

(A longer book for those who enjoy reading is "27 years with Baden Powell" — written by a former secretary of the Founder.

Guiders will find sections of that suitable to include in yarns to their girls — my imagination was stirred when I read of B.P. on Christmas morning sitting on the floor with unwrapped gifts all round him, busy writing "thank you" notes straight away, since "a gift is not yours until you have thanked the giver".

2. Some P.L. Councils, feeling that Guides should read either some of Baden Powell's own books, or some of the books written about him, challenge the Guides in their unit, as part of earning their second or third 8 Point Badge, to read and discuss one such book. **Why not discuss this with your P.L.'s?** The 2 books named above would be very suitable for this.

It helps some girls to think more carefully about the meaning of what they read if they have a list of questions to which they find the answers as they read. Here is a suggested Reader's Quiz "for another interesting book", entitled "B.P." by Reynolds.

(a) Baden Powell was good at dramatic work and theatricals. Give the numbers of the pages where you read of this.



- (b) He was also an artist. What was the meaning of some butterfly drawings he once did?
- (c) B.P. was a good organizer. As an army officer, he was from time to time given the job of organizing some special force. Name 2 of these.
- (d) He also had original ideas. Tell your patrol 2 ways in which, when Mafeking was besieged, he bluffed the Boer enemy into thinking he had a big army inside the town.

3. In the following statements about B.P. taken from "Help yourself to know Baden Powell":

Each was broken, as indicated, the 2 parts being printed on separate cards.

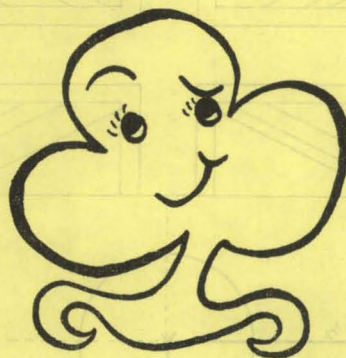
These 20 cards give a good concentration game. Play it first with Patrol Leaders, and suggest they, in turn, borrow the cards to play the game with their patrols during patrol time:

### Directions

Scatter the cards on the table, face down. Each in turn picks up 2. If they pair, she keeps them. If not, she lets the other players know what is on each card, and they watch (and try to remember) where she puts them down again. Who can get most pairs?

1. Robert B.P. and his brothers // were very keen on boating.
2. Boys were organized into patrol groups // and did many useful jobs at Mafeking.
3. At Mafeking B.P. invented // many tricks to deceive the Boers.
4. The first Scout camp, in 1907 // was held on Brownsea Island.
5. B.P.'s book "Aids to Scouting" // was originally written for Soldiers.
6. His book for boys was entitled // "Scouting for Boys".
7. The first Scout rally was held // at Crystal Palace in London, September, 1909.
8. B.P. joined his first regiment // the 13th Hussars, in India in 1876.
9. In Africa, the Matabele tribe named him // Impesa (an animal that creeps about in the night).
10. Baden Powell was born on 22nd February, 1857, in London.

### ANOTHER SUGGESTION FROM SUE:



A guider should not feel she must buy all these books herself. What about a small, but well selected (and Sue hopes — well used) company library?

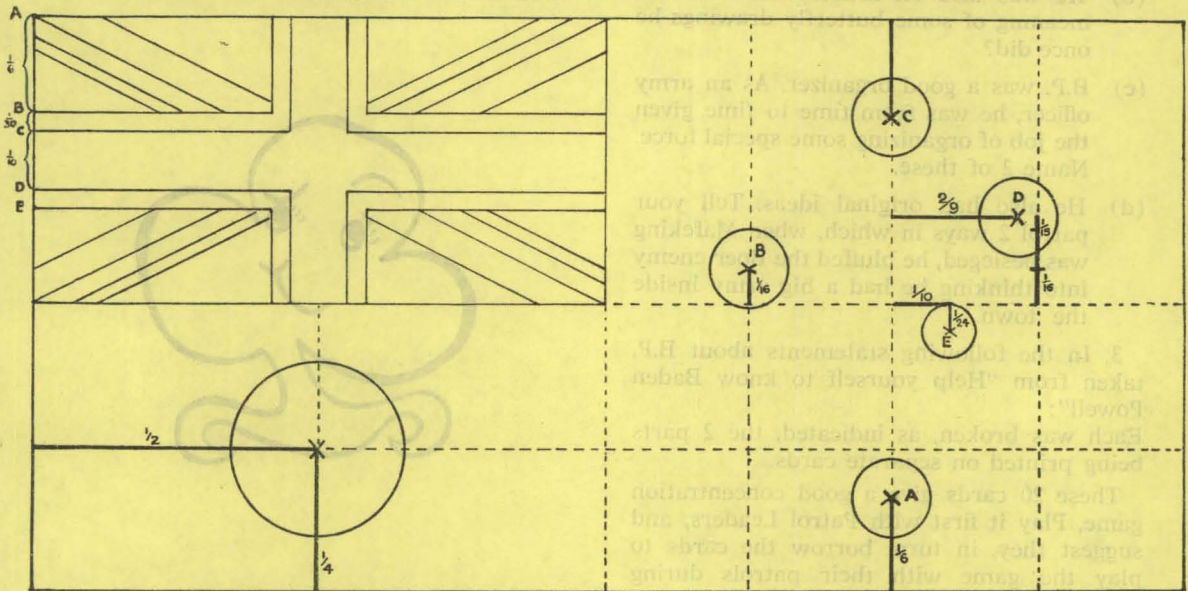
Have the Guiders at District Meetings considered sharing such books? Or decided to establish a well selected (and of course Sue again hopes well-used) District library, from which a guider could take a book at one meeting and return it at the next monthly meeting.





