



Hume Region Leader update

We have certainly had a very busy six months, hard to believe that we are halfway through the year already!!!

This term I have had a few visits to units and had a great time. Firstly I visited Tongala and had a great time meeting all the Guides and playing games, then I had a trip to Tallangatta to attend the BP & Jnr BP presentations to Beth, Georgia, Kelsey & Celina (BP) and Zoe (Jnr BP). Congratulations to them all on a great effort to achieve these awards, they certainly did a lot of work and their presentations were great. Well done.



I then visited Chiltern Unit for their "Commonwealth Games" parade. This was organised by the older Guides – Jordyn, Grace, Jess, Sarah, Mya & Grace and what a fantastic night we had. I carried the torch in and Michael Hosking carried the flag. Michael comes from Wodonga and participated in the walking event and he talked to us about how proud he was of participating in the games and also showed how they had to walk.

"Prince Charles" also arrived to open the games which was hilarious. I also presented Gwen with her 35 years membership badge and 4 Guides made their promise. Well done Honeysuckle Patrol on a fantastic night.

I also attended the Albury Gang Show where 7 Guides from Wodonga and 3 leaders were in the cast or part of the production. What a great afternoon this was and congratulations to Amy C, Rachel C, Mia-Larni, Ella, Dimity, Adelaide & Annalise who did a fantastic job on stage and to Vanessa & Hannah working in the background and of course can't forget Cayt who put on a fantastic performance on stage but was also part of the production team. BRAVO to you all.

Congratulations to all Guides who have earned their BP or Jnr BP Awards this term – very well done.

Unfortunately we didn't have a Region meeting this term as there were too many apologies so will try again later!!! There was meant to be a Leaders Day on 28th July but unfortunately this has also been cancelled and will be held on Saturday 1st September in Benalla. This will incorporate a visit from Guest Speakers from Berry Street who will talk about:

Do you want to learn new strategies to support the growth and wellbeing of girls in your unit?



Hume Region Leader update (continued)

We know that Girl Guides is an important community for girls to learn social and emotional skills towards achieving their own self-given goals. The Berry Street workshop is for volunteers who wish to bolster their own strategies to create a safe, supportive environment for a range of girls' capacities and abilities. Come and learn techniques that empower girls to better understand their own emotions and learn strategies to support stronger relationships, self-regulatory abilities and anxiety management within your groups through Berry Street's strengths-based practice.

This looks to be a great day so hopefully everyone will be able to attend. More details as to venue etc will follow later.

I am very proud to say that nearly all Hume Region Leaders have attended the Child Safe Training (only 5 to still attend). This is a great effort so many thanks for giving up your time to attend these trainings. Also many thanks to Sylvia, Tracey C and Lynne for carrying out these trainings, they occurred over a few weekends so again thank you for giving up your time to conduct these trainings.

I attended the Learning Partner training day and AGM in Melbourne. We are really in need of Learning Partners, you will have to attend a training and be appointed (just because you attended the training doesn't necessarily mean you have been appointed). Everyone will need to attend these trainings even though you may be an existing LP so please look out for dates in Guiding News or on the website when these trainings are being held.

Please keep on inviting me to attend your units, if I can make it I surely will!!! I am also pleased to announce that Wodonga have opened a new unit – Murray Munchkins, for 5-8 year old's and they have 3 new leaders. Congratulations Wodonga. We are also hoping to open a unit in Nagambie in the near future and already have a leader being trained for this unit, welcome to Alanna Trantor who will be taking on this big venture!!!

Congratulations to all leaders who have received their length of membership badges, well done.

Please keep me informed if you have a new unit helper or have someone who might want to be a leader and Sylvia or I will endeavour to come and met them. Once again my thanks to all leaders in the Region for their dedication to Guiding, we wouldn't be here without you!!!

I also would like to let you know that I will be retiring from the Region Manager's position this year so the position will be advertised very soon, if you know of anyone who might be interested please let me know!!!! Also we need people to fill the District Manager's position in Mitchell, Greater Shepparton & Murrindindi!!

