

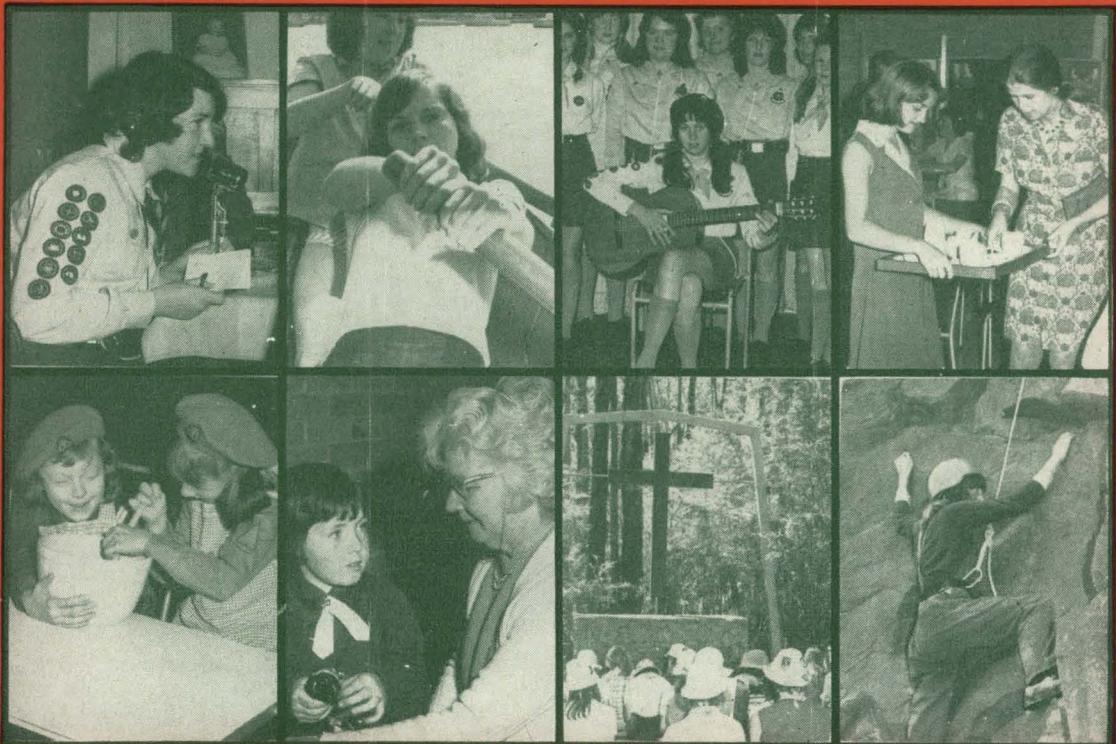
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GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA



As 1976 moves to its close
everyone at 20 Russell Street joins
with us in wishing you all a joyful
Christmas and a happy New Year.

May 1977 see the fulfilment of
your hopes and dreams.

Jean E. Grimwade

Lysette Tumball

Jean Oldfield

Peg Barr

Hens J. Barron

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From our State Commissioner

Dear Everyone,

As I write this letter to you all, my mind keeps wandering to my immediate family and their problems.

How Martin is coping with a recently broken ankle, back at school on crutches?

How Rick is batching for himself whilst he is working at Glenaroua?

What to get Ann for her birthday?

How they will all react when their friends say "I read about you in 'Matilda' again"?

Each year December seems to come around more rapidly — and this year it has come faster than ever before.

The Guiders' Conference this year was a great experience for all present — although the very hard-working Committee, headed by Marguerite Pritchard, were disappointed with the number present. Dr. Denham Grierson provided a most stimulating session in the morning — one in which we all participated and felt we helped provide the answer to "The Voluntary Leader — Is it Worth it?" The unanimous answer was — Yes it is ! !

I was delighted to learn that Dr. Grierson felt that the three main qualities needed by leaders were — Love, Understanding, Time.

To be a good leader in the Guide Movement, firstly, one needs a love of children — and a love of Guiding and all it has to offer girls. You need to understand the individual children with whom you are working and understand and be able to implement the Guide program for that particular age group.

Last, but by no means least, you need time — time to be a leader — but, more important

still, time in the unit meetings for the individual girl, to listen to her problems and help with the challenges she is facing.

How often these days do parents find they do not have time, time to listen to those very involved stories of exploits, time to play games or even time to read for the hundredth time that much loved bedtime story.

There are many children around us whom Guiding can help so much — and as I listened to Dr. Grierson, I could not help but hark back to the conversation I had in London with the Chief Commissioner, who also spoke of Love, Understanding and Time.

I was delighted to at long last attend the official Opening of the Sailing Season at the Ranger Sailing School. In spite of wind and rain, many enthusiastic Rangers A and B braved the elements and gathered on the beach following the inspection of the boats for the opening and blessing of the boats. It is marvellous to see how many Rangers are interested in the Sailing School and I think we all feel that water activities are becoming increasingly popular with the older girls. We have the enthusiasts — it is up to us now to provide the experts and the equipment.

The Annual Meeting of State Council was highlighted by the first showing "unabridged" of the film of the Mini Olympics — everyone enjoyed it very much as it was — so the completed version should be wonderful, and especially rewarding for those who were not able to get to the Mini Olympics.

We were delighted to have the Chief Commissioner with us again this month to attend the 2nd National Gathering of Trefoil Guilds held at Britannia Park. The very happy dinner and official opening was held at Headquarters and it was wonderful to meet so many who had been involved in Guiding for so many years. The one who cut the celebration cake had been enrolled in 1912. I believe

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AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION APPEAL

Before you wind-up your Guiding affairs for 1976, would you please send to Victorian Headquarters any moneys you may have in hand for the Australian Association Appeal. Whilst the Appeal will remain open for some time, we hope to pass on to Australian Headquarters before Christmas all '50 cents for 50 years' contributions made by Victorians during 1976. (Receipts are not being issued, unless requested, to save costs.)

GUIDING PERSONNEL

We regret to advise that the names of some Camp Advisers and Camp Recorders were inadvertently omitted from Guiding Personnel. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause and ask Guiders and Commissioners to now insert the following:

Goulburn Region: Goulburn Valley Division — Division Camp Recorder: Mrs M. Stewart, Marian Street, Shepparton, 3630.

Hume Region: North-Eastern Division — Division Camp Recorder: Mrs P. Cory, Tamleugh, via Violet Town, 3669. Phone Violet Town 194.

Maroondah Region: Nunawading/Tunstall Division — Division Camp Recorder: Mrs B. Gifkins, 302 Springfield Road, Nunawading, 3131. Phone 878 7116.

Sunraysia Region: Mallee Division — Division Camp Adviser: Mrs W. Grose, P.O. Box 55, Robinvale, 3549. Phone Robinvale 179.

Sunraysia West Division — Division Camp Recorder: Mrs B. B. Matthews, Box 133, Mildura, 3500.

A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Australian Red Cross would welcome secretarial help to update and maintain the records which form the basis of their Tracing Service. They would be grateful for voluntary assistance given

- 1) as a concentrated effort in January; or
- 2) in regular weekly service in subsequent months.

If anyone is interested in helping with this work, please contact Miss P. Barr at Guide Headquarters for further information.

REGISTRATION OF RANGER UNITS

As there is some confusion within the Ranger Section as to whether Ranger Units in operation at the time of the Age Change will be catering for the younger or older girls when they re-open after the holidays, all old units, i.e., those functioning in July 1976, are asked to re-register early in 1977. There are now two different forms to be used according to whether the unit will serve Ranger Guides, i.e., Rangers A, 14-18 years, or Rangers B, 18-25 years. These are available on request from H.Q. No registration fee will be charged for those units re-registering in this way. It is not necessary for the new units which

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commenced between July and November 1976 to send in another registration form unless they have not yet registered.

INTERNATIONAL

Juliette Low Gathering — Olave House. An invitation has been received to send two Ranger Guides from Australia to this event. Age: 16 or 17 years (not more than their 18th birthday) at the time of the Gathering. Dates: 5th-14th August, 1977. Cost: Approx. £55 sterling, plus fares. Theme will be PEACE in all its aspects and participants will be expected to use their experience in the service of the Movement on their return. Send stamped addressed envelope for application form and further details BEFORE 23rd December. Closing date for applications — 4th January. Selection Day for Victoria — 8th January.

Would all Guiders please note that all communication with overseas countries must be conducted through State and National Headquarters and make sure that Guides do not write direct to Guide or Girl Scout Headquarters of other countries. Anyone wishing to approach another country for any reason should approach the International Adviser or State Secretary in the first instance.

FUTURE PLANS FOR VICTORIAN GUIDING

The State Commissioner has formed a Strategy and Planning Committee to study matters relative to the Movement's future development and needs, e.g., camping/training facilities, and all members are invited to submit any constructive thoughts they may have for the Committee's consideration. Please send your comments to Headquarters addressed either to Mrs F. S. Grimwade or the State Secretary.

GUIDE DAY AT SCOUT JAMBOREE

— 5th JANUARY

Guiders are needed to help at the Guide Centre between 11.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. Those willing to assist, please ring Mrs McNally at Headquarters, stating time available.

REMINDERS

Gala Scout Concert at Myer Music Bowl on the evening of Wednesday, 5th January. Tickets now obtainable from Guide H.Q.

Combined Guide/Scout Display at the Mural Hall, at Myers, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, daily from 5th to 31st January.