# KNOW YOUR AUSTRALIA

## 1. OUR FLAG Challenge? Who can rule out from the instructions and colour it best?



Federal Star  
Outer radius  $\frac{2}{3}$  width.  
Inner radius  $\frac{1}{3}$  width.  
(Twice B.C. on Union Jack)



Alpha  
Beta  
Gamma  
Delta  
Outer radius  $\frac{1}{4}$   
(practically inner  
radius of  
Federal Star)  
Inner radius  $\frac{1}{6}$  outer.



Epsilon:  
Outer Radius  $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
Inner radius  $\frac{1}{3}$  outer.

2. The main facts — as below — can be taught by simple pairing of cards. Useful activity for a six; P.L.'s at training; then patrol during patrol time; by an individual to challenge her own knowledge. Cards of 2 colours, those bearing the first half of the sentence to be lettered A — B — C etc. to get the right continuity.

- (a) Before 1901 // the States were separate.
- (b) During 1901 Commonwealth of Australia was achieved // States joined together under a Federal Parliament.
- (c) A flag was needed, so // a competition was held.
- (d) Conditions to guide those submitting a design said //
  - (i) something to show loyalty to the crown
  - (ii) something to symbolize federation
  - (iii) something typical of Australia
- (e) Designs were judged, and by 1903 // Australia had a flag.
- (f) Originally — flags with a blue background were flown by Government authorities // and private citizens used those with a red background.
- (g) The Union Jack was in the place of

honour (refer condition 1) // the top near the hoist.

- (h) Originally, also, the federal star (refer condition ii) // had 6 points, one for each State.
- (i) The stars of the Southern Cross (refer condition iii) // had differing numbers of points.
- (j) Since then, there have been // several changes.
- (k) In 1908, a seventh point // was added to the Federal Star, to represent the Territories.
- (l) About 1915, the 4 main stars of the Southern Cross // were made with 7 points each, the smallest one retaining its 5 points.
- (m) During the Queen's visit during 1954 it was decided // the blue background would be the official Australian Flag for all occasions.

Be sure to show, on the back — something by which the girls will know if their sentences are correctly completed when they add the card of a second colour — both cards for each sentence marked with same number or symbol.





## ARGANA TREFOIL TRIM CLUB

When suddenly, out of the blue, your better half admits,

"What gives, old dear, you look so young, you're trim and very fit!"

He opens doors, he you adores, he offers flowers and such,

Why then you know it's well worthwhile to gain that . . . "TRIM CLUB TOUCH."

One meeting night a member casually remarked, "Where is so and so?"

"She's at Weight Watchers. She will be along later."

"Wish I could afford Weight Watchers."

"So do I, but it's so expensive and I can't spare the time anyway."

"We ought to start our own weight watchers."

"Hey . . . that's an idea, why don't we start our own here at our Trefoil meeting?"

"Right, we'll get one of our own weight watchers to give us a talk on it."

Six months later!

The first meeting of the Argana Trim Club was held in the Sunshine Guide Hall one afternoon last November.

The time, 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. was chosen, so that mothers and grandmothers can be home in time to meet children from school. Pre-school children come with their mothers. (One lively little lad nick-named us the "fatties club".)

We bought scales, books for noting subscriptions and weights, cards for each person to record her own weight, blue pens for loss of weight and red (ugh!) pens for weight gained, and of course, a receipt book.

There were 11 "girls" at our first meeting and now we have 35 "girls" and a waiting list. The club is open to anyone aged from 16 to 116.

Joining fee is \$2.00; then it is 30 cents per meeting plus 10 cents for every ½ lb. gained. So far the scales have been paid for and fines from weight gainers have been donated to such causes as the Heart Foundation and we have a healthy bank balance.

What a money spinner!

We have been visited by Heart Foundation speakers, a dietitian and someone to teach basic exercises.

A quickly painted cardboard tree was adorned with each member's name which is removed as that member gains as little as half an ounce. (So far there are only a few names left on the tree.)

It is fun, it is worthwhile and you make many new friends as well as serving guiding and the community.

M. T. — Argana Trefoil.

## PICNIC AT GILWELL PARK

Recently, a very happy day was arranged at Gilwell Park for a combined gathering of Victorian Trefoil and Baden Powell Guilds.

Guild's Own was held in the chapel, and a former Rover Leader, Mr. Ivan Stevens, was guest speaker.

The day was perfect, and members of both Guilds and their families enjoyed picnic lunch.

At the Commemoration Service in the afternoon, Mrs. Renshaw Jones, O.B.E., Vice-President of Town and Country Trefoil, gave an interesting address.

Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lester from New Zealand. Tony, who is Guild Leader for the South Island, invited everyone to the second Asia-Pacific Regional Gathering to be held during March, 1976.

Also we heard, from a former Scouter of Ceylon, the difficulties Guides/Scouts of Sri Lanka have in obtaining suitable reading matter, and he appealed for books, especially Guide/Scout books, old or new programme. Reader's Digest and school text books would also be welcome. Mr. D'with-Barbut, now a Scout Leader in Clayton (66 Kionga Street, Phone: 544 6152), will arrange for collection of parcels sent to Clayton Railway Station.

