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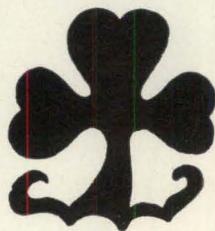
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Matilda

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA





When Districts work hard to help a Guide or Ranger selected to attend an overseas international event, their reward lies not so much in knowing that "their" girl is adequately equipped and will gain much personally from her trip, but in the excitement, enthusiasm and new knowledge she brings back to share with them.

Two Victorian Rangers have shared their experiences with many Districts besides their own and now "Matilda" readers may also enjoy their travels to Our Cabana in Mexico. (See page 306.)

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From our State Commissioner

Dear Everyone,

What a depressing start we had to the May holidays! No flights and people stranded throughout the country. We were particularly sad to think of our Lone Guides unable to travel to New Zealand. New South Wales looked after them magnificently at Glen-garry but it must have been a bitter blow to them all to miss the camp after so much planning, saving and anticipation.

I spent a few hours in Beechworth with the family over the holidays — the town was full of girls in red, green and maroon beanies with 'The Rock Muster' labels. They were some of the 1000 Guides in camp at the Rock, New South Wales. I found three of their leaders having coffee at "Sam's Pizza" and it was great to be able to chat with them as well as the girls and hear of the fun they were having. The Guide World is a truly small one!

One of the highlights of this last month was Pakenham District Debutante Ball. The whole Guide family participated — Guides helped decorate the hall with blue and yellow balloons, streamers and international flags. They also escorted us into the hall. It gave me a great thrill to receive the debutantes, of which a third were Guides. They were trained by an ex-Guide and the Deb Set was one of the best I have seen. The Ball was attended by young and old — from little sisters to grandparents and it had that wonderful atmosphere which only seems to

be found at a country Ball. Not only did Local Association members provide a wonderful social occasion for the local people but they also raised a large sum of money for extensions to the Guide Hall.

The Governor opened the joint Scout/Guide Hall at Rushworth and Fred and I were delighted to be able to participate in this happy occasion. I am sure both associations can only flourish now they have such a pleasant meeting place. I was also thrilled to open the South Shepparton Guide Hall. Here we have a rapidly expanding area which is most exciting. The Hall resulted from the vision of a local councillor who originally gave the Guides a block of land, and now, after many years' hard work they have a delightful permanent home.

Amongst our members of State Council we have some men — all experts in their own fields. We have felt that the format of State Council meetings did not always enable us to make the greatest use of their expertise so we held a "men's luncheon". This proved very helpful and another luncheon is to be held in about six weeks' time.

The Australian Executive meeting was somewhat condensed owing to a plane strike on 29th April. By starting early and working hard we managed to complete the agenda, although we missed the informal talk between State Commissioners which is so very helpful. We are all settling into the changes in age groupings and it is exciting to see the number of new Ranger Units and the promotion of the Ranger section.

It is good to see so many of you wearing Silver Jubilee Badges — they are most attractive. Half the money raised will go to the Appeal and the remaining half will be retained within the States for Guiding and Scouting to use to benefit the youth of that State.

By now Commissioners will have received letters about Jubilee Bonfires — I do hope

that many of you will participate and make this a memorable occasion for all people — not just Guides and Scouts. I emphasise though, that every safety precaution must be taken. Whilst bonfires can be fun they can also be extremely dangerous.

Mrs. Isobel Lister has completed her term as Victorian Trefoil Guild Adviser. Thank you Isobel for the work you have done — it has been wonderful to see Trefoil Guilds grow under your leadership. We now welcome Mrs Marie Stubbs as our new Trefoil Guild Adviser.

We have recently appointed Mrs Margaret McLean as Supplementary Activities Organiser. This is a new appointment which we feel sure will benefit Guides and Guiders throughout the State. We anticipate that Margaret, with the assistance of outside personnel and facilities, may provide additional activities which for a number of reasons may not already be available to our members, thus adding variety and adventure to our program.

All our elm trees are now losing their leaves prior to becoming dormant over the winter months. I hope we are not contemplating becoming dormant too? When you look at the events of the past months — the aims and ideals of Guiding are more important than ever before, and I think it is up to each and every one of us to promote Guiding for all we are worth. It is a fact of life — people do not volunteer, they have to be asked. If we all use these winter months as a time of asking for members and assistance then perhaps Spring will see us really burst forth with renewed vigour.

Happy hunting.

With love and best wishes to you all,

Joan E. Grimwade



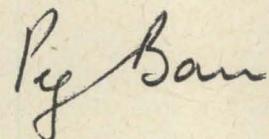
GUIDE SHOP

Hours of Service

A suggestion has been made that, as many families now make the most of extended shopping hours by coming into the city on Friday nights, our Guide Shop may render greater service to members by opening on Friday nights instead of Saturday mornings.

Such a change could inconvenience those in the habit of doing their Guide shopping on Saturday mornings so, before seriously contemplating any change of hours, we would like to know how the Movement would feel. It is particularly important that parents as well as Guiders be considered so we would like them to be consulted about this too. It would be very helpful for us to know everyone's reactions to this suggestion so would you kindly think about it and let us have your opinion as to whether it would be more convenient to you for the shop to be open on Friday night or Saturday morning. It is deeply regretted that, for economic reasons, it is not possible for the shop to be open at both times.

Please help us to help you by sending in your comments at an early date.

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Joan E. Grimwade". The signature is fluid and personal, with a distinct 'J' at the beginning.

State Secretary.

The secret of happiness is to think less about yourself and more about other people.

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The quickest way to do things is to do them one at a time.

REPORTING FROM RUSSELL STREET



THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE

The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal for young Australians has now been launched throughout Australia and all members will be interested to know that part of the proceeds from the sale of the Guide Jubilee badges will be forwarded to this Appeal. As one of the aims of the Appeal is to involve young people in the life and welfare of the community, the remainder of the proceeds will stay in Victoria for special projects which will be initiated by our younger members — probably Rangers — in collaboration with members of the Scout Association.

Did you have a Bonfire on 11th June? If you shared in this imaginative scheme, it will interest you to know that the torch with which Her Majesty ignited the first of the chain of British bonfires was handed to an Australian Scout and the flame from it carried to Australia inside a miner's lamp, then used to light an Australian bonfire.

NEWCOMERS TO THE H.Q. TEAM

Trefoil Guild Adviser: We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs J. D. Stubbs, of 1 Halsey Street, Box Hill, 3128 (telephone 89 3898) as our State Trefoil Guild Adviser in place of Mrs Isabel Lister, who has led our Guilds for many years. Our grateful thanks go to Isabel for her valuable work as we welcome Marie Stubbs.

Supplementary Activities Organiser: We also welcome Mrs Margaret McLean, a former Victorian Guider and Trainer, who became involved in Guiding again when she organised our Mini Olympics last year. She has taken office as Supplementary Activities Organiser, a new appointment established to help our members gain access to a wider variety of exciting activities.

Margaret will channel details of these supplementary activities through "Matilda" and invite applications, but should anyone wish to contact her direct she can be found at 2 Wyatt Street, Seaford, 3198 (telephone 786 1440).

QUEEN'S GUIDE

Although the change in age-groups within the Australian Guide Movement require a Guide to move on to Ranger Guides at 14-14½ years, the Queen's Guide Badge may still be completed up to the sixteenth birthday, BUT please read "Matilda" August 1976 for the details.

The next **Queen's Guide Presentation Ceremony** will take place on Saturday, 1st October, and information to this effect should now be passed on to present and prospective Queen's Guides. It is necessary that papers for any girl who is to attend this Presentation should reach Headquarters by **11th August at the latest**. Information about the Ceremony and the rehearsal for it will be sent to the girls concerned by the end of August.