VICTORIAN PATROL LEADERS' GATHERING

"Each Scout Troop consists of two or more Patrols of six to eight boys.

The main object of the Patrol System is to give real responsibility to as many boys as possible. It leads each boy to see that he has some individual responsibility for the good of his Patrol. It leads each Patrol to see that it has definite responsibility for the good of the Troop. Through the Patrol System the Scouts learn that they have considerable say in what their Troop does."

(Scouting for Boys — Yarn 4 —
by Robert Baden-Powell.)

Introduction

The idea behind the Patrol Leaders' Gathering was born when a "need" and a "means" happened simultaneously. The "need" was to promote the age change in the Guide Section, where the majority of Units accustomed to 14- and 15-year-old Patrol Leaders, would now have Patrol Leaders of 12 and 13 years. The "means" was a financial subsidy to be used to benefit the Guide Section.

Lord Robert Baden-Powell created the Patrol System for the Scout and Guide Sections, so it is appropriate that our Gathering should be designed to study the effect this change may have on this system.

As all research projects must start with a hypothesis, ours started with the premise that:

"Twelve and 13-year-old Guides can be leaders of patrols which operate in a way destined to achieve the objectives B.P. prescribes for the Patrol System (see above quote)."

As a "spin off" to our research we planned to gather practical material which could be passed on to Guide Guiders on such things as:

What 12- and 13-year Patrol Leaders do, can do, and want to do, in their Patrol time.

Some of the activities which interest, and are within the capabilities of Guide Guiders to convey, and of Guides to do, within the Guide Program.

What help, in the way of training support, 12- and 13-year old Patrol Leaders ask their Guiders to provide.

The weekend was designed to achieve these aims by the following method:

All adults participating were Guiders or Assistant Guiders in Guide Companies. They were not chosen because of any training or specialist qualifications, but had the interest and enthusiasm to "have a go".

The girls were all aged 12 or 13, each from a different Guide Company. Most were active Patrol Leaders, but a few were Seconds, as their Unit had not yet changed to the new age grouping.

Eight Guiders and 31 Guides were from country Regions, 11 Guiders and 51 Guides were from metropolitan or near country Regions.

The girls were in 'patrols' of five or six, where possible with other girls from their Region. They voted for their 'Patrol Leader'. There were three "Companies" — each with five patrols — and three "Company Guiders".

The project was carried out in two parts. Similar methods of presentation and assessment were used for each, i.e., a situation was set up, the girls participated, following which the Guides' and Guiders' reactions were recorded by means of questionnaires.

Part 1: "Situations" were three one-hour activities teaching Arts and crafts, Badges, Bushcraft.

Three Guiders took each of the activities, which were prepared using only the Australian Guide Handbook and their own initiative.

Part 2: "Situation" was a one-hour "Patrol Leader Training" session. Nine Guiders each had a group of eight or nine Guides. Material for this session was based on the "Patrol Leaders Book", G.G.A. London 1975.

Although some of the material in these situations may have been new to the girls, it was material basic within the Guide Section Program.

OUTLINE OF FINDINGS OF GATHERING ACTIVITY SESSIONS:

Guiders showed they were capable of translating and putting across active sessions based on the Handbook. Some used prior knowledge to advantage, e.g., nursing, interest in camping, etc.

Guides showed they wanted to learn and to DO things. They had not been able to translate their Handbook into action — but were likely to use it for reference in those parts to which they had now been introduced.

Guides found craft and acting familiar and had little difficulty understanding and doing what they were given. They especially enjoyed seeing a tangible result for their effort, and wanted time to complete what they had begun — so it could be taken home and "shown".

Guides were slow to start activities based on knotting. They were less confident of their ability in this sphere, but got great satisfaction and surprise from their results. Plaster casts with relationship to craft was more quickly accepted. Tracking was new and popular — and it is easy for patrols and companies to introduce.

Being taught for badges was new for some Guides who are left to rely on what they learn outside the Company meeting. Badges seem to vary in appeal, which may depend often on the attitude of local Guiders and parents. "Learning" also has an overlay of "like school", a comment heard from Guides before they went to this session. However, it was obvious that Homenurse and Accident Prevention were presented in a way which dispelled this fear. It would seem necessary to give further thought to "homemaker"-type activities, either in presentation or content, so there is less association in the girls' minds of "housework".

Twelve and 13-year olds easily concentrated for an hour on any one topic provided there was activity and they DID things. Criticisms arose when they were not allowed time to finish what they had begun.

PATROL TIME AND PATROL LEADER TRAINING

Although Patrol Leaders were aware of their difficulties in running patrols, they could also point out some of the solutions.

Controlling a group of girls was their greatest problem. Some blamed having "too many young girls", others on having "Guides of my own age". Patrol Leaders saw the need for two kinds of support — training in how to handle and understand girls in their care, and help from Guiders when members got beyond them and were too noisy, wandered to other patrols or "ganged up".

Each girl had her own answer to the number she could control in her patrols. Forty-one said five and 26 said six.

Next difficulty was to please everyone. This showed not only in questionnaires, but also in patrol times girls ran at the Gathering. Because each member has different likes and dislikes, and some do not want to do anything, finding an activity to suit all — then putting it into action — was beyond many girls. Perhaps the solution is not only training in how to get a group decision, but also in teaching girls of this age that they cannot always do just as THEY wish — that to live in a community there must be give and take. If a patrol is to be preparation for life, then it is within this group that they must realise that sometimes they do what they do not particularly want so the others can have a go at their choice. They may be surprised to find that they enjoy it too.

Patrols seem to find craft, games and similar "general interest" activities easier to run, than to initiate teaching for badges and other skills which require more knowledge and ingenuity.

The other lesson for Guiders was that Guides wanted to be disciplined, wanted the Guider to be "organised", to listen to them, to answer their questions, to explain more clearly, and although they found the responsibility of being a Patrol Leader hard, they did not ask to be relieved of the task. Companies where there is no regular Patrol Leader Council, no time given for patrols to plan and do activities of their own choice, and Patrol Leader training where girls are

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ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Along with the traditional items which one expects to find at an Annual Meeting — welcome, opening, apologies, thanks, reports and statements of account — all very interesting, stimulating and exciting — the large attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Victorian Girl Guides Association in the Kew Civic Hall was treated to several special highlights.

- The Guide Choir, under the expert leadership of Mrs J. Clarke, delighted us with a finely balanced medley of songs from several countries.
- Caroline Angoorly, of 1st Highvale Guide Company, read very convincingly Joan McEniry's "The Challenge".

"We are the present—and the future, too.
Remember, when we turn our eyes to
you to point the way,
That we must learn to walk those paths
ourselves against the day
When you no longer lead us by the hand.
Teach us the meaning of the code we
need,
For soon there will be those whom we
must lead
In ways which you have shown;
And, having taught us, show us that you
are not afraid for us to walk alone."

"The present is in your strong hands—
The future is in ours.
Teach us to love the beauty of our land,
But help us, too, to reach . . . for stars!
To gather to ourselves the dream that
beckoned once to you.
Teach us those things we must know
To make your dream . . . our dream . . .
come true!"

• Reverend Pam Kerr, one of the first women accepted into the ordained ministry of the Presbyterian Church, held our interest as she spoke about working with and for young people today. She stressed their need for love, friendship and acceptance.

• "Any Other Business" became very special and important business when Lady Winneke presented the Red Kangaroo Award to Mrs Lysbeth Turnbull.

"For outstanding service to the Guide Movement over a period of 35 years, as Guider, Commissioner, Travelling Commissioner, State Camping Adviser, Trainer; for her Guide International Service and now as Assistant State Commissioner. This service while covering a wide area of guiding has always been given with the sincerity and understanding of one who believes in guiding as a way of life."

This timely and well-deserved recognition of Mrs Turnbull's considerable contribution to Guiding brought the meeting to a very happy conclusion.



(Photograph—G. Thomopoulos)

STATE COMMISSIONER'S LETTER

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a very happy weekend was had by everyone except perhaps the Chief Commissioner, who hurt her ankle within minutes of her arrival at Britannia Park.

Some of the Trefoil Guild members from South Australia and one from New Zealand stayed over in Melbourne for the Annual Meeting of the Association. This always seems to be a very happy occasion and I think our guest speaker, The Rev. Pam Kerr, had a special message for our Guiders.

We were delighted to have Jean back for this meeting after her trip overseas — particularly to share in the most exciting part of the evening — the award of the Red Kangaroo to Lysbeth Turnbull for her outstanding and devoted service to Guiding over a total of 35 years. An award which has been well deserved by Lysbeth — and I think perhaps by her family, who have given her wonderful support.

We are all very sad that Miss Doris Carter will be retiring at the end of this year. Over the years she has been Headquarters Secretary, Doris has helped you all in fields of finance, the shop and property — and I know that we will all miss her expertise very much. We wish her a very happy retirement.

It has been a very full and busy Guide year for everyone, and I am sure you are all looking forward to the end-of-year festivities and the holidays which lie ahead.

Our best wishes go to you all for a happy Christmas and New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all again in 1977.

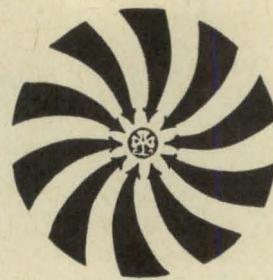
With love and best wishes,

Jean E. Grimwade

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE

Make our Treasurer's holiday a pleasure!

Get your application for the 1977 Commissioners' Conference in before Christmas, not after.