Yours in Guiding

Janelli

Jan Vonarx – Hume Region Leader



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Important Dates

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday 29 th July	Region meeting
Sunday 25 th November	Region meeting
18/19 th August	Mental First Aid in Shepparton
Saturday 1 st September	Leader's luncheon in Benalla (details to follow)
Sunday 16 th September	Orienteering (possibly Shepparton)

PLEASE NOTE:

GWEN ANDERSON

Region Outdoor Activities Co-ordinator: Please send all outdoor information, camp forms etc. to Gwen for approval. Also any outdoor queries to Gwen

SYLVIA TYERS

Region International Adviser: Contact Sylvia with any queries on International

DI MCKENNA

Region Learning & Development Co-ordinator: Contact Di with any queries regarding Learning Partners, training, first aid training etc. Also please inform Di if attending training outside of the Region.

TRACEY COOPER

Region Program Co-ordinator: Please contact Tracey with any program queries, it could be an information day needed or just advice.

MELDA LEWIS

Region Trefoil Adviser: Any queries re Trefoils etc.

TINA DOE

Region Newsletter: All items for newsletters to go to: humeregionnewsletter@gmail.com prior to closing date





Chiltern Girl Guides Unit

Last term we have been busy working on the “Salute Their Service” and the “Embracing 2018”.

Some of the challenges for these badges have been really interesting for the girls and they have learnt so much and had fun.

Our work on the Embrace 2018 badge was wound up with a Commonwealth Games Parade, the older Honeyeater Patrol had put a lot of work into planning this night. The younger patrols had made flags from Commonwealth countries and a games torch. On the night we were joined by Michael Hosking a games competitor from Wodonga, Michael competed in the Race Walking event, he spoke to the Guides about competing at an elite level and spoke to them about achieving their goals and dreams. Region Manager Janelli carried the torch in our parade and Michael was the flag bearer followed by the girls with their flags.



Michael and Janelli then presented each of the girls with their Embrace badge after they were called to the podium. Prince Charles graced us with his presence to deliver the Queen’s Message and was enjoying himself so much in Chiltern that he stayed at Guides for the entire night.

Our parade was attended by parents and friends and our Trefoil ladies.

A great night was also had with an exciting Wide Game around Chiltern to celebrate Mother’s Day with mum’s, nan’s and friends.

We think we are very lucky to have had our Trefoil ladies visit us last Friday night armed with needles, thread, scissors and more and sewed all of this terms badges onto sashes.

This term we are working as a Unit on the Explore – World Badge, this will involve lot’s of visitors talking about their countries and the girls learning about guiding in that Country. Miah and Olivia will head to Sydney in September Holidays for Jamboree and Jordy has applied for an event in Mexico.

Congratulations to Trish and Rylie for 5 years of Service as Leaders and to District Manager Gwen Anderson who was presented 35 years of service.

Lynne Emblin



Chiltern Trefoil Guild

We have had quite a busy few months since the beginning of the year. Our AGM was held in February and there was some movement on the executive as Margaret Carter took over the Treasurer's position. Heather Stephens and Jean Martens stayed in their position as President and Secretary.

Four members attended Thinking day celebrations on the Yarrawonga foreshore. A lovely day and a well thought out service.

In April we hosted the Hume Region Friendship day. What a great day, the weather was beautiful, morning tea at Lake View was wonderful followed by a catered lunch at the Guide hall and then old movies at the Star Theatre hosted by the Summerfield's. A very enjoyable but full day.

Again we assisted the Guides and made and helped pack Anzac biscuits for Guides to hand out on Anzac Day. I'm sure everyone that received them would have appreciated them.



Two of our members attended Guides in their other community roles and spoke to the Guides how they volunteer in the community

Three members attended the National Gathering in Hobart in May. Always a good fun and friendly few days catching up with friends old and new.

We were invited to Guides to celebrate their achievement in attaining their Commonwealth Games Badge. What a great night with a real live contestant who spoke so well and Price Charles also in attendance. It was wonderful the professional way the young leaders of tomorrow conducted the evening.



Looking forward to the rest of the year

Jean Martens



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Indigo District report

What a great night Chiltern Guides Honeyeaters Patrol organised for the presentation of the Embracing 2018 badge. I am sure lots of photos will be in the unit report. Our local Prince Charles did a fantastic job, so proud of all the Girls that organised the night.