COMMISSIONERS' OPEN DAY

Commissioners, have you applied to share in the Open Day on Tuesday, 28th June? If not, please do so **NOW**. (The May Russell Street Page has all the details.)

FOOTBALL FUN — BE IN IT

The State Commissioner still needs sporty Guiders and Commissioners to kick goals for her on 7th August when she leads the field against our racy Rangers. Names to State Secretary please.

A JOB IN LONDON

'Olave House', our international hostel in London, has several vacancies on its staff and it is thought that there may be Australian Guiders who would like to work there for a period. Anyone interested should contact the State Secretary for further information.

1977 JULIETTE LOW GATHERING

Early this year two excited Rangers set out on a seven week adventure to U.S.A. and Mexico. Two of those 7 weeks were to be spent at the Juliette Low Gathering at Our Cabana. The Rangers, Sonia Grover and Kaye Miller, started planning their trip last September when they were selected to attend the gathering.

After an overnight train trip to Sydney they met Anne Willis from New South Wales and Jenny Millhouse from South Australia. The four girls spent the following days getting to know each other and Sydney and making last minute plans for the Gathering.

Excitement reached a peak as they boarded a Jumbo Jet bound for Los Angeles. They were met by members of the Angeles Girl Scout Council, excellent hostesses who took them to Disneyland, Hollywood, Beverley Hills, Sunset Strip and Santa Monica Beach where the saw the sun set over the Pacific Ocean.

The girls soon found themselves waving goodbye to friends again as they flew on to Mexico City. This is an exciting bustling city with old, old buildings existing amongst modern, multi-storey office blocks and flats. They stayed at centrally situated Girl Guide hostel, "Ticalli" and from there the girls visited markets, museums, pyramids and churches and palaces built by the Spanish in 16th and 17th centuries, the University City with an enrolment of over 250,000, cactus plant demonstrations, the Ballet Folklorico and the Xochimilco floating gardens, best viewed from a boat.

Then the great day arrived, and, after a short (46 mile) taxi ride they arrived at Our Cabana. At the Gathering there were 56 girls (6 of whom were Mexican Girl Guides acting as interpreters) from 23 nations. There were eight patrols, each occupying one dormitory.

Program at the Gathering was well balanced with fun days and work days being mixed together to produce the most meaningful experiences from the event. Work days included activities such as a talk by Dr. Scott, the President of the Girl Scouts

of the U.S.A. on the topic of the importance of Rangers in today's world; a talk and discussion on the meaning and importance of service; a wide game based upon books, written by B.P., which everyone had read prior to attending the event; role play and discussions on the Ranger program and its value to the individual, the unit and the community; learning and experimenting with ways in which the true image of guiding can be more effectively projected into the community; and planning a community project which each girl is to complete after the event.

Leisure activities included a visit to Cuernavaca, to Taxco and to a nearby home for Girls where the Cabana has undertaken to provide activities for the girls, at the home, once a week as a continual service project. Participants at the gathering also enjoyed a folk mass, a Mexican fiesta, an arts and craft afternoon, an International concert and many campfires. The international friendship and understanding which evolved was a valuable experience, shared by everyone, and will always be remembered and cherished.

After the gathering the Australian contingent went three separate ways. Kaye visited her aunt and uncle in San Diego for three weeks and enjoyed many sights of interest including a four day trip to the Grand Canyon where she rode a mule into the Canyon. Jenny and Anne went to Pasadena and were later joined by Sonia and from there they went to San Francisco and Yosemite National Park. Before joining Jenny and Anne, Sonia spent another week in Mexico City and obtained an insight into a service project at Atepec where Mexican Girl Guides have undertaken a literary program. She also visited the medical centre at the University of Mexico and hospitals.

The four girls thoroughly enjoyed their trip and will always cherish their experiences and thank all who made the trip possible.

KAYE MILLER, SONIA GROVER.



INFORMATION from the International Adviser

Q.—Travelling overseas and want to see Guiding activities?

A.—Write to the Secretary to Advisers at Guide Headquarters requesting a form for an Overseas Introduction card. (Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.)

Q.—In your area do you have Rangers, Guides or Brownies who want to transfer to groups overseas?

A.—Write to the Secretary to Advisers, requesting a transfer form. (Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.)

When this form is completed please return to Guide Headquarters and not to the State International Adviser's home address.

Q.—Is your group planning a trip overseas?

A.—Before Australian Headquarters can contact overseas Guiding Organisations the following is to be undertaken:

1. A rough estimate of cost of the trip is to be obtained.
2. Plans organised as to how funds are to be raised.
3. A rough plan of where you wish to travel, and how long you intend to be away.
4. Please send details of the above to the State International Adviser at Guide Headquarters.
5. Your request is then taken to Victorian Guide Executive and, once approval has been granted, you will be directed to go ahead with your plans.

Q.—Want information about what uniform to wear at overseas events?

A.—Write to the State International Adviser giving full details of the event that you will be attending.

Q.—Do you require information about Guiding in other countries?

A.—Please write to the State International Adviser stating **clearly** the type of information you require.

Q.—Do you want details of people available to speak about Overseas Events which they have attended?

A.—Write to the State International Adviser giving several alternative dates if possible. It would be helpful if you could indicate the type of meeting it is to be.

I hope this information answers some of your questions. If I can help you at any time concerning International activities please do not hesitate to get in touch.

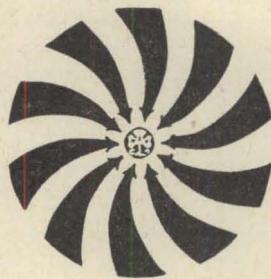
—WENDY SWIFT,
State International Adviser.

INTRODUCTION CARDS

Because of rising costs it has become necessary to make a small charge for the issue of Introduction Cards for personnel going overseas. It has therefore been decided that as from 1st June a charge of \$1.00 plus postage will be made. This will cover issue of the Travel form to be completed in the first instance, issue of the Introduction Card, and, if uniform is being taken, issue of an Australian Flag and Australian Flashes to be worn on the uniform.

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The beauty of problems is solving them:
Life is unimportant without challenge.



Thinking Day Greetings

— Letter received from International Commissioner, Australia, Mrs Charlotte Renshaw Jones. —

“Many units conceived interesting ‘cards’ and enjoyed preparing material and learning about the country to which they were writing. I hope they were not disappointed if they did not receive a reply — every greeting helped to spread the spirit of the comradeship of Guiding.

Mrs Kirkman has undertaken to organise the scheme again this year and I ask you now to give publicity to this wherever possible so that we can continue to keep alive the International aspect of Guiding in Australia.

Some units might wish, particularly if they have received an answer, to request the same ‘link’ as in 1976 (Thinking Day 1977), others might like to choose another country and so enlarge their knowledge of World Guiding.

Units wishing to participate should send the name of their Company to Mrs J. M. Kirkman, 161 Charman Road, Mentone, Victoria, 3194, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope for reply (requests for a special country should be included) **by 31st August, 1977**. Units will be informed which country has been allotted to them by 1st October. This leaves plenty of time for preparation of the greeting — which should be from the GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA — to be sent by surface mail and reach its destination by 22nd February, 1978.

This scheme can help our girls to learn about other lands, about the conduct of the Movement in circumstances different to our own, and to make new friendships at the same time.”

HAVE PRIDE

Guiders—

Do you wear your uniform with pride?
Do you make sure everything is correct uniform?
Do you check your appearance in a full-length mirror before leaving home to attend your unit meeting?

