

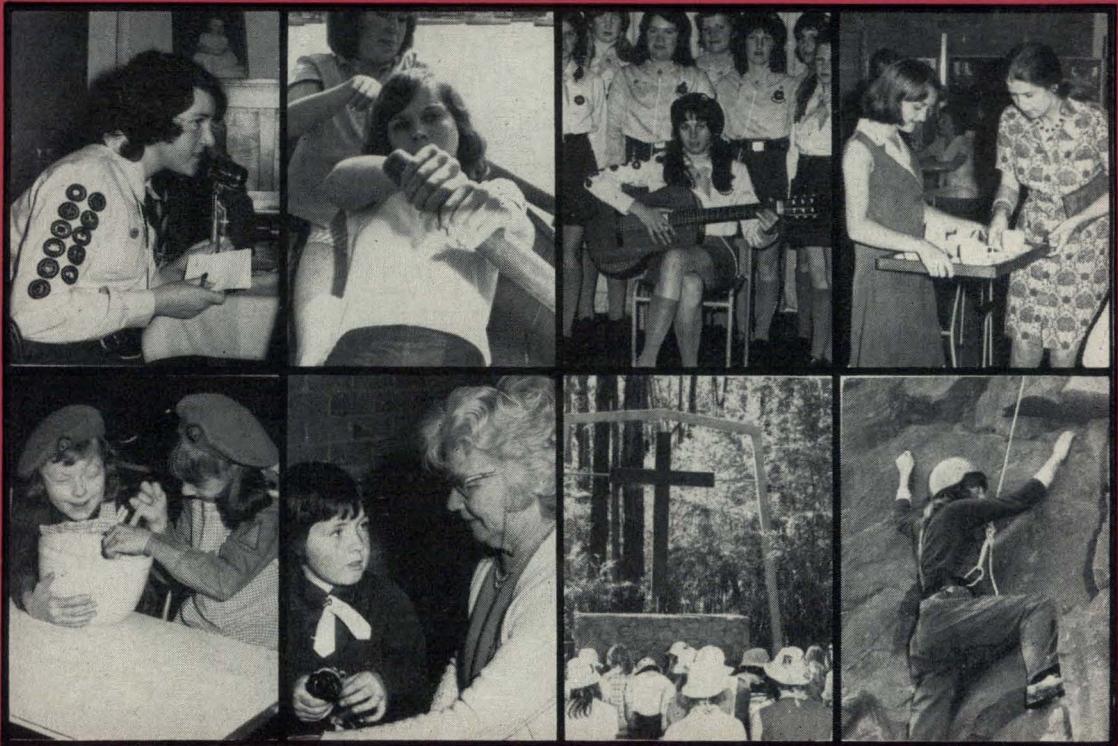
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GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA



*The State Commissioner, Mrs F. S. Grimwade,
and Members of the State Council
of the Girl Guides Association, Victoria
invite you to attend*

The Annual General Meeting

*to be held at the Kew Civic Centre, Coltham Road, Kew,
in the presence of Lady Winneke
on Monday, 25th October, 1976, at 8.00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Pam Kerr, B.A., B.D., DIP.ED., D.P.S.

Acceptances to State Secretary,
20 Russell Street, Melbourne, by 18th October.

GUIDERS, COMMISSIONERS, LOCAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS,
TREFOIL GUILTERS, FAMILIES, PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Please accept this as a personal invitation
and support your State Association by
coming to this meeting.

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From our Acting State Commissioner

Dear Everyone,

By the time this reaches you, our State Commissioner will be back with us after her wonderful trip away with Fred; the Mini-Olympics and visit of our Chief Commissioner to Victoria will be over; and I will have just taken off with Doug, on a business trip overseas. There is never a dull moment in Guiding — something is always happening, but isn't it better that way? The busier one is, the happier he/she is and the more satisfying and rewarding is life in general.

How pleased we will all be to see Joan back safely with us. She will, no doubt, have so much to tell us of Guiding and general interest, and I am sure there will be many snippets in her future letters to you.

The Commissioners' Open Day was a very happy and informative occasion. We were pleased to welcome over 90 Commissioners as well as some of our Advisers. Our Ranger Adviser gave more details of the change in age groups and the Commissioners were glad of the opportunity to ask further questions on this topical subject. They also enjoyed getting together in discussion groups and learning a little more of their particular role in Guiding.

We are finding as we move around the State that the new age groups are generally being accepted very well, and any concern felt in smaller areas is gradually being ironed out. Some Ranger units have already split into their two groups and are looking forward to a wider and more varied program.

A "Tune In on Change" evening was held at Headquarters to assist Guiders to further understand and learn more about the changes, and another similar evening is being planned for October. These gatherings are important to give our Guiders the opportunity to have their questions answered by the Advisers and to enjoy discussions with one another on this subject.

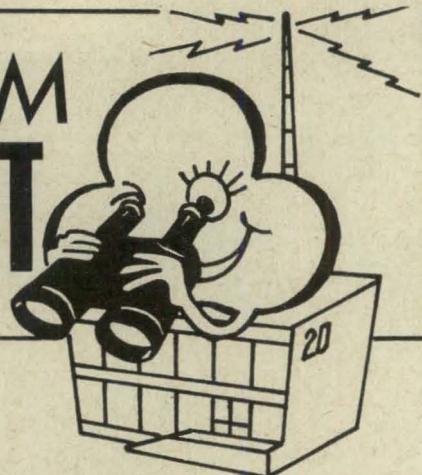
I had the pleasure of chairing the South Eastern and South Metropolitan Regions Campsite Annual Meeting in the well-appointed East Bentleigh Guide Hall. It was pleasing to hear of the wonderful support being given for the development and maintenance of the Campsite at Tynong North by so many interested friends.

Doug, and I spent a pleasant long weekend in Mildura recently, the reason for our visit being for me to attend, with Doris Carter and Jean Twist, the Sunraysia Region Conference. We enjoyed meeting many Guiders, Commissioners and Local Association members for the first time and were grateful for the delicious casserole luncheon provided by the Werrimull Local Association ladies. Werrimull District, one of the smaller Districts in the Region, hosted the Conference and it was wonderful to see what a good job such a small, but very active area can do. As always at these Conferences, the Shop was a very popular spot over lunch hour.

For those Guiders unable to attend the Conference, a social evening was arranged on the Sunday for us to meet them and for them to have the benefit of the Shop too. They were most grateful to Doris for setting out the Shop early in the evening, and some came straight from their training weekend to purchase items they had been told about during their sessions. We enjoyed meeting some of the Rangers at this gathering also. On this occasion we were grateful to the Mildura South Local Association ladies and some of the Guides who provided the tasty

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REPORTING FROM RUSSELL STREET



GUIDERS' CONFERENCE, 9th OCTOBER

This Conference is for **Guiders of all Sections**. **Applications** are about to close, so send yours **immediately** if you have not already done so. See August "Matilda" for **Programme** and **application form**.

TUNE-IN-ON-CHANGE

If you want to learn more about the age-group change and all that it will mean to your girls and to Guiding, apply now for the next Tune-In-On-Change night, 5th October, at Headquarters at 7.45 p.m. Applications to Secretary to Advisers, please.