THINKING DAY —

World Drawing and Painting Competition

The World Bureau has announced a Painting Competition for all Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

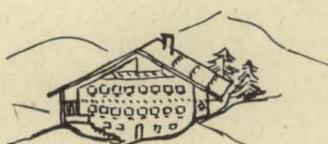
A drawing or painting no larger than 12" x 8" illustrating What Thinking Day means to You, or What You Do on Thinking Day, or Thinking Day Projects, or Ways and Means of Promoting the Thinking Day Fund.

Attach a short description of not more than 50 words and clearly mark with Name, Age, Unit and Exact Address, and send this to the International Adviser, at Headquarters, by 1st August, 1977. (Entries cannot be returned.)

No doubt during Thinking Day 1977 you will be giving this great thought and you could perhaps use this as an activity.

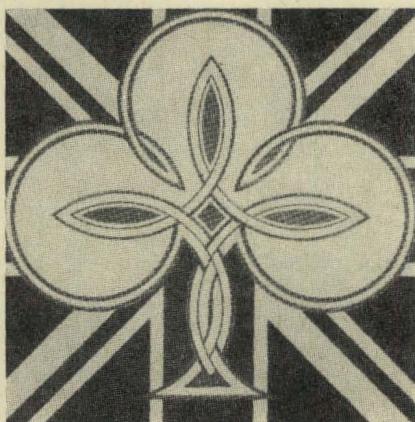
It will not be possible for the World Bureau to deal with entries from individuals, so firstly there will be a Victorian selection, and then Australian Headquarters will select the best five entries from all States and will forward these five to the World Bureau.

The World Bureau will announce the winners of this World Competition on Thinking Day 1978.



THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS

- Is a voluntary educational organisation, based on spiritual values and open to all girls without distinction of creed, race, nationality or any other circumstance. Is independent of any political organisation and does not support any political party.
- Consists at present of 94 National Girl Guide/Girl Scout Organisations with a total membership of almost 7.3 million. Of these Organisations 64 are Full Members and 30 are Associate Members.
- Seeks to promote unity of purpose and common understanding in the fundamental principles of the Girl Guide and Girl Scout Movement throughout the world, and to encourage friendship among girls of all nations within frontiers and beyond.
- Aims to provide girls with opportunities for self-training in the development of character, responsible citizenship and service to the community.
- Holds a World Conference every three years at which decisions on future policy for the expansion of the Movement are taken, applications for membership of the World Association are considered, the World Committee is elected. (The last Conference took place in the United Kingdom in 1975; the next will be held in Iran in 1978.)



The World Conference elects the World Committee which is composed of 12 members, whose task it is to implement the decisions taken at the triennial Conference. The day-to-day work is carried out by the secretariat of the World Association (The World Bureau) situated in London. The staff come from many countries and are headed by a Director whose responsibility is to co-ordinate the work of the Bureau and the World Committee and to act as a link between them and all Member Organisations.

One of the main responsibilities of the World Committee is the promotion of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting throughout the world. This is specially delegated to a Promotion Committee and to the Director of the World Bureau.

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

- Is particularly concerned that Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting should adequately meet the development needs of the countries where it exists.
- Organises international meetings in different parts of the world so that leaders can come together for discussion and exchange of experience in order to keep the Movement abreast of current world trends and adaptable to changing needs.
- Co-operates with the United Nations and its Specialised Agencies. It enjoys consultative status with E.C.O.S.O.C., U.N.E.S.C.O., U.N.I.C.E.F., F.A.O. and I.L.O., and is actively engaged at national and international level supporting various campaigns organised by these bodies, (e.g., Freedom from Hunger, Literacy, World Population Year, International Women's Year, etc.). It plays an active part in many of the meetings organised on youth questions.
- Works closely with other international non-governmental organisations whose aims and methods are similar to those of the World Association; invites them to attend the Triennial Conference; and sends observers to their Conferences.

- Has initiated a Mutual Aid scheme, co-ordinated by the World Bureau, whereby one or more National Organisations will help another, by providing money to buy a new headquarters, office equipment, training manuals, etc., thus preparing the way for close international contacts.
- Is financed by two main sources of income: the Quota, which is the yearly contribution paid by every Member Organisation; and the Thinking Day Fund, which is a voluntary contribution entirely used for the promotion of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting.
- Owns four World Centres: one in Switzerland ("Our Chalet" in Adelboden), one in the United Kingdom ("Olave House", in London), one in Mexico ("Our Cabana", in Cuernavaca) and one in India ("Sangam", in Poona). These are used for international gatherings and training sessions.

— Further encourages a feeling of international friendship by celebrating Thinking Day on 22nd February (the joint birthday of the Founder of the Movement, Lord Baden-Powell, and his wife, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide). Girl Guides and Girl Scouts make a special effort to meet on this day, to think of their sister Guides all over the world and to give a voluntary contribution which is used for the promotion of the Movement.

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GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

From the World Chief Guide

My best wishes to each and every one of you in the coming year. May your Guide activities in particular be happy and successful.

Olave Baden-Powell

From the Chairman of the World Committee

I invite each of you to join me in a New Year's resolution to strengthen the bond of friendship which unites us in this world torn by continuous crises.

I am sure that the contribution of W.A.G.G.G.S. to the world will continue, and I wish you all deep personal happiness in 1977.

Jayne E. Price

From the Director and Staff of the World Bureau

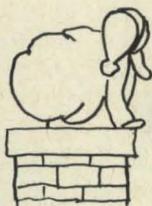
We all send you our best wishes for the coming year.

We hope it will bring new opportunities, great achievements — and FUN!

LYN JOYNT
(from Council Fire).

Christmas Customs from Other Lands

AUSTRIA: Christmas lasts for a month for Austrian children, from the arrival of St. Nicholas with his companion Krampus, right up to Epiphany, January 6, when the three Wise Men arrive. On Christmas Eve, the **Christkind** brings presents, and sometimes helps decorate the tree.



GERMANY: The German Christmas begins with the first Sunday of Advent, when a wreath bearing four red candles is hung in a window or stood against a wall. On the first Sunday after 26th November, the first candle is lit, and the second and third on successive Sundays. The last lit is on **Heiligabend**, Christmas Eve. Advent calendars are also used during this period, often with little hinged windows for each day, behind which lie messages or rhymes.



GREECE: To the Greeks, Easter is a more important festival day than Christmas, but December 6, St. Nicholas' Day, is observed with great devotion because St. Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors.

No Greek ship or boat sails without an icon of the saint and some boiled wheat on board. The wheat is to be thrown on the water in a storm with the words "Dear St. Nicholas, cease your rush!"

During Advent, every Greek household cooks its **Christopsomo**, or Christ bread, decorated with frosted figures. In Messenia the first slice of the loaf is given to the first beggar who passes: the crumbs, considered sacred, are scattered around fruit trees to make them fecund in the coming year.

SPAIN: Meeting the Magi is the Spanish Epiphany tradition, one shared with Portugal. All the villagers gather up cakes and fruit and straw and, to the clatter of hand-bells, horns and rattles, walk to the edge of the village to meet the Three Kings. But the Kings always seem to have taken another road, leaving the children to eat the goodies. When the people return to the village, they find the Kings in the church around the manger. This old custom is gradually being replaced by more modern Christmas celebrations in many parts of Spain.

From THE WARATAH.



GUIDE/SCOUT DISPLAY AT MYERS

5th to 31st January, 1977.

Please contact Public Relations Department at Headquarters if you can help in any of the ways listed on Page 142 in November "Matilda".

Adult help is needed for each session and we hope many Brownies, Guides and Rangers will visit the display.



BANONGILL DIVISION DAY

Recently 100 Guides and Brownies from Banongill Division gathered at Langi Willi, Skipton, to compete for the Lady Pilditch Shield.

(Langi Willi is the home of Mrs D. MacKinnon who, with her sister, the late Lady Pilditch, began Skipton Guide Company, one of the earliest units formed in Victoria.)

Competition for the shield is held every second year and this year the challenges were for each unit to make a kite and fly it, and to compile a history of their own unit. Guides and Brownies came from Beaufort, Skipton, Derrinallum and Cressy.

Ballarat Y.M.C.A. organised "New Games" for us during the afternoon. These non-competitive games proved great fun and were enjoyed by leaders and girls alike!

After campfire singing Dame Edith Bolte, former Guide Captain in Skipton, presented the Guide shield to Derrinallum Company and the Brownie shield to Beaufort Pack.

Congratulations go to all girls in the Division for their hard work in preparation over the last few months.

We look forward to Lady Pilditch Shield Day 1978.

ANGELA READ.

CHALLENGE FOR FUN

Werribee Park was a hive of excitement as about 565 Brownies, Guides and Rangers and 85 leaders from West Metropolitan Region poured from buses and cars for "Challenge for Fun" day.

We left our bags in the picnic area and set off for check point 1 to collect our activity sheet. At 9.30 a.m. we assembled on the sports ground for Guides' Own, after which it was just "Thinking for Yourself", taking up the challenge to HAVE A GO!

Brownies stayed with their leaders and we Guides went first to the activity which appealed most. We went from one activity to another. On completion of each activity we received a coloured bead to thread on cord.

Footscray Rovers helped man the obstacle course, which included an Army Commando net, flying fox, swinging hammock and a crawl-under tarpaulin. A walk along the Nature trail following markers, collecting things and looking for birds was great.