When you are fully satisfied with your own appearance, the members of the Uniform Sub-Committee have a special request to put to you — that you make the girls in your units much more aware of how to wear their uniforms with pride, and to be sure that they, too, are in correct uniform.

Following the Youth Garden Party at Government House in March, some Guides who attended were upset to see other Guides looking very untidy, wearing sneakers and

sandals, and several without berets. One Guide was doubly upset, as her mother had bought her regulation lace-up shoes especially for this important occasion, so that she would be in correct uniform.

It is expected that members of the Girl Guide Movement should look neat and tidy at all times, with suitable hair styles under berets, shiny badges, skirts at an appropriate length — not too short and not too long — and correct and well-polished footwear.

It is most important that, when chosen to represent her Guide Company and the Girl Guide Movement at a State function such as the Youth Garden Party, a Guide must be immaculate in the wearing of her uniform. It is a privilege to be invited to attend such a function.



BRITANNIA PARK

This month has been spent mostly assessing the program for our first year, making an enormous list of essential jobs all needing urgent attention, and generally finding our feet. Chapel woodwork has been scrubbed and repainted, and now the Thursday Specials (a group of helpers) feel that scrubbing their own kitchen floors will be restful by comparison.

The search for firewood for the property is an ever-present problem and rising expense, and we hope campers will use it sparingly. Perhaps **you** know someone who could help us to collect some cheaply. A "wooding-bee" would be fun if we had a truck and driver.

Mr and Mrs Fraser have been especially busy caring for the needs of camps over Easter, holiday weekends and May holidays, and we hope they will enjoy a well-earned holiday in June — at the seaside.

As I learn more of Britannia Park I am discovering how many thoughtful friends it has — such as the kind day-visitor who donated a gallon of paint, the Clunes Trefoil Guild, which sent a pair of blankets for Brownie Cottage, and the many guides and guiders who leave campsites just that little bit better than they found them.

Those who remember Joan Alston will be pleased to know that some of her many friends have contributed to the cost of planting, in her memory, a small garden near Guide House. Her brother Tom and a few

friends visited Britannia Park recently and were pleased with the garden and the position it occupies. A bird-feeder has been placed in the maple tree nearby, and the plaque which is to be put there will read: "This garden is planted by the friends of Joan Alston in loving memory and with deep appreciation of her courage, and her dedication to guiding over many years".

MAINTENANCE FUND

Grateful thanks to the following people who maintained Britannia Park on —

30th March: Mrs E. J. Johnston, Morwell.

10th April: Spotswood Local Association.

16th April: Ashglen Trefoil Guild.

19th April: Northcote Local Association.

YOLAND SARGOOD, Convenor.



BONESEED

Along with many others, I have been concerned for some time about the problem of Boneseed weed in our State.

I have sent letters to guide units in areas where the weed grows, to a city newspaper, and I even enjoyed the privilege of being invited to use ABC radio to try to put the message across.

But still there are Guides and Guiders who have never heard of Boneseed. So perhaps it is time "Matilda" brought you news of this unusual enemy.

Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides Monilifolius* L.) was a garden plant in South Africa.

Over one hundred years ago, settlers who came to Australia felt they needed a reminder of their homeland — so they brought the pretty yellow-flowered bush to bloom in their Melbourne gardens.

Since conditions were so similar to its homeland, Boneseed flourished. As the plants produced seeds in berries, birds and animals carried these to other areas. Occasionally, soil carried from one area to another spread the plant.

As it became established, the plant dropped more and more of the little bone shaped seeds and soon there were forests of boneseed plants.

It is a pretty plant, up to about three metres high, with bright green shiny leaves and brilliant yellow, daisy-like flowers. Baby plants are a paler green, their leaves inclined to grow upwards, and with a fine white, silky hairy substance underneath.

The problem is that now these attractive bushes are killing our native Australian plants in many areas.

The Dandenongs, Mornington Peninsula, Portland and the You Yangs all have boneseed.

At Flinders Peak in the You Yangs, near Geelong, a "pulling day" was held recently. Hundreds of people spent the day pulling out baby boneseed plants so that native plants will have a chance to grow.

Once, the walking tracks to the Peak were lined with hundreds of colourful wild-flowers.

NOW THERE IS ONLY A JUNGLE OF BONESEED.

Even tall wattles and gums are being choked to death by the weed.

Sprays can kill plants beside the road — but everything else dies too. If a bush is cut, it must be burned, or the seeds may grow, and the stump can grow again unless it is painted with a special chemical.

Many people picnic in these areas, but are unaware that the pretty scrub is a weed.

I would like to ask **every** guide and brownie, and **every** leader to watch for boneseed.

Even if you do not live in the areas where it grows, you will probably at some time, visit areas where it exists.

Conservation groups hold regular "pulling days" and even the tiniest tweenie can help in these projects.

You may find information from such organisations as the Conservation Council of Victoria, Bird Observers Club, Native Plant Preservation Society or the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Board.

ANNE L. FRASER.



BONESEED

Left: Shallow rooted seedling.
Right: Mature plant with flower and berries.

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ACCIDENT NIGHT

If you can obtain the assistance of several adults you might have an "Accident Night" with constant interruptions of the program to attend to minor casualties who knock on the door for help.

(from "Platypus")

Service through PUPPETRY

It was exactly two and a half years ago that a Puppetry Workshop for Guiders was held at our Headquarters (Sri Lanka) and 32 Guiders were given their very first training in this art. The sessions included the following subjects:—

1. The Puppet Art.
2. The birth of a Puppet — practical work.
3. The Voice of a Puppet.
4. Rhythm.
5. Puppets in action.
6. Script writing.

After an introductory talk on the Puppet Art, the trainees enjoyed a short item — "Puppets in action". This roused the enthusiasm of the Guiders who earnestly started work on the next session, The Birth of Puppet. They worked in 4 groups and learned the fine art of making glove puppets using old socks, discarded articles and cloth. Each group was also given instructions on writing a script for a short puppet play to be staged on the closing day. Suggested themes were: Population Explosion, Grow more and feed the hungry, Save the children, Folk tales and the Influence of Guiding on the Community.

Soon the puppets were taking shape and even moving about in nooks and corners! Now, it was time to "try out" the voices of these wonderful creatures who had the most interesting facial expressions, they appeared to be far more dynamic personalities than any actor on the stage! It was really amusing listening to so many voices ranging from children to old men and women and even strange animal sounds and warbling of birds. The session on Rhythm was very important as the success of a Puppet drama depends on clever manipulation with limited instruments available, a piano and two kinds of drums. The trainees learned to make the puppets move to music.

They were soon dancing and even fighting and the performance behind the screen was most interesting.

Our maiden performance was at Headquarters and our audience — 200 Little Friends! The plays produced were — 1. Grow more food. 2. Now we understand (on Population Explosion). 3. A folk-tale. 4. The Aim of Guiding.

This Workshop was a great success and soon after the Puppet Theatre Group of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association was formed.

Our Group presented an English puppet play on Population Explosion, "Now we understand" at a Workshop organised by the Y.W.C.A. A sinhala play on the same theme was filmed by the Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka. We were invited by the FAO to present puppet plays on Agriculture and Population Explosion at the Asian Regional Rural Training Workshop held in Sri Lanka in November 1975. The response from the rural folk gave us much encouragement and it was felt that puppetry should be utilised to carry any message to the rural folk. Our latest production is a forty minute puppet play on Development — "Light into the Village". This deals with life in a fishing village and an underdeveloped village nearby, and the hazards of over-population, alcoholism, gambling etc. and the influence of Guiding in the Community. Finally, the lazy villagers take to the land and the village flourishes. In the final scene a poor fisherman — the hero of the play, goes out to sea singing:—

"I would be true — for there are those who trust me . . . I would look up, and live and love and lift!