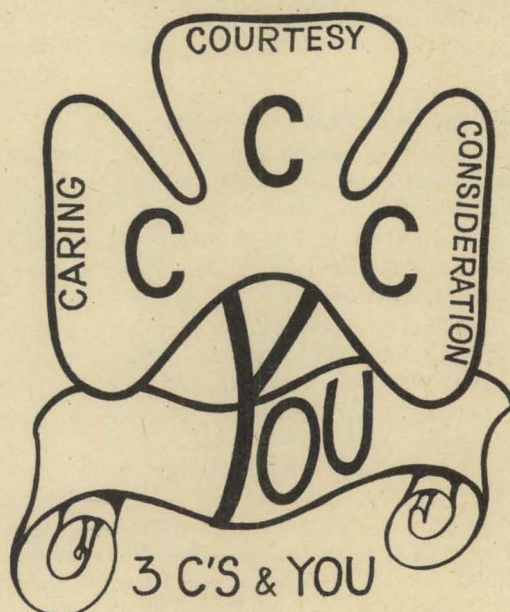
We look forward eagerly to welcome new Trefoil Groups this year, (Box Hill South Division, South Eastern Region, Warringal Division, Goulbourn Valley Western Division, as well as 3 in the Western Border Region). State Trefoil Adviser, Mrs. Lister welcomes inquiries about joining these Guilds.



# NOTICES

IF YOU CARE, COME TO  
"A GUIDE AFFAIR"  
FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD  
21st June, 1975

Bring your badges to  
swap and/or sell.



## BROWNIE GUIDERS

See **YOU** at Brighton Town Hall on  
5th July 10.00 a.m. — 3.30 p.m.

## YOUNG LEADERS' GROUP

Don't forget our next meeting, **Monday, 23rd June**, at Heathmont State School Hall, Balfour Avenue, Heathmont. We will elect a new Committee for the coming year. We will also plan future social functions.

For more details ring Judy Pretty, 89 9637.

## STATE CAMP — "URALBA" —

"Home between the Hills."

6th-13th January, 1976.

Have you now selected your Company representative? Remember — 1 Guide from each Company in the State — (in **country** Districts where there is only 1 Guide Company 2 places are offered). When the decision has been made, the Guide can start saving, or earning, the required money, or perhaps the Company can help to raise funds, or if there is an urgent need, application for assistance can be made to the T. C. Lothian Trust. All applications for assistance from the T. C. Lothian Trust will be considered on 1st August. No further applications for assistance from the Trust for the State Camp, will be considered after this date. (Application forms for the T. C. Lothian Trust are available from the Secretary to Advisers on receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

- The Guider-in-charge of Camp Uralba will be Mrs. B. De Marchi.
- The Camp Fee will be \$27.00.
- The Staff Fee will be \$12.00. Members of staff must be members of the Movement. You can help by supplying:
- Superphosphate bags (for rubbish disposal).
- Fire buckets — hot water tins (glue drums etc. preferably with handles).
- Sacks or bags for fire buckets.

These items may be left at Headquarters or at Britannia Park. If necessary fire buckets will be collected by Mrs. De Marchi — phone: 288 5870 evenings. Thank you.

## THE RANGER ROVER SHAKESPEAREAN BALL MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

19th September, 1975

Contact Doug Kelly — 359 3127





## CAMPING DEPARTMENT

**Shoreham** — Everyone will be pleased to know that the Equipment Hut/Toilet Block is being erected at Shoreham — the road has been made — so Camping Department at Headquarters will take bookings **from 17th June** for camps commencing 22nd August. Equipment is available for 1 Licence camp or 2 Permit Camps.

## HELP THE GUIDE SHOP TO HELP YOU

Our Shop staff want to be of service to guiders and parents but they cannot know all the answers — sometimes parents come in to purchase Guide ties without being aware that the colours vary from unit to unit. To overcome this a register is kept of the colour used by each unit. However, it is over two years since colours were last sent in and the register is obviously out of date.

Will you again send in details of your unit's colour, please? Commissioners, you could help by collecting this information from all your Guide units and sending it in to us.

## UNIFORM SUB-COMMITTEE

"Following queries from the Commissioners' Conference, attention is drawn to P.O. & R. page 36. This means that neither cardigan nor jacket is "Official Uniform" with the blue summer dress."



## NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SONG

Area "Sing-offs" are being held during this month and it is hoped that families and friends of entrants are enjoying watching these heats and being part of our "Exploring the Arts" year.

Do not forget you are welcome to attend the Victorian State Final at Malvern Town Hall on Saturday, 26th July, when State winners will be announced. This promises to be an exciting programme. See you there!

## ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

### GUIDERS — GOOD NEWS —

The Arts and Crafts Festival covers part of one of the 8 points. Programme it into your normal meetings and send the results to us.

If a girl completes an article it can be used towards an Interest Badge.

### BROWNIE BADGES —

Artist, Craft, Crochet, Floral Art, Knitter, Needle Worker, Photography, Toymaker, Writer, Weaver, Thrift.

### GUIDE BADGES —

Arts, Artist, Crochet, Stitchery, Collector, Toymaker, Knitter, Homemaker, Needlewoman, Craft, Home Arts, Writer, Hobby, Creativity, Challenge, Housekeeping Challenge. Each section of the Festival covers one of these badges.

(Note: Articles made specifically for entry in the Festival need not comply with Interest Badge specifications.)

Ask your Guides and Brownies to look wide and accept the challenge offered by entering a State-wide competition. It may prove to be a stimulating experience for your unit.

### LEADERS! Please Note:

18th Jamboree - on the Air.

18th/19th October, 1975.

Further details later.