My favourites were kite-making and the earth-ball. The earth-ball was absolutely fantastic, I kept going back to it. My Mum is a Commissioner and I even saw her trying to roll it.

I enjoyed the tug-of-war (hard on the hands), and finger painting too. Brownies had flower-pots and we had caterpillars which were like wooden skis with about four sets of thong straps on top.

I would like to thank all the leaders who helped to make it such a terrific day, it really was fun and I hope we have more days like it.

TANIA NIKOLIEV
3rd Williamstown Guide Company.



MATILDA



In case you have not yet found a way to "**GET MOVING**", the following ideas may be helpful.

- Try skating. Ice, or roller. See if you really are a well balanced person.
- Go ten pin bowling. Or bowl a cricket ball.
- Take a ride on Puffing Billy. Get off, walk around. Get on. Ride back.
- Do simple exercises like saying no to second helpings. Do simple "push-ups" away from the table.
- Meet your friends half way — don't visit them or have them visit you. Meet in the park or go on a picnic.
- Become a flying ace. Build a model aeroplane. Find some wide open space and go fly it.
- Put some colour into your life. Stroll through the nurseries and flower farms in the Dandenongs.
- Go to a tyre dealer and get some old tyres for swings.

- Go fishing.
- Build a cubby or tree house in the backyard.
- Why not bounce on a trampoline at the beach. In your own backyard. Or at a gym.
- Go water-skiing at Eildon or on the bay. But don't try one leg until you have mastered two.
- Join a gymnasium. Throw a medicine ball. Do push-ups. If you believe it is good for you, it is.
- Throw a knapsack on your back and go bushwalking. But do let someone know where you are going. Follow marked tracks for a start.
- Orienteering — be in it. It is like a car rally without cars. And there are quite a few clubs that the whole family can join.
- Rediscover the parks in your district.
- Take the family camping. Pitch a tent in the backyard or go bush.
- Put up a volley-ball net in your backyard. Or suggest to a seaside council that they supply them for their beaches.
- Give up potatoes, fish-in-batter and hamburgers for a couple of weeks. You will be surprised at what happens to your waistline.
- Throw a ball. At a wall. To a friend. At a target.

PORTLAND DISPLAY

Recently, in Portland, the Apex Club, in conjunction with the Town Council, organised a Recreation Fair in our Civic Hall. All sporting bodies, youth organisations and other members of all recreational activities were invited to participate.

Portland Guides and Brownies took part by arranging a stand and for three nights some form of demonstration was given. We used photographs, craftwork, flags and other material from Headquarters.

The whole affair was a tremendous success and an example of just how much there really is to do in one's own town.

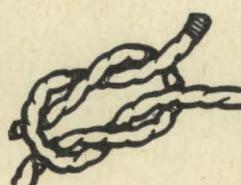
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CONSERVATION

Have you ever been away caravanning or camping with your family, longing for a quiet rest in the country, when suddenly you find yourselves camped in the middle of other people's mess?

How often we see this during holiday time. Cans, bottles, food scraps and "disposable" baby napkins littering highways, bushlands and beaches. What is YOUR way of dealing with these camping problems? Do you add your heap of mess to that already there — or do you take it to a bin or tipping site?

A campsite we visited recently had been used by Guides with rather grubby habits. Before we could camp there we spent a great deal of time untying string from gadgets thrown into the bush, picking up tissues, lolly papers and plastic, and sorting out a refuse pit containing china, glass, aluminium cans and plastic.

Only bio-degradable rubbish should be buried . . . and this applies to family camping too. Most rubbish will burn, even peels and food scraps, but if you are unable to have a fire it is not very difficult to carry your bag of garbage to a town bin or tipping site. Plastic and foil will not burn, nor should they be buried.

And your refuse pit should be deep and well covered with soil to prevent animals digging up the garbage. (Not only cats and dogs do this . . . foxes are very good at digging too!)

Always remember how unpleasant it is for you to find yourself camping midst someone else's garbage — and be sure you do not leave your site that way for the next camper.

ANNE L. FRASER.



We are saddened by the sudden death of Mrs Esmee Martin, remembered in Grampians Division as Marnoo District Commissioner, Division Commissioner and Publicity Officer.

Her enthusiasm and happy participation in all activities and her ability to solve problems with wisdom and tact endeared Esmee to her many Guiding friends.

Her outgoing personality and love of all that is good and worthwhile made it a privilege and pleasure to know Esmee Martin.



GUIDE-BROWNIE DAY Scout Jamboree Wednesday, 5th January, 1977

Visitors welcome between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Admission for members of Guide Movement (girls and leaders) **in uniform** — 20 cents each.

See details on Page 133, November "Matilda".





TUNE IN ON CHANGE

(Reprinted from July, August and September issues)

EXCITING NEWS — LONG-AWAITED ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Movement is to have FOUR AGE GROUPS, each with its own program, within the THREE existing Sections.

For some time there has been a growing awareness throughout Australia of the need to re-arrange our age-groups. Each State has been experimenting with various groups; in Victoria we tried G.I.P.S. (Guides in Pilot Scheme) with 14- to 16-year-olds, and other exploratory plans were tried with the over 18's.

The results of these experiments, the evaluation of the Eight Point Program carried out by questionnaire last year, surveys of various sorts including one on why girls leave the Movement, and the findings of other youth groups, were all discussed at the Australian Sections/Training Conference in January. The result has been that the Australian Girl Guides Association has agreed that Sections will now operate within the following age groupings:—

Brownie Guides 7 to 10½/11th birthday

Guides 10½/11 to 14/14½ years

Ranger Guides 14/14½ to 18th birthday

Rangers 18 to 25th birthday

Each program is designed for a three to four year stay in a group before moving on to the next. Research shows that this smaller age span of girls get on well together and have common interests. Ten-and-a-half-year-old Brownies coming into Guides will find a program more suited to

their abilities; 14-year-old Guides moving on to Ranger Guides will find the sort of activities they have been asking for but which the present Guide Company, also serving 11-year-olds, has not been in a position to provide; 18-year-old Rangers, who are legally adults, will have an opportunity to do adult things without having to modify interests because the 14- and 15-year-olds have to be included.



Only one group has a "new" program — the 18- to 24-year-olds who, at this stage, are called **RANGERS**.

By the time a Ranger is 18 years old she is allowed to vote, drive and drink; she is possibly already a leader with a Brownie, Guide or Cub Unit; she is, in fact, an adult. Her needs are different from those of a 14-year-old schoolgirl, her opinions are often loudly heard but not always heeded, so it is necessary that a flexible personal program for this group be evolved.

The present Ranger program, handbook uniform and the name **RANGER GUIDES** will be used by the 14- to 17-year-olds. There is so much potential in the Ranger program and it waits to be developed by these younger girls and their leaders.

The G.I.P.S. showed how exciting a unit run with this age group could be. One girl's description of the type of leader she wanted was, "I expect a leader who becomes involved in activities with the girls; a leader who can communicate with and understand the age group of the girls and who becomes a friend; a leader who does not "knock back" the girls' ideas or enthusiasm and who will treat the girls in a more adult way than Guides".

Another described their program, "Our trip to the Zoo with children from Allambee was good and our venture to Michael Hunt's Health Club put us in good form. We had greater involvement with Venturers in football matches, socials and square dancing, and even invitations to go to canoeing and rock climbing. Camps were great too. At Tynong North we were really able to enjoy ourselves because we were all on an equal level with the two leaders. We were able to act around and carry on and everyone was great to be with".



In **GUIDES** the 12- and 13-year-olds now get their chance to show they can run patrols if they are trained and supported by their leaders. In this smaller age range the younger girl's wishes will be heard and her interests met. She can have those games she likes but which bored the older girls; she can now have her chance to accept responsibility and to run some of the activities. These girls want to be useful. They like getting badges if they are assessed at a level compatible with their ability and span of concentration. Camp to them is an exciting challenge, and although the Guide Companies may miss the proficient 15-year-old camper, the younger girls will still gain in discovering their own capabilities.

In recent years the numbers of Brownies going on to, and staying in Guide Companies has decreased. Enquiry shows this is too frequently because they have felt unwelcome and lost in the group of "big" girls. Now we will have Guide Companies which cater for an age range of 3+ years rather than of 5+ years.

BROWNIES are affected too. Surveys showed that the "peak" age in Packs is nine years. This means that if Packs aim to suit the greatest number of their members, they will run most activities at the level of the nine-year-olds. With Guide Companies now geared to the younger girl, 10½-year-old Brownies will usually be better suited to move on to the Guide Company.

Let us look at how we can bring the change into effect.



WHAT DOES THE CHANGE MEAN?

Nothing will happen unless all Guiders are optimistic and determined to take advantage of the change.

Brownie Guiders, you must encourage each Brownie to go on to Guides as soon as she is capable of coping with the Guide program. Now that it is geared to a younger level, this is likely to be at an earlier age than before.

Guide Guiders, you have to decide whether to concentrate on Guides aged 10½-14, or work with the 14-17-year-olds who will become Ranger Guides.

Ranger Guiders, some of your units will cater for the older girls and their activities, and your attitude towards them will need to change accordingly. Other units will be geared to the younger girls and will work to the present Ranger program. They will need Leaders to do things *with* them, while the older girls will require a Leader who is more of a consultant.

It means that a lot more Ranger Guide Units are needed. The change has been made for the benefit of the girls but, if there is no Unit for the 14-18-year olds, then there is no benefit. Start a new Ranger Guide Unit — divide the existing Ranger Unit in two — change one Guide Company into a Ranger Guide Unit — but get one.