"Light in the Village" was specially produced for the All-Island Puppet Theatre Competition organised by the Cultural Council of Sri Lanka.

Puppetry can be powerful media in training youth as well as adults. A puppet performance is a source of amusement specially to the Little Friends (Brownies). Simple plays on Good turns, Obedience, Cleanliness and other topics would help the children to grasp the Environment, Agriculture and Spiritual and Moral Values should be themes for Puppet plays for Brownies, Guides as well as Rangers. The cultural value of puppetry is immense and dances of many nations could be presented thereby stressing the International aspect of Guiding too.

Puppet theatre appeals best to rural folk and I would recommend this as the best channel of communication to approach them regarding the problems in today's society.

(from Asia-Pacific Newsletter).



ILUKA

Have you camped at "Iluka", Shoreham, yet?

Do — it is a lovely experience.

"Iluka", Shoreham, was bought in November 1971 and has been open to campers since 1975. (Official opening was in October 1975).

Like Britannia Park, it is only about 1½ hours' drive from the heart of Melbourne and has the extra advantage of being near the beach (a good hike activity). It is well away from the road and intruders.

As you reach the gateway to "Iluka" there is no sign of the campsite. You approach the car park along a steep, well-graded tree-lined drive. The trees are small yet, but their potential is great. From the car park you look down onto the campsites and a lovely log cabin, "The Della Shelta", which contains an amenities block and equipment. Near the car park is a lovely barbecue area for day visitors.

Campsites open at the moment are on sloping ground, but are not nearly as steep as they at first appear. If you like solitude and safety from intruders, Shoreham offers the ideal answer. Go camping there now before it becomes too popular! If you like company we suggest you ask another camping company to camp at the same time as you do. There is enough equipment for two Licence size camps and plans are nearly complete for the next stage of development.

Go now and watch "Iluka" develop. The committee has great plans and would be interested in your comments.

For bookings please contact the Camping Department at Headquarters.

—JANET ANDERSON.

TRAINING WORTHWHILE

I have just completed another enjoyable training weekend and feel that very often we tend to forget the time, hard work and planning that is put in by our trainers.

A former English Guider, I am most appreciative of the organisation and dedication to training that Australia gives its Guiders.

A secondary benefit of training weekends is that we are able to meet, get to know and talk over common problems with other Guiders.

MARION SIMMONDS,

ROOKIES' RIOT

The "Rookies' Riot" weekend held at Sherbrook River was intended to familiarise inexperienced Guiders with the basics of camp life — and perhaps encourage new camping guiders.

In many ways it was a "how-not-to-do-it" weekend as one after another we managed to trip headlong over regulations and blot our copybooks.

Our horseshoe was sadly one sided and the first night gigglers were evident after lights out. Even the luxury of air beds did not deter the Phantom Midnight Snorer, and some surprising new knots and coils were invented by the aspiring campers. Oddly enough, our cubicles were a complete success and a credit to their creators.

One of our members was inclined to talk to possums and another was seen at war with ants and mosquitoes.

We entertained visitors at a barbecue tea followed by a highly successful campfire where we were joined by a Patrol Camp and Brownies on a Pack Holiday in the house.

It was a great weekend and we all learned a great deal from each other through exchanging and learning new activities. Needless to say — no Camper badges were earned!

ANNE L. FRASER.

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TRAINING PAGES

★ WINTER STAR GAZING ★

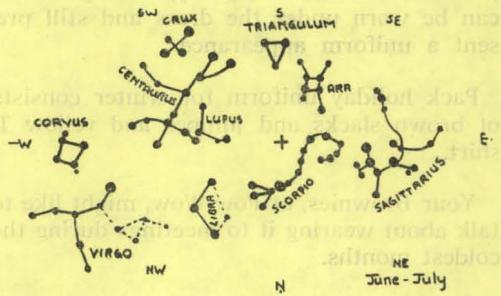
It may be cold but it is fun!

You need warm clothing, a good star map, a torch (to be directed only at the map), a cloudless sky with no bright lights near-by and preferably a far horizon. Obtaining all these requirements may need alertness, ingenuity and flexibility of program.

Preparation inside will speed up identification outside. Study the map, learn the main constellations that can be seen high in the sky. Stars are given Greek alphabet names in order of brightness, alpha being the brightest star in any constellation, then beta, gamma, delta, etc. Some stars have special names — Achernar, Spica, Canopus, etc.

In June/July between 8.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. look towards the south west and find the Southern Cross in a bright patch of the Milky Way. Look above and there is Centaurus, not an easy one to identify, its alpha and beta seem to point to the Cross and are known as the Pionters. Just east of alpha Centauri is the Triangle. Next is Ara, the Altar. Then, almost overhead, is Scorpio with the red star, Antares. Scorpio is like a back-to-front '?' with three dots. Under these is Libra and beyond is Virgo — Spica is its brightest star. Corvus, the Crow, is in the west.

The Milky Way will be brilliant and its dark patches clearly defined. Discover the 'Coal Sack' between alpha and beta in the Cross, it is **very black**.



Newspapers will tell you which planets will be 'up' at the time of your star gazing. They are not fixed and travel the same path as the sun. Use telescope or binoculars (light weight) to look at a particular star or what may appear to be darkness. Once you begin there is no stopping. Learn to recognise only one or two things at a time and gradually add to your knowledge.

A number of books are available to help you. Some are very simple and give just one constellation at a time but I prefer a map which gives the date and time for sighting and allows you to identify one constellation in relation to another's position without having to turn back pages. My favourite is "The Constellations and How to Find Them" (Southern Hemisphere) by Sir William Peck, F.R.A.A. It is available from John Donn and Son, 372 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne and costs \$2.60.

WARMER WEAR FOR WINTER

Brownie Guides

During winter months do your Brownie Guides remark that it is cold, and then rub their legs briskly with their hands, so that you are in no doubt at all as to where they feel it most?

Pow Wow might be a good time to talk about keeping warm whilst wearing uniform.

They may need a reminder about wearing fawn tights for leg warmth.

Not all girls have a brown cardigan or pullover, but an old woolly, of any colour, can be worn under the dress and still present a uniform appearance.

Pack holiday uniform for winter consists of brown slacks and jumper and yellow T-shirt.

Your Brownies, at Pow Wow, might like to talk about wearing it to meetings during the coldest months.

Shiny shoes and badges, and extra attention to hair and nails, can keep them up to standard when wearing this more casual uniform.



District Library

Today's Guide — Order through Gordon and Gotch at your local newsagent.

Guides

These girls too, feel cold in the same spots. Fawn stockings or tights can be worn, and a light blue skivvy under the blouse, looks attractive, and gives extra warmth.

Girls without a skivvy can wear a low necked pullover under the blouse.

This presents a far neater appearance, than a varying assortment of garments which are often worn over the blouse.

If the Guides wish to wear camp uniform to meetings, it could be brought up at Patrol Leaders' Council.

Here, the uniform itself could be discussed. Slacks and cardigan/pullover — Guide blue. Blouse, skivvy or T-shirt — pale blue. Socks — fawn.

Also the following points:

A standard for wearing the uniform; jeans not faded or embroidered, shoes and badges polished.

Period of time that camp uniform will be worn. The need for all Guides in the unit to wear it.

Ranger Guides

Unit in Council would make any decision regarding uniform for the winter season.

All Sections

For outdoor activities wear suitable clothing according to need.



GAMES for WINTER NIGHTS

Free for all

Equipment

Waste paper basket or bucket, 10-12 balls or bean bags. The number will depend on the number of players and size of playing area.