## WHAT'S DOING IN RANGER SECTION

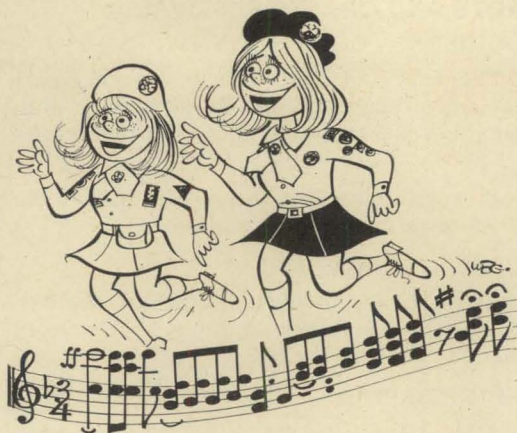
Rangers are busy arranging "A Rendezvous in Space." The spectacular spangle will be launched at Earl's Court Ballroom, Esplanade, St. Kilda on Friday, 11th July. Countdown commences at 2000 hours (8 p.m. earth time). Both young and old lunar folk are welcome to join in the fun.

Tickets are \$17.00 a double and available from Miss Christine Manns, 22 Cerberus Street, Donvale, 3111 (842 1845). Table sizes cater for 8, 10 or 12; cheques should be made payable to "1975 Ranger Ball."

## FOR SALE

Commissioner's skirt and jacket size W \$20.00 Cheltenham 93 3514.





Dear Matilda,

**4th Ballarat Company, held a carwash for our April Action. The day dawned bright and clear.**

Clad in gum boots and oldest jeans (not a glamorous company) and armed with buckets, brushes, dusters, sponges and much enthusiasm we arrived at a local garage.

Karen, our assistant leader came with table, gay umbrella and huge signs, — **GUIDE CARWASH 40c** donation. Waiting eagerly for customers, we made sure water was soapy and the money box open.

Our first customer was lured by our eye catching signs and gay smiles.

Custom grew and our cash box became steadily heavier.

Customers were generous and some rewarded our efforts with more than the suggested 40c.

Laughter and cordial mixed with soap suds and water, made our fund raising great fun.

We are very proud of our achievement for April Action.

Yours sincerely,

SUE GUNN,

4th Ballarat Guide Company.

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It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors.  
— Plutarch.

## NEW FRIENDS FROM DARWIN

Girls of 1st Strathfieldsaye Guide Company and Brownie Pack have been privileged to have as temporary members, Kathleen and Monica Coburne of Darwin. They have enjoyed all our activities and we have enjoyed their company.

Recently, Brownies presented Monica with a specially made cloth, with the Brownie badge on it, to take back to her Pack.

On the same occasion, Kathy was presented with a Guide Camp Flag to go with her to her Company. Also she will be taking back new hand books to replace her own which were destroyed. Inside the back cover are names of all girls in our Company, whose thoughts will be going with her when the family returns soon.

We hope to maintain the chains of friendship by using tapes between companies.

Jan McDonnell,

1st Strathfieldsaye (Bendigo) Company.

## IT WAS FUN . . .

At a Kerang Division Meeting it was suggested we have an "Exchange of Ideas". Kerang Brownie Guiders organized the date and time and all took lunch. We chatted and exchanged ideas for 4 hours, but it didn't seem to be that long.

We had no planned agenda and it was remarkable how different thoughts stemmed from one Guider to another. Each Guider went home with more ideas than she brought and that had been our aim. Newer Guiders appreciated the help and advice that the more experienced were able to give them. We plan to hold another "Exchange" soon.

No doubt other Divisions have already tried similar sessions, but if you haven't, I suggest you try it. It was good and it was fun.

HELEN STORY.

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2nd Daylesford Brownie Pack held a Fancy Dress afternoon for a Venture. Each Six paraded in their costumes and parents voted (per cent) for the costumes they liked best.

A small charge was made for afternoon tea and the Brownies ran a trading table.

\$25 was raised and sent to "Windarrang", a school for special children at Kyneton. In a letter of thanks from the school committee the Brownies discovered that, with a Government grant, their gift will become \$100.



# LOCAL



# ASSOCIATION SECTION

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH —

The better part of one's life consists of his friendships. — Abraham Lincoln.

## L.A. STATE CONFERENCE —

Make a date now to meet old friends and make new ones at —

WHAT? The 19th State Conference of Local Associations.

WHERE? The Heidelberg Town Hall.

WHEN? Tuesday, 23rd September, 1975.

WHY? For members to hear about Guiding; To compare notes about Guiding; To get together with others interested in Guiding.

THEME: "Women at Home and Abroad."

Further information will be sent directly to L.A. Secretaries, together with Application Forms for attending the Conference, for lunch bookings and for either requiring or offering hospitality. We would appreciate prompt return of these forms.

L.A. Conference Committee.

## THE JOYS OF HOSTESSING!

Having read the request from Mrs. Spratling in April "Matilda" about "hostessing" a visiting guide, I would like to share with you our family's experience.

We have, through the years, been a half-way house for a number of guides passing to and from camps at Britannia Park. It has always been an enjoyable experience, but one occasion has had a lasting effect.

A Lone guide from South Australia arrived one morning to stay with us before her camp. From the time she arrived, the magic started working — somehow, without effort, she was part of our family, and in the years since, she has remained so. She regularly comes for holidays and my daughter has spent many weeks at her home.

Earlier this year, our family (all seven of us) visited her family on their outback property in northern South Australia and saw a side of Australian life new to us. Her family is as delightful as she is, and we have become firm friends.