Thank you for allowing us to hijack the night with a couple of special presentations.

Congratulations to Lynne presented with her Grey Kangaroo Award badge well deserved. Congratulations to Trish Gavranic presented with her 5 years in Guiding Well done.



Rutherglen what a fantastic fundraiser at the Rotary Markets on the winery walkabout weekend, what a great job Narelle did organising the day and working all day from 6am, Narelle's Dad and Mum doing the set up and clean up. Laura and her family spending the whole day selling, cooking and dusting donuts. All the Parents, Grandparents and Girls that helped on the day, Without all the support of Leaders and Parents for one day in the year selling donuts, how many sausages and days would we need to make over \$3000.00 profit?

Fantastic effort Rutherglen Guide Unit.

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Gwen



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Kilmore Kookaburra Guides

Wow, we have had a busy start to Term 3.

Our first night back the Girls planned the term and celebrated Kilmore Kookaburra Guides turning 13.

Sunday 22nd July 6 Guides and 1 Leader attended Environment Day at Bendigo. We tested the water quality and looked at what lives in the lake. We were shown what plants we could use or eat in the park. We were taught how to safely fish. We planted a native plant to take home and made a filter. And the most exciting thing for the day was we released 600 Rainbow Trout into the Lake. We carried the fish to the Lake edge and lowered our bucket and off they swam.



Mystique releasing Rainbow Trout

Thursday 26th July we celebrated Anita gaining her BP Award. We had our local Federal Member, Shire Councillor and Fifty People attend the celebration. The Guides made a tracing of their hand on paper. Cut it out and wrote something that they liked about Anita on the hand or something to do with her gaining the BP Award. They put a ribbon on their hand. Each Guide then presented Anita with the Hand and read out what they had written and placed it on Anita's arm.



Guides presenting Anita with their Hand of Congratulations



Anita, Guides & past Guides with the celebration cake



Kilmore Kookaburra Guides continued:

On the Sunday 29th July; 5 Guides, 1 Leader & 2 Families joined in to Tree Plant in Kilmore. We planted 660 trees/shrubs.



Sabrina, Lily Rose, Anita, Anita's Mum, Charlotte, Lily Rose's sister & Mia

Last Thursday we went to Coles and Aldi. The Guides had budgeted, planned and bartered with other patrols last term while doing their "Guide Your Money" Badge to cook a slice or biscuits. The Guides were given \$20 and took their shopping lists into the shops and brought the ingredients. The younger Guides were very excited that they were given money and allowed to shop. We received a lovely compliment from a shopper on how well behaved the Guides were. This week the Guides will be cooking.

Carolyn Atkinson



Monak Guides Wangaratta

Term 2 Activities

Monak girls participated in the ANZAC parade this year. RSL Wangaratta asked Wangaratta Guides to help carry new signs for each group or school marching in the ANZAC parade. All the girls did a fantastic job carrying the signs and helping with the white crosses.



Busy making mother's day gifts and cards, inviting mum's to a very delicious high tea night. Activities include making a dream catcher, decorating a cup cake to take home. Big thank you goes to Alex and Jess to setting up a fantastic HIGH TEA for our mums.



Campfire night singing and making s'mores.

All girls old and new, making a proper bedroll, with correct equipment, and learning knots.



Star gazing night. Using the activity from the internet, the girls had to work in pairs, work together and find the different star cancellations in the night sky. Finding other objects they could see and report back.

General guide activities about promise and law , nature etc.

We had two girls and a Leader attend snoozefest. All had an awesome time, we recommend all girls and Leaders to participate. Thanks to those that organise this camp . They do a fantastic job, keep it up, can't wait for next time. HAZZZAH

One new girls starting.

Planning sleepover for Term 3

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Alex, Rebecca and

Janine



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Strathmerton Girl Guides

Our Patrol Leaders helped to make up a very busy and interesting program for this term.

We marched on ANZAC Day and while morning tea was being served our guides & Merinda managed to sell many packets of Girl Guide biscuits.

