

STANDARDS

What is a Standard?

A Standard has been used for hundreds of years as a rallying point for a group of people. Therefore it must be easily seen and easily distinguished from all other Standards.

In Guiding a Standard signifies an official position. The Chief Commissioner for Australia has her own Standard as do the State Commissioners for each State.

The Standard can only be present / used if the holder of that office is there as it signifies her presence.

The Victorian State Standard

In 1972 it was noted that Victoria did not have a State Standard. Hence it was decided to rectify this and create one for Victoria.

In August 1972 brownies, guides, rangers and leaders were invited to submit designs, the final one being selected by the Executive Committee on 19 July 1973. The final design was approved on 27 July 1973. The heraldry details were checked by Mrs Gladys Hartley-Watson and she was asked to do this on 13 May 1974.

The material, polyester fibre was supplied by the warehouse of Charles Parsons (Vic). The red, blue, green, white and gold were supplied by the warehouse and the pale blue used for the State Badge was supplied by the Embroiders Guild of Victoria.

A female employee of the firm R F Kemp, Regalia Manufacturers did the embroidery of the symbols on a special machine.

The sections were assembled by Mrs Dulce Brown who was a member of the Embroiders Guild.

The Standard was carried for the first time on 3 September 1976 at the Mini Olympics.

Mrs Hartley-Watson donated the pole and badge for the top of the pole.

The State Commissioner's Standard represents the office held and is passed from each Commissioner to her successor.