As a mother, my greatest pleasure comes from knowing that my daughter has found one of those rare friends on whose love and understanding she can depend, come what may, in future years, and for that I say a heartfelt "thank you" to a past Hospitality Convenor. — "Grateful Mum."

## FOUNDATION MEMBER

Preston Local Association, as well as the Lones Section Local Association, were saddened earlier this year by the loss of one of their foundation members, Mrs. Clara Higgs. During thirty-eight years with the Preston Local Association, Mrs. Higgs held office several times and was a very popular tester. She also looked after the uniform pool and kept the Camp Fund financial with the sale of pens.

Outside her guiding interests, Mrs. Higgs was a Life Governor of the local hospital, and had a long association with the local Benevolent Society and the Thornbury Church of Christ. Mrs. Higgs was a tireless worker for everything in which she believed and possessed true community spirit.

## RECIPE CORNER HUNGARIAN GOULASH

1½ lbs. Bladebone Steak, 1 onion sliced  
1 oz. butter, 2 medium tomatoes, ½ pint water, salt to taste, 1 teaspoon paprika, 4 medium potatoes.

Cut steak into 1 inch pieces. Cook sliced onion in butter until tender. Add meat and brown, then peeled and quartered tomatoes and water. Season with salt and paprika. Simmer for 1 hour. Peel potatoes and cut into long pieces, and add to goulash and simmer a further ½ hour. Serve with rice or noodles.

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



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the recipients of the following:

### **Guiders' Long Service**

(15 Years.) Mrs. A. M. Courtot, Daylesford; Mrs. B. Hogben, Swan Hill; Mrs. L. Eddy, Bentleigh; Mrs. S. Lang, Wattle Park.

### **Combined Long Service**

Mrs. M. Newton, Moorabbin South; Mrs. J. McCahon, Daylesford; Mrs. N. M. Schultz, Wattle Park.

### **Local Association Long Service**

Mrs. M. Stone, Ensay.

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### **Thanks Badge**

Mrs. M. Stone, Ensay.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS**

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

### **Division Commissioners**

Mrs. D. H. Marsden, Warringal; Mrs. G. W. Hacon, Goulburn Valley Western; Mrs. L. R. Williams, McKay; Mrs. G. B. Carter, Mullum Mullum.

### **District Commissioners**

Mrs. J. C. Roos, Belgrave; Mrs. J. D. Brooke, East Loddon; Mrs. J. C. Jackson, Noorat; Mrs. J. F. Williams, Fawkner; Mrs. J. B. Beamish, Maidstone; Mrs. I. R. Brown, Malvern; Mrs. R. T. James, Monash; Mrs. J. A. Reynard, Tongala; Mrs. A. G. Tapp, Trentham; Mrs. K. R. G. Lauder, Heathmont; Mrs. D. Ziino, Fairfield/Alphington; Mrs. W. F. Henderson, Montmorency; Mrs. H. Tucker, Northcote; Mrs. L. S. Selby, Mt. Evelyn; Mrs. A. N. Thomas, Eltham.

### **Guide Guiders**

Mrs. M. V. Gladman, 3rd Mulgrave; Miss R. H. Plumridge, 17th Geelong; Mrs. D. J. Hilyear, 1st Keysborough; Mrs. L. Roser, 2nd Mt. Waverley; Miss J. Segnit, 1st Gardiner; Miss S. H. Noble, 1st Altona; Mrs. J. Galea, 1st Bundoora; Miss J. E. Kean, 3rd Pascoe Vale; Mrs. I. Crozier, 1st Highvale; Mrs. I. McKendrick, 2nd Mt. Beauty; Mrs. B. J. Harrold, 1st Pt. Lonsdale; Miss J. E. Rogers, 2nd Cheltenham; Mrs. D. W. Currie, 1st Mt. Evelyn; Mrs. V. J. Stackpoole, 1st Yarrawonga.

### **Assistant Guide Guiders**

Miss H. E. Miles, 17th Geelong; Mrs. K. Evans, 4th Camberwell; Mrs. J. F. Burns, 1st Baxter; Mrs. C. Odgers, 2nd Mildura South; Mrs. J. Booth, 1st Mildura South; Miss C. Bleimschein, 1st Elwood; Miss R. J. Stone, 1st Koo-Wee-Rup;

Mrs. E. Wastell, 3rd North Ringwood; Mrs. C. F. Barber, 3rd North Ringwood; Mrs. N. R. Williams, 1st West Bulleen; Miss D. Barbin, 3rd Boronia; Mrs. O. Platt, 1st Mt. Evelyn; Mrs. S. S. Tarrant, 1st Mt. Evelyn; Miss M. O'Shannessy, 3rd Hawthorn; Miss L. McKee, 2nd Charlton.

### **Brownie Guiders**

Miss A. Wilson, 1st Cobden; Mrs. A. Hose, 2nd Cobden; Mrs. R. Sayer, 3rd Wodonga; Mrs. C. J. Frith, 3rd Keysborough; Mrs. R. Leach, 1st Rowville; Mrs. L. Hunter, 1st Drouin; Mrs. K. J. Booth, 1st Red Hill; Mrs. W. G. Edwards, 3rd Mildura South; Mrs. M. J. Hinwood, 2nd Elsternwick; Miss L. R. Gillett, 4th Forest Hill; Mrs. B. Crooks, 1st Melton South; Mrs. D. Morris, 1st Tongala; Mrs. G. Bisinella, 3rd Belmont; Mrs. G. R. Mayne, 1st Brighton; Mrs. G. L. Heeps, 1st Mt. Waverley; Mrs. G. Smit, 4th Boronia.

