

# NEWSLETTER NO.1

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## BACKGROUND

It is seven months since the Queen's Guide Reunion at South Melbourne where a large number of women showed support for the Queen's Guide Association. A Working Party was set up to consider the suggestions made at the reunion regarding the function of the Association and to formulate the final brainstorming idea into a plan for moving forward. This Newsletter is one of the initiatives undertaken to keep Members and prospective Members of the Association informed of not only what is happening with the Association but of the latest developments in Guiding and forthcoming activities which may be of interest. As we grow it is intended to include profiles and interesting articles from members.

This first Newsletter is mainly focused on outlining the decisions to date made by the Working Committee. It is hoped that you will take a few minutes to read this Newsletter, learn about the function of the Association and consider taking on Membership. If you have any questions they can be directed to the Christine Croft, Chair of the Working Party at [gga@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:gga@guidesvic.org.au) or by telephoning Christine on 9742 4669 or our Secretary, Pam 9772 4458.

## WHAT IS THE QUEEN'S GUIDE ASSOCIATION?

Membership is open to all Queen's Guides in Australia and those holding the highest Youth Peak Achievement award in another country.

Its purpose is to provide a forum for members to come together and maintain a connection with the wider Guide Movement. It is **NOT** a forum for recruiting people into the Movement for leadership purposes. It is an independent Association that has the support of Girl Guides Victoria.

Through members it is hoped to promote the Queens Guide Award and to lift the profile of Guiding within the broader community.

There will also be an opportunity to be involved in service projects organised by members.

## COST AND BENEFITS

An annual membership fee is payable:

- Full Membership - \$30
- Current GGV Adult or Trefoil Guild Member - \$20
- Student under 25 years - \$15

Members receive an Association lapel badge and certificate and at least 2 Newsletters will be distributed annually.

There will be an annual function arranged each year for members to network and enjoy each other's company. Special discounts at Girl Guide Victoria campsites and selected Girl Guides Victoria events will also be available.

## HOW CAN I JOIN?

A membership form is included with this Newsletter. Complete and return to the address supplied or should you wish to make a direct deposit into the Association bank account email [gga@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:gga@guidesvic.org.au) or telephone Pam on 9772 4458 for details.

## 2013 EVENTS

Firstly, the Working Committee members have agreed to continue the management of the Association for a further 12 months in order to build membership. Their meetings are open to any members with the next meeting scheduled for **SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH AT 2PM** at the RACV Club, Bourke Street Melbourne. If you would like to attend this meeting then please ring Christine prior to the day on 9742 4669 or 0429 962 242 so that we can ensure your entry into the meeting room.



At present the Annual event is scheduled for the month of **SEPTEMBER**. This is the main agenda item for the March meeting and it is hoped that a definite date will be fixed soon after that meeting.

The first event for Girl Guides Victoria that maybe of interest is 'Girls Rock' on **SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY** at the Melbourne Town Hall from 10am to 4pm. The MC for this event is Nicole Livingston, National backstroke champion, with the day providing information on new initiatives in Guiding. In addition we will be having a stand to promote the Queen's Guide Association. Further information and registration is available on Girl Guides Victoria website [www.guidesvic.org.au](http://www.guidesvic.org.au). Registration closes 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Have you ever camped at Britannia Park or stayed at Brownie Cottage or Guide House? Would you like to see what it looks like now? Well here is your chance. **SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** Britannia Park is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday with an Open Day. This will be a fun day for all the family with special activities for the children. Registration and further details on [www.guidesvic.org.au](http://www.guidesvic.org.au). – click on 'what's on' and look up date.

### 'TIT BIT'

For many years interest badges were tested by people outside Guiding who were knowledgeable in the subject being tested. Judith Alcorn, who attended the June Reunion, related how Charles Perkins, well renowned Advocate for Aborigines, was her tester for the 'Australian Aborigine Badge'. Did you have any interesting badge tester?

Well, that's it for our first Newsletter. Any comments regarding what you would like to see in further publications would be welcome.

**THE SUCCESS OF THIS ASSOCIATION IS UP TO ITS MEMBERS**

**BECOME A MEMBER**