INTERNATIONAL

An invitation has been received to send one adult Leader and two Ranger Guides to the Sri Lanka Diamond Jubilee International Camp — 26th March-1st April, 1977. Closing date — 11th October, 1976. Further information and Application Forms (stating whether Leader or Ranger Guide) from the Secretary to Advisers, on receipt of stamped, self-addressed envelope.

AUSTRALIAN GIRL GUIDE CALENDAR 1977

By the time you read this, the Calendar orders will be available for collection at Headquarters. The Calendar Sub-Committee would be grateful if you could collect your orders as soon as possible.

This year the Calendars will again cost you 55 cents each and are to be sold at a common selling price of 85 cents. The Invoice for your order is enclosed in the parcel and you are requested to make payment on this Invoice within 30 days.

SHOP NEWS

The following publications are now available:
1976 P.O. & R. \$1.00
The Why and How of Local Associations 60c

THE COUNCIL FIRE

Do you subscribe to 'The Council Fire', the quarterly magazine of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts? It always contains a feast of interesting Guide news from all corners of the world and we strongly recommend it to you. Headquarters will take subscriptions and remit them to the World Bureau during the month of October, so apply now if you wish to become a regular subscriber. It will only cost you \$2.00 for the four editions of 1977, or \$5.50 for a three-year period.

FINANCIAL HELP FOR CAMPERS

Do you know of the T. C. Lothian Trust?

Are you aware of the help you can obtain for girls who wish to attend camps, etc., but cannot do so for lack of finance? Money from this Trust is available to assist in certain circumstances and we would be glad if Commissioners and Guiders would make this Trust and the opportunities available from it better known. For full details and forms, please write to "The T. C. Lothian Trust", c/o Mrs. B. McNally, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.

COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS YOUTH PROGRAMME

The Australian Government is calling for nominations for two young Leaders between the ages of 18 and 35 years to share in the Commonwealth of Nations Youth Programme by attending a 9-10 months course in India to further their qualifications in youth work. Anyone interested should contact the State Secretary for further information before the end of September.

AGE GROUP CHANGES

18- to 25- year-old Rangers

With the change in age groups, only one group has a new program. This is the 18- to 25-year-old Ranger group, which remains within the umbrella of the Ranger Section.

An 18-year-old is legally an adult, and, as such, is permitted such activities as driving and voting, that often bring changes in behaviour and responsibilities not available to younger girls. There are many girls over 18 for whom Rangers provide fun, friendship and new interests; and as most Rangers leave the Section at about 18 for many reasons, including studies, pressure of friends and other interests, it is apparent that a flexible, personal program for this group must be evolved.

As all members of this group are adults, and as some are already leaders in Guiding, Scouting or other groups, it should not be necessary to have an adult leader with this group. Instead, one of the group will become the leader and an older adult will be available as a consultant/counsellor, from whom the group may seek help, advice and direction when needed.

This 18- to 25-year-old Ranger group will have the same system of self government as is currently used by Ranger Guides, that is, the Unit in Council, elected office bearers and special committees, standing and ad hoc.

Guidelines for the program for this group are as follows, and will need to be worked out to suit the needs of each group.

- Social activities ● Service projects
- Community involvement ● Personal development ● Interpersonal relationships
- Training for leadership ● Sporting/fitness activities.

Each of these broad areas may be further subdivided into many areas of action.

Following are suggestions which may be used in formulating and implementing the program—

- (a) The Ranger Handbook.
- (b) Events organised by/for the Ranger Section.
- (c) Special subjects trainings held by Training Department.
- (d) Leadership certificates.
- (e) Duke of Edinburgh Award — gold or silver level.

- (f) Trainings and courses run by other organisations, Council of Adult Education, Scouts, St. John's, Y.M.C.A., National Fitness, Youth Hostels, Rotary, etc.
- (g) Membership of community, service, welfare organisations, such as Red Cross, Life Line, Good Neighbour Council, etc.
- (h) Facilities offered by sporting groups, squash, gliding, bushwalking, etc.
- (i) Qualifications with the Girl Guides Association — camping, boating.
- (j) Qualifications with other organisations, Royal Life Saving Society, etc.
- (k) Social and relaxation opportunities and invitations to and from other groups, e.g., dinner parties, theatre nights, seminars, dances, etc.

The needs of each member of the group must be constantly considered, and for this reason it is possible that no two units will be exactly alike. Membership is open to . . .

- Rangers 18 years and over
- Ex-Rangers 18 years and over
- Young leaders
- Any young person interested in the program.

Rangers 18 to 25 years will be under the umbrella of the Ranger Section and as members of the Girl Guide Association will abide by the policy of the association, and be subject to such things as reports and membership fees. The group will have direct representation at District, Division or Region level, depending on the level at which the group is formed.

There will be a 'core' group in each unit, made up of Invested Ranger members of the Girl Guides Association, and responsible to the Ranger Adviser and the Training Adviser. Associate membership is open to any young person interested in the program, whether or not he/she has previously been a member of the Movement. These Rangers must be permitted, encouraged and assisted to develop into an outward-looking group, involved in the community in as many areas as possible, and committed to the ideals of the Guide Association.

ACTING STATE COMMISSIONER'S LETTER (continued from page 67)

casseroles and desserts for tea. I am hoping to receive some of the recipes for these dishes soon for the Local Association Section's Recipe Corner.

Sunraysia Region is a very active, happy one, with many young leaders being recruited in recent months. It was most encouraging to hear how far some had travelled to the Conference. It showed the interest Guiding holds in this Region.

One of the last functions Lysbeth and I attended before the end of second term was the Extension Auxiliary Annual Meeting. It was marvellous to hear of all the activities being carried out by our handicapped Brownies, Guides and Rangers from Dot Renard, in her last annual report as our Extension Adviser. Dot completes her term of office at the end of this year and at the meeting was thanked by everyone for all she had done for the Extension Section over the past five years. One of the highlights of this year was their Swimming Carnival held in April, and now they are looking forward to their own Mini-Olympics to be held on 18th September at Huntingtower School, Mt. Waverley. These promise to be very exciting and well worth going along to watch. Unfortunately, I will be unable to be there, as Doug. and I expect to be in London by then, but I will be most interested to hear all about them.

This is my last letter to you and I must say how much I have enjoyed having this closer contact with you all. However, I am very happy to hand back to Joan after quite a busy term, and I'm sure you will all be pleased to read her letters once again.

With very best wishes,

Jean Oldfield



WORLD SCOUT MOVEMENT WINS TOP PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

The World Scout Movement, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, was named winner of the award for "the most outstanding international public relations program during 1975" by the 7000-member Public Relations Society of America. The announcement and presentation of the trophy, called the "Silver Anvil", were made in Chicago recently.

The project honored was called "Join-In Jamboree" (J.I.J.). The 14th World Scout Jamboree ("NORDJAMB") was held in Norway last year with 15,000 Scouts from over 100 countries. The "Join-In Jamboree" was an attempt to share the international experience of NORDJAMB with the 99.9% of Scouting's 15 million members worldwide who could not be in Norway.