### **Assistant Brownie Guiders**

Miss M. Blease, 1st Yarra Glen; Mrs. D. Britt, 2nd Ringwood East; Mrs. J. A. Knight, 2nd Broadford; Mrs. C. Burgess, 2nd Portarlington; Mrs. R. Jack, 1st Portarlington; Sister S. Williams, 2nd Terang; Miss L. E. Jolly, 1st Mooroolbark; Mrs. J. Godwin, 1st Montrose; Mrs. K. Perry, 2nd Altona; Mrs. P. F. Wolstenholme, 1st Beaumaris; Mrs. D. H. Cook, 1st Melton South.

## **REGISTRATIONS**

1st Ellinbank Pack, Colac Ranger Unit, Northcote East Ranger Unit, Ellinbank Local Association.

## **RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS**

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

### **Division Commissioners**

Mrs. R. T. Spratling — Warringal; Mrs. B. M. Weaver — McKay.

### **District Commissioners**

Miss F. McSween, Noorat; Mrs. V. Comerford, East Loddon; Mrs. M. G. Creek, Nhill; Mrs. J. C. Smale, Monash; Mrs. R. T. Sloggett, Laburnum; Mrs. J. Pitman, Assistant Clayton.

### **Assistant Ranger Guider**

Mrs. L. Glover, 1st Melbourne Extension Rangers.

### **Guide Guiders**

Mrs. A. Chambers, 3rd Mulgrave; Mrs. T. J. Kenney, 1st Keysborough; Mrs. A. J. Turnbull, 1st Upwey; Mrs. R. J. Warren, 3rd Heathmont; Miss H. Eager, 1st Parkmore; Miss A. Reeves, 3rd Yarraville; Mrs. D. Kooperman, 3rd West Doncaster; Mrs. B. E. Dougherty, 1st Dingley; Mrs. M. A. Stevenson, 1st Portland.

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# Victorian Newsletter

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JUNE, 1975

Dear Everyone,

Well — IT has finally come and gone, and most successfully too. I hope that you all recognize "IT" as the Australian Association Assembly which Victoria hosted at La Trobe University from 19th-23rd May.

It was a very busy time, but also a very happy time, with delegations from all States of Australia and Papua New Guinea. It was wonderful to meet so many people who up until now had only been names. I am sure that the bond of Australian Guiding has been strengthened and that Guiding in all States must surely benefit from this meeting. The discussion groups were very worth while and the delegation to the World Conference will now go off well briefed in how Australia thinks.

So many delegates thanked me for the wonderful way Victoria looked after them and for our marvellous organisation. I would like to pass on their thanks, and to say my own very big THANK YOU to those who really deserve them. Miss Bunning as Chairman of the Planning Committee, and Mrs. Surry as Chairman of the Hostess Committee were the two towers of strength, but they couldn't do it alone. To those of you throughout the length and breadth of the State who played a part in so many, many ways, I say Thank You. I am very proud of you all and I am so very fortunate to have such wonderful people to rely on. My thanks also go to those Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Adults who made gifts for the delegates — these were wonderful, and everyone was thrilled by them.

I hope those of you who came to the Opening enjoyed it and managed to meet some of the delegates. It was most colourful with all the State Standards. Our Choir and girls who performed in the item "Spanning the World" were excellent.

Our "night off" was great fun — a most enjoyable party was given by our President, Lady Winneke at Government House and this was followed by a delicious Dinner at Headquarters provided by our Special Activities Committee. Everyone was most interested to see over Headquarters — we are very lucky to work under such excellent conditions.

It was great to see so many Victorian Observers at the Assembly — from as far away as Mildura. I am sure they all felt they gained from the time spent with us.

One dark cloud on a perfect horizon was the "Assembly Virus" which seemed to move through members of the Australian Executive fairly rapidly. It certainly wasn't the time to lose one's voice and my sexy tones were rather wasted on an all female gathering! I only hope the others who succumbed recover more rapidly than I seem to be — however, I am catching up on all my correspondence and reading.

15th June is quickly approaching and there seems to be so much to do before I leave for the World Conference. By the time that many of you read this letter I hope to have arrived in England.

JUNE, 1975 • MATILDA



Thank you for the most interesting parcels which have been arriving at Headquarters. I am sure everyone will like the things very much. I hope I have room left for some clothes.

Whilst I am away, I shall think of you all practising for the National Festival of Song — I am sorry to be missing the State Finals — and also working for the Festival of Arts and Crafts.

I shall try to keep you up to date with all our activities. Until I see you all again.

Love and best wishes,

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

## OF INTEREST TO ALL

### BROWNIE ADVISER

Next month will see the end of Mrs. S. G. Caple's term of office as State Brownie Adviser and we extend thanks to Coralie for her good work for this important section of our Guide family. We welcome as her successor, Mrs. J. Cooper, 3 Roberts Street, Glen Waverley, 3150.

### DARWIN RELIEF FUND

Will all "would be" contributors please note that, at South Australia's request, our Darwin Relief Fund will close at the end of August.

Mrs. Nan Dwyer, Commissioner for Northern Territory, who was present at the recent Australian Assembly, expressed the warm appreciation of the Darwin Guide folk for the wonderful support given by their fellow Guides in other States.