WHERE DO WE FIND THE GUIDERS?

1. Commissioners, do you already have a Ranger Unit and wonder how you split one Guider into two? If the Guider has an interest in the 14-17-year-olds, let her get them going. The 18+ are adults and should be far more competent in "self programming". They need a "consultant", an "older ear" — so look for an ex-Guider or someone else who fits the requirement.

2. Do you have two or more Guide Units in the District? Why not make one a Ranger Guide Unit with the 14+ girls from each and let a Guider who works best for this age group become their Guider. The 10½- to 13-year-olds will then make up the Guide Company(s) under the leadership of the remaining Guiders.

3. Have you a Guide Guider who runs a good program for the present older Guides? She is the ideal person to start Ranger Guides. Now look for a new Guide Guider. Perhaps the Brownie Guider who does well with the 10½-year-old Brownies would like to change — you would then need to find the Pack a "new" Guider.

HOW DO WE MOVE ON THE 14+ GUIDES?

Get a Ranger Guide Unit started. The girls have the energy, and the opportunities for things to do within that program are boundless. Just remember that the girls need a Guider who will "do it with them". The reward for the Guide Company will be some excited new 13-year-old Patrol Leaders.

WHEN WILL WE CHANGE?

Start now. However, if you have to find Guiders or arrange for them to change around, form new Units or adjust the existing ones, then work towards bringing in the new age groups at the beginning of next year. By the end of 1977, we expect that the whole of Victoria will be operating within these new age groups, and our girls will be reaping the benefits that are to be gained from them.

QUEEN'S GUIDE in the Ranger Guide Section

As an interim measure (until the badge syllabus is adjusted to the changed age groups) Victoria is accepting continuation of work toward the Queen's Guide badge in the Ranger Guide Section. The syllabus remains as written, but Ranger Certificates will count in place of some of the Guide badges. Where a Ranger Certificate is classed as equivalent and the girl is in Rangers, then she must do the Ranger Certificate. If there is no Ranger Certificate listed as the equivalent of a Guide badge, e.g., Little House Emblem badges, then the girl does the Guide badge.

Age limit on the Queen's Guide badge of the 16th birthday still applies. If the period of time between the award of the girl's last 8 Point Badge in the Guide Company and the application for the Queen's Guide badge exceeds 12 months, then Unit-in-Council must submit an assessment of the girl's progress since joining the Ranger Guide Unit.

This assessment is to cover the areas of:

1. what share of responsibility the girl has taken for planning and arranging the Unit program;
2. regular attendance;
3. and how well she participated and has progressed since becoming a Ranger Guide.

For Ranger Guide Queen's Guide candidates, recommendations which were from Patrol Leader Council would now be the responsibility of the Unit-in-Council. Recommendations are still required from the District Commissioner and also from the Guiders of her past Guide Company and the present Ranger Unit.

Application forms are to be sent to the Guide Adviser.

Equivalent Qualifications:

Ranger Guide Certificate/ qualification	Guide Badge/ qualification
Interest Certificate	Hobby badge
Ranger Guide Camp Permit	Camper badge or Patrol Camp Permit
Bellringer	Hobby badge
Child Service	Childnurse badge
Civil Defence	Emergency Helper
Commonwealth Knowledge	Australia badge
Conservation	Conservation badge
Fire Fighting	Firefighter badge
Homenursing	Home Nurse badge
International Knowledge	Guide Knowledge
Lifesaver	Lifesaver badge
Public Health	Accident Prevention
Samaritan	First Aid AND Home Nurse badges
Senior Interpreter	Good Neighbour badge
Service to the Handicapped	Friend to the Handicapped
Surf Lifesaver	Lifesaver
Ranger Wings	Sportsgirl badge
Any one Boating qualification	Boatswain badge
30 hours service (toward complete Ranger Service Star)	Service Flash

18- to 25-year-old Rangers

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.

What has your Ranger group decided to do?

OUR AIM

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.



LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

Thought for the Month:

Guide others to happiness and you will bring happiness to yourself, and by doing both these things, you will be carrying out God's wishes.

Success Story

Moyhu Local Association solved their fund-raising problem this year by collecting favourite recipes from their eleven members and other local friends, and compiling a Recipe Book which sells at \$1.00 per copy.

Nearly 400 copies have been sold, thanks mainly to the "Weekly Times" newspaper, which printed a letter from the Local Association Secretary telling readers about the new book. As a result, their book has now been sent to every State in Australia. People from all walks of life were more than happy to support the Girl Guides in this way.

Another edition of the Recipe Book is being printed and anyone wishing a copy can write to Mrs. D. Sands, Whitfield R.S.D., via Wangaratta, 3678.

RECIPE CORNER

(For your Christmas Baking Spree)

Picnic Cake:

2 cups plain flour; 1½ tspns. baking powder; 1 tspn. bi-carb. soda; 1 tspn. salt; 1-1/3 cups sugar; 4 ozs. butter; 1 cup mashed banana; ¼ cup milk; 1 tspn. grated lemon peel; 1 tspn. vanilla; 2 eggs; 1 cup chopped raisins and ½ cup chopped walnuts.

Sift flour, baking powder, bi-carb. soda, salt and sugar. Add softened butter, banana pulp, milk, lemon peel and vanilla. Beat gently for about 2 minutes. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well. Fold in raisins and walnuts. Pour mixture into greased 10- x 6-inch tin and bake in moderately low oven for approx 1½-2 hours. Leave to cool in tin for 5 minutes, then turn out and, when cold, sprinkle with sifted icing sugar.

Peach Perfect:

Cut each peach in half and take out stones or use tinned peach halves (drained). Place in shallow buttered oven-proof dish. Mix together equal quantities of ground almonds, brown sugar and finely-chopped peel. Put a spoonful in each half, sprinkle with sherry and bake in moderate oven for 15 minutes. Serve with cream.

Chocolate Cream Between:

4 ozs. butter; 1 tblsp. cocoa; 1 cup plain flour; ½ cup icing sugar.

Melt butter, mix into dry ingredients and press into shallow tin. Bake in moderate oven for approx. 20 minutes.

Filling: 1 tin condensed milk; 1½ cups coconut; ½ cup chopped walnuts; few chopped cherries and sultanas. Combine all in a small saucepan and boil till thick, stirring all the time. While still warm, spread over base.

Topping: 4 ozs. Copha; 1 tblsp. cocoa; 4 ozs. icing sugar. Mix cocoa and icing sugar, add melted Copha. Pour on top of filling, set in refrigerator. Cut into small squares. Nice with after-dinner coffee.

Cherry Chips:

Cream together 3 tblspns. icing or castor sugar and 4 ozs. butter. Add 3 tblspns. crystallised cherries, cut into small pieces. Lastly add 1 cup S.R. flour. Put teaspoonfuls on greased tray and bake in slow oven for 20 minutes. Allow to cool before removing from tray with knife.

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

BROWNIE VISITORS

2nd Wangaratta Brownies and their parents eagerly awaited the Melbourne train. You could hear little voices all saying the same — "I wonder what my Brownie will look like".

They were expecting 21 1st Meadowfair Brownies, who arrived with two leaders and Pack Guide. The waiting room was so busy as each girl was introduced to her hostess for the weekend.

Next morning everyone went to a farm at the foot of the Warbies. Many of the visitors had never been on a farm before. They had rides on a truck, climbed rocks and had a wonderful view of snow-covered Mount Hotham and Mount Buffalo.

That evening we went to a Campfire at Moyhu. Later we ate toasted marshmallows and chocolate bananas cooked in the fire.

On Sunday we attended Church, where Brown Owl's newest granddaughter was christened.

After lunch we went to Glenrowan to visit Kate's Cottage and the Ned Kelly museum.

We hope to see our new friends again very soon. We have planned our visit to them.

VERA SAUNDERS,
Brown Owl.



LETTER FROM INDIA

"I must express my most sincere and grateful thanks for the gift of A\$21.28 collected by the 2nd Heatherdale Brownie Guide Pack and sent to India for the furtherance of Brownie Guiding in our country.

"It has arrived at an opportune moment when we are planning to have a big get-together at the National level of all Brownies in New Delhi. The Brownies are called Bul-Buls in India, which are beautiful little birds. The festival is called Bul-Bul Utsav. As we are a joint organisation it will be a "Cub and Bul-Bul Utsav" or festival.

"Thank you so much for your contribution, which will be used for the Bul-Buls at this festival. Kindly convey our thanks to the 2nd Heatherdale Brownies for their contribution through their "April Action".

(from Australian International Newsletter)

DRESSING-UP

1st Loch Brownies dressed up as people from different countries. My friend, Narelle, and Brown Owl and I dressed as gypsies. Narelle and I told fortunes. Others were from Spain, Scotland, Hawaii and China. There was an Arab too.

Tawny Owl and Christine cooked spaghetti, popcorn, pancakes and stew. It was difficult to eat the spaghetti, it kept falling off the fork. It was funny when popcorn popped out of the frying-pan on to the floor.

MANDY BARTON,
1st Loch Brownie Pack.



NATURE DAY AT SILVAN

1st and 2nd Monbulk Brownies entertained six Brownies from Waverley extension Pack at Silvan Reserve.

We played games before barbecue lunch cooked for us by Monbulk Guides.

Then we went on a nature walk and hunt. We had a gift for each of our visitors and then the Guides took them to Wellington Cottage for afternoon tea.

We all had a lovely day.

