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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

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Since 1990, some terms have been altered - District Commissioners are now 'District Leaders'. Local Associations are now 'Girl Guides Support Groups'.

SPECIAL EVENTS

1981/82. Visits were made by Mrs. Norah Owen John from New Zealand, Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones, O.B.E., Chief Commissioner of the Australian Girl Guides Association and Senator Bonner.

During these twelve months Queensland hosted three Australian events - the Australian Brownie Leaders' Event (A.B.L.E.) which was held at Camp Cal, Caloundra, in October 1981, and opened by Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones, O.B.E., Australian Chief Commissioner; Jumbunna, the Australian Patrol Leaders' Event. Mrs. Renshaw Jones, O.B.E., returned to Queensland in January 1982 to officially open and attend Jumbunna, which was held at the Burleigh Heads Convention Centre; the Australian Sections and Training Conference took place prior to Jumbunna.

The International Year of the Disabled Person was featured in programs of Units in all regions.

Queensland was represented at the Australian Association Assembly by five delegates and five observers. Agenda items were discussed prior to the World Conference, which was held in France in September. Mrs. Joie Dwyer was again elected to the World Finance Committee.

A Queensland Guide/ Scout Consultative Committee was formed in 1981.

As in the past, the Association received grants from the State Government and the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust.

1982/83. In the minds of most Queenslanders, 1982 conjured up the thought of the Commonwealth Games. People spent much time in the preparation of the Games, and in this members of the Girl Guides Association were no different. Many members spent long hours in rehearsals for the Opening Ceremony and preparing for the events which followed.

Many Unit and camp programs had the theme of the Commonwealth Games. Members throughout the State were asked to grow sunflowers to welcome Games visitors. 'Turn on the Sun', the gathering of Leaders from all over the Commonwealth, was one of the highlights of the year. The friendly atmosphere at Kindilan, together with the rivalry of the participants with their national flags waving at the Games events, provided some long-lasting and happy memories for our overseas guests. Each participant was presented with a 'welcome bag' containing gifts from all over the State, made or donated by our members.

A farewell to Lady Cowen was held in Victoria in May. Her Excellency, Lady Stephen, C.St.J., accepted the Australian Presidency and was welcomed at the October Australian Executive Committee meeting.

Another highlight was the presentation of a cheque from Kimberly-Clark Australia Ltd. for \$25,000 for use in the States for pack holiday houses and equipment. This money came from the Advance Australia promotion.

In August 1982, the Local Association Conference and a Region Commissioners' Conference were held at Bluewater.

Our Guide Choir was present for the opening and closing of the Commonwealth Games ceremonies and sang for the opening of 'Turn on the Sun'.

During the year the State Commissioner visited Warrego, Darling Downs/ Border, Major Mitchell, Central Queensland, Flinders, Logan, John Oxley, Moreton and Archerfield Regions.

Guide Week began with an Ecumenical Service at St.Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane. This was also W.A.G.G.S. Week, which was used as a fundraising week for the new Olave Centre in London.

1983/84. At the 1983 State Council meetings, the proposal to alter the constitution to delete the three representatives from each region was recommended. This was carried at both meetings.

The Australian Executive Committee met three times - twice face to face, the third a telephone hook-up. In April 1983, the meeting was held in Canberra to show the Executive members the land which would be available should the decision to move the National Headquarters to Canberra be agreed to. As a result of the Canberra meeting a feasibility study was carried out, and the decision was made at the next Australian Executive Committee meeting not to move the National Headquarters from Sydney. Many members of the Australian Executive Committee and Australian office bearers returned to Canberra on 1st July to be at Government House in the presence of our Australian President, Lady Stephen, C.St.J., when Mrs. Renshaw Jones handed the Chief Commissioner's badge and the Australian Chief Commissioner's Standard to Lady Carrick.

During the visit of the State Commissioner and the Chief Commissioner for Scouts to Mt.Isa, Guides and Brownies from all Carpentaria Division attended a rally. Many were able to stay overnight to attend a combined church service the next morning. The State Commissioner was delighted to meet so many girls, Leaders and parents, also to have the chance to speak with the local elected members of Government.

1984/85. A dream was realised on 21st May 1984 when Senator Lady Bjelke-Petersen launched 'The Continuing Challenge', a history of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland 1919-1984. This was researched and compiled by Mrs. Meta Williams, Vice-President of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland and former State Commissioner (1976-1981). The book is a wonderful source of reference as well as publicity for the Association. It has been presented to many libraries throughout the State.

Mrs.Janette Gibson and Mrs.Joie Dwyer were members of the Australian delegation to the World Conference of the World Association held in New York from 16-27th July 1984. Prior to the conference Mrs. Dwyer attended a session at Our Cabana and Mrs. Gibson attended a Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. project called "Visits in Council", visiting the farthest north Girl Scout Council in Alaska. The girls in Fairbanks were most eager to learn how to cook damper and pikelets, both of which they had never heard of. At Fort Yukon north of the Arctic Circle, girls and Leaders learnt how to make lamingtons. The Leaders and administrators were very interested to hear just how Queensland coped with vast distances, and they were keen to hear about Lone Guiding and Brownies of the Air.

Celebrations for the 75th birthday started with a marvellous morning tea presented by the Archives Committee on the 19th November 1984. The clubroom was crowded with members and friends and it was a wonderful experience to hear the reminiscences of women who had been involved with the Association for so many years. On that day Miss Lilian Laidlaw was presented with a 60 years combined long service badge.

Tarragindi District, the oldest Guide District in the State, celebrated its 65th birthday.

A proud moment for the State Commissioner came in November when she went to Gladstone to present the Gilt Cross for bravery to Michaela Russell. Michaela, a Brownie Guide aged nine, had saved her sister Kelly from drowning when they were caught in a rip on an outgoing tide in very treacherous waters off Gladstone.

At the 1984 Annual Meeting, the State Commissioner was honoured to present the Emu Award to Lady Ramsay, our State President. Lady Ramsay had done so much in promoting our Association wherever she had travelled in the State.

1985/86. International Youth Year 1985 coincided with the 75th anniversary of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The theme - Development, Participation, Peace.

On 4th September 1985, members around Australia joined together at campfires to commemorate that day in 1910 when a small number of girls went to the Boy Scout rally at Crystal Palace.

On 6th October 1985 at St.John's Cathedral the theme of our Church Parade was "Thanksgiving for 75 years of Guiding".

The Guide Choir entertained over 400 members and friends of the Association at a celebration dinner organised by a committee of former State Commissioners, at the Sheraton Hotel on 26th October 1985. His Excellency, the Governor and State President, Lady Campbell, were honoured guests.