One guide has a basket of balls and in two minutes has to empty it completely. She may not tip up the basket or bounce all the balls out together. Meanwhile the balls are fielded and returned to the basket by the rest of the girls. They may not touch either the Guide or basket.

Gelignite Sticks

Patrol or Six Game

Each member of Patrol or Six is given a gelignite stick — made up of rolled up magazine or newspaper, held with "sellotape" or string.

On the word "go" Guides try to get rid of a gelignite stick by tapping a Guide from another Patrol or Six with it. If "tapped" the Guide must take the stick and then quickly try to get rid of it.

The game continues until a given signal when the Guides return to their Six or Patrol and count the number of sticks held by their group.

The group holding the LOWEST number is the winner. Perhaps it should be stressed that the girls "tap" each other.

All Change

Guides sit in a circle. Three Guides stand in the middle of the circle. They decide between themselves on something that will be common to a number of those in the circle, and call this out. e.g. "Everyone wearing a watch, change places", thereupon all those wearing watches leap to their feet and change places. The three in the middle also endeavour to get a seat. The next three standing have to think of something else.

During winter when it is difficult to get

each to go outside, as the cold-to-the

blood, we have a

Miaow-Miaow Kitty

Brownie Singing Game

Miaow, Miaow, Kitty.

(Tune: "Baa-Baa, Black Sheep").

"Miaow, Miaow, Kitty, do not be a tease,
Where are you hiding? Tell us, please
Are you in the cupboard? Are you near
the door?

Miaow, Miaow, kitty, show a little paw".

Brownies hold hands in a circle, facing
outwards. Kitty stands inside the circle.

Circle slip steps around to the right sing-
ing the song. When the end of the verse is
reached, kitty touches the shoulder of one
Brownie and calls out "Miaow". When the
Brownies hear this they drop hands, face
inwards and stand still.

The Brownie selected then has to chase
Kitty, corkscrewing in and out between the
Brownies standing in the circle. When Kitty
is caught, the catcher becomes the new
Kitty, and the game continues.

TOWN ACTIVITIES AT NIGHT

The girls are very fond of wide games, treasure hunts, knowledge-of-neighbourhood games and quizzes etc., and enjoy the adventure of having these in the dark. These can be fun even on a winter night, provided the girls are suitably dressed, but there are certain problems regarding supervision.

It seems a pity that the girls have to miss out on these types of activities, because of the problems encountered with supervision. Our unit solved this problem satisfactorily with the aid of our very co-operative Local Association. Whenever we are planning an activity of this sort, we contact our Local Association Secretary who has a list of willing volunteers, and she organises for parents to post themselves unconspicuously (sometimes in a car) in several strategic points to supervise. Often the girls are not even aware that the parents are watching over them. This works for us, but as our Unit is one in a small country seaside town, this might not work so successfully in the suburbs. We would welcome your ideas on how to overcome this problem.

EIGHT POINTS COOKING IN WINTER

During winter when it is difficult to get out-of-doors, we are always looking for ideas for interesting programs centred round our Guide Halls. What better time than to explore the possibilities of cooking?

Have you ever considered that a simple cooking evening could cover any of the 8 Points of our program? Remembering that it is not always wise to categorise activities as covering only a single point of our program because almost every activity we include in our program covers many of the 8 points, let us consider the following ideas:

- **Out of Doors** 1. If the surroundings of your hall are suitable girls could experiment with ideas for hike menus e.g. camp ovens, meals without cooking utensils, dampers etc.
2. If it is not possible to light fires in the surroundings of your hall, have you thought of tin can cooking (see Matilda Training Pages August 1976). See also old handbook Page 26 and new handbook Page 233).
- **Giving Service.** Make toffees, popcorn etc., for a stall. Organise a lamington drive. Cook scones or cakes or biscuits and perhaps arrange to visit an elderly citizen's home and present them as gifts.
- **Becoming a Homemaker.** Use the Cook's Badge as a basis and practice cooking the items in some of the clauses. e.g. several steamed puddings can be cooked in one boiler of hot water by using small tins covered with greaseproof paper.
- **Keeping Fit.** Girls could plan a well-balanced meal and attempt to cook it. (Marvellous for learning to plan and work harmoniously together!).
- **Exploring the Arts.** Simple cake decorating. Make candles with iced vo-vo biscuits, lolly cigarettes and lifesavers.
- **Thinking for yourself.** Planning menus, experimenting with recipes and adapting recipes to suit the need and the facilities available for cooking them.
- **Getting to know People.** Experiment with recipes from other countries.

- **Keeping the Guide Laws.** Can you budget and plan economic meals? Can you clear up satisfactorily after a cooking night? Are borrowed utensils returned with thanks in good order and properly cleaned?

If you do not have a stove in your Guide Hall can you still think of ways that all of the above suggestions could be executed? What about portable gas stoves, portable electric stoves, electric frypans, etc?

DISTRICT DISCUSSION TOPIC



How did you rate on the
KEEPING FIT CHALLENGE?

	Each Day	Some Days	Forgot
First Week			
Second Week			
Third Week			
Fourth Week			

Have a look at yourself.

Feeling better than last month?

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

Thought for the Month

ENTHUSIASM

"You can do anything if you have enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes our hopes rise to the stars.

Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eye, it is the swing in your gait, the grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of your will, and your energy to execute your ideas.

Enthusiasts are fighters, they have fortitude, they have strong qualities.

Enthusiasm is at the bottom of all progress.

With it there is accomplishment; without it there are only alibis".

HENRY FORD.

(from "Adventuring")

Come . . . Come . . . Come . . . to the

LOCAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

2nd August, 1977, Broadmeadows Town Hall

Theme — "Widen Your Horizon"

By now Local Association Secretaries should have received information and application forms to attend YOUR State Conference. The Planning Committee hopes to see as many members as possible at the Conference, to take part in a very stimulating program.

Lady Price, currently Chairman of the Committee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, has kindly agreed to be Guest Speaker at the Conference. This will be a great experience for all attending, and an opportunity to learn more about World Guiding. Some of you will remember Lady Price as Mrs Joyce Price, a former Victorian State Commissioner and Chief Commissioner for Australia. She is always warmly welcomed in Victoria.

Mrs Barbara Kearney, Chairman of the Migrant Committee, will also speak at the Conference of her experiences concerning Guiding in the migrant community. Those of you who have not heard Mrs Kearney speak on this subject, will be most interested to hear of the rewarding work she is doing in this field.

The Planning Committee asks you to discuss questions sent with application forms so that your spokesman can offer comments on these questions at the Conference. This is one way your Local Association members can contribute to the success of the Conference, and perhaps give help to other Local Associations.

Please return application forms to the Conference Secretary by 4th July.

Lions Den

Springfield Local Association was fortunate to be able to use local Lions Den Opportunity Shop for its main fund-raising activity. Members were extremely pleased when the end result was over \$500.00, and they wonder if other Local Associations are able to use similar facilities in their areas. It certainly proved a tremendous success for Springfield.

RECIPE CORNER

CHEESEY EGG SAVOURY

A favourite Sunday night tea consists of halved hard-boiled eggs masked with hot cheese sauce ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated tasty cheese to one cup of white sauce) with a border of green peas. Almost as nice are hard-boiled eggs with asparagus tips in white sauce, with a border of hot rice.



NURSERY RHYME REVELS

Wannon River Brownie Revels were held at Byaduk Golf Club in perfect weather. The Nursery Rhyme setting was most attractive, activity corners being named Little Bo Peep, Jack and Jill, Little Miss Muffett, Little Boy Blue, Mary Had a Little Lamb and Wee Willie Winkie. Brownies made mice and turtles in the craft corners. On arrival, each Brownie popped 5 cents into the wishing well and was given an attractive name tag before visiting each section.