VICKI BRADSWORTH.



BROWNIE FUN

1st Lake Bolac Brownies enjoyed planting a wattle tree for the "Ribbon of Gold". Everyone helped digging, fertilising, planting and watering.

Another time they had fun at a picnic. They went exploring, had a treasure hunt and played games.

HELEN WARE,
1st Lake Bolac Brownie Pack.

BROWNIES IN BRUSSELS

What a great thrill it is to travel overseas, but an even greater thrill is the experience of making Guiding contacts in different countries and learning something of Guiding in these countries. I was made so welcome wherever I went; it made me realise more than ever that the Girl Guide Movement is truly a world-wide organisation.

Highlight in regard to Guiding of my recent trip overseas was my visit to the 2nd Brussels Brownie Pack. This was kindly arranged by one of the Brownie mothers whom I met at a business dinner with my husband one evening. Conversation turned to Guiding and I discovered the Pack was due to meet the next evening.

It was raining hard, so I took a taxi to the British School of Brussels, to which this Pack is attached, and met 24 very smartly dressed Brownies, their leader, assistant leader, Ranger helper and Pack Guide — a very bright and happy group.

I told them a little about the Brownie Pack I help back home, the games we play and the uniform we wear. This is not very different from their own, as this Pack follows the English program and wears the English uniform. However, the Brownies were fascinated with our Australian Six Emblem names and laughed when I told them about Tookonies, Lalagullis, Mullokas and Junjarnings. I propose to send them a copy of our new Australian Handbook, which I am sure they will enjoy, together with some emblems and an Australian Friendship badge for each Brownie.

The leader asked me if I would like to teach the Brownies a game, so the first one I called "Australian Zoo", along the lines of Fruit Salad or Stew, but with names of Australian animals. Next we played "Baby Austin" and included a Holden in this, of course. They had never played any form of these games before, so they were a great success, and there were 24 rather exhausted Brownies by the end of the meeting. I had fun, too, and it really was a great, and quite unexpected experience.

J.M.O.



FOR BROWNIE GUIDES

AT LAST — Brownie Guide Pennants. Pack Pennants are now available from the Guide Shop at a cost of \$1.00 each, plus postage. I would like to suggest that each Pack purchase one to carry or display whenever there are a group of Brownie Guides together at a Guide or Scout function, or on Pack Outings.

Reference 1976 P.O. & R. Rule 31. Marches — page 22.

The name of the Pack can be put on the Pennant in the space provided with either "Hobby-tex", "Artex" or other suitable form of lettering.

The manner in which the Pennant is carried can be a Unit decision, as can the length of the stick on which the Pennant is carried.

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Special Apron for Recruits: Aprons are now available and can be worn by Recruits if the Brownie Guides in Pow Wow decide themselves that they like this idea. Available from the Guide Shop — \$2.15 plus postage.

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Small Bannerettes are also available at a cost of \$3.15 each, plus postage, for individual or Six awards. These are attractive gold satin finish material with brown lettering, with space available for name of recipient.



VISIT TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2nd Waverley North Guide company talked with Councillor Davies about the needs of our community and how they could be met.

After our discussion we went into the Council Chambers, where all Council meetings are held. As we entered the room we saw big luxurious seats where councillors sit and three larger seats at the front of the room for the Mayor, Town Clerk and City Engineer.

Beforehand, Councillor Davies had elected Guides to be Mayor, Town Clerk and City Engineer. The others, as councillors, rose from their chairs at the sound of a door opening and the Guide-Mayor walked in with the Mayor's coat and medals draped over her.

The meeting was a good experience for the Guides; few of us knew what action took place at Council meetings.

After the Guide-Mayor declared the meeting closed we followed Councillor Davies to the Mayor's private room, where the Mayor had kindly left us supper, which we enjoyed greatly.

It had been an enjoyable and very interesting evening.

LEANNE HOLLINGSWORTH.

50th BIRTHDAY

We recently celebrated our 50th birthday with a very happy evening when all ex-Guides and leaders from 1926 onwards were invited. 140 attended a smorgasbord tea in the Guide Hall, with many of the original Guides attending. After the very enjoyable meal the Rev. Peter Payn gave a brief talk, which was followed by Camp Fire Songs. A short, but delightful, "Guides' Own" was presented by the Guides of today and everyone was asked to renew her Guide Promise.

During the evening a condensed 50-year Guide History was read, listing outstanding happenings and personnel.

We thank the Local Association ladies for their tremendous help and support — which made the evening such a success.

10th Geelong (St. Matthew's)
Guide Company.

QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATION

Proud 2nd Werribee Guide Unit held their first Queen's Guide badge presentation ceremony. For Fern Schellen and Pam Sadler this was a very special occasion and, having the right to choose who would present their badges, Fern's choice was her grandmother, Mrs. Lorna Adams, Region Commissioner of Murray Mallee, who travelled from South Australia especially for the ceremony. Pam chose her own District Commissioner, Mrs. Mary Winterton.

There were three generations of the Schellen family in Guiding present, Fern's mother is our leader.

Guests included Region, Division and District Commissioners, Councillor O'Keefe, representing the Shire President, and Guiding friends in Werribee. Special visitors with past Guiding links with 2nd Werribee Guides also attended.

The ceremony took the form of a reunion of past and present 2nd Werribee Guiders and Guides.

Two surprises of the night were the presentation of Queen's Guide Mother Badges to Mrs. Schellen and Mrs. Sadler (both Guiders), and special recognition of Mrs. May Morrall's 24 years' continuous service to Guiding in Werribee. Having previously held the positions of District Commissioner and Division Commissioner, she is now our Region Training Adviser.

Supper for almost 100 people was the finale to the evening with the cutting of a celebration cake, specially iced by one of the Guides, Wendy Watmough.

G. WHATMOUGH,
2nd Werribee Guides.



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WALTER DONALD ROSS AWARDS

The Walter Donald Ross Trophy for 1975 was awarded to the **156th Belfast Ranger Guide Unit of the Girl Guides Association of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** for their service in a hospital for the mentally ill. Since 1969, eight to ten Rangers, 16-18 years of age, have given valuable help to the hospital staff and about 50 patients, averaging 16 hours a week, approximately 6000 hours of service. The girls walked three miles each return journey to the hospital and willingly tackled any ward duty assigned to them.

They have helped the Recreation Assistant to run a 'club' for selected men and women patients, organising dancing, games, singing and with production of concert items for Inter-Hospital Challenge Cup competitions. Their 'club' won two cups and a third prize. When the Recreation Assistant was away for a year due to a long illness, the 'club' went on with all the activities carried out by the Rangers and their Guider. The hospital and the patients have benefited a great deal from the hard work of this group and their selfless attitude to the patients, who have become their friends.

Two Certificates of Merit have been awarded:

1.—**The 35th Ranger Company of the Girl Guides Association of Sri Lanka**, for their assistance to the family of one of their own Rangers, which was displaced due to diversion of a river for an irrigation scheme. Ten Rangers, 16 to 21 years of age, and their Guider found the needed funds and helped in levelling a hillside allotted to the family and with the construction of a house. The land had no access and was about two miles from any bus route, so the task was doubly hard. Working for two months after school and on free days, and with the advice of a mason and a carpenter, the Rangers, members of the family and a troop of Rovers recruited to help with the heavy work, completed the house on schedule as was required by the government, and the family of nine are now in residence.

2.—**The 1st Kellor Guide Company of the Girl Guides Association of Australia** gave service to a family at the end of each school day over a seven-month period. The group of

31 girls, from 11-16 years of age, worked on a roster of two shifts of two girls. They took the two young children, six and eight years of age, home from school, cared for them, prepared the evening meal and remained with them until the father came home from work. The mother was permanently hospitalised and the service continued regularly until shortly after the mother's death, when other arrangements for the family were made.

As Mr. Ross died in 1974, these are the last Walter Donald Ross awards to be made.



PATROL LEADERS' GATHERING

(continued from page 158)

taught their job, what is expected of them, how to manage the girls in their patrol and introduced to plenty of ideas — had better get started!

If the 82 Patrol Leaders and Seconds who attended the Gathering are an example of the girls we have in our Companies throughout the State, then 12- and 13-year old Patrol Leaders will run patrols ably, often with more enthusiasm than did their 14- and 15-year-old counterparts. They may lack some initiative in patrol programs and need to be fed more ideas from which they can choose — and they will need Guiders to watch from the background, ready to unobtrusively bring girls back into control when their young Patrol Leader has exhausted her patience.

But our Gathering showed that — 12 and 13-year-olds CAN be leaders of patrols which operate in a way destined to achieve the objectives B.P. prescribes for the Patrol System.

YVONNE JAMES
Guide Adviser.

SCOUT-GUIDE FRIENDSHIP TOUR — Fiji Islands

(Continued from November issue)

The next 36 hours were spent resting, clothes washing, showering, sleeping and repacking to leave on a four-day expedition into the isolated centre of the main island. On this trip, led by four local native guides — two had been Venturers — hiking in very sparsely timbered country in very hot, humid conditions with rain and lots of mud, made the three nights spent in villages very welcome rests. In each of these villages, as in Korovou village, we had our evening meal and breakfast with the natives, experiencing local foods and customs and leaving behind our dehydrated hike food, which was equally new to the Fijians.

Rest and recovery time in Suva was well used, but Saturday night saw the festivities on again, this time an Indian meal provided by one of the few mixed Fijian/Indian Scout and Cub Groups of the Fiji Islands. This was followed by more happy singing and dancing, as this was to be our last night in Suva.