The visit of the Australian Chief Commissioner, Lady Carrick, was also part of the celebrations, and with the Chief Commissioner for Scouts for Australia, Dr. Norman Johnson, O.B.E., and Chief Commissioner for Scouts for Queensland, Mr. Alan Sherlock, O.B.E., toured part of the state by light aircraft.

Lady Carrick spoke to Brownies of the Air at Charleville.

In 2010, to celebrate 100 years of Guiding, a time capsule will be opened. Moreton Region and the Public Relations Committee arranged for this time capsule to be sealed in the ground at Kindilan in November 1985. The capsule was filled with 75th year memorabilia from all parts of Queensland. A brass plate on the flagpole indicates the spot where the capsule is buried.

In May 1985, the Girl Guides and Scout Associations joined together to hold a Farewell Rally at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds to say "Goodbye" to Sir James Ramsay, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.C., and Lady Ramsay. Two Rangers made special contributions to that day. Caroline Dunn wrote a farewell poem to Lady Ramsay on behalf of all our Queensland members. This was beautifully printed by Anne Dryden and included in the presentation album to the Vice-Regal couple.

The State Commissioner, on behalf of our Association, presented a Scroll of Loyalty to the new Governor, Sir Walter Campbell.

The State Commissioner conducted Lady Campbell's Promise ceremony at Government House before investing her as President of the Girl Guides Association on 6th September 1985. Lady Campbell attended Agoonoree, the Thanksgiving Service where she read a lesson, presented B.-P. Emblem and Junior Leader Certificates, attended with His Excellency the Governor the 75th year celebration dinner and the opening ceremony of Noora Ku Neena.

Six youth members from Queensland represented our state at the Australian Youth Forum held in Melbourne during the Queens' Birthday weekend.

Mrs. Janette Gibson handed over the State Commissioner's badge and standard to Mrs. Joie Dwyer at a ceremony which included the presentation of a 75th year flagpole to the people of Queensland.

GRANTS

1983/84. Two areas, Bamaga District and Wondaree Division, received grants from the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust.

1984/85. Girl Guides in Glendon received grants for camping equipment from the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust.

1985/86. The building of the Olave Baden-Powell Memorial Centre commenced in November 1985. In June the Association received a donation of \$150,000 from the State Government - a special grant towards the building of the centre. The Utah Foundation also provided us with a \$15,000 grant towards the building.

BOUNDARIES

1984/85. On 1st July 1984, Moreton Region was divided into two - Moreton Region (consisting of Binalong, Charlton and Olive Bardsley Divisions) and Endeavour Region (Irene Nicoll and Redlands Division plus Albert Division, formerly part of Logan Region). Logan Region, without Albert Division, became known as Gold Coast Region and covered the area of the City of Gold Coast.

On 1st December 1984, Flinders Region was also split into two regions. The new region was named Dalrymple and incorporated Mackay and Sinclair Divisions minus Ayr, Home Hill and Giru Districts. Flinders Region consisted of Broлга, Yongala and Carpentaria Divisions; and Ayr, Home Hill and Giru Districts became Burdekin Division.

At the State Executive meeting in March.1985, it was decided that Archerfield Region, because of the increase in membership, also be divided into two regions. The new Region called Jeparu included Acacia and Wondaree Divisions, while Southern Riverside, Lilian Gresham and Marjorie Grimes Divisions remain as Archerfield Region.

ROYALTY

1982/83. Fifty girls from metropolitan and near metropolitan regions were present at the Brisbane International Airport for the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen for the Commonwealth Games. One Brownie Guide actually spoke to her Majesty when she handed her a tea cosy in the City Mall.

1983/84. The Guiding year in 1983 began with the visit of Their Royal Highnesses Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales. Our members took part in welcomes all over the State and the Association was represented at the Receptions hosted by the Brisbane City Council and the State Government.

Guide/ Scout ACTIVITIES

1981/82. A Queensland Guide/Scout Consultative Committee was formed in 1981.

1982/83. The Chief Commissioner for Scouts, our State Commissioner, Headquarters Commissioner, State Secretary and two Scout Commissioners visited the South West and Central Areas by light aircraft in May.

The 13th Australian Scout Jamboree held during the end-of-year school holidays was a great success. Members of the Guide Association helped in many ways. Guides trained for eighteen months to work as radio announcers alongside the Scouts. Ranger Guides helped with the activities and Rangers helped operate the television station. Over 1000 Brownie Guides and Guides attended on Guide Day and took part in activities organised especially for them.

Ranger Section again took part in the Brisbane Gang Show, not only on stage but also behind the scenes. They were very proud to be in the item 'Tribute to Guiding' which included a selection of Guiding songs and a Promise Ceremony. Ranger Section also appreciated opportunities the Scout Association offered to the girls for air activities, parasailing and abseiling.

Rover/ Ranger Council organised the annual Debutante Ball and seven Ranger Guides were presented to our State Commissioner and the Chief Commissioner for the Scout Association at Cloudland Ballroom. This was probably the last Debutante Ball held before Cloudland disappeared. Other activities organised by this Council include the raft race, roundabout (car rally), and the service camp for the children from Montrose Home for Crippled Children.

1983/84. This year was a memorable one for Guide/ Scout relationships. In May, the Guide and Scout Chief Commissioners, the State Commissioners of the Girl Guides Association, the Chief Commissioners of the Scout Association Branches (States), and Australian Guide and Scout office bearers met together. This was the first time such a meeting had been held in Australia. The question of the Scout Association accepting girls into membership of the Cub

Section was one of the many raised. On this subject the Girl Guides Association made it quite clear that we believe that it is best for all members that we remain an organisation for girls only. However, we would seek to have more joint activities and better co-operation with the Scout Association.

Girl Guides and Scout Associations hosted a Thinking Day/ Founder's Day Dinner at Girl Guide House at which the Hon. Betty Clay, the daughter of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, was our guest of honour.

The joint Carols by Candlelight service was held at B.-P. Park, Samford.

Guides and Brownies from Carpentaria Division attended a rally at Mt. Isa during the visit of our State Commissioner and the Chief Commissioner for Scouts.

At Easter 1983, the first "Venrag Muster" was held at Callide Dam near Biloela. This was a combined venturer/Ranger Guide camp.

1984/85. The Asia Pacific Jamborella in Victoria during the long school vacation was attended by a Queensland contingent made up of both Guides and Scouts - the first time there has been such a contingent. The flight to Melbourne and bus trip back via Canberra were planned and carried out jointly, and all participants wore the same T-shirts. 60 Guides and 16 Leaders were in this contingent.

The State Commissioner travelled with the Chief Commissioner for Scouts (Queensland Branch) Mr. Alan Sherlock, O.B.E., to Flinders and Cape York Regions. During the ten days of the trip, they were able to see how members of both Associations worked together for the benefit of the young people - not just in large towns like Cairns and Townsville, but in much smaller areas such as Weipa, Bamaga and Innisfail.