The Strathmerton Lions Club supply Emergency packs to the Cobram hospital for those who are unfortunate enough to be put there without time to pack a bag. Our guides have been preparing these packs for the Lions. They contain soap, comb, toothbrush and paste, deodorant, tissues, etc. Men and women are catered for with extra items for each gender.



We welcomed Morgann, Lilly, Lila and Hayley to our unit with Promise ceremonies attended by friends and family members.



The mums were treated to a special dinner and presented with a small gift made by their daughter. The gift, a marshmallow flower was the idea of Ammy, who showed us all how to make them. The tables were laid by the guides, and everyone was looked after .



We have been gardening lately. Lilly's dad and grandmother have supplied us with an assortment of native plants which the guides very enthusiastically planted around the hall. It is pleasing to see the interest the girls have shown in the garden.

We are getting closer to our 60th Anniversary in August. Strathmerton would be happy for all Guiding personnel to help them celebrate this milestone on Sunday 19th August. you are all welcome to join us.

Josie and Lynda



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Tallangatta Girl Guides

95 YEARS, FOUR BP'S AND A JUNIOR BP

Monday May 28th 2018 marked the 95th birthday of Tallangatta Girl Guides. What an incredibly proud moment to reminisce that Guides has been going strong in Tallangatta for so many years, continuing to go from strength to strength with numbers currently sitting at around 35 girls.

It was only fitting to celebrate this milestone with a very special presentation for five of our current members.

CHEERS
TO 95
YEARS

Four girls, Georgia McDonald, Beth Fisher, and twins Kelsey and Celina Star, all 14 years of age were presented with their BP Award, while Zoe Sayers, 10, was presented with her Junior BP Award by Guide Leaders Marlane Davis, Lauren Collier and Maree Peters, along with State Commissioner Lynne Emblin and Region Manager Jan Vonarx.



The BP Award and Junior BP Award are the peak achievement awards available for girls to earn in each respective age group. The girls are required to challenge themselves in six areas: Promise and Law, Outdoors, Service, Guiding Traditions, World Guiding and Patrol System. The BP Award requires Guides to complete 3 challenges from each area (total 18 challenges), whilst the Junior BP Award requires 2 challenges from each (total 12 challenges).



Tallangatta Girl Guides continued:

Zoe travelled many kilometres to complete some of her challenges, including a trip to Ballarat to participate in a State-wide sleepover at Kryal Castle, a trip to Melbourne to participate in the Anzac Day Parade and a trip to Mansfield to be part of the Guinness World Record for most people stargazing across multiple sites.



Zoe has given Service to her community by participating in Jump Rope for Heart and helping out with a street stall to raise funds for the Wye River CFA following the devastating fires on Christmas Day 2016. Zoe has also challenged herself in traditional Guiding areas, such as conducting a campfire, learning Morse Code and Semaphore and learning about Guiding around the World.



Service played a major role for Georgia, Beth, Kelsey and Celina in earning their BP Awards, between them participating in Relay For Life, Million Paws Walk and Jump Rope For Heart. The service theme continued with learning First Aid, including CPR under the expert guidance of Frank O'Brien as well as completely organising and conducting a Trivia Night to raise \$1000 for the Tallangatta SES.

The remaining activities for these four girls were wide and varied. Georgia, Beth, Kelsey and Celina have rock climbed, participated in Wheelchair Basketball, organised and run an overnight Mexican themed sleepover for the Junior Guides, planned and participated in an overnight patrol camp, Raced Around Melbourne – being given to challenge to find as many checkpoints as possible in a given time, completely planned and cooked a three course meal for Guide parents, ran campfires and Guides Owns and interviewed past Guides and Leaders from the Tallangatta Unit. The list goes on.

All five of these girls have stepped out of their comfort zones on numerous occasions to challenge themselves in all aspects of this award. It is not just a badge they can achieve overnight, it has taken these girls on average four years to earn these awards. The girls have learnt valuable skills, lived up to the Guide Promise and Law and have gained invaluable leadership skills along the way. At Tallangatta Guides we are extremely proud of the efforts of these five amazing young ladies.

Congratulations Georgia, Beth, Kelsey, Celina and Zoe.

Maree



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