Details of NORDJAMB's activities, program and menus were distributed through 230 national Scout periodicals (31 languages, 65 million annual circulation) and by the network of over 6000 Scout amateur radio stations. The World Scout Bureau estimates that two to three million Scouts had J.I.J. experiences ranging from Cub Scout afternoon meetings with international themes to complete encampments held simultaneously with NORDJAMB.

K. KENTOPP,
Boy Scouts World Bureau,
Geneva, Switzerland.

COMMISSIONERS

Meet us at Monash University for the Commissioners' Conference on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 1977.

Look for a program of total involvement and activity.

Watch "Matilda" for further details.
Plan to be in it!

KNOW YOUR REGIONS

Guiding is to be found in all parts of Victoria. It involves people in bustling cities and remote country areas.

At conferences, trainings, camps and other gatherings we come to know people who are guiding in the 26 Regions of our State.

Through our archives we can trace the his-

tory and development of the Movement in these areas.

Following is the first in a series of articles depicting a little of the history and development of the localities within which Brownie Guides, Guides, Ranger Guides, Rangers and their leaders are sharing in their heritage as Australian Guides.

West Metropolitan Region.

There can be no account of the West Metropolitan Region without mentioning the first settlement which took place on 2nd June, 1835, upon a low and uninspiring peninsula, firstly named the Anchorage and in 1836 renamed Williamstown, after King William IV.

The life force responsible for creation of the settlement was the ageless and untamed sea, coupled with the struggles and traditions of the ships and the men who sailed upon it. In 1864 the Alfred Graving Dock was opened and today, owned by the Royal Australian Navy, 2000 men are employed there. It is the oldest working dockyard in the Southern Hemisphere.

The stable population in Williamstown now is the result of generations being born and living their entire lives within the confines of the municipality. It is a cohesive community which regards an insult to one as a slight upon the whole. Municipalities are not dead masses of buildings. They are the people who dwell within.

Travelling away from the sea to the north and north-west are the industrial cities. Every conceivable industry is there, a wide variety of parks and gardens; industrialists are encouraged to landscape their factory areas; children's playgrounds seem to be everywhere; and a street tree planting scheme pushed ahead in latter years has produced delightful results. The well-planned cities of industry with their permanently constructed roads and excellent shopping centres play an integral part in the Western Metropolis, which is often termed the "Birmingham of Australia".

Throughout the Region youth have an abundance of facilities to prepare them as future citizens, from primary school right through to technical diploma standard without leaving their area. Every denomination can be found and all enjoy strong and loyal congregations. All sports are catered for, including golf, bowling, swimming. Libraries, creches, hospitals and symphony orchestras, all are part of the West.

Travelling further out to the south-west is the Royal Australian Air Force base, State Research Farm, and the sprawling dairy farms, orchards and sheep — this area is growing rapidly with home building, schools and shopping centres.

All predictions regarding the future are speculative, but the West looks to its future with ever-increasing community spirit.

JOAN NIKOLIEV.





Dear Friends of Britannia Park,

The elm tree in front of Guide House has been cut back to the height of the eaves. There are several reasons for this action taken by the Britannia Park Committee.

Officers of the Forestry Commission have complained about the tree with its branches overhanging a large area of Guide House, and warned us to do something about it before there was a catastrophe. They pointed out the areas of disease visible on some of the limbs.

There were over twelve tons of wood in the branches hanging directly over the House. The possibility of serious injury or death should the tree, or part of it, crash on to Guide House, and the fire which could start because of cut electric wires, was very real.

The Country Fire Authority has requested that all trees be cleared to a distance of 20 feet from Guide House and, in fact, all buildings. So far we have been able to stall on this request except for the elm tree.

MARGARET TUCKER,
Convenor—Britannia Park Committee.

FOR SALE

As new Commissioner Jacket and Skirt, size 18, \$25; Summer Dress, size 18, \$12.

Please contact Mrs. G. Chatham, 28 Mouchmore Avenue, St. Leonards, 3223.

DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

In future issues of Matilda it is hoped to give information that will be of general interest and also to include reproductions of pictures that will be of help to those working for the Guide Knowledge Interest Badge. The display on the shelves in the Members' Lounge at Guide Headquarters during July was done by a Guide as part of her test for this badge, and showed among many interesting objects a picture of the Guides of India, the famous regiment from which we take our name. Other items of interest were on loan to the Archives: one of the first Guide badges, with the letters B.P. where the modern ones have a star, and an 'identity' label issued to a Scout to attend the meeting in July 1912, when the founder paid his first visit to Melbourne. Perhaps one day something will turn up connected with his inspection of three groups of Girl Guides at the Melbourne Fire Station during that week. We have pictures of two of the groups, but I do not know of any photographs actually taken at the Fire Station meeting.

In the early days of Guiding, both here and in Great Britain, there were many Guide companies in schools, and in the Archives I found a picture of the Guides of the C.E.G.G.S. at The Hermitage, Geelong, taken in 1921, the company was registered on 12th July, 1921. I have read a reference to 66 girls being enrolled at the same time at this company, so I counted the girls in the picture. There were 69 of them, and the only one wearing a Guide badge was the Guider, recognisable by her hat turned up on one side. I wonder if this photo was taken on the day of their first enrolment?

Recently I was asked — the question came from a Brownie through her Commissioner — why Guiders wore the State badge over the **left** eye on the beret. I assumed it followed on from the days when the brim of the hat was turned up on the left, but why was it the left, rather than the right? Does anyone know if it just followed up the custom of army hats in the Anglo-Boer war of 1899-1902 being turned up on that side? If anyone knows the correct answer I hope it will be passed on to me.

MARY LAMBE,
State Archivist.

SNAKES

I am SO proud of the Guides in my unit, I just HAVE to write about them!

After all, it's not EVERY Guide company that gets to spend a whole weekend camping with a real live tiger snake!

The girls found the snake basking beside the track at our Sherbrook River campsite and immediately put into practice the training they had received for such an occasion.

Without panic or fear they took their adult leader to where the beautifully coloured reptile lay coiled in the sun.

They were able to see at first hand how quickly he disappeared if we stamped our feet or thumped the ground with a stick.

A man from a Reptile Park is coming to capture him and take him to a safer area where there are no children.

Snakes are probably the most hated and misunderstood creatures in our world, yet they too play a part in the scheme of things. Without snakes, those mice we saw climbing on the store tent at camp would multiply rapidly and become a dreadful nuisance and a health hazard. (On the other hand, if HUMAN BEINGS did not leave food scraps about the mice would not be there either ! !)

Snakes are certainly dangerous, but they do not go about hunting for people to bite. After all, the snake bites to inject venom to paralyse his prey so he can have a meal — and human beings really are too large for him to eat!

So snakebites on people are just dreadful accidents caused by the reptile being frightened or hurt by someone who did not have his eyes open when in snake territory. Proper boots, thick socks and trousers and a wide-awake mind are sensible precautions in the bush. Thump your feet if you suspect snakes to be in the area where you are hiking. Avoid swamps where snakes may be feeding on frogs, even at night.

Since many species of snakes are becoming extinct, legislation is to be introduced for their protection. There is NO NEED to KILL a snake — the bush is big enough for both of you. Just warn him of your approach and he will give you right of way — he is more scared of YOU than you are of him!