A "WITCH", complete with broom, arrived on time and handed out her "Poison Potion" to all the 97 Brownies present.

Dick Whittington Hampers were enjoyed at afternoon tea time.

Brownies sang "Brownie Bells" at the close of the afternoon and on leaving the grounds helped themselves to pieces of the "Candy House", which helped to break the witch's spell.

The Revels were arranged by Macarthur Brownies and Guides.

BROWNIE REVELS

We held our Brownie Revels at the Spring Gully School where, after picnic lunch, we did activities which turned us into aborigines.

Then we made hair bands, bracelets, boomerangs, bark paintings and musical instruments. We listened to dreamtime stories and had our faces painted. Then we danced and played our instruments in a corroboree. We ate witchety grubs, too.

There were lots of Brownies and leaders and we all had a very good day.

—KAREN BUTLER,
1st Bendigo South Brownie Pack.

PROMISE CEREMONY IN VOLCANO

1st Allansford Brownie Guides spent an afternoon with families and friends at Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve, a now-extinct volcano.

Brownies found lots to do and see in this very interesting and beautiful place

They viewed displays in the natural history centre and played nature games to keep warm.

Main activity of the afternoon was the Promise Ceremony for three new Brownies. This took place in an ideal setting with birds singing and emus watching interestedly.

Brownies and a few parents then set about hill climbing. From the top we could see all the surrounding hills, lakes, picnic area and history centre below, and the sea away in the distance.

After the climb our afternoon tea went down very well and quickly, when the emus appeared, eager for their share.

—LORNA HOLLOWAY,
1st Allansford Brownie Pack.

PROMISE CEREMONY

1st Skipton Brownies took part in a very happy Promise Ceremony.

After they had made the Promise themselves, three new Brownies were delighted to watch their mothers (Local Association members) make the Promise too.

—JENNY MURRAY,
1st Skipton Brownie Pack.



QUEEN'S GUIDE CELEBRATIONS

At Orrvale

Vicki Prater of 1st Orrvale Girl Guide Company was presented with her Queen's Guide Badge by our commissioner, Mrs Thorn.

Vicki's patrol members carried her on a decorated chair into the specially decorated Guide Hall through a guide guard of honour.

During the evening which was attended by many of her friends, Vicki gave the book she had written about the company's history since 1928 to the Guide Company.

Anne Galt,

Heather Patrol,

1st Orrvale Girl Guide Company.

At Dareton

Dareton Guide Hall was the venue for a Queen's Guide presentation afternoon for Lynne Ferguson, one of the eight members of 1st Dareton Guide Company.

Musical items were presented by the New Life Singers, a young church group of which Lynne is a member, and by Mrs Richter, a friend who travelled from Adelaide to take part.

After the presentation ceremony Lynne was congratulated by relatives and many friends from Guiding and the Community.

B.F.

At Moorleigh

All her testers, Local Association members, District Commissioner and Guiders were invited to the ceremony when Barbara Parr, of 2nd Moorleigh Company, was presented with her Queen's Guide badge. During the presentation ceremony each badge Barbara had gained was represented by a Guide holding a candle and a streamer hanging from

the roof. After having her candle lit by Barbara, the Guide read details of work done by Barbara for that particular badge. When all the candles were alight, Barbara was presented with her Queen's Guide badge.

Barbara cut her cake, and supper — Brazilian Dreams, Kartoffelpuffen (potato pancakes), Keftedes (Greek meat balls) and Japanese Oriental Punch was served.

Rosella and Pelican Patrols,
2nd Moorleigh Company.

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM FOR BUSY PEOPLE

(A translation by a Japanese Christian)

The Lord is my Pacesetter, I shall not rush,
He makes me stop and rest for quiet inter-
vals,

He provides me with images of stillness
which restore by serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency through
calmness of mind,
His guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to
accomplish each day, I will not fret.

For His presence is here, His timelessness,
His all importance will keep me in bal-
ance.

He prepared refreshment and renewal in
the midst of my activity by anointing my
mind with oils of tranquility.

My cup of joyous energy overflows
Such harmony and effectiveness shall be the
fruits of my hours,
For I shall walk in the peace of the Lord
and dwell in His house forever.

(from "Platypus")



RANGER SECTION DINNER

At Sheraton Hotel, Spring Street, Melbourne.

On Saturday, 9th July, 1977 at 7.00 p.m.

For Ranger Guides, Rangers and Ranger Guiders.

Cost: \$8.00 per head.

Dress: Uniform.

RANGER SECTION DEBUTANTE BALL

Moorabbin Town Hall,
Nepean Highway, Moorabbin.

On Friday, 15th July, 1977.

From 8.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m.

Tickets (\$20.00 double) available from
Meredith Cidder, 25 Trevascus Street,
Caulfield, 3162.

RANGER GUIDE AND RANGER "B" CONFERENCE

Oxley Road, Methodist Church Hall, Hawthorn, 3122 — UNIFORM.

25th-26th June.

Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Sunday 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

RANGER GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

At Girl Guide Headquarters on 9th July, 1977 from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

RECIPES FOR RABBITS (and Others)

Watching the Bugs Bunny Challenge Patrol in action at the Commissioners' Conference, I wondered if their favourite food may be even tastier when treated in the following ways!—M.M.

Carrot Spice Cake

2 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup finely shredded raw carrot (the size of the shredding gives the texture to the cake), $\frac{3}{4}$ cup oil, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped nuts, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups plain flour, pinch salt, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. bicarb. soda, $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsps. baking powder.

Frosting.

2 oz. cream cheese, 2 oz. butter, pinch salt, 1 tsp. vanilla, 8 oz. icing sugar.

Method.

Beat eggs, add sugar, carrots, oil, nuts, mix well. Sift dry ingredients, add gradually to egg mixutre, beat until smooth. Turn into very lightly greased loaf tin, bake in moderate oven 45-50 minutes. Cool 10 mins. in tin, then turn out onto rack.

Cream butter and cream cheese together, add salt and vanilla, gradually add icing sugar. Frost cake when cool.

Glen Elgin Carrot Salad

Peel and grate 2 pounds of young carrots into a salad bowl. Add juice of four small oranges and sprinkle with sugar. Make a dressing of crushed garlic, olive oil, white wine vinegar, crushed mint leaves and salt. Blend thoroughly. Add to the carrots and mix well. Garnish with chopped chives and nasturtium leaves and decorate the platter with hibiscus blossom.

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Dear "Matilda",

On behalf of members of Skipton Local Association, guides and brownies, we would like to thank most sincerely all people who sent clothing and other goods to be distributed among the fire victims in the Western District.

It was greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

—ELVA NITSCHKE,
GLENYS SWAINSTON.

FAMILY EXCURSION TO H.M.A.S. CERBERUS

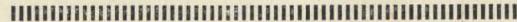
South Metropolitan Region planned a family Steam Train Excursion to Flinders Naval Depot.

So enthusiastically was the idea received that when numbers wanting to make the trip grew from the anticipated 700 to 1471 (far too great a load for the steam train), a diesel train had to be hired as well. So that no-one would be disappointed each of the two parties travelled one way by steam and one way by diesel.

Naval officers and staff met the train and welcomed the visitors. After a picnic lunch the families were shown films and given a conducted tour of the Naval Base.

Co-operation given by the Railways and Royal Australian Navy helped to make it an interesting and enjoyable day.

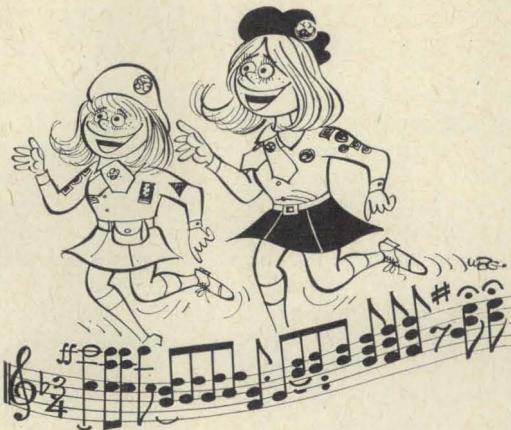
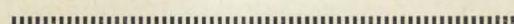
MARGARET MUIRHEAD



A WAY TO HELP AUSTCARE

We have been asked to help Austcare through a new fund-raising program being launched by Aftin Australia of 618 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne (telephone 51 9673). Packets of seed-mats of flowers and herbs have been prepared for sale, part of the proceeds being kept by the organisation which sells them, the balance going to Austcare. If any Unit or Local Association would like to help Austcare in this way and, at the same time, help raise funds for their own use, they should contact Miss Magri at the above address for further details. Boxes of seed-mats will be forwarded to any address in the State at no extra charge.

Austcare stands for "Australians care for refugees". It is a body which carries out a great deal of valuable work for people less fortunate than ourselves and is worthy of our Movement's support. Would you like to help?



CAKES INTO CASH

For April Action our pack raised over \$50.00 at a cake stall held outside a local supermarket. We all had a good time, especially when we made cakes and novelties to sell.

—ELIZABETH O'CALLAGHAN,
KATE ALBISTON,
2nd Doncaster Brownie Pack.

BRIDGE THE GENERATION GAP

— Advice for the Young

Do not be afraid to speak your parents' language. Try using strange words like "I'll help with the dishes" . . . "Yes, thank you" . . . and "Please".

Try to understand their music. Play Glenn Miller's Moonlight Serenade on the stereo until you become accustomed to the sound. Be patient with the under-achiever. When you catch your dieting mother sneaking salted peanuts, do not show your disapproval. Tell her you love fat mothers. Encourage them to talk about their problems. Try to keep in mind that — to them — things like earning a living and paying off the mortgage seem important. Be tolerant of their appearance. When Dad gets a haircut, do not be personally humiliated. Remember, it is important to him to look like his peers . . . And most important of all, if they do something you consider wrong, let them know it is their behaviour you dislike — not them. Remember, parents need to feel they are loved.

DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

In an old scrapbook I came across this article written in the nineteen thirties at a time when Victorian Guides were working hard to raise money to buy what is now Britannia Park. "The Guide Village" was one of several large fund-raising efforts organised on a State basis; on this occasion districts were each allotted a Guide proficiency badge and had a "Shop" to sell their produce. Terminology has changed somewhat since those days, yes, we did sometimes call our Commissioners "Madam" — but certain similarities to modern times can be noticed.

The Guide Village — or Why Guiders Go Mad at the District Meeting

What did you say Madam? **Another** hand-craft exhibition? Why we have not yet recovered from the last one — We are going to do Guide Badges? — Let us do Child Nurse, all my Guides have that — Gardener's badge, Madam? H'mm, none of my Guides know much about that — Will there be a garden at the Exhibition where we grow the things? — Oh, you mean we grow them at home, and take them to be sold at the Exhibition — There is to be a sub-committee to arrange all the details? Oh, that would be a splendid idea Madam — No trouble at all Madam — Yes, we shall tell our companies — Good night Madam.

Leaders' at the Court of Honour

(Now called Patrol Leaders' Council)

Another handcraft exhibition Captain? — Will it be as bad as the last one Captain? — The gardener's badge? Captain, can our patrol do all the hosing? Pam's father has an awfully long hose — Cap, the Wrens have

only two window boxes to do, while we have three, and the Wrens have more Guides than we have, and it is not fair — What was that, Cap, you will do the extra one? — Betty's uncle works in the nurseries, so he can grow the flowers for our patrol — The Guides have to do it themselves? But Cap, Betty is a Guide, and it is her own uncle, so what is the difference? — Yes, Captain, we shall tell our patrols — yes, we will start on it right away.

At Court of Honour, six weeks later

About those gardens, leaders, how are they getting on? — I started mine yesterday, Cap, so it ought to be up soon — We have not put ours in yet, Cap, we are wondering what to plant — Cap, mine was growing beautifully, and it was over half an inch up, but the puppy ate it — The cat always lies on my window box, as it is in the sun, Cap, and I think it is not growing very well — Jane could not decide which way up to plant her bulbs, and I am afraid they are upside down. Do you think it will matter fearfully much?

At Court of Honour, a week before the Village opens

How are the plants, leaders? They are to be collected next week. — Well, Cap, I think there is little sense in bringing mine because it died three weeks ago! — Cap, mine has been blooming for a long time now, and Mother has picked all the flowers — Those pot plants Cap? Why I sold mine at the church fete last week, I thought that was what they were for!

MARY LAMBE.



KNOW YOUR REGIONS

Barwon Region

Barwon Region, of 4 Divisions and 15 Districts, extends from Lara to Winchelsea, the Bellarine Peninsula to Anglesea, west to Shelford, and the whole of Geelong and suburbs.

The area covers a wide cross section of community living styles, rural, coastal, industrial and urban.

In 1971 Barwon Region celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Guiding in the area, it having commenced at "The Hermitage" Church of England Girls' School when 1st and 2nd Companies were registered with Imperial Headquarters in London, there being no Headquarters in Victoria at that time.

Geelong, at present, has 250 industries, 900 registered factories and 450 shops that provide work for 35,000 people.

In 1841, Geelong had a population of 454 compared with Melbourne 4479, and this had grown by 1851 to 8291 whilst Melbourne had 23,143. By 1945 the population had grown to 45,000, that population has now trebled, and is expected to top 250,000 within 40 years.

It is an attractive place to live, having big city facilities without big city pace, is a modern seaport and one of the fastest growing country centres in this State.

Some of the best known coastal resorts in Australia are close by, with lawn and ten pin bowling, tennis, golf, horse racing, trotting, baseball, hockey, cricket, boating, rowing, yachting, swimming, water skiing, fishing and football, all available within the city area. An art gallery, repertory society, association of music and art, orchestral, choral and art societies, and Deakin University all cater for the cultural well being of its citizens. Parks, gardens and nature reserves are a feature, and most people can reach their place of employment in less than half an hour. Two of the best known schools in Australia are Geelong Grammar and Geelong College, both now co-ed. Geelong golf

club, one of 5 in the area is the second oldest in Australia. The Barwon River is the venue for the public schools head of the river races.

The expansion story of Geelong began with industry when, at Norlane in 1923, the Ford Motor Company was established.

One of our 4 Divisions is Moorabool Division and the biggest shire, Corio Shire is in this Division. Corio Shire embraces the Northern and North Western suburbs of Geelong and covers an area of 270 square miles. Besides having a large housing commission area, one third of the shire is primary producing and industries include oil, gas, manufacture of cars, trucks and farm machinery, foundries, wire works, fertilizers, abattoirs, timber and plaster mills, cement, wool and grain stores, liquor distilling, clothing, glass making and salt works.

The population of the shire in 1954 was only 15,000 and is now 48,000. One third of which are immigrants, one third of these are from the United Kingdom. Half the total population is under 21. The Shire of Corio celebrated its centenary in 1964. Matthew Flinders was the first white man in the area when he sailed into Corio Bay and climbed the You Yangs in 1802. The Districts of Lara and Norlane are in Corio Shire where we have 9 Units, only three of which are in the densely populated area of Norlane. Also in Moorabool Division are Geelong West and Herne Hill Districts. Geelong West City has a population of 17,228, it became a City in 1929 and celebrated its centenary last year. In 1921, there was a population of 9638. Ninety per cent of Geelong West City is residential, a rope making works being the only heavy industry. With Herne Hill District, this area has 12 Units.

Leigh River District is also in this Division and has 5 Units in Inverleigh, Shelford

and Bannockburn. These towns are in the rural Shire of Bannockburn.

In this Shire, comprising a number of small towns of about 200 people, the total population is 2250 but was considerably more years ago in the gold rush days. The people now, if not on farms are generally retired or working in Geelong.

Bellarine Division includes the 7 Units in Barwon Heads/Ocean Grove District, 4 Units in Bellarine District, 6 Units in Newcomb District and 4 Units in Queenscliff-Point Lonsdale District.

Bellarine Shire now has a population of 23,000 but in 1921 had between 2000 and 3000 people, mostly farming, 7000 to 8000 around 1950.

Bellarine is a rapidly developing shire, with heavy industry at Point Henry. Newcomb has grown, partly as the natural development of Geelong but also to serve this industry. Newcomb and Leopold are urban areas with rural areas between Leopold and the coastal district of Ocean Grove. Ocean Grove has a small permanent population, a floating population and large increases during the summer months. (The twin town of Barwon Heads is in South Barwon Division). Portarlington and St. Leonards are also, with Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale seaside districts.

Geelong Division consists of the Geelong City District of 5 Units, Newtown and Chilwell with 6 Units. Not all the children live in the city area, some come from districts with waiting lists. The city includes Geelong East, South, and Drumcondra, all urban or residential, Newtown is residential, with the only heavy industry the Portland Cement works on the boundary with Fyansford, and Chilwell has a little light industry.

The City of Newtown and Chilwell has a population of 11,610 with around 4000 in 1921. It was created a Borough in 1958, and declared a city in 1949.

South Barwon Division includes the Districts of Belmont, Highton, and Torquay/Anglesea and Winchelsea District.

Belmont was settled in 1854. A tornado swept across Highton and Belmont in July 1926 doing considerable damage. In the early days a punt was used to cross the Barwon River at the southern end of Moorabool Street, to Colac Road, which is now High Street, Belmont.

The first bridge, a wooden one was completed in March 1848, but it was destroyed by flood in 1852, so it was back to the punt until an iron bridge, built in England for the Russian Government (but not delivered because of the outbreak of the Crimean War) was shipped to Geelong in sections. Actually only half the bridge was bought, half was sufficient for the Barwon.

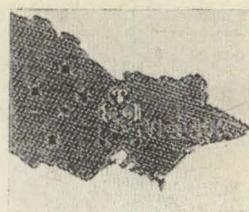
Some of the first planes to fly in Australia did so in 1910 at Belmont Common. Victoria's oldest wine cellar was Winters in Francis Street, Belmont. The early settlers in Germantown, now Grovedale were wine-growers. The division areas of Belmont, Grovedale and Highton are residential and rural land between these places and Torquay, which is seaside.

There are 19 Units all told and the area is now the City of South Barwon, having been proclaimed a city at its centenary celebrations in 1974, and has a population of 30,000.

Winchelsea District has 3 Units and is the furthest settlement south of Geelong in Barwon Region and is mainly a rural small township with some industry on the outskirts of the town.

At present, in Barwon Region more than 1900 girls and leaders are involved in Guiding. As with other areas, we could grow even bigger if we had more Leaders.

BEVERLEY WRIGHT.



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 if recommended. Training Fee is \$3.00 unless otherwise stated.

Stage 1 Training

Headquarters Thursday, 21st, 28th July, 4th, 11th, 18th August, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **1st July**.

Korumburra Weekends 13th-14th August and 17th-18th September, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs J. Gaudion, 32 Blackmore Avenue, Leongatha, 3953 by **25th July**.

Stage 2 Training for Warranted Leaders

Ararat Weekends 9th-10th and 30th-31st July, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs L. Morell, 6 Scott Street, Skipton, 3361, by **21st June**.

Sale Weekends 13th-14th August and 10th-11th September, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs M. Frawley, P.O. Box 641, Sale, 3850, by **25th July**.

Stage 3 Training for Warranted Leaders

Golden Square Weekends 16th-17th July and 13th-14th August, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Guide Hall, Bond Street. Applications to Mrs B. Whelan, 8 Hope Street, Kangaroo Flat, 3555, by **28th June**.

Mildura South Weekends 13th-14th August and 10th-11th September, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs A. Smith, 10 Barry Avenue, Mildura, 3500, by **22nd July**.

Changeover Training for Warranted Guiders moving over to the Ranger Section

Stawell Weekend 23rd-24th July, times 9.45 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: Would Guiders requiring Ranger training in Western Plains, Western Border and Wimmera Regions, please make a special effort to attend. Applications and \$1.50 to Mrs K. Morell, 6 Scott Street, Skipton, 3361, by **1st July**.

Pack Holiday Training

Bennettswood 6th September, time 7.45 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. plus weekend 16th-17th September, time 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. daily. Applications to Mrs F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108, by **17th August**.

Glengarry Weekend 6th-7th August, time 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 3.30 p.m. Sunday. Applications to Mrs K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818, by **16th July**.

Tynong North 9th-10th-11th July, times 6.00 p.m. Friday to 3.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$8.00 to Mrs E. Roberts, 11 Vasey Street, East Bentleigh, 3165, by **20th June**.

Campcraft Training

Cheltenham Friday 15th, 22nd July, time 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. plus weekend 30th-31st July, times 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. daily at Cheltenham plus 22nd-23rd October (Guiders only) plus 19th-20th November (Guiders and girls). Times and location for October/November weekends — 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday at Tynong North. Applications to Mrs E. Roberts, 11 Vasey Street, East Bentleigh, 3165, by **28th June**.

Strathmore Monday 11th, 18th July, 1st August (evenings) plus weekends 23rd-24th July (Guiders only) and 6th-7th August (Guiders and girls). Note: Location, fee and times of weekends to be advised. Applications to Mrs P. Reidy, 324 Geelong Road, West Footscray, 3012, by **23rd June**.

Camp First Aid

Headquarters Monday 12th, 19th, 26th September, time 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **24th August**.

Special Subjects

TO INCLUDE SEMAPHORE, AUSTRALIAN FLAG AND SINGING GAMES.

Headquarters Thursday, 14th July, time 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Trainer Norma Sims — Applications and 75 cents to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **23rd June**.

MAKING OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FROM HOUSEHOLD DISCARDS.

Headquarters Tuesday, 12th July, time 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Applications and 50 cents to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **21st June**.

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Someone's Singing Lord — Hymns and Songs for Children	\$7.25
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Birds and Animals of Australia	35c
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How to Survive by Brian Hildreth	\$1.25
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TRAINING CALENDAR continued

Special Subjects

GUIDE PROGRAMMING — 8 POINT PROGRAM.

Surrey Hills Monday, 11th July, time 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. St. George's Church of England Hall, Mont Albert Road. Applications and \$1.20 to Mrs F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108, by **20th June**.

BROWNIE INTERNATIONAL

Wattle Park Saturday, 13th August, time 1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Guide Hall, 1230 Riversdale Road. Applications and \$1.20 to Mrs F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108, by **31st July**.

BASIC MAPPING

Wattle Park Weekend 30th-31st July, time 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **4th July**.



The mind grows by what it feeds on.

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Tact is when a person will not change his mind but changes the subject.

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