Next were the island trips; I chose to be part of a six-day visit to the next two largest islands in the group. We flew to Lambasa in a tiny plane. In these six enjoyable days we built a bus shelter of bamboo and palms for service, hiked for one day, visited a copra factory, took a two-hour boat trip to reach the second island, had a lazy day on a beach, as well as many other interesting highlights of local life.

Then back by plane to Suva and bus to Lautoka — what a contrast to our first trip over this route — this time dust and heat"!

To conclude our tour we had a memorable night at a motel with a sumptuous buffet salad dinner to show our gratitude to our leader, South Australian Scouter Graham Hill, for the months of preparation and work he put in to make such a comprehensive and well-organised tour.

We returned to Australia rather late in the evening and there were many wet eyes as our contingent broke up to return to their own States. We Victorians stayed with other interstate people in a Scout Hall in Sydney

for the night (and how we froze !!) before returning to Melbourne on Sunday.

What a fantastic three weeks! An experience I will long remember and one I would never have missed. Will I return to Fiji? — I hope so, to visit those islands I was unable to see this time and continue friendships made on this trip. And you? I hope you have the opportunity to be part of a tour such as this! My thanks to our Victorian Leaders Helen Malcolm and Jeanette Barrett and our Contingent Ranger Leader Jan Harridge, from South Australia, for all they did to help us as our "mums" while we were away from home. Bula, Bula.

JENNY DE MARCHI.



RANGER "B" RALLY

History was made recently when the first rally for the 18-25-year-old girls was held. Organising a new group is no mean feat, and that day went a long way in planning for the future.

Approximately 120 girls from 34 units attended, which was terrific. Ranger Advisers, Mrs. J. Twist (Victoria) and Miss M. Calister (Australia) were on hand to answer our many questions.

Among ideas discussed were whether we wanted males in our units, administration, uniform, badges, and what to call ourselves.

As usual in the Ranger Section, uniform was a topic discussed in great depth. Other issues, debated in true Ranger style, made it a stimulating event. We know from the interest shown at this rally that our new age group will be a tremendous success.

PAM SQUIRE
(Boronia Rangers).



MONSTER FETE

Saturday, 26th March, 1977, at Dendy Park, Brighton.

We hope to raise lots and lots of \$\$\$\$\$\$ for the rebuilding of the Ranger Sailing School at Sandringham. Contact Mrs. J. Zakis (telephone 288 6803) if you can help.

SERVICE

Rangers and Ranger Guides — Churinga Family Relief Scheme needs volunteers to care for handicapped children at "Churinga", Greensborough, between 8th and 22nd January, 1977.

CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER

Ranger Section is selling wrapping paper to help support the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust.

Established on Jersey, the largest of the Channel Islands, by Gerald Durrell in 1959, the organisation is totally committed to the conservation of endangered species whose environment is no longer capable of supporting them. It is not just a Zoo, but a Sanctuary where colonies of animals, previously threatened by extinction, are established and built up. Gradually surplus specimens are returned to the wild to re-populate areas from which they have vanished.

This is the only organisation in the world which devotes all its energies to such a gigantic "rescue operation".

Wrapping paper is available from Mt. Waverley Rangers.

WATERBOURNE

Ranger canoeing weekend, Waterbourne, organised by Traralgon Rangers, was most successful.

Most of the action took place on and in the warm water of Hazelwood Pongage, where the Rangers received instruction from the Gippsland Waters (Morwell Canoeing Club) whose canoes, kayaks and other equipment was used during the weekend.

Camp was set up at nearby Burnett Park, and after dinner on Saturday Cathy Benson and Jenny Morrison spoke about their unit's recent trip to India. Supper and campfire to accordian accompaniment followed.

After Rangers' Own on Sunday morning, all were anxious to perfect skills learned the previous day. Barbecue lunch was greatly appreciated, following canoe races and canoe water polo.

Fine weather — good fun — great weekend.

—from report by ANN POLLOCK.
Traralgon Rangers.



SAILING SCHOOL TRAINING WEEKEND

22nd-23rd January, 1977.

Come along and learn the correct way to row a boat.

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.



AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL GUILD GATHERING

They came from all over Australia and one from New Zealand to the 2nd National Gathering of the Australian Trefoil Guild.

Victorian Trefoil was hostess State and the theme chosen for the weekend was "The Quality of Life".

The weekend began with an Advisers' meeting on Friday, leading to a dinner at Headquarters in the evening. Miss E. Dusting, Australian Trefoil Adviser, and our State Guide Commissioner, Mrs. J. Grimwade, welcomed visitors. Miss M. Lambie, Chief Commissioner for Australia, officially opened the gathering, and we were delighted to have her with us for part of the weekend.

Everyone travelled by bus or car to Britannia Park, where they spent the night in the Thank You Chalet, Guide House and Brownie Cottage.

Next day was spent in getting to know each other over meals and sessions chaired by Miss Dusting. Main topic of conversation

was . . . "we do this in our guild, what do you do?"

During the afternoon a "getting to know Britannia Park" was held before the eclipse caught up with everyone. Miss R. Miller conducted an enjoyable camp fire in the evening.

In spite of rain on Sunday morning, Trefoil Guild's Own was held in the outdoor chapel under raincoats and umbrellas.

Badges and addresses were exchanged with promises to attend the 3rd National Gathering, to be held in Queensland in 1978.

Thanks go to Mrs. I. Lister, Victorian Trefoil Adviser, for the mammoth job she did organising the weekend; to Margaret Insley, Joy Turner for providing such enjoyable meals, and for the way Pam and Joy Weaver, the two hostesses, stepped into the breach to help in the kitchen.

The friendship of the weekend surely proved that "The Quality of Life" is "The Guide Way of Life".

M.T.

Trefoil and Baden-Powell Guilds' Proposal

Like myself and millions of other people throughout the world, Scouting and Guiding has done much to help us through life by equipping us with the basic essentials of self-reliance. We have made friends and met many interesting people who have helped to enrich our lives. The Movement has helped us all in one way or another, think about it!

It has come to our notice that there are a number of former Guides and Scouts who are lonely and in need of companionship, especially a common interest companionship.

The Trefoil and Baden Powell Scout Guilds are now exploring just such a common interest accommodation project for our retired members. It is proposed that the Guilds build home units or motel-type accommodation which may be purchased for life,

then reverting to the sponsoring body for resale.

Whilst there are many details to be explored, establishment of this project will enable former Scouts and Guides to work together in a common interest project.

We would be interested to add any ideas you may have to those under discussion.

Further details of ways in which you could help us are available from Mrs R. E. Gregory, 21 Albany Road, Toorak, 3142 (telephone 20 3082); Mrs E. H. Lister, 440 South Road, Moorabbin, 3189 (telephone 95 1835); The Hon. Michael Baden-Powell, 18 Kalang Road, Camberwell, 3124 (telephone — business 82 8224 — private 29 5009).

I.L.

MATILDA

KNOW YOUR REGIONS

Maroondah Region

Nowadays, bisecting our Region, the smooth six-lanes of the Maroondah Highway sweep in long curves through gentle hills on their way to the mountains and places inland, trying to ignore the blatant bunting of the car yards and the long lines of parked vehicles which bring prosperity to our commerce and industry. The daytime roar of the traffic changes after dark to a gentler buzz, but it is only in the wee small hours that the ear can distinguish any single vehicle.

It is a century since a flattened earth track followed much the same route, and became the road along which the farmers and orchardists of the district brought their produce nightly to the city markets. The brisk clip-clop of the horses' hooves echoed through the valleys when the candles were lit, and changed to the slow klompa-klompa of the tired journey home as the rising sun changed the dark outline of the Dandenong Ranges to pink and gold and blue and green, and the grey spiralling smoke from kitchen chimneys signalled welcome, warmth and breakfast.

Orchards and farmlets filled the wide spaces, and gradually houses and shops began to group around the railway stations. The long wooden platform of the Tunstall railway station, beautiful only in the frost-coated early mornings of the winter, looked out on wide grass paddocks and sparse bushland, where an enterprising estate agent in the early 1920's put up a board to tell us "Tunstall is going to boom". It continued its promise, in the midst of wide grass paddocks, sparse bushland and earth roads, through the boomtime 'twenties, the depressed 'thirties, and the war-torn 'forties, until finally the board fell down. Only then, when the lonely Tunstall changed its name and became the more ambitious Nunawading, did the empty paddocks suddenly become a vast sea of neat suburban houses, as the frustrated new families of the war-

restricted years began to build their new homes. Then the population doubled year by year, to become no longer rural, nor even outer suburban, but a part of the thriving Melbourne metropolis.

There is no room, now, for the pink and white blossoms of the springtime orchards; no longer can the homecoming children fish for tiddlers in the creek, or search for green-hood orchids in the roadside grasses. Their place has been taken by tree-lined streets of neat homes and pleasant gardens.

Guiding came to Mitcham in 1927, to Croydon and Vermont in 1929, and to Blackburn in 1933. These four came under the banner of Croydon District, which in those early days was part of Hawthorn Division. Slowly they grew, until the years following the war, when the slow growth changed to a very rapid growth; the area became the Guiding Division of Croydon, and expanded its boundaries until it reached, at different times, from Blackburn to Healesville, from Warrandyte to Boronia. Divisions changed to Regions, expanded to unwieldy sizes, and split yet again, till the story has come full circle, and Maroondah Region now reaches from Blackburn to Croydon, just as in the 1930's, but now holds 17 districts instead of one.