And, finally, learn how to treat snakebite — your leaders should be able to teach you. And, above all, DO NOT PANIC.

If you panic when you meet a snake you are more likely to make a foolish move and possibly be bitten. If you panic when you ARE bitten your heart beats faster and the poison is carried faster to the vital areas of your body.

Take a lead from the Terang Guides — call an adult if you find a snake. Stay well away from him and, if he moves, then you move too . . . but in the OPPOSITE direction.

ANNE L. FRASER.



CALLING ALL LEADERS

BROWNIE LEADERS, GUIDE LEADERS, RANGER LEADERS, COMMISSIONERS.

Have you ever wished you could go hiking like the Rangers?

Here is your chance to try it. **A Hike for Leaders** has been arranged for the weekend of 13th-14th November, 1976. An easy walk in the Baw Baw area (about 15 miles), carrying your pack and sleeping out in one- or two-man tents.

If sufficient applications are received transport will be by bus, otherwise by private cars.

LEAVING Guide Headquarters at 8 a.m. Saturday, 13th November.

RETURNING to Guide Headquarters about 6 p.m. Sunday, 14th November.

COST: Bus or car fare only. (You bring your own food.)

WRITE TO: Mrs. Nan Squire, 1 Salmon Road, Boronia, 3155 (762 1846), giving your name, unit, address, telephone number and any queries.

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for kit list and further details. WRITE BEFORE 16th OCTOBER.



COME TO CAMP WITH US

I was invited by Benalla Guides to go with them to camp at Britannia Park.

The first night at camp we slept out in a tent. The other two nights we slept in Brownie Cottage.

The Benalla Guides were really great, I soon knew them all.

Each evening we had campfire in front of the big open fire. On the last night we joined another camp for campfire. These girls were from Alexandra.

The nature at Britannia Park was really unbelievable. Birds were around us all the time, we even saw two satin bower-birds and a man told us he once saw three lyrebirds there.

Camp is really great fun.

JULIE FRENCH,
7th Victorian Lone Guide Unit.

GUIDING FOR 30 YEARS

All units in Geelong City District, Local Association members, parents and friends, joined with 10th Geelong (St. Matthew's) Brownie Pack for a special surprise evening for their Guider, Mrs. Joan Miles.

Guides and adults joined in horseshoe formation around a central Brownie Ring. The candlelight ceremony traced the history of Mrs. Miles' association with the 10th Pack and Company.

She was then presented with her 30 years long service bar by the District Commissioner, Mrs. Nolan. Caroline Large and Sharen Doull, on behalf of all present, then gave Mrs. Miles silver candlesticks and beautiful flowers. Following the ceremony Mrs. Muriel Head showed a film to promote the Guide Mini Olympic Games.

Supper was then served by the Guides.

N. NOLAN,
District Commissioner.

WE ARE ON THE GO!

Recently 1st Springvale Guides held very successful demonstration sessions at the Springvale City Library.

During the week five different displays were put on. Each night a different Guide theme was used, including first aid, camping and arts and crafts. These displays aroused much public interest and everyone enjoyed them.

We are looking forward to a "Pioneer Day" (when many tasks of the yester-years will be displayed — spinning, weaving and a cow being milked by a milk-maid), a social night and a skill-ar-ana day with the local Scouts.

J. BELL,
1st Springvale Guide Company.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Tallangatta Guides recently helped the Royal Children's Hospital with the proceeds of a street stall. They were well supported by local shopkeepers and community members.

The Guides also took part in the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

G. LANG.



CAMP "URALBA"

Reunion for Camp Staff and Central Staff Members only.

When? — 7.30 p.m. Saturday, 9th October (after Guiders' Conference).

Where? — Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne. (Tea and coffee facilities available should you care to have your tea there prior to the reunion.)

Bring your slides and photographs of the camp to share.

Please reply to Mrs. B. De Marchi, 2 Keogh Street, Burwood, 3125, by 30th September if you intend joining what promises to be a happy evening of reminiscence.

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TRAINING PAGES

CAMPING and PACK HOLIDAYS- Parents' Meeting

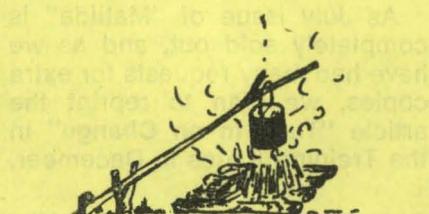
Please remember your Camp Advisers are always willing to help and advise on all local camping queries.

Regulations controlling camping are made with a view to safeguarding health and safety of the girls. It is necessary for a leader to obtain appropriate camping qualifications before taking her Guides on a camp or holiday. (Refer P.O. & R.)

A form requesting permission to camp must be filled in by the Guider and approval of Commissioner and Camp Adviser obtained before the camp/holiday is held.

Approval of the Guides' parents or guardians must also be obtained. Special Parents' Permission Forms for this purpose may be purchased from the Guide Shop.

To allow parents opportunity to discuss with you all aspects of the camp/pack holiday it is necessary to hold a parents' meeting. Not only does this meeting save time, but questions raised by one parent may help another. Like any well-run meeting — informal or otherwise — it is a good idea to draw up an agenda to help you to run your meeting in orderly sequence.



Sample Agenda:

1. Welcome — Introduce Staff — explain to parents the qualifications and training you and other staff members have.

This will re-assure parents that though camp/holiday appeals greatly to the girls' sense of adventure, the health, safety and happiness of the girls is your first concern.

2. Apologies — Absentees. Please note these and follow up with personal contact.

3. Aim of Camp/Holiday. Extension of Unit program — provides opportunity to put into use practical skills learned — Guides learn to live and play together — to give and take and have opportunity to see their plans come to fruition.

4. Where the Camp/Holiday is to be held — facilities available — directions for getting there — address of nearest Post Office for mail — Visitors' Day explained.

5. Duties of Guides during Camp/Holiday. Stress that girls have helped in the planning of their camp/holiday and are quite happy with allotted duties — explain what these duties are and at unit meetings prior to camp/holiday girls will be trained in the necessary skills.

6. Show parents a sample day's program.

7. Tell of rules girls have decided on.

CAMPING AND PACK HOLIDAYS

8. Cost of Camp/Holiday.

Explain that costs include transport, rental, food, cleaning materials, etc., hand-craft materials, small treats, treasure hunts, log book, etc.

I always mention that a balance sheet will be presented at the end of camp/holiday.

Date when Permission Form and Deposit monies need to be in by.

Tell if pocket money is necessary.

9. Health Forms.

Go through **Health Form** — to be filled in day before camp/holiday. All medications to be handed to **First Aider**.

First Aid Kit List — read out all things on first aid kit list — gives parents an opportunity to say if any girl is allergic to anything on list.

N.B. I have a Guide allergic to band aids. Ask about any other allergies — bee sting — fly spray — suntan creams — mosquito repellent — detergent — bush or shrub allergies.

Ask if there are any bed-wetters — tell about arrangements.

Do the girls understand about menstruation?

Tetanus injections — when are boosters due?

Any sleep walkers? — at all times important, but especially when double-decker bunks are in use on holiday.