The venue for Carols by Candlelight, arranged jointly with the Scout Association, was Albert Park.

1985/86. Because it was the 75th anniversary of Guiding, the Scout Association invited our Association to provide an item for the Brisbane Gang Show. Rehearsals for the item began in April and continued weekly until the show began its run of 15 performances on 21st June. Sixty-three members from Brownie Guide, Guide and Ranger sections as well as Leaders took part in this most exciting and challenging event.

Over Easter 1985, 40 Ranger Guides and Rangers, together with seven Leaders, attended the jointly planned Venrag Muster at Newry Island, off Mackay. Because of the island venue, activities including parasailing, canoeing, sailing, and a trip to a Barrier Reef island.

SERVICE

1982/83. Members from all over the State donated soap for the refugees in Kampuchea. This soap was presented to Mrs. Neville Bonner who arranged for World Vision to deliver it to Kampuchea.

Service given by the Units included helping with Pony Riding for the Disabled, assisting a cerebral palsied child, rolling bandages for a leprosy mission, knitting rugs and also visiting hospitals and aged persons' homes, taking gifts and providing entertainment.

The Year of the Tree was observed throughout the State by planting trees. One Guide company provided pot plants to brighten their local railway station.

The Bush Carnival, suggested by Mrs. Bev Milligan, was the State Good Turn. Proceeds from this event aided Lones to travel to the State Lone Unit Gathering at Bluewater - Blue SLUG - and helped finance the building of 'Quetta', the State Water Activities Centre. Goods for the work stall at the Carnival were supplied by Lones and their parents. Musorama was also held in conjunction with this Carnival. Everyone entered into the atmosphere of the day by being in costume. The day's finale, a colourful grand parade of 'swaggies' filled the No.2 oval at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds to

capacity. The Appeals Committee and the Arts Committee arranged this fun-filled event.

An appeal for funds was launched to help Guiding people and their families affected by the disastrous bush fires in Victoria and South Australia. Within days, generous donations were received.

1983/84. The Bushfire Appeal launched in February 1983 and which closed on 30th June 1983, raised over \$10,000.

1984/85. More than \$15,700 was raised by Association members throughout Queensland for the State Good Turn - Stop Polio Campaign. This money received \$3 Government subsidy for every \$1 raised.

Even girls in isolated areas always seemed to find some way of giving service. Local parks were cleaned, rag drives held and one of the Brownies of the Air Units recycled aluminium.

The State Commissioner presented a special certificate to the 5th Aspley Brownie Pack for service. The service given by those Brownie Guides was especially meritorious as the Unit's venue was the Aspley Special School.

1985/86. A group of Rangers became regular blood donors for Red Cross. Ranger Council ran a stall at a fete held to raise funds for a Women's Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia. Ranger Council's service project for 1985/86 raised funds to assist Ranger participants in the Bangladesh Service Project.

For the State Good Turn food or clothing parcels were collected and given to charities in local areas.

As service, Brownie Guide Units adopted a hairy nosed wombat; made rugs from knitted squares; made small wooden shoes which were donated to a pre-school for children to learn how to tie shoelaces; made hessian pictures for presentation to local hospitals and 'emu' walks through park areas to clean litter.

Extension Brownie Guides made and sold chocolates to aid Boothville Hospital, visited and entertained senior citizens, made cakes and manned a cake stall and cut out stamps for Lones and Extensions Auxiliary. Extension Guides made cushions and a wall hanging and presented them to the Orana Crisis Centre, made cards for Meals on Wheels recipients and welcome cards for Noora Ku Neena visitors. An extension Ranger Guide Unit raised \$10 for the Bangladesh Service Project.

BROWNIE GUIDE SECTION

1981/82. Being the International Year of the Disabled Person, toys were made and given to children's homes, money was raised for buying equipment or sent as a donation to World Vision, a leprosy mission, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Multicap and Wheelie One.

In June, 3000 Brownie Guides participated in a Circus Carnival at Kindilan.

Brownies of the Air spoke to a pack in Brisbane and another pack spoke to New Zealand Brownies through J.O.T.A.

1982/83. Since August 1982, the State acquired 17 new packs.

Journey Challenges introduced in 1982 were greeted very enthusiastically by the girls and their Leaders. Specific challenges in each journey have been a feature of the change along with challenges designed to encourage the girls to learn more of our Australian heritage.

The excitement of the Commonwealth Games was felt by even the smallest Brownie Guide when the sunflower she had planted flowered in time to welcome visitors to Queensland. Many packs held Commonwealth Games pack holidays, revels and joint Cub/ Brownie Guide fun days.

1983/84. From 23rd to 25th April 1984, the Boonajah State Pack Holiday was held at Kindilan. Music, art, drama and dance activities were included in the program. 120 Brownie Guides participated.

From 11-13th June, 25 Brownie Leaders from around the State attended the "Owl's Hoot" at Tinaroo, North Queensland.

In October, we saw many Packs combine with their sister Guides in the 'In and Out Campabout' weekend.

An increased number of Brownie Guides participated in Jamboree on the Air.

Due to the very generous donation from Kleenex, a total amount of \$3,984 was distributed to eight Brownie Pack Holiday homes throughout the State.

1984/85. Seventeen new Brownie Guide Units opened.

'Moon Magic' day on 21st July was a tremendous success in every way and in excess of 4,000 children participated. Many areas outside the metropolitan area held their own 'Moon Magic' days and each was very successful. Although not planned, a profit was made on the day and an amount of money was distributed to Brownie Pack Holiday homes around the State.

Progressive badges became an accepted part of our interest badge syllabus. The Australian Brownie Guide Handbook (Parts 1 and 2) were revised and updated.

The first ever Brownie Guide air activities day was held on 2nd September.

1985/86. Nineteen Brownie Guide Units opened.

The International Youth Year challenge for 1985 was well received.

Many Packs completed the 75 challenges in 'Guiding in Australia'.

Brownies of the Air were thriving and have been able to get together on a face-to-face basis during the year.

The air activities days at Archerfield continued to be very popular. Guiding personnel ran these days themselves, relying on the Scout Association for the pilot and aircraft.

Indoor and outdoor cooking proved popular with Brownie Guides. Some of the varied craft undertaken by Units included pottery, mobiles, paper mache, peg teapot stands, flower booklets and pen and pencil holders.

GUIDE SECTION

New Units were opened as follows :

1981/82 - 9

1984/85 - 7

1982/83 - 19

1985/86 - 6

1983/84 - 22

1981/82. Being the year of the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, the Patrols in Queensland took part in a Patrol Challenge.

An Australian event for Patrol Leaders - Jumbunna 82 - was held in Queensland in January.

An invitation was received from the Scouts for Guides to help man the communications radio for their Australian Jamboree at Collingwood Park in January 1983.