### GUIDE SHOP

Copies of the following are now available;

Asia Pacific Newsletter No. 5	20 cents
World Bureau Newsletter No. 8	5 cents

## FOR DIVISION COMMISSIONERS

Have you remembered that this year's "Div. Meeting" will be held at Headquarters on **Tuesday, 29th July**. Come along at **10.00 a.m.** to get to know one another better and spend the day thinking along the theme of "Women at Work — how can this help us". There will be a Question Box and a Training Session, as well as an interesting "Outside" speaker. A light luncheon at a small cost will be available and the meeting is planned to finish at 3.00 p.m. Please advise Mrs. M. B. Brereton, 346 Lancefield Road, Tullamarine, 3043, of your acceptance by 22nd July. Overnight hospitality will be arranged if required.

## NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SONG

This is Entertainment.

This Show is for you.

Be a part of it.

### STATE FINALS

**When —** Saturday, 26th July, 1975.

**Where —** Malvern Town Hall, corner Glenferrie Road and High Street, Malvern.

**Who —** **EVERYONE** — Mums, Dads, Cousins, Aunts, Friends, relatives and neighbours! Come and support the Finalists.

**Program —** Brownies — 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Solo and small Groups — 4.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.

Guides and Rangers — 7.15 p.m.-9.30 p.m.

**How —** Admittance by ticket, available from Headquarters or Ticket Secretary, Miss Heather Cathcart, 20 Harrow Street, Box Hill, 3128. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of tickets. State which session you require. (See enclosed application form.)

**Price —** Adults — 30 cents.  
Members of the Movement and Children — 20 cents.  
(Performers — no charge.)

**Ushers —** Volunteers needed — please state your willingness to help — contact the Ticket Secretary.

### GRAND FINALE

**When —** Saturday, 23rd August, 1975.

**Where —** Dallas Brooks Hall.

**What —** State finalists from all over **Australia** will put on a Concert for the people lucky enough to be there —

**Who —** make sure you and the **GIRLS** in **YOUR UNIT** are amongst them.

**Further details of this exciting National Final will be advised next month but start organising yourselves to get there now.**



# TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

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

## FORTHCOMING COURSES

Please note that the **Stage 1 Course at Dandenong** (19th/20th July and 9th/10th August) and **Stage 1 Course at Headquarters** (12th/13th July and 2nd/3rd August) are **FULL**. No more applications will be accepted for either Training.

### Stage 1 — Wodonga

Weekends — 19th/20th July and 16th/17th August. Time: 10.00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applications to Mrs. D. Hamilton, "Hamilton Park", South Wangaratta, 3677, by 29th June.

### Stage 1 — Geelong

Weekends — 19th/20th July and 9th/10th August. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. A. Bell, 1 Layton Crescent, Newtown, 3220, by 29th June.

### First Aid Course

Evenings — Monday, 7th July; Tuesday, 15th July and Monday, 21st July. Location — Overport Guide Hall, Overport Road, Frankston. Also **Renewal Test** for holders of First Aid Certificate on Tuesday, 19th July — 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. F. H. Bucknell, P.O. Box 46, Mt. Martha, 3934 by 1st July.

## CHANGES IN SCHEDULED PROGRAM

**Yarragon** — Stage 2 (26th/27th July and 16th/17th August). Please note applications should be sent to Mrs. W. Thomson, Hamilton Street, Thorpdale, 3835.

**Wodonga** — Stage 2 Please note this course has been cancelled.

**Warracknabeal** — Stage 3 Please note this Course has been cancelled.

**Cheltenham** — **Ceremonial**. Please note that this training will now be held on 19th August.

## FUTURE TRAININGS (Further information in July "Matilda").

Stage 2 — Barwon Region — 13th/14th September and 18th/19th October.

Stage 2 — Western Border Region — 27th/28th September and 1st/2nd November.

Stage 3 — Barwon Region — 27th/28th September and 18th/19th October.

## CAMPFIRE CLUB

Meetings will be held on 10th July and 14th August at Headquarters, 8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.



## HELP COMPILE OUR ARCHIVES

After many years work the Victorian Archives Sub-Committee has recorded history of the Movement in a form to which we hope it will be easy to refer.

Facts and records are the bare bones of history, and to quote Miss Patsy Adam Smith of the Latrobe Library, "... it is personal anecdotes which clothe the bare bones with flesh and make our history come alive." Personal memories are being lost and forgotten, could you let us have yours?

We have heard that in 1921 a Vicar in Gippsland sent to England for a copy of "Girl Guiding". This book was borrowed by a young teacher who copied it in long hand, so she could take it to another part of Victoria.

At the first Commissioner's Conference held at Macedon, young guiders and members of Melbourne University Cadet company were orderlies to make beds, clean belts, badges and shoes for the Commissioners (you called them Madam!) Hot water bottles were the order of the day and huge boilers of water were set on the big wood range to fill the "hotties". Consternation one morning when Q.M. found soup stock missing! Congratulations to Q.M. — it must have been very clear stock.

Snippets such as these will make our history live, so please let us have your memories. Remember it is not only the distant past we need to record — YESTERDAY IS HISTORY.



Mrs. Olive Robson has been leader of 2nd Newport Brownie Pack for 18 years. She resigned on the Saturday just before her death, even though she had been ill for many months. She has always been involved with children. She was an active member of the Newport State School and Kindergarten Parents Groups. A hard worker in her Church, she enjoyed membership of the Women's Fellowship, sang in the choir and was a Deaconess at the Newport Baptist Church.

She was truly a friend to all and will be sadly missed.

JOY SLEEMAN,  
1st Newport Guides.