Ambulance membership — are parents members of any ambulance scheme?

Arrangements made for illness

First Aider on Staff and a doctor on call. Parents will be notified immediately if their child has need of medical attention.

Homesick Child

Assure parents that homesickness is not at all common — the Guides are with friends and adults they know well.

Food allergies

Q.M. likes to know if any girl is allergic to certain foods, also if there are any foods not acceptable for religious or ethnic reasons.

As girls have helped plan their own menu it is generally accepted that apart from foods they cannot eat — everyone must have a go.

10. Swimming.

Tell whether swimming is to take place and of necessary precautions — explain life savers' qualifications.

11. Kit List.

Show appropriate camp uniform and explain if buying new slacks, shorts, etc., to purchase approved colours. Mention that a packet of dye can often do the job. **THONGS ARE NOT WORN.**

Emphasise that parents should let the Brownie Guides pack their own cases — part of Brownie program and an opportunity to put skill into practice. (Paste list of contents inside lid.)

Show a bedding roll, suitable pack or overnight bag, drawstring bag for mess gear.

STRESS THE NEED FOR ALL KIT TO BE NAMED.

Tell parents whether central or individual shoe and badge cleaning outfits are to be used.

12. Parents' Help.

Transport required to and fro.
Old net or curtain for food covers.
Old clothes for "dressing up".
Any donations of food, fruit, etc.

13. Any Questions?

14. Close Meeting.

Please do not limit your invitation to mothers only — ask the fathers along as well — their practical approach is tremendous.

Good luck with your next parents' meeting!

"TUNE IN ON CHANGE"

New Age Groups

As July issue of "Matilda" is completely sold out, and as we have had many requests for extra copies, we plan to reprint the article "Tune In on Change" in the Training Pages in December.

CEREMONIES

Ceremonies fulfil the need to bind together the fragments of our life — the special moments, the sorrows, the joys, the colours and the sounds — into a pattern with real meaning.

People celebrating together need:

- a sense of community
- involvement of feelings
- involvement of all their senses
- common images and focal points.

Have you ever watched:

- arrival of official guests at airport or Town Hall on television?
- crowning of Miss Australia or Miss Victoria?

- opening of the Olympic Games?

At some time each of us has attended:

- a wedding
- a 21st birthday party
- a funeral
- a religious service.

These celebrations are very special occasions in our lives. Some are formal, some informal. There are those that are spontaneous, those that are planned. What fun they can be!

In the Pack

Ceremonies form a very important part of Pack life. They make something that is routine into something that is exciting and special. There are three set ceremonies in the Pack:

- Promise Ceremony
- Brownie Guide Ring
- Pack Salute.

Brownie Guide Ring is usually done every week and so is the Pack Salute — the latter is given on any occasion the Pack think important, a winner of a game, a visitor to the Pack, etc. — appropriate words are used to suit the occasion.

For Brownie Guide Ring the Brownies will need to decide how to make the gate, where they should gather prior to going through the gate and in which order the sixes should go.

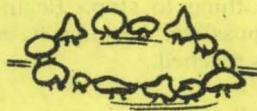
Pack Ceremonies are made up in the Pack Council or Pow Wow. The Guider may have to point out the need for a ceremony and give a little assistance, but the ideas will come and with the experience of planning and participating the Brownie Guide will gain in confidence and creativity.

It is important that the Brownies —

- (a) decide what they want,
- (b) create it,
- (c) carry it out.

Some ceremonies take minutes to plan while others may grow over several weeks or even months, some become a tradition in the Pack.

Occasions requiring ceremonies are: Opening and closing of unit meetings, welcome and farewell of visitors, badge presentations, opening and closing of Pow Wow, and when a Brownie moves on to the Guide company and a Guide to the Ranger unit.



Guide Companies and Ranger Units

What do your Guides and Rangers plan? Flags are very formal and if used correctly make an impressive contribution to ceremonies.

Guiders, please find out how to use them correctly, get expert advice. There are booklets and leaflets which are obtainable at Headquarters. You could refer to the Training Pages in 'Matilda' July 1975 — Flag Etiquette.

Have your Guides make up their own ceremony for collecting subscriptions. Guides and Rangers are good at creating their own ceremonies if they have a real interest in the project.

How does your unit "open" and "close"?

Guiders, encourage your girls to create ceremonies, to think for themselves. There is no time like the present, start now!

Reference Guiders' Leaflet "Ceremonies" — available from Headquarters.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO FIRST—

When breathing has stopped?

You are a First Aider with limited knowledge?

You are the only person at the time and the place. Breathing has stopped, do not panic, act quickly, try to get it going again with Expressed Air Resuscitation (E.A.R.). (See Training Pages, February 1976.) There are times other than drowning when E.A.R. can save a life, and here are some of them:

Poisoning

— inhalation of industrial gases. Get patient out of area as quickly as possible — do not venture into vaults unless you are protected. Heavy gases sink and you must protect yourself first.

house — if you suspect that poison has been taken by mouth, protect yourself by washing patient's face and covering with a folded handkerchief or close the mouth and breathe through the nose. Protect yourself first.

Bites

— snake, spider, blue ring octopus can all cause breathing to stop. Begin E.A.R. as soon as possible, keeping it going until hospital is reached.

Accidents

— crashes, falls and severe cuts — "stop the bleeding — start the breathing".

It is very important to apply pressure to the injury quickly to prevent loss of blood, then try to get patient breathing again. The throat can be crushed on a small person who falls against a car steering wheel and breathing can be restored by helping oxygen get past the obstruction. Even the victim, with a crushed rib cage, who is no longer breathing may be helped by E.A.R. For it will only be done if breathing has actually stopped.

When patient shows signs of breathing she must be kept under observation for shock or vomiting. Put her in the coma position to help her recovery, be ready to start E.A.R. again if it becomes necessary.

The First Aider is one who does what she can and should continue to give treatment until qualified help arrives.

Refer to Royal Life Saving Society, Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Society for further information.

Help yourself to 'Be Prepared' by furthering your own training this year.

Electric Shock

— turn off power supply first if patient is still in contact — use a stick or rope if you have to get patient away from a live power source. Do not panic, better one dead than two. Act quickly to begin E.A.R. Do not go for help — send someone else.

Drugs

— overdose, sniffing glue, petrol.

Suffocation

— smoke victims of a fire.

Choking

— if breathing has stopped you may be able to blow past the obstruction, and this is worth a try.

Heart Failure

— used with cardiac massage — it may help, the alternative is obvious.

Epileptic Fits

— clear the throat, the tongue may be stopping breathing.

DISTRICT DISCUSSION TOPIC



"Filling In Forms"

Often there are functions for which leaders or members of a unit wish to apply, such as Training, Camps, etc.

Do YOU always give FULL information as asked on Application Forms?

Do YOU return form PRIOR to day requested

OF COURSE YOU DO!

— OR DO YOU?

How about a filling-in-a-form-fun-night at your next District Meeting. District Commissioner could collect a variety of forms —

Challenge: "Who can fill in the form correctly?"

NATIONAL GATHERING of TREFOIL GUILDS

The second National Gathering of Trefoil Guilds is to be held this year at Britannia Park 22nd-24th October.