1982/83. The introduction of cards setting out a variety of challenges from which Guides may choose their eight point challenges were most positively welcomed by Leaders. Special seminars and gatherings were held at Warwick, Cairns, Mackay, Gladstone and two in Brisbane to provide Leaders with the opportunity to discuss their introduction and how to ensure most benefit was gained from them. The long-awaited new Guide Handbook Part 2 which arrived in September helped to give a clearer picture of the badge system within the Guide Section and also introduced a few new badges.

Patrols from as far away as Weipa and Richmond were awarded pennants for their participation in the Commonwealth Games Patrol Challenge.

1983/84. A committee of Leaders from several areas of the State developed a syllabus for a Faith and Life Emblem for the Guides of Queensland, and there has been considerable interest shown in working towards this badge.

Discussions on Guide Knowledge Badge were undertaken and Guidelines were produced to assist people involved in administering the B.-P. Emblem.

1984/85. Patrol Leaders' training weekends were conducted in Townsville (53 Guides attended) and Mt. Isa (23 Guides attended).

A new edition of the Guide handbook Part 2 (badge syllabi) was introduced and with it the introduction of three new badges in particular, which it is hoped that all Guides will achieve. A Guiding Challenge badge has been introduced so that girls will find out about the Movement early in their Guiding life; World Trefoil and Golden Trefoil badges which extend their knowledge even further.

The Scout Association Air Activities Branch very generously offered their services to assist with activities days for Guides. The first of these was held at Archerfield in March and proved to be very exciting for the girls who participated.

The 1984 B.-P. Emblem Certificate presentation day was held in Morris Hall in November. State President, Lady Ramsay, presented 105 girls with their certificates.

1985/86. During 1985, our 75th year, Guide Patrols were challenged to find a "Golden Link" - a person who had made their Promise in the past 75 years. In all, 300 Links were made.

Guide Section moved to Toowoomba for the Leaders' seminar in 1985. Leaders came from as far away as Goondiwindi as well as from Brisbane to attend.

RANGER SECTION

Ranger Guides were proud to receive their Queen's Guide Certificates at Government House presentations as follows:

1981/82 - 5

1982/83 - 10

1983/84 - 23

1984/85 - 17

1985/86 - 10

1981/82. Ranger Section organised the "Dinghy Derby" in the Brisbane River Day Carnival and ran the Aussie food stall at the Australia Day celebrations.

Rangers also took part in the Youth Forum organised by the Australia Day Committee.

An Aquatic Carnival was held in August at Westlake. Many girls gained their Canoeing Certificate and Permit.

The girls attended a Leadership Skills' weekend and 22 girls attended a seminar, another 15 on the experienced Leaders' weekend. Five Leaders from Queensland attended a gathering of Leaders in South Australia.

The largest camp of the year would have been "Rangeabout", when 150 girls and 15 Leaders camped at Allawah, whilst on the same weekend 27 girls and 4 Leaders were in camp at Seonee Park at Rockhampton and another 27 girls and 4 Leaders were at Kamerunga at Cairns. An amateur operator at each campsite linked the three camps together.

1982/83. The Ranger Moot was held at Highfields near Toowoomba during the Commonwealth Games, and the girls visited the opening of the Games, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Rangeabout camps this year were held at Cairns, Mackay, Biloela and Brisbane and 200 girls and Leaders attended. The main purpose of the weekend was to introduce exciting and challenging activities to the Ranger Guides and this was certainly achieved in March 1983. Girls tried their hands at abseiling, canoeing, fencing, archery, pistol shooting, flying fox, judo, catamaranning and sailing, as well as the less exciting pursuits such as screen printing, body painting, ham radio and instruction on emergency camp first aid, Duke of Edinburgh Award and motor mechanics. Service was introduced at the Cairns camp when the girls spent an afternoon making sensory texture objects for visually handicapped people.

The annual swimming carnival, Ranger Dinner, Australia Day food stall and Brisbane River Day Dinghy Derby were organised by Ranger Council.

Two Rangers completed a parasailing course.

1983/84. To try and attract new members, girls were involved with a publicity campaign which consisted of a T.V. advertisement, poster, radio commercial and car stickers. The girls raised the money, planned the format, wrote the script, took part in the T.V. ad., and took the photographs for the poster.

In May, a lightweight camp was held at Bluewater, Townsville. 29 girls from Townsville and 17 Ranger Guides from Bowen, Ayr, Proserpine and Charters Towers came together to talk about the possibility of re-opening a Ranger Guide

Unit at Townsville.

250 girls and Leaders took part in Rangeabout camps held in March 1984 at Gordonvale, Biloela and Brisbane.

Thirteen girls gained their certificates at a Leadership Skills' camp.

1984/85. The "Find one more in 84" membership drive resulted in the opening of six new Ranger Guide and Ranger Units and the re-opening of three Units.

Two Rangers received their Olave Baden-Powell Awards - the first two girls in Queensland and among the first three in Australia.

1984 was the year for the Ranger Moot organised and run by the Proserpine Ranger Guide Unit at Airlie Beach. Approximately 80 Rangers, Ranger Guides, Junior Leaders and Leaders attended, taking part in various crafts, adventurous activities, music and drama, service project and tours of the area.

A Ranger Council project was to organise the annual Rangeabout Camps. Besides the camp held at B.-P. Park, Samford, which was attended by approximately 120 girls and Leaders, separate events were arranged by Leaders from Biloela and Cairns.

1985/86. Twelve Ranger Guide and three Ranger Units either opened or re-opened.

Winners of the 1985 Ranger Challenge were University Ranger Unit and Centurion Ranger Unit (Jindalee).

The May long weekend held a special meaning for Rangers, with the "Ranger Rebel" (a motor vehicle) heading for Purga Creek near Boonah to compete in off-road car racing. Congratulations were extended to the team who brought home two "banana" trophies, including the powder puff derby from the 1984 event.

LONES SECTION

The Lones and Extensions Auxiliary continued to give wonderful support to Lones Section, financially and in other ways.

Lones have enjoyed reading their own magazine 'Gilliana', edited and produced by Anne Catchpoole. Much of the material is contributed by the girls.

1981/82. New Units opened this year included 6th Lone Brownie Guides and 6th Lone Ranger Guides, which gave this section six Brownie Guide, five Guide, four Ranger Guide and two Ranger Units.

1982/83. In January 1983, nine Queensland Rangers, Ranger Guides and Leaders attended the Australian International Lones Camp Warrara in Perth, W.A. They joined in the fun, friendship and challenge of working with Lones from New Zealand, Great Britain, Canada and Zimbabwe.

1983/84. There were 17 Lone Units. Several Lone Rangers were also Leaders of active Units in their own local areas. The Adviser and several Lone Leaders attended a Brownies of the Air meeting at the School of the Air camp at Tallebudgera. Three Lone Guides were present and a Promise Ceremony was held for one of them.