B. AIRD.



DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

Recently I was asked to test a Guide History evening organised by a candidate for the Guide Knowledge badge, and as it was unusual I am adapting part of it for this month's article. You will find gaps in this short article on early Victorian Guiding, and the words to fill the gaps are at the end, but not in their right order.

To check your answers, look in the booklet 'Past and Present'. Some of my previous articles in 'Matilda' and 'A matter of history', by Miss Gwen Swinburne, in April, May, June and July 1959 issues of 'Matilda' could also be helpful.

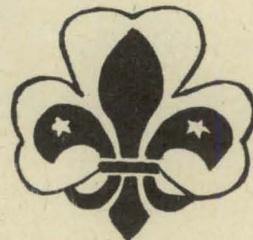
"One of our treasured possessions is the — — issued by Imperial Headquarters, London, in April 1912 to Miss Winifred Gipps of 1st Melbourne Girl Guides. She was the great-niece of a former Governor, Sir George Gipps, after whom — is named. Her company used to meet at — — — in the Domain, and they had a drummer and a —. There was a picture of Winifred Gipps in 'Matilda', June 1959.

1st Hawthorn Baden-Powell Girl Guides held their first meeting in — —. On one occasion they camped at Clayton, and were disturbed by the hounds of Oakleigh Hunt Club, who ate the — — prepared for Sunday dinner. The Master of the Hunt sent along some roast ducks as a substitute. Both these companies were inspected by the — at the rally at the Eastern Hill Fire Station on — —. We have, on loan, some fascinating pictures of 1st Hawthorn, one showing — — in a garden, complete with a patient in a bed, with one Guide reading from a — — handbook, while another girl measures out —. These companies disbanded during the war. 1st Camberwell began in 1917 at — Girls' School, when a Miss Miller, complete with turned-up — — —, talked to the girls about Guiding. The next week about — — turned up wanting to join. Another very early company was 1st Malvern — —, which was registered in London on 30th June, 1921. A note in the school magazine of that year reported, "Over 50 girls passed the — — and have been invested by the Captain, Miss Robina Hamilton".

In the same year Lady Stradbroke was appointed — — for Victoria, and she played an active part in developing Guiding in our State. How many Guides and Rangers who have camped at Britannia Park on Stradbroke site know it was named for our — State Commissioner? When she returned to England she donated a beautiful silver — which was competed for every two years until 1938. Another school company, 2nd Albert Park, MacRobertson Girls' High School, was the last one to win this cup."

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statue St. John's Ambulance.



FOUNDER'S DAY/THINKING DAY

Combined Founders' Day/Thinking Day weekend 1977 will be held at Macedon.

Bendigo branch of the Baden-Powell Guild is handling arrangements. Old-style guest house accommodation has been reserved for 40 people for the weekend, 18th-20th February.

Trefoil members wishing to attend full-time may apply for registration forms from State Adviser, Mrs E. Lister, 440 South Road, Moorabbin, 3189 (telephone 95 1835).

From the GUIDE SHOP

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ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE

New Ranger Guide Uniform Patterns — Sizes 32", 34", 36", 38"	\$1.85
Material — 150 cm. wide, per metre	\$5.25
Pale-blue piece for collar and facings	\$1.35
Zipp	45c
Buttons (each)	3c



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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

Chadstone: Wednesdays, 9th, 23rd, 30th March, time 7.45 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., plus weekend 19th-20th March, time 9.30 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Guide Hall, Ivanhoe Grove. Note: Catering fee for weekend to be advised. Applications to Miss M. Hunt, 8/7 Alcalá Avenue, Chadstone, 3148, by **25th February**.

Dromana: Weekends 5th-6th March and 2nd-3rd April, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. F. Bucknell, P.O. Box 46, Mt. Martha, 3934, by **14th February**.

Hamilton: Weekends 5th-6th February and 26th-27th March, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. F. Jervies, "Karingal", Hamilton, 3300, by **18th January**.

Headquarters: Wednesday, 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March, time 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **2nd February**.

Headquarters: Weekends 19th-20th February and 2nd-3rd April, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **29th January**.

Keilor: Weekends 12th-13th February and 5th-6th March, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. — Calder Rise Primary School, St. Albans Road. Applications to Mrs. P. Reidy, 324 Geelong Road, West Footscray, 3012, by **24th January**.

Noble Park: Weekends 12th-13th March and 16th-17th April, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. H. Lardner, 51 Bundeena Avenue, Noble Park, 3174, by **24th February**.

Stage 2 Training for Warranted Leaders

Bendigo: Weekends 5th-6th March and 16th-17th April, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. B. Whelan, 8 Hope Street, Kangaroo Flat, 3555, by **14th February**.

Euroa: Weekends 19th-20th March and 2nd-3rd April, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. M. Gorman, 33 Batten Street, Seymour, 3660, by **8th February**.

Headquarters: Thursdays, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March; 14th, 21st, 28th April — time 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., plus Saturday, 23rd April, time 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **24th February**.

Advanced Leadership Training (formerly Stage 3)

Baw Baw Region: Weekends 19th-20th February and 19th-20th March, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818, by **29th January**. To be held at **Moe**.

Campcraft Training

Woorayl Region: Saturday, 12th February, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., plus Sunday, 13th February, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., plus Camp Weekends 26th-27th February and 23rd-24th April. Note: Cost and location to be advised. Applications and \$3.00 training fee to Mrs. R. Gaudion, 32 Blackmore Avenue, Leongatha, 3953, by **1st February**.

Camp First Aid

Canterbury: Mondays, 14th, 21st February; 7th March, time 7.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. Applications to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108, by **1st February**.

Lightweight Camping Course for Ranger Guiders

Headquarters: Friday, 18th March, time 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. for all Guiders attending the course. **Plus** weekend 2nd-3rd April — **Wattle Glen**. This will be a Standing Camp (with emphasis on Light-Weight) for those members of the course who do not already hold Camping Qualifications, **plus** weekend 30th April-1st May — **Tapestry** — Overnight camp for all members of the course. Times for both weekends 9.30 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Fee to be advised. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **4th March**.

Details of the following Stage 1 trainings may be found in January/February issue of "Matilda".

Baw Baw Region: Weekends 2nd-3rd April and 30th April-1st May.

Creswick: Weekends 26th-27th March and 30th April-1st May.

East Metro: Weekends 26th-27th March, 16th-17th April and 30th April-1st May.

Moorleigh: Weekends 19th-29th March and 16th-17th April.

Otway Region: Weekends 19th-20th March and 16th-17th April.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

Guiders Long Service

(30 years): Mrs S. Dalziel, Yarragon.
(20 years): Mrs J. Samman, Korumburra; Mrs S. Leighton, Rye; Mrs M. Crawford, Kilsyth.
(10 years): Mrs N. Kerr, Deepdene; Mrs G. Chapman, Monash; Mrs L. M. Chadwick, Footscray; Mrs R. S. Phillips, East Malvern; Mrs J. Zakis, East Malvern; Mrs M. Marsden, Rosanna; Mrs N. Gedye, East Doncaster; Mrs D. M. West, Clifton Hill; Mrs S. White, Clifton Hill; Mrs D. Wilkinson, Koo-wee-rup; Mrs H. De Vroom, Moe; Mrs A. Charleston, Bairnsdale; Mrs L. Wilson, Rosebud.

Combined Long Service

(10 years): Mrs S. Loader, Bairnsdale; Mrs L. Checkley, Monash; Mrs J. Black, Stawell; Mrs L. J. Tucker, Northcote; Mrs W. Henning, Hamilton.

Local Association Long Service

(10 years): Mrs W. Horner, Monash; Mrs G. Saunders, Monash; Mrs R. Morrison, Templestowe; Mrs G. Holmes, Collingwood; Mrs S. Rainford, Hadfield.

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Thanks Badge

Mrs I. S. Cole, Frankston; Mr J. Nolan, Geelong; Mr R. Jones, Mildura; Mrs E. Mason, Rosebud; Mr K. Brown, Cheltenham; Mr G. Nugent, Deepdene.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Region Commissioners

Mrs B. M. Larbey, Outer Eastern; Mrs D. W. Arnold, Woorayl.

Division Commissioners

Mrs J. E. Allen, Box Hill South; Mrs G. R. Main, Camberwell South.

District Commissioners

Mrs R. E. Hocking, Hadfield; Mrs J. B. Zilm, Seymour; Mrs M. J. Morrison, Glengarry; Mrs J. B. Flood, Noble Park; Mrs B. E. Dean, South Merbein; Mrs J. T. Helleren, Yarram; Mrs K. L. Webb, Warrandyte.

Ranger Guider

Mrs C. J. Watson, Murchison Rangers.

Guide Guiders

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Brownie Guiders

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RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

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Ranger Guiders

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Brownie Guiders

Mrs R. Anders, 1st Hazelwood; Mrs A. H. Walker, 1st Yinnar; Mrs B. Hall, 1st Boolara; Miss K. Williams, 1st Catani.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs R. G. Sherwood, 2nd Yarrawonga; Mrs N. A. Jacobs, 1st Yinnar; Mrs S. Borlase, 2nd Oakleigh; Mrs S. Krumnow, 3rd St. Albans; Mrs G. F. Cliff, 2nd Oak Park; Mrs G. A. Bailes, 2nd Karingal; Mrs R. Whyte, 3rd Laverton; Mrs A. Borg, 1st Boolara.

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