Theme for the Conference will be "The Quality of Life" and will commence with a Dinner at Guide Headquarters on Friday evening. The official opening of the Gathering will be by Miss Mary Lambie, Chief Commissioner for Australia.

Already interstate applications have been received and it is hoped that many will accept hospitality and stay longer and perhaps attend the Victorian Girl Guide Annual Meeting. Victoria being the hostess State, Isobel Lister, Trefoil Adviser, will welcome offers of hospitality (should it be necessary) for Thursday 21st and Monday 25th October. Also names of people prepared to take interstate visitors sight-seeing on Friday, 22nd October would be appreciated. Mrs. E. Lister, 440 South Road, Moorabbin, 3189. Phone 95 1835.

The Annual General Meeting of Trefoil Guilds will be held on Saturday, 2nd October, at Guide Headquarters, commencing at 3 p.m., with afternoon tea being served from 2 p.m..

As Queen's Guides and their families will be at Headquarters until about 1.30 p.m., will members arriving early please use lounge.

Guest speaker will be from Victorian Association for Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders, formerly the Prisoners Aid Society.

All interested members will be very welcome.

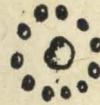


JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

16th-17th October, 1976

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MARJORIE PIPE

Extension Section members and friends are sad to learn of the sudden death, in July, of our New Zealand friend and Guider, Mrs. Marjorie Pipe, National Extension Adviser. She has been a true friend to us in Victoria.

D. KANE.

MAUREEN McDONALD

Her many friends in Guiding were saddened by the death of Mrs. Maureen McDonnell, Guider of 1st Strathfieldsaye Guide unit.

Even though in pain and poor health, Mrs. McDonnell continued with guiding activities and school teaching until a few weeks before she died.

She will be greatly missed.

A.S.B.

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BADGERS CLUB

The Badgers Club, a group of Scouts and Guides interested in collecting both metal and cloth badges, is compiling a badge history of both movements. Any person interested or with badges of interest should contact the Secretary, P.O. Box 38, Fairfield, Victoria, 3078.



Were you among the thousands who witnessed the spectacular Mini Olympic Games?

Watch "Matilda" pages in October for the full story.

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

Thought for the Month

FOR FATHER'S DAY — WHAT CHILDREN THINK

At 6 — Daddy knows everything
At 10 — Daddy knows a lot
At 15 — We know just about as much as Dad
At 20 — Dad certainly doesn't know very
much
At 30 — I suppose we should ask Dad's
opinion
At 40 — Dad knows a few things all the same
At 50 — Dad knew everything
At 60 — Oh! If we could only ask Dad.

FRANCES JOYNER
(from "Adventuring")

Table Setting

Have you thought of having a table setting competition and inviting the local C.W.A., Red Cross and other organisations in your District, as well as your own Brownie, Guide and Ranger units, to join with your Local Association by entering a table? You provide the hall and collect admission money, and have 5-cent votes for the best table, with small prizes for the ones that get most votes in different sections. Afternoon tea or supper, whenever you decide to have this activity, will round off a very pleasant and different fund-raising function.

Special Reminder

The time has come for another reminder to Local Associations to send in articles of interest — and more recipes of all kinds — for publication in this Section. Supply is running very short and there must be many activities which would be of interest to other Local Associations, particularly outings or functions arranged as a result of fund-raising ideas published here in recent months.

Special thanks to the State Council member who sent in a great variety of recipes recently — see one in Recipe Corner this month.

Fifty Years Celebration



(Photograph—Mr. Bates)

A luncheon and presentation was arranged by Box Hill Local Association to honour one of its members, Mrs. Beryl Buist, who recently completed fifty years in Guiding.

What a thrill it was for Mrs. Buist to have three of her former Guides present at the luncheon, held at Guide House, Britannia Park. Afterwards, members enjoyed a 'grand tour' of the property with wife of the Warden, Mrs. Fraser.

RECIPE CORNER

TOMATO, RICE AND BEEF CASSEROLE

1 lb. finely minced steak, 1 finely chopped onion, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup soft white breadcrumbs, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped green peppers, $1\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. pepper, 1 tin tomato soup, 3 cups cooked rice, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated tasty cheese.

Mix steak, onion, breadcrumbs, peppers, seasonings and $\frac{1}{2}$ tin of tomato soup. Stir over low heat until meat changes colour. Turn into greased casserole dish. Mix rice with remainder of soup and grated cheese, spread over meat mixture and bake in moderate oven for 15 minutes. Serves four.

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



(Photograph—"Weekly Times")

AUSTRALIAN BROWNIE GUIDE BOOK

A small, open hand felt the 'woodgrain' of the book's cover, eyes lit up when pages were turned and one very young recruit, hardly able to read, persisted in looking at **every** page, relating what she saw to her own experiences. This was one of the first reactions to our very own Australian Brownie Handbook.

Donna Ryan of 1st Blackburn South Pack remembers the day when the book was launched. Of her exciting day she says, "

"On 1st March four excited Brownies and one Brown Owl got on an old red train which was to take us to Flinders Street. We arrived, got off the train and headed for the Guide Shop.

There Brown Owl ordered copies of the first Australian Brownie handbook. Only Brown Owl, who wrote it, called it "Australian Brownie Guide Book".

We had our photographs taken and had a snack and we were interviewed by a newspaper reporter. We then each got a copy of the book, which was autographed by Brown Owl and the artists.

Then everyone in the Guide Family signed a special book (including Brownies) with our names. It is a record book used only on very special occasions by the Guide Family.

It had been a good evening, but tiring. Soon after, our pictures were put in the paper. I like the book very much and enjoy reading it."

Since then it has been eagerly read, even by non-readers. It is easily understood and it is producing results. New ideas for meetings and fresh impetus to accept the challenges of being a Brownie.

Thank you Jean, Sadie and Suzanne for the fun you have added to our programs.

N.S.

BROWNIES CREATE HAPPINESS

Dear Miss Barr,

I visited Ward 8, West, this week at the Royal Children's Hospital and saw a beautiful and well designed wall hanging made by the 1st Waverley North Brownies. I do want to tell you how much everyone at the hospital enjoys looking at it and how they all appreciate the interest and hard work of the Brownies.

The hanging depicts an attractive underwater scene on greenish blue hessian. All the brightly coloured fish, sea-weed and crabs are appliqued on to the hessian. The fish have sequined eyes, there are silver sparkling stingrays, pink starfish, an octopus of shiny purple, sea horses of all colours prancing round, a treasure chest spilling out pearl necklaces and jewels all appliqued on, also an anchor with a real chain.

It is wonderful to find the Brownies taking such thought for the sick children and giving them so much pleasure.

On behalf of the hospital I would like to thank your organisation for the most valuable work you do with the young people who are the Brownies and Guides.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
GWEN GRIMWADE.

The wall hanging to which Mrs. Grimwade (our State Commissioner's mother-in-law incidentally) refers was an entry in last year's wonderful Art and Craft Exhibition.

It is pleasing, indeed, to note that the Brownies' work is bringing so much pleasure to so many children.

P.B.

PHILLIP ISLAND FARM HOLIDAYS

Spacious attractive surrounds, beachfront, horse-riding, hay-rides, animals, etc. Four new log cabins. Recreation hall. Families, schools and groups.