Christine Gerussi gained her Queen's Guide as a member of 4th Lone Ranger Guide Unit "Inglas".

1984/85. The State Lone Units Gathering (Gold SLUG) was held at Baden-Powell Park, Samford, from 4 - 11th January 1985. Girls and Leaders enjoyed outings to the city, the North Coast and the local waterslide and enjoyed a bush dance,

craft, campfires and many other activities. Many swimming, life saving and camping badges were earned. The camp newspaper 'The Gold Rush', was produced daily and eagerly read. Two gigantic slugs (panty hose stuffed with newspapers) were paraded at the closing ceremony.

1985/86. Highlight of this year undoubtedly was participation in Noora Ku Neena. What an experience for girls who normally do their Guiding by correspondence.

A learning kit for Lone Guide Leaders was produced, similar to the one for Lone Brownie Leaders.

Three video tapes, 'Why Guiding?', 'Knotting' and 'Survival', were produced commercially using a P.A.Y.O. grant (Programme of Assistance to Youth Organisations - an Australian Government project). These were popular with the girls.

EXTENSION SECTION

Extension Section is very grateful for the support of the Lones and Extensions Auxiliary, also many Trefoil Guilds.

1981/82. Narbethong Guides took part in the Australia wide Extension Camp "Happiness in 81".

There was an Adventure Camp at Kindilan for the Guides of Coinda Special School.

At the Spastic School, New Farm, a Guide Unit commenced in July and in August a Guide Unit commenced at Clermont Special School. In March, a Brownie Guide Unit commenced at Bowen House.

The Extension Section was involved in the Scout Association's Agoonoree.

1982/83. A new Brownie Guide Unit was opened at Glenleighden School, Kenmore for children with language and associated difficulties.

The number of disabled girls in active Units had grown.

Three Montrose Guides gained their swimmers' badges, a great achievement for girls in wheelchairs.

1983/84. There were five Brownie Guide and four Guide Units, with over 90 girls in these Units.

Several Units were involved in 'In and Out Campabout' weekend. Wybenia pack holiday was as successful as ever. Four Coinda Guides, with their very capable Leaders, attended the State Adventure Camp and had a marvellous time. 'Agoonoree' was a memorable experience for some extension girls, with abseiling and grass ski-ing being two of their favourite activities.

Two Wybenia Guides attended the West Chermside District Camp and enjoyed camp life, including canoeing with Patanga Ranger Guides. All Wybenia Guide Unit attended the Marchant Region Camp.

1984/85. Two Coinda Guides received Youth Achievement Awards.

Wybenia and Glenleighden Brownie Guides both held Unit camps. Xavier, Aspley and Bowen House Brownie Guides, together with three active Units, shared a 'Bush Holiday' at Kindilan. B.-P. Park was the scene for Camp Nowra where Wybenia and Coinda Guides camped with active Guides from different Units. Some of the girls attended Agoonoree as well as region and division camps and rallies. Because none of the girls of Aspley Unit owned a pet, their enterprising Leader encouraged them to earn enough money for a budgie, cage and food. Together the girls chose a cage and budgie and named him 'Brownie Bird'. They made a cover and learned the responsibilities of being a pet owner.

1985/86. There were two new Brownie Guide Units - R.J.Andrews at Sunnybank and Kirkley Centre at Geebung. A Ranger Guide Unit meets at the Spastic Centre.

One Unit took part in a P.R. exercise at a shopping centre and hosted afternoon tea for their local Trefoil Guild as a thank you for all their help. In pursuit of the World Trefoil Badge, one Guide Unit learnt a lot about England, Switzerland, Mexico and India. Cards decorated with Australian pictures were made to send to English friends and a Swiss chalet built from paddle pop sticks emphasised the international aspect of Guiding.

State Camp Nowra was held at Bribie Island and was a lot of fun. Girls took part in Agoonoree and in Unit and District camps.

Two Cooina Guides earned the Ivan Gibbs Achievement Award and two "Golden Links" were found by this Unit.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

1981/82. Camp "Funtasia" at both Kindilan and Bluewater provided fun and adventure for over 1200 girls and Leaders.

Camping qualifications were gained by 159 Leaders.

1982/83. The Karawa B.-P. Guild continued to help maintain the Units and grounds of the Kindilan Agility Track (K.A.T.).

Mrs. Ada Brown qualified at the Abseil Instructor's test.

Camping and pack holidays again played an important part in our outdoor program.

Eighty-eight canoe and eighteen sailing qualifications were awarded to girls and Leaders.

1983/84. Camp 'Wingara' Adventure Camp 1983 was enjoyed by 1275 girls and Leaders.

In October 1984, In and Out Campabout, together with Jamboree on the Air, proved to be highly successful activities. 1979 members participated in Jamboree on the Air and all kinds of indoor and outdoor activities were woven into programs of those who joined the rest of the world to make this a real highlight of the Year of Communications.

Increased participation in outdoor activities has necessitated increased equipment. Extra abseil, archery, orienteering gear, canoes and a 'Unitron' telescope have been purchased. A special "thank you" to the Headquarters staff who donated a Canadian canoe, fully equipped.

The Scout Association air activities days at Archerfield have again been enjoyed by Ranger Guides and Rangers. The K.A.T. has aroused interest throughout the State, and interstate. A comprehensive orienteering course has been set up at Kindilan.

One Leader gained the Canoe Federation Instructor's Award.

1984/85. A 'Flowers of Kindilan' booklet was prepared by Peg Creagh.

New syllabi were introduced for the junior camping certificate and power boat certificate and permit.

State activities have included many canoe training and assessment days and weekends for girls and Leaders; Royal Life Saving Society of Australia Home Pool Safety Award Scheme; Canoeekhanas for Guide Section; Canoe Capers for Ranger Section; air activities for all sections, with the continuing support of the Scout Association; 'G.O.' Day for all sections and friends, with 350 participants in orienteering at Kindilan, Townsville, Gayndah, Childers and Esk; Jamboree on the Air for all sections with 112 Units participating; and a roster system of qualified instructors to run boating activities for campers at Kindilan.

1985/86. Noora Ku Neena, an international event was an unforgettable experience for over four thousand members of our Association from all over Australia and overseas. Many people, members and friends of the Association, gave so much time in preparation for, during and after the camp. The venue for this event was the Army training area at Greenbank. His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Walter Campbell, Q.C., accompanied by the State President, Lady Campbell, officially opened the camp early on the morning of 4th January. This heralded the start of nine exciting days.

Girls took part in a variety of activities, both off and on-site; adventurous activities such as abseiling, canoeing, air activities and pioneering; or music, song, dance and craft sessions. Rangers and Ranger-Guides acted as orderlies and also had a special program of activities to fill any spare time.