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### Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs. B. Fox, 1st Parkmore; Mrs. K. Grant, 1st Bruthen; Miss C. Cafarella, 2nd Highett; Mrs. P. Hutchinson, 1st Scoresby; Mrs. D. J. Hilyear, 1st Keysborough; Mrs. L. Roser, 2nd Mt. Waverley; Miss J. E. Kean, 3rd Pascoe Vale; Miss G. Alford, 3rd Oakleigh; Mrs. J. Lavery, 5th Colac; Miss W. Lanyon, 6th Kew; Mrs. R. W. Holt, 3rd Noble Park; Mrs. J. Rosenthal, 3rd West Doncaster; Mrs. R. Ferguson, 1st Bayswater.

### Brownie Guiders

Mrs. J. R. Gladstone, 4th Mulgrave; Mrs. D. Mold, 1st Yea; Mrs. V. W. Brew, 1st Rochester; Mrs. K. Rowell, 2nd Lilydale; Mrs. J. Biggs, 2nd Sale; Mrs. D. B. Dixon, 2nd Wonga Park; Mrs. L. King, 1st Kyabram; Mrs. J. Shepherd, 1st Sea Lake; Mrs. R. Marshall, 1st Ensay; Mrs. C. Muller, 1st Bruthen; Mrs. I. H. Burger, 2nd Hamilton;

Miss M. Capewell, 1st Elmore; Mrs. C. Robins, 2nd Oakleigh; Mrs. M. Farrell, 2nd South Oakleigh; Mrs. E. Whinney, 2nd Ferntree Gully; Mrs. R. O'Bryan, 1st Bennettswood; Mrs. E. J. Austin, 1st Boolara; Mrs. E. J. Tuohill, 3rd Belmont; Mrs. J. C. Russell, 1st Mt. Waverley; Mrs. R. R. Umbers, 1st Yarrawonga.

### Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. K. E. Cameron, 4th Mulgrave; Miss J. White, 3rd Highett; Mrs. R. W. Hamilton, 5th Pascoe Vale; Mrs. S. R. Worden, 1st Bruthen; Mrs. F. Smith, 1st Minyip; Mrs. P. Roddenby, 1st Parkville; Mrs. R. Leach, 1st Rowville; Mrs. G. Harvey, 1st Woorinen South; Mrs. C. W. Swanton, 1st Clunes; Miss E. C. Moncrieff, 1st Elmore; Mrs. L. A. Walker, 1st Tullamarine; Mrs. D. Morris, 1st Tongala; Miss M. Clarke, 4th Bayswater; Mrs. R. D. Knight, 3rd Cheltenham; Mrs. G. L. Heeps, 1st Mt. Waverley.



# THE SHOP GUIDE

## HANDCRAFTS FOR WINTER PROGRAMMES

Brownies Make Things No. 1 ... ..	0.50
Brownies Make Things No. 2 ... ..	0.50
Brownies Make Things No. 3 ... ..	0.50
Brownies Make Things No. 4 ... ..	0.50
Make it with Milk and Cream Cartons	0.55
Make it with Cotton Yard Goods ... ..	0.50
Make it with Egg Shells and Egg Cartons ... ..	0.50
Make it with Cardboard ... ..	0.50
Make it with Socks and Stockings ...	0.50
Make it with Cereal Boxes, Cereals and Macaroni ... ..	0.60
Make it with Coffee Cans ... ..	0.50
Make it with Chenille Stems ... ..	0.60
Make it with Soda Straws ... ..	0.60
Make it with Yarn ... ..	0.60
Make it with Paper Plates ... ..	0.60
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Paper Projects ... ..	0.50
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Seasonal Party Table Decorations ... ..	0.50
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Christmas Decorations: From grocery store products and cartons ... ..	0.55
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You will never find a worse patient than  
when you are nursing a grudge.

## "GOORIANA" (LET US GO!) BUS TREK

West Sunraysia and Mallee Guides left from Merbein and guides were picked up at Ouyen and Tempy. We travelled on to St. Arnaud and had Lunch in the park and watched the ducks on the pond. Then on to Lingbogel, our base for the Bus Trek.

On Sunday we went sightseeing around Ballarat, to Lake Wendouree where we fed the swans and saw the place where the Olympic Games rowing events were held. On to the Shell House, the famous gardens, and Eureka Stockade.

On Monday, we went to Geelong, passing Fyansford cement factory and ten cargo ships anchored in Corio Bay. Some of the girls had not seen the sea before. The toilet cost as 1c. for guides and 2c. for guiders. In to Torquay for a bar-be-cue lunch and we had a swim in the sea, which was cold. On the way home we went to a museum where they had a dark room with all different coloured coral.

Next day we went to Sovereign Hill and spent all day there. We panned for gold and had a camp fire with guides and rangers from Ballarat and Creswick.

Wednesday saw us leave Lingbogel for Melbourne, where we went shopping, including visiting the Guide Shop. At the I.C.I. Building we saw over Melbourne from the top floor. On to the Zoo and Tullamarine airport.

We slept in next morning but in the afternoon went to Daylesford and Hepburn Springs tasting the Mineral Water which had a tangy taste. At Castlemaine we went to the Market where much information about gold is on display.

On Friday we went through the Arch of Victory and the Avenue of Honour in Ballarat, on to Great Western and Seppelts, where a lady showed us around the champagne cellars. On to Stawell and Halls Gap, where we passed the Elephant hide rocks.

Montrose Cottage was another point of interest and a guide explained all about the cottage. At Kryal Castle we saw the old sport of jousting, and we also bought some hot bread and it was beautiful. At the castle there were many different little shops, and all the people were dressed in medieval costumes.

I thank all the Guiders for putting up with me! This was my first camp and I really enjoyed myself.

Marie Anderson,  
1st Ouyen Guide Company.