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The wise man knows well that he does not know: the ignorant man thinks he knows.

MUSIC FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Fun for All.

Recently Moorabbin District, along with "Cooper" Trefoil, provided a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon for Senior Citizens of their area.

The hall was packed with visitors who had come to be entertained by Yarraville Mouth Organ Band, a remarkably versatile and enthusiastic group. Their program suited both young and old alike, with mouth organs, guitars, bass and piano music almost lifting the roof. One performer delighted the audience by playing his one-inch mouth organ behind his back. (He had it connected to a tube, into which he blew.) Another played spoons on his elbows and knees. Some of the children had never heard this sort of music before and found themselves, as it says in the new Guide Handbook, "having a go".

After being served afternoon tea by the Brownies, Guides, Local Association and Trefoil members, visitors were given a flower, greeting card, envelope, postage stamp, gift wrapping paper and ribbon and home cooked biscuits before being transported home.

We thanked, with a gift to each member, the Yarraville Band for giving their time and services voluntarily. Mrs. Winchester, Region Commissioner, said their bright and pleasant personalities had made our service projects very enjoyable. We look forward to arranging something similar next year.

I.L.

MIRRABOOKA

"Mirrabooka", at Ocean Grove, seems to be a very popular place for Pack holidays.

2nd Portarlington Brownie Pack went there recently and had lots of fun, according to Carole Sweatman.

And Helen Goddard, of 3rd Herne Hill Brownie Pack, described it this way:

Tucked behind a donkey stud stands lovely Mirrabooka,

Where every morning, waking up, you hear the laughing Kooka.

The trees all wave their friendly boughs, the birds sway in the branches,

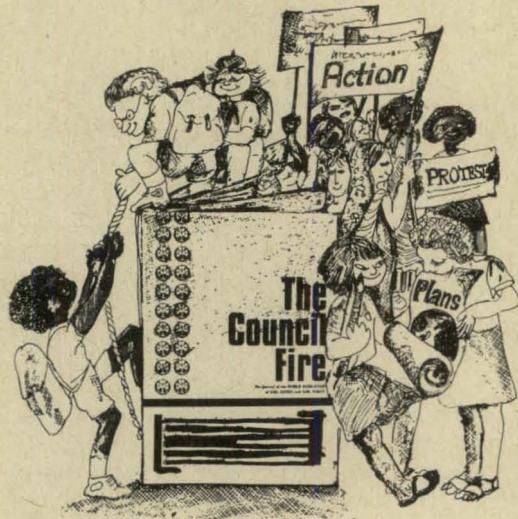
We are happy here, so come on out and join our Brownie dances.

Ideas...Actions...Plans... Successes...Difficulties...

Looking for a world view of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting? Read

The Council Fire

Your quarterly magazine.



Headquarters will be receiving subscriptions for Council Fire during October. If you would like to receive copies of Council Fire, your subscription should reach Headquarters by 31st October, 1976.

Subscriptions may also be obtained at other times during the year through Gordon and Gotch.

Are you interested in meeting people from State, Country and Overseas and working in a congenial atmosphere as a shorthand typist?

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Girl Guides Association of Australia,
7 Wilmot Street,
Sydney, 2000.
Telephone: 61 3186.

VICTORIAN RANGER WEEK

RANGER BALL

Ranger Week began with The Roaring Twenties Ranger Ball at Malvern Town Hall, when 420 guests arrived to see 20 debutantes and their partners presented to the Mayoress of Malvern, Mrs. Davison.

Many guests wore 'Roaring Twenties' style gear, girls in fringed straight dresses above their knees, long beads, feather boas, head bands, furs and bright make-up; partners in striped suits with wide lapels, two-toned shoes, spats, tails, hats and other theatrical gear all helped to provide fun and entertainment.

There were also many glamorous gowns worn by guests who preferred more conventional attire.

After formal presentation of debutantes and their partners to the Mayoress of Malvern, the debutante set danced the Charmane. Then parents and friends joined in the Charleston and other dances from the twenties era.

During the evening a wonderful hot supper was served between dances.

The band was good, debutantes looked beautiful, food was scrumptious, and everyone had a good time. Many thanks to Armdale Rangers for organising this year's Ball.



(Photograph—G. Thomopoulos)

RANGER DINNER — Elegant Style

One of the events of Victorian Ranger Week was a Dinner held at the Sheraton Hotel. Approximately sixty-five Rangers and Ranger Guiders arrived looking very smart in their uniforms. This was a terrific night,

quite a change from the get-togethers in jeans around a camp fire, eating from bilbies. The three-course meal with all the trimmings was really superb.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Margery Anderson, gave a very enlightening talk on the work of U.N.I.C.E.F. and how it can be related to Guiding. This was very interesting indeed.

One of the highlights of the night was the 'floor show' performed by two very well known characters, Heather Cathcart and Kay Patterson; we certainly learnt a great deal about the 'birds' in Rangering.

This was such a successful night it was suggested it be made an annual event! On behalf of all Rangers and Ranger Guiders who attended the Dinner, I would like to thank Heather Barton for organising a very enjoyable night.

ANNE WYCHERLEY,
Laburnum Ranger Unit.

RANGERS' OWN

Victorian Ranger Week culminated in a Rangers' Own at the Independent Church, Collins Street, Melbourne. Although the congregation was small, the service was both rewarding and memorable.

Ranger Adviser, Mrs. Twist, gave the opening address, which was followed by the Ranger Song.

All enjoyed the talk Miss Margaret Callister gave on the theme of the service, "Rangering Into a Wider World". We also heard from Rangers Trish Reed and Kerry Smith, who shared with us their thoughts on what Rangering means to them.

Thank you Barbara Grove and Essendon Rangers, who beautifully sang a selection of spiritual songs.

Highlight of the service came with our renewal of the Ranger Promise when we again pledged to "be of service to the community". This was practically demonstrated by donating our collection of over \$40 to Youth Line.

PATRICIA CULLEN,
Preston East Rangers.



RANGER RALLY

Calling ALL Rangers . . . 18 to 25 years of age . . .

A Rally will be held at Guide Headquarters on Sunday, 3rd October, to discuss future plans, uniform, program leaders and general organisation.

Please come with an open mind and lots of ideas.

For further information contact Pam Squire on 762 1846.

WATERBOURNE

A Canoeing Weekend for Rangers will be held at "Illangi", Burnet Park, Glengarry, on 25th-26th September. This is being organised by Traralgon Rangers and promises to be a weekend of fun, adventure in and out of the water.

RANGER SECTION MONSTER FETE

WHEN — on 26th March, 1977.

WHERE — at Dendy Park, Cummins Road, Brighton.

WHY — in aid of the Sailing School Rebuilding Fund.

HELP WANTED — Anyone willing to donate time, talents, gifts, money, etc., is welcome.

There will be lots of attractions, so, Rangers, encourage Brownies, Guides, Guiders, Commissioners, parents and Local Association friends to be in it.

Contact Mrs. J. Zakis, telephone 288 6803.

A meeting for convenors of stalls will be held at Guide Headquarters at 7.30 p.m. on 28th October. Please come.

ALL NIGHT EVENT

Mortlake Rangers earned third place in the section for novice or less experienced walkers during an all-night event staged near Port Campbell recently. They were the only team of girls to earn a place. Organisers of the event were Terang Venturer Scouts, whose newest recruits were members of the former G.I.P.S. unit in the area.

About a dozen girls participated, along with 40 Scouts, Venturers, and high and technical school students. Each of the six loops of the walk covered three-and-a-half to six-and-a-half miles. Terrain was varied and included coastal heath and scrub, thick bush, pine forest, hill walking and creek crossings.

Central "hash-house", ambulance station (manned by four trained first aiders and a fully equipped ambulance) and rest tent were kept busy throughout the night supplying hot food and drinks and well-earned rests to the walkers.

First aid was necessary for several leech bites, but the safety patrols who travelled tracks in the area were not required for any injuries. The event commenced at ten o'clock one Friday night and finished at six o'clock the next morning. In that time, fifteen gallons of home-made soup, twenty pounds of sausages, seven dozen eggs and countless cups of tea and coffee were served.

Groups were divided into A Grade — experienced bushwalkers, and B Grade — novice or less experienced. Thirteen teams competed, three of these being girl teams.

Accuracy in map reading and direction finding, and fitness and the ability to scramble over difficult territory were the main factors of success. Successful teams were awarded trophies or pennants at the conclusion of what is hoped will become an annual event.

ANNE L. FRASER.

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TRAINING CALENDAR

COMMISSIONERS AND UNIT LEADERS with the necessary experience are welcome to apply for **ANY** training. Applications should be sent **prior to the closing date** and be accompanied by the training fee and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Early application for all trainings is recommended.

Training fee is \$3.00 unless otherwise stated.

Stage 1 Training:

Bayswater: Weekend 23rd-24th October and 20th-21st November — times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs A. K. Ellis, 36 Gerda Street, Scoresby, 3179 by **1st October**.

Headquarters: Tuesday, 12th, 19th, 26th October, 9th, 16th November — time 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **27th September**.

Stage 2 Training for Warranted Leaders:

Note: Stage 2 is aimed at helping you directly with your leadership role. Please assess your needs and list them on the application form.

Dandenong: Weekend 30th-31st October — time 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Saturday and 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Sunday. Applications to Mrs H. Lardner, 51 Bundeena Avenue, Noble Park, 3174, by **8th October**.

Korumburra: Weekend 2nd-3rd October — time 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Saturday and 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Sunday. Note: A hot meal will be provided for Saturday lunch and tea plus Sunday lunch — 50 cents per meal. Please state on application form which meal(s) are required. Applications to Mrs. J. Gaudion, 32 Blackmore Avenue, Leongatha, 3953 by **20th September**.

Macarthur: Weekend 23rd-24th October — time 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Saturday and 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Sunday. Applications to Mrs F. Jervies, "Karingal", Hamilton, 3300, by **1st October**.

Moorabbin: Weekend 16th-17th October — time 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Saturday and 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Sunday. Applications to Mrs A. Watsford, P.O. Box 50, East Bentleigh, 3165, by **25th September**.

Yarragon: Weekend 16th-17th October and 6th-7th November — time 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818, by **16th September**.

Advanced Leadership Training (formerly Stage 3) for Warranted Leaders:

Headquarters: Monday 11th, 18th, 25th October, 1st, 8th November — time 9.45 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **30th September**.

Terang: Weekend 2nd-3rd October and 30th-31st October — times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **20th September**.

Pack Holiday Training:

Headquarters: Thursday 14th, 21st, 28th October — time 9.45 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and \$2.00 fee to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **23rd September**.

Mount Waverley: Tuesday, 12th October — time 7.45 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. at the Guide Hall, Florida Street, plus weekend 23rd-24th October — time 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Saturday and 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Sunday, at the Guide Hall, Ivanhoe Grove, **Chadstone**. Applications to Miss M. Hunt, 8/7 Alcalá Avenue, Chadstone, 3148, by **17th September**.

Sherbrook River (Otway Region): Weekend 27th-28th November — times and fee to be advised. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **6th November**.

Campcraft Training:

Korumburra: Weekends 25th-26th September and 16th-17th October and 30-31st October and 13th-14th November — time 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: All weekends residential. Applications to Mrs R. Gaudion with \$12.00 training fee, 32 Blackmore Avenue Leongatha, 3953, by **19th September**.

Yandiah (Sunraysia Region): Weekends 6th-7th November and 20th-21st November plus third weekend (dates to be advised) — time 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications to Mrs S. Smith, 10 Barry Avenue, Mildura, 3500, by **15th October**.

Residential Weekend for Indoors Guide Holiday Permit:

"Benwerrin", Yarra Junction: Weekend 5th (Friday evening) to 7th November — time 7.00 p.m. Friday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$8.00 to the Training Department by **20th October**.

Ranger Lightweight Camping:

Mirrabooka, Ocean Grove: Weekends 2nd-3rd October plus 6th-7th November at **Tapestry** and 27th-28th November at **Wattle Glen** — time 10 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$8.00 to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **20th September**.

Local Association Training:

Northcote: Monday, 18th October — time 9.45 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications plus \$1.50 per Local Association to Mrs M. Teape, 33 Sparks Avenue, Fairfield, 3078, by **27th September**.

Q.M. Course:

Wodonga: Weekend 30th-31st October (residential) — time 9.30 a.m. Saturday to 3.30 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$4.50 fee to Mrs D. Hamilton, "Hamilton Park", South Wangaratta, by **9th October**.

Residential Training Week:

Britannia Park, Yarra Junction: Date, 22nd-29th January. Subjects to include Stages 1 and 2, Pioneering and Orienteering, Learning Games, Ceremonial and Creativity. Note: Please state on your form if you wish to 'live inside or to live outdoors'. Applications and \$36.00 fee to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by 2nd November.

Changeover Training:

Note: This is for Warranted Leaders who are to move over to the Ranger Section. The usual Stage 1 training will cater for new Guiders. Early in 1977 a changeover training will be held for Brownie Guiders moving into the Guide Section.

Headquarters: Weekend 30th-31st October — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **3rd October**.

Extension Training:

Headquarters: Saturday, 30th October — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Note: This training is open to anyone running an Extension Unit or who is interested in learning more about Extension Branch. Applications to Mrs R. Renard, 217 Balwyn Road, North Balwyn, 3104, by **3rd October**. Note: No charge for this course.

Panel of Speakers from the Special Teacher Association will talk on various aspects of coping with the handicapped girl.

Guide Knowledge Training:

Headquarters: Saturday, 23rd October — time 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **1st October**.



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Strange Things (To do and make)	1.00
Body Tricks (To teach yourself)	1.00
Knight Book of Things to Make and Do	80c
Second Knight Book of Things to Make and Do	1.25
Knight Book of Easter Fun	1.40
Knight Book of Party Games	95c
The Brownies Throw a Party	5.35
Fun With Wool (Lots of ideas for busy fingers to make without knitting)	1.95
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Aboriginal Art of Australia	1.95
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Places for Living — W. Stephenson (An environmental approach to ecology)	3.95
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