A program was drawn up for Brownie Guides who attended on visitors' day, and a special badge was produced. Many hundreds of Brownie Guides and their Leaders enjoyed the day. Fifteen Lone Guides attended the camp and there was also a Unit camp for our Extension Guides.

The public relations team, gathered from people throughout Queensland worked well together, taking hundreds of photographs. They also produced the daily camp newspaper, "The Laughing Jackass".

During this year, Units participated in the project to plant a million trees in association with Scouts. Men of the Trees and Greening Australia.

Boating for all sections flourished. Brownie Guides enjoyed the experience of Canadian canoes; Guides enjoyed canoeing and many qualified for Boatswain's Badge. Environmental liaisons were established in seven regions. Air Activities were very popular. There was a growing interest in Jamboree on the Air. In 1985, 74 Units participated, with many contacts being made to overseas, as well as inter/ intrastate amateur radio stations run by or for the girls.

CUPS AND CHALLENGES

Hilda John Nature Cup:

1981/82 - Bribie Island Ranger Unit.

1983/84 - 1st Hamilton/Clayfield Brownie Unit.

1984/85 - 1st Helidon Guide Unit.

1985/86 - Tieri District.

Pike Cup:

1984/85 - Competed for in Warrego Region. 1st Winton Guide Unit was awarded the Cup.

1985/86 - Competed for in Gold Coast Region. 1st Nerang Guide Unit won.

Tregear Cup:

1985/86 - 1st West Cairns Guide Unit.

Carr Cup: (competed for by Districts)

1981/82 - Sunnybank first, Kuraby second, Moreton Bay third.

1982/83 - Camp Hill first, West Chermshire second, Moreton Bay third.

1983/84 - Ross (Townsville) first, Ashgrove/ Enoggera second, Bundaberg and Kingaroy tying for third.

1984/85 - Weipa and Southport first (tied), Wavell Heights and Springwood second (tied), Deception Bay third.

1985/86 - Algester first, Ross second, Sunnybank third, Wavell Heights fourth.

JUNIOR LEADERS

1982/83. In April 1982, twelve Junior Leaders were presented with their certificates by Lady Ramsay at the annual presentation of Guiding and Scouting awards at Government House.

1983/84. At Headquarters, Lady Ramsay presented ten Junior Leader certificates.

1984/85. At the annual presentation of Junior Leaders' certificates. Lady Ramsay presented 26 Junior Leaders with their certificates.

1985/86. Lady Campbell presented 27 Junior Leaders with their certificates at the annual presentation in November.

TRAINING

1981/82. In addition to the usual Leadership courses two weekends for potential trainers were organised, one at Kindilan and one at Bluewater.

In July the annual State Trainers' Conference was held at Kindilan.

The State Training for Trainers was held at Kindilan in October, with Mrs. Norah Owen John from New Zealand as our guest. There were two trainers from New South Wales and two Victorian trainers.

In January 1982, the Australian Biennial Conference was held in Brisbane.

1982/83. In July 1982, the Support Leader Scheme was launched throughout the State. This scheme was aimed at providing support, in the form of experienced Leaders, at Region, Division or District level, for Leaders who needed help with the various facets of the Guiding program. These support Leaders gave "on the spot/ at home" help to Leaders and in so doing built upon what the Leaders received at Leadership courses.

The annual State Trainers' Conference/ Training was held at Kindilan late in July. A Region Training Advisers' Seminar was held in March.

1983/84. At the beginning of July the Queensland Training Bursary was launched. This bursary was designed to give financial assistance to Leaders who wished to attend Leadership courses conducted by other organisations. The first

recipients of this bursary attended a video and film production course conducted by the Queensland Film and Drama Centre.

Eleven Queensland trainers attended the Australian Training for Trainers which was held at Glengarry, N.S.W. during Easter.

The annual State Trainers' Conference/ Training was held at Kindilan late in July. The Australian Training Adviser attended for the weekend.

1984/85. Six training certificates and four training team member qualifications were gained.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. S. Hill, Miss K. Neehouse and Miss R. Clark on gaining their Australian Training Diploma.

Two trainers from the Philippines visited Queensland early in March and were involved in presenting sessions at Leadership courses and attended some Unit and Local Association meetings.

The first training especially for Lone Leaders was held at Kindilan in October 1984 in conjunction with a Stage 2 training.

In December 1984, Queensland hosted the World Association's event 'Let Us Share'. Six young Leaders aged 18-24 years from each of three countries, New Zealand, Singapore and Australia, attended this potential trainer's course.

1985/86. A new dimension was added to training in 1985 with the introduction of the Leadership Development Course for experienced Leaders.

TRAINING - ADULT QUALIFICATIONS GAINED

1981/82 Australian Leadership Challenge - 4; B.-P. Badge - 3; Bushcraft Badge - 1

1982/83 Australian Leadership Challenge and B.-P. Badge - 6

1983/84 Australian Leadership Challenge - 7; B.-P. Badge - 2; Training Certificate - 3; Training Team Member - 4

1984/85 Australian Leadership Challenge - 5; B.-P. Badge - 3

1985/86 Brownie Training Certificate - Roslyn Bird

Commissioner Training Certificate - Jill Hung

Skills Certificate - Canoeing - Margaret Liley, Roslyn Diachkoff

Skills Certificate - Orienteering - Kristine Tracey

Skills Certificate - Music and Drama - Ruth Hodgman

Australian Training Diploma - Beryl Ward

Australian Leadership Challenge - 5; B.-P. Badge - 3
ARTS

1981/82. The Guide Choir sang at the State Commissioner's Handover Ceremony at the end of March 1981.

1982/83. The girls' Arts Camp held in June/ July was attended by 56 girls.

During Guide Week, members of the Guide Choir, plus others, were among 150 Guides who joined with Scouts to form the choir for the opening of the Commonwealth Games. Our choir sang for the opening of "Turn on the Sun".

The Dolls Unlimited competition with entries from Brownies of the Air, Weipa and all over the State was successful.

1983/84. The State finals and concert for Encore '83 were held in the theatre at Chandler on 29th August.

28 Brownie Guides, 28 Guides, 4 Ranger Guides, 1 Ranger and 14 Leaders travelled to Hobart for Encore '83.

Two very successful craft training days for adults were held, as well as the adult Music and Drama camp.

1984/85. The venue for Carols by Candlelight, arranged jointly with the Scout Association, was Albert Park.

Thinking Day 1985, finally held on 22 March after postponement due to power strikes and adverse weather conditions, was a highlight of our 75th year celebrations. Over 2,000 people filled Chandler Theatre for a spectacular display of World Guiding.

1985/86. The poster competition judged in July attracted 83 entries.

At the rally to farewell Sir James and Lady Ramsay, fifty choir members sang several songs, including the special farewell song "Not 'Goodbye' but 'Till we meet again". The Guide choir also sang at the birthday party at Lady Hickey's Gold Coast home, Carols by Candlelight and at the handover ceremony on Thinking Day.

INTERNATIONAL

1981/82. Norway and New Zealand hosted our members at Jamborees.

One of our Leaders attended a Juliette Low Seminar at Olave House in 1981.

Interest in the international side of Guiding was heightened by the visitors to 'Turn on the Sun' who visited Units and told the girls a little of Guiding in their lands. Letters, scrapbooks and tapes have gone round the world to Scotland, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Canada and Fiji.

1982/83. Ruth McLaughlin was one of the first two Leaders to benefit from the Irene Fairbairn Fund Challenge to attend Our Cabana, Mexico.

1983/84. Queensland welcomed six girls from the North Solomon Province of Papua New Guinea in January 1984.

In February eight Guiding members of the Japanese Youth Goodwill Cruise ship "Nippon Maru" were welcomed at Girl Guide House by International Committee members.

Mrs. Jan MacIntyre was appointed assistant Guider-in-charge at Sangam.

Efforts to raise funds for the building of the Lady Baden-Powell Memorial, Olave Centre, in Hampstead, England, continued. Members have helped in activities in Mutual Aid. This year some money was directed to Sangam in India to help repair a wall that was washed away by floods.

1984/85. Members from Queensland attended camps in Trinidad, Tobago and Sri Lanka.

Members visited Sangam in India.

Seven Guides and one Leader from Papua New Guinea were billeted overnight on their way to Jamborella in Victoria in January 1985.

Other Guiding people were welcomed from Philippines, England, Canada, Switzerland and Singapore.

1985/86. Queensland was represented at many international camps.

Planning for the international camp Noora Ku Neena involved the International Committee for much of 1985, preparing for the three international display huts, which were staffed in three shifts from 8am to 8pm daily. To assist with fares and camp fees for members from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Is., Tonga and Bangladesh was one of the Committee's aims and they were assisted by Trefoil Guilds.

POST BOX

160 links were made with members overseas.

IRENE FAIRBAIRN FUND

From the national fund \$1020 was allocated to Queensland on a per capita basis in June.

The Rover/ Ranger service projects in Bangladesh, which will continue for five years, attracted applications. Each Guiding participant received \$500 towards the \$2000 cost from the national Irene Fairbairn Fund.

PROPERTY

State Water Activities Centre "Quetta" was officially opened in February 1984. Quetta comprises two buildings, a new club room, and the existing building, formerly the East Brisbane Guide hut.

Huts were opened as follows :

1981/82 - Lawnton, Capella, Rochedale, Coopers Plains and a Ranger Hut in Dalby.

1982/83 Coolum, Noosa, Burleigh Heads and Nerang.

1983/84 Jamboree Heights, Northern Beaches (Mackay) and Cairns West.

1984/85 Upper Mt.Gravatt, Home Hill, Buderim, Kawana Waters and Mudgeeraba.

KINDILAN

1981/82. The Association received a donation of \$1000 from the Police Scouters B.-P. Guild for alterations to the kitchen at Kindilan.

On 21st February 1982, our State President, Lady Ramsay, opened "Kinta" (which means laughter) a second Brownie Cottage, the building of which commenced in 1981.

Karawa B.-P. Guild assisted in the building of the new agility course and preparation for the 1981 Adventure Camp.

The Kindilan Agility Track, Guide environmental trail, planned development and planting of trees at campsites and surrounds plus an orienteering course were making Kindilan an exciting place to camp.

1982/83. People on Community Service Orders helped with work at Kindilan.

1983/84. State Executive Committee approved Stage 1 of the development of the buildings at Kindilan. Stage 1 of the project was submitted to the State Government for subsidy. The Association received a grant of \$68,000. The complex was to be called the Olave Baden-Powell Memorial Centre.

In April 1983, heavy equipment moved in to start the dam at Kindilan. Heavy rain started just four days after the work began. It was eight months later before the ground became dry enough for long enough for the work to be completed. It took just two weeks for the dam to fill. The lake, whilst primarily a water storage facility, offers wonderful scope for water activities as well as providing a totally new environmental cycle for the centre.

1984/85. Improvements were made to Ngulu. A second smaller project was the provision of a temporary canoe store.

1985/86. The building of the Olave Baden-Powell Memorial Centre commenced in November 1985.

Friends of Kindilan, a committee to provide extra items for Kindilan, was formed.

Apart from the successful completion of the environmental area at the rear of Ngulu, the main task for this year was the completion of a cement path from Kinta to the roadway to provide better access for all Brownie Guides. This is of particular benefit to extensions.

BLUEWATER, TOWNSVILLE

1981/82. Mains pressure water supply was connected. High pressure hot water systems were installed, replacing the old low pressure systems.

1982/83. Maintenance carried out throughout the year included renewal of fences, plumbing and drainage work, electrical repairs and installation of floodlights, and possum proofing of the "Big Hut". The kitchen was remodelled. Four tables and twenty-four chairs were added and other kitchen and laundry facilities.

1983/84. The donations of \$2000 from the Hayles Benevolent Fund and the \$350 from the Kleenex Fund for Brownies were appreciated. A number of Units in Townsville have made a donation to the Bluewater Fund.

1984/85. Overhead fans installed in Bluewater House were re-positioned. A watering system for the tree planting programme and the first set of equipment for the Bluewater Agility Trail were provided. Seats in the outdoor Chapel were replaced and made longer lasting by steel and concrete supports.

1985/86. Additions to Bluewater included two new refrigerators in the Big Hut, a second piece of equipment for the Bluewater Agility Trail and concrete block pads outside each entrance to Big Hut. Finance for the refrigerators came from Community Club Awards organised by a local radio station and a donation from the Townsville Equipment Centre.

A slipway to the creek for easier launching of canoes was created when sand and gravel for commercial use was removed from Bluewater Creek under contract with the Girl Guides Association.

The Lions Clubs have assisted with making fire breaks along all boundary fences.

A new camping site and an activities area were cleared on the rise out beyond the Chapel.

A Friends of Bluewater Committee was launched at the 75th year celebrations dinner in July. Members totalled 159 by March 1986.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION

1982/83. In August 1982, the Local Association Conference and a Region Commissioners' Conference were held at Bluewater. In December 1982, State Executive approved the appointment of a Local Association Adviser. Mrs. Ann Ruble accepted this appointment.

1984/85. The 19th Local Association Conference was the highlight of the year. Immediately before and after the Conference, the Local Association Adviser was invited to a number of District meetings, and took part in region seminars in John Oxley, Logan, Darling Downs/ Border and Marchant Regions.

1985/86. The occasion of the 75th Year of Guiding provided an opportunity for Local Association members to organise special functions. A highlight for the Local Association Adviser was a visit to far northern regions - Flinders, Cape York and Central Queensland. It was heartening to see so many at gatherings in Mt. Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Townsville, Atherton, Bowen, Moranbah, Mackay and Blackwater.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1981/82. Girls responded well to the planting of sunflowers for the Commonwealth Games.

1982/83. We helped Scouts sell trees to raise money for Eprapah. Carols by Candlelight took place at Kindilan. In February 1983, a combined Thinking Day/ Founder's Day service with the Governor, Sir James Ramsay and Lady Ramsay taking part, filled the City Hall. Displays were held during Handicapped Persons' Week and Hobbies Week. In Biscuit Week a man-sized kangaroo with Guide scarf and trimmings handed Guide biscuits to passers-by in Brisbane's main streets. Moreton Region was responsible for preparing the float for the Warana procession.

1983/84. Guide Week activities included In and Out Campabout and Jamboree on the Air. The Warana Parade float theme was "How Brownies and Guides might exist on the moon in the year 2000". It was constructed by John Oxley Region.

1984/85. In the Warana procession Archerfield Region presented the "Family of Guiding", which was judged the winning entry in its section. The television commercial made by Ranger Section created a tremendous amount of interest. Copies were made for distribution and viewing in other States. The Church Parade was held at Albert Street Uniting Church.

1985/86. 75th year celebrations continued with the release in April of the pre-stamped commemorative envelope by Australia Post and displays in several post offices. "Guiding on the Go", a ten minute promotional video, was made by public relations students within the Business Studies faculty at the Queensland Institute of Technology. These same students assisted in formulating the basis on which 'We R PR', a public relations handbook for the Association, was produced in this year. An invitation to participate in the Christmas Tree Festival, organised by the Uniting Church, was again accepted. The Magic Necklace came to Brisbane for the State Council meeting in September. This necklace contained beads from many parts of Queensland, in all shapes and sizes; it truly was a magical necklace - a special contribution to Guiding's 75th celebrations.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

1982/83. Miss Carol Stanbury, Guide Leader, was the recipient of an Advance Australia Award.

1984/85. The Gilt Cross for bravery was awarded to Michaela Russell, a Gladstone Brownie Guide aged nine.

At the 1984 Annual Meeting, Lady Ramsay, our State President, was presented with the Emu Award.

1985/86. In the Queen's Birthday honours list three members were honoured - Mrs. Meta Williams received the O.B.E. and Mrs. Lorna Church and Mrs. Dorothy Templeton were each awarded the B.E.M.

Other Achievements. Robyn Smith received a Young Queenslander of the Year, Youth Achievement Award - one of six young Queenslanders so recognised, as well as the FM104 I.Y.Y. Award of \$5000 for her outstanding contribution to young people in Queensland.

GUIDING AWARDS

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MEMBERSHIP

Census figures as at 31st March 1982 showed there were 1150 Units with a total membership of 20,418.

Figures as at 31st March 1986 showed 20,969 total membership. There were 870 Units.

TREFOIL GUILD

1981/82. The Trefoil Guild numbered 389 members. Trefoil members raised over \$100 during the International Year of the Disabled and this money was used to provide facilities at Kindilan to assist the Extension Units.

1982/83. With the formation of three new Guilds in 1982, the thirty Guilds totalled over 450 members. At the biennial conference it was decided to take as our "Good Turn" the upgrading of facilities at Kindilan for the handicapped. Over \$700 was spent for this purpose.

1983/84. Membership was 454 members in 27 Guilds. Trefoil members' "Good Turn" resulted in over \$800 being given to upgrade facilities at Kinta for the handicapped. Approximately 130 delegates from 22 Guilds attended the biennial conference at Guide Headquarters in October. Conference theme was "Trefoil - A Guiding Light!" Guest speaker was Mrs. Meta Williams.

1984/85. A Guild opened at Surfers Paradise. In August, 26 Queenslanders attended the 6th National Trefoil Guild Gathering in Perth. Visiting trefoil members from United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand were entertained. Trefoil Guild members were again recognised in 1984 when a Gold Coast member was presented with the "Citizen of the Year Award".

1985/86. All Trefoil Guilds joined in the 75th Anniversary celebrations as "Golden Links", compiling the history of their Districts and organising reunion dinners. One of the highlights of the year was the visit by United Kingdom and Canadian Trefoil Guild members. The big effort was staffing the Coffee Shop at Noora Ku Neena. In 1985 a sum of over \$3000 was given to Guiding projects such as Noora Ku Neena, Agoonoree, Olave Baden-Powell Memorial Centre and to Local Associations. Approximately 150 members attended the Queensland Biennial Conference at Beaudesert in October. The Guilds' biennial service project raised funds for the Olave Centre in London.

MRS. JANETTE GIBSON. A.M.

Mrs. Janette Gibson first became associated with the Girl Guides Association when her eldest daughter joined the St. Lucia Brownie Guides. Mrs. Gibson joined the Local Association and she held the positions of badge secretary and vice-president. During this time she was a delegate for the Mt. Coot-tha Division at the Local Association Conference.

In 1973 she became an assistant Guide Leader with the 1st St.Lucia Guide Company for three months. Never having been a Girl Guide and in a District in which there was no District Commissioner, when an experienced Leader relocated in the area from New Guinea, Mrs. Gibson became District Commissioner. She held this position for three years.

In 1977 Mrs.Gibson was appointed Mt.Coot-tha Division Commissioner, a position she held for only six months. She resigned from the position because of the demands of a young family. She remembers saying in her resignation that she hoped to be able to be more involved when the children were older.

The children were not a great deal older when she was asked to become State International Adviser. During the four years of her term, Mrs.Gibson saw the number of members being involved with international events grow immensely.

Mrs.Gibson became State Commissioner for Queensland in 1981. At the handover ceremony, Mrs. Meta Williams handed the State Commissioner's Standard to Mrs. Gibson's three daughters who were her Standard bearers.

In 1984 Mrs.Gibson represented the Girl Guides Association of Australia as a delegate to the 25th World Conference held in New York. Prior to that conference she visited Alaska as part of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.'s program of "Visit to Councils".

Mrs. Gibson is involved in many community activities.

- member of State Council since 1986

- Trefoil Member

- member of the Australian Awards Committee since June 1990

- a Vice-President of the Scout Association (Queensland Branch) since May 1991

- a Vice-President of the Girl Guides Association in Queensland since October 1991.

- a member of Women of Substance.

Mrs. Gibson earned the Guiding Awards 'Good Service' and 'Emu'. The Emu was presented by Mrs. Betty Clay, the daughter of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

In 1986, she received an Advance Australia Award for "Services to Youth".

In January 1992, she became a Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia.