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AROUND AUSTRALIA: Victoria

Fifth Silver Buffalo, world first

IT'S a first for Victoria, it's a first for Australia and it's a first in the world for a female Royal Ranger ... Lieutenant Commander Fiona Lowder, of Springvale Royal Rangers Group, has received her FIFTH Silver Buffalo.

Australian National Commander Will Thorne presented Lt Cmdr Lowder with her Silver Buffalo at a special Springvale Christian Fellowship church parade and presentations ceremony.

Lt Cmdr Lowder joined Royal Rangers as a Buckaroo. She spent many school holidays and weekends in researching and learning to gain the many awards that culminated with her fifth Silver Buffalo.

Cmdr Will Thorne on a recent visit to the USA told American Royal Rangers leaders that Australia had a fifth Silver Buffalo recipient. This fact was greeted with raised eyebrows as if to say "how come?" when Cmdr Thorne told the leaders that the award went to a female Royal Ranger. [America only has boys in its Royal Rangers ministry].

Lt Cmdr Lowder is a credit to Royal Rangers and to our Master Royal Ranger Jesus Christ. It's not what you get out of Royal Rangers, but what YOU can put in to it that gives satisfaction.

She is a leader with Springvale Group's Pioneer/Trailblazer Outpost and she will complete her Leadership Training Course soon.



ABOVE: Royal Rangers and leaders at Springvale Group's church parade

RIGHT: Lt Cmdr Fiona Lowder with her fifth Silver Buffalo

BELOW: Cmdr Will Thorne with Lt Cmdr Lowder



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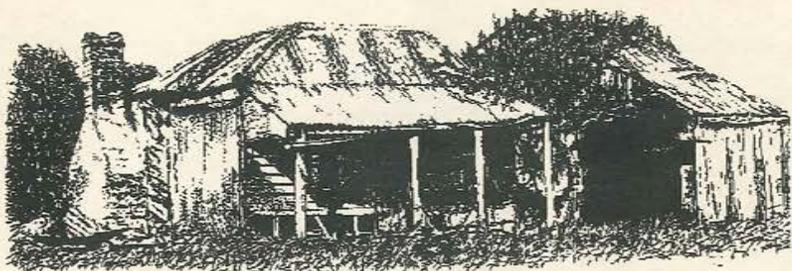
CHANGING of the guard ... Australian FCF Scouts, past and present. Full story, photo on page 5.

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FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP

Australian FCF Scouts

ONE of the highlights of Australian Camporama '93 was the changeover of the Australian Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF) scouts. New Australian FCF Scouts are Katherine Rumsey of NSW and Matthew Young of Victoria.

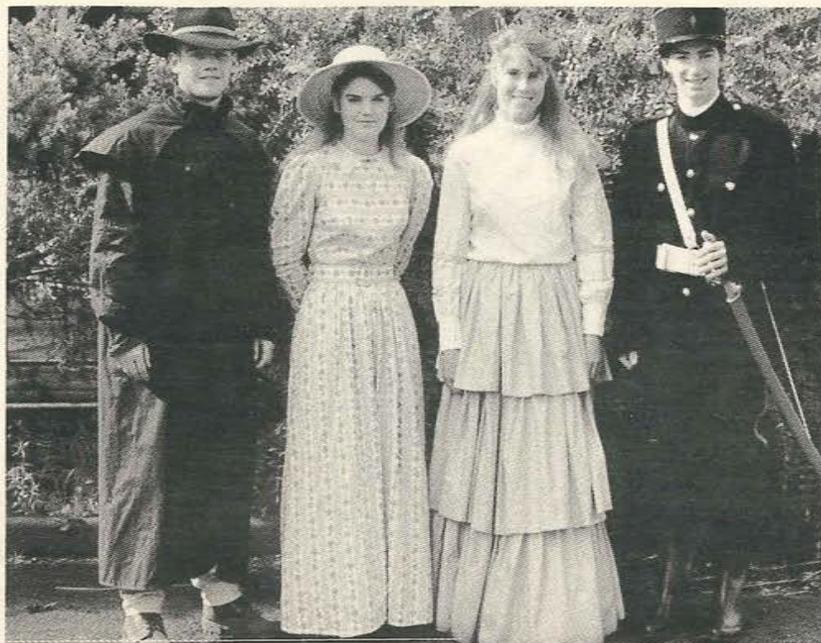
"We congratulate them on their achievement and pray that they will continue to uphold the high standard set by their predecessors," said Australian FCF President Cmdr Brian Mannion

Australian FCF Chairman Cmdr Will Thorne presented a gift to the outgoing Australian FCF Scouts Susanna Winnett of Queensland and David Rumsey of NSW. (Yes, you guessed it, Katherine and David are sister and brother).

Susanna is a lieutenant commander of the Trailblazer/Trail Ranger Girls Outpost at Raceview, Queensland and David is the NSW FCF president.

A Royal Ranger must hold the minimum FCF rating of Buckskin before they can be considered for Australian FCF Scout nomination. The next elections will be held at the Australian Rendezvous '95. Nominations will close in September 1994.

FCF Scouts (from left) David Rumsey, Katherine Rumsey, Susanna Winnett, Matthew Young



Heaps of fun in Pioneer Valley

by Trailblazer Michael Billson, Ringwood Royal Rangers Group

THE '93 Tasmanian Pow Wow was a heap of fun. We [the Victorians] flew into Hobart and then went straight into camp at Pioneer Valley in Bagdad, 40 minutes north of Hobart.

We slept in covered wagons at the camp and on the Thursday of the Pow Wow a thunderstorm came to welcome us. We spent Friday sight seeing in Hobart. We had a tour of the Cadbury chocolate factory and filled our bags with chocolate. We returned to camp for a rest after driving around Hobart.

The Tasmanians arrived from Hobart and Huon Valley on the Saturday morning. The Pow Wow began with opening parade. Afternoon lectures were on ropcraft, toolcraft, firecraft and compass. We had some free time to look around camp. That evening we had a campfire service with a roaring fire to keep warm we sang songs and listened to skits. We welcomed "hitting the sack" that night.

Sunday morning saw us having morning parade and a church meeting. Afternoon lectures were on hiking, camp cooking, first aid and nature study. Again, we had some free time. We had a campfire service on Sunday night where we sang songs, and the patrols performed skits, yells and patrol songs.

On Monday morning we hiked to a waterfall, but we returned to the camp in time for lunch. In the afternoon we packed up and saw the Tasmanians leave for home. The Victorians toured Hobart a little more on the way to the airport before we boarded our flight home to Melbourne. I thoroughly enjoyed the Pow Wow and the chance to meet many new friends and to look around some of Tasmania.



AROUND AUSTRALIA: South East Queensland

Reach Out ... and grab God

by Lt Cmdr Kerry Freer, Garden City Royal Rangers Group

MORE than 500 Royal Rangers took part in the '93 South East Queensland District Pow Wow which had as its theme, Reach Out. Saturday dawned sunny and warm as Royal Rangers and leaders descended upon Camp Hebron for three days of fun, activities and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Pow Wow activities began at Saturday lunchtime with events such as archery, initiative course, Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship displays and demonstrations, and dam activities.

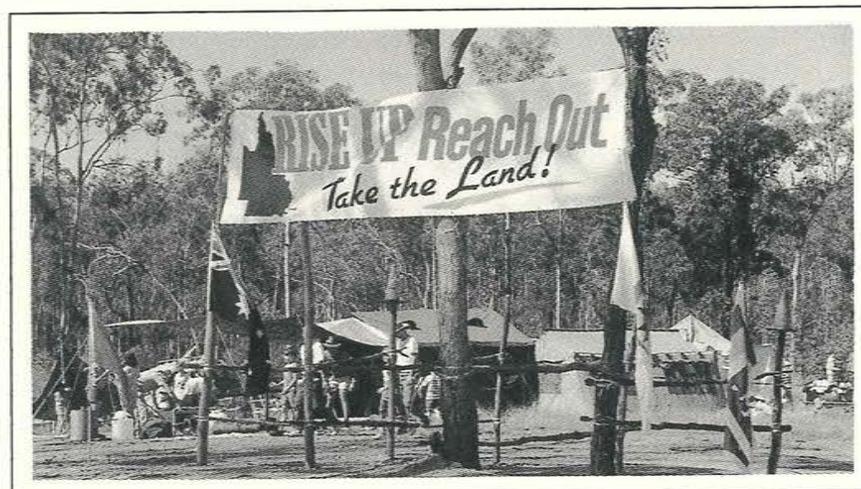
Camp Hebron was a hive of activity which was evident until the Saturday evening rally. There was a special anointing moving over the Royal Rangers — from the initial procession to the Hebron amphitheatre — as their excitement from the day's activities adopted a spiritual edge.

Julie Williamson blessed everyone greatly with her outstanding song leading, and many Royal Rangers were touched by the words of Karen Mackerel, our guest speaker.

Pow Wow events were aimed at making patrols work in effective units. The ultimate test took place on Sunday night while dinner was being prepared. During these two hours, all leaders were occupied elsewhere ... leaving the Royal Rangers to pursue the ominous task of producing a competition meal ALONE.

The end results were (to be polite) very interesting, although the Royal Rangers learnt some very valuable lessons from that experience. One of those lessons was ... not to step into a pot of boiling water, as one unfortunate Pioneer boy found out. (Thankfully, this was a one-off incident and they did change the water).

The Pow Wow had a creditable impact on Royal Rangers and leaders as they absorbed the Reach Out message. The Pow Wow's star outpost award went to Shiloh Royal Rangers Group.



The miracle of God's 16 Bibles

by Sunshine Coast District Royal Rangers leaders

MORE than 180 Royal Rangers, leaders and friends attended the inaugural Sunshine Coast Queensland District Pow Wow held recently at Rocky Creek, Landsborough.

The Pow Wow's theme, Bring A Friend, helped promote Royal Rangers in the district. At least 22 Royal Rangers brought their friends to see what exciting time that Royal Rangers has to offer them.

The Pow Wow opened with the setting-up of camp and activities. Pioneers practised skits for the Saturday afternoon Gang Show and made chariots for the Crazy Olympics on the Sunday. Trailblazers and Trail Rangers spent the afternoon building a rope bridge across the lagoon at the camp.

The Gang Show began with a roar as Camp Co-ordinator Cmdr A. Hobbs arrived on a Harley Davidson motor cycle. The show comprised camp singing, Bible quiz and competitions for everyone to enjoy. The four campsites — Blue Healers, Green Guardians, Red Royalties and God's Golden Girls — performed skits. Thanks must go to Mrs Chris Roberts for organisation.

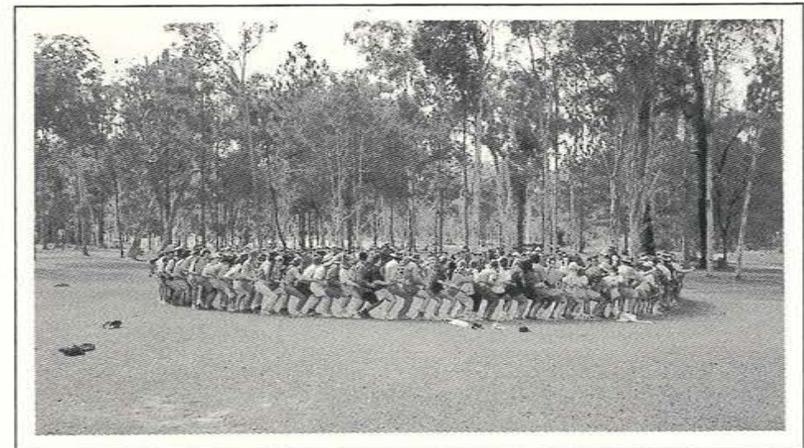
Saturday night also was special with Acts 29, a drama group, doing the ministry with a great expectancy held by all leaders for God's move on the Royal Rangers. However, God was teaching all of us that He was in control, not us.

We all went a little disappointed to the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship council fire. We were ministered at the council fire by Camp Commander Chaplain Doug Haarhoff on David and Jonathon, the Bible's greatest friends.

At the end of the ministry we thought that we had failed to reach any of the Royal Rangers ... when God moved into their lives and hearts. There were eight first time decisions that night while many Royal Rangers received ministry. We had learnt our lesson to leave it to God. It's not in our time and hands, but His.

Sunday morning was church with Chaplain Haarhoff ministering to us. Sunday afternoon was Crazy Olympics. Our opening ceremony was led by Julius Caesar (Cmdr Ian Browne) who was definitely "in his element". The opening had a big bang which would have been heard three kilometres away and there were fire-works.

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The Royal Rangers faced all challenges with vigour and they all reached the finish. Olympic events included chariot racing, cross country compass course, ball throwing, thong tossing and water balloon catching.

At the closing ceremony, Julius Caesar had a Mark Anthony (Chaplain Haarhoff) and a deceptive play took place. However, the loyalty of Caesar's troops foiled the coup and they all got wet. The chaplain called in the heavy troops and State Chaplain Jim Cavill arrived. Caesar wisely retreated and he was not seen for the rest of the weekend.

Sunday night's ministry saw Eye To Eye, the Youth Alive band for the Sunshine Coast, do an open air concert. There were seven first time decisions that night while many Royal Rangers received ministry. Glory to God.

A trust walk with any challenges — organised by Cmdr John Catling — took place on Monday. Royal Rangers and leaders were challenged in trust falls and leading the "blind" through an obstacle course with many trees.

A circle sit was attempted. A Sunshine Coast District record was set with 167 Royal Rangers and leaders making one circle. It was a great effort and co-operation by all those involved.

The Pow Wow's closing ceremony was a testimony in itself. The 15 first time decisions were presented with a Bible each by Chaplain Haarhoff. However, 16 Bibles had been brought to the camp.

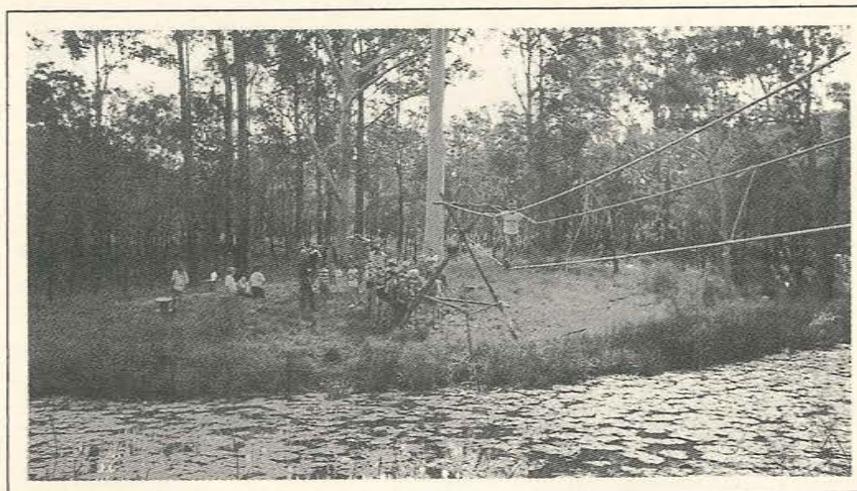
Chaplain Haarhoff shared that God planned precisely and that He had been speaking to one Royal Ranger that weekend. The remaining Bible belonged to that Royal Ranger.

Afterwards, Chaplain Haarhoff was approached by a female Royal Ranger who said she it was her. Chaplain Haarhoff spoke with this Royal Ranger and presented her with the last Bible.

Secretarial fund donations

THE Australian National Office wishes to thank all those who gave in 1993 towards this fund. Rosemary Huang is doing a great job in handling charters, Gold Medals of Achievement, Gold and Silver Buffalos, etc.

We need those donations to keep coming in as we have to pay her part-time salary in 1994. Please make this need known to all your Royal Rangers. All donations will help us meet the cost of \$6000 for the year.



Buckaroos (almost) walk on water

by Adrian Nyhuis, Monbulk Royal Rangers Group

THE 1993 Victorian Buckaroo Round-up was held at Lord Somers Camp on the beach of Westernport Bay. The weather wasn't too bad as it only rained while we inside and not while outside activities were planned.

The Buckaroos were not satisfied, obviously, with no rain because some decided that, while on the beach, they would try walking on water .. with their clothes on. Those that did, failed to stay dry for some reason.

The camp's guest speaker was Klaus Kruitoff who — with the help of many puppets, stories, activities and secret agent 941367285804 — bought across the spiritual teaching for the weekend.

The Buckaroos enjoyed watching the puppets, listening to stories, learning memory verses, singing and acting out skits, but most importantly, they were challenged with first time decisions and re-dedications being made. It really was fantastic watching the Holy Spirit move through the camp and touching the lives of everyone there.

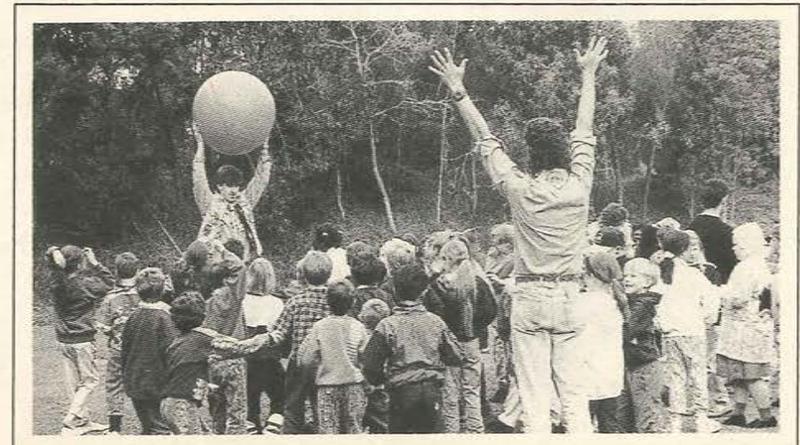
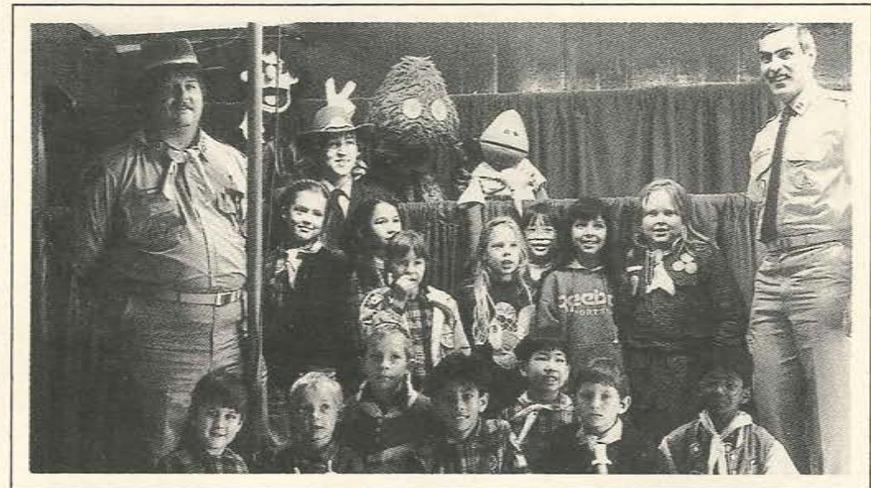
There were plenty of activities at the camp to keep the Buckaroos occupied. The BIG ball was often used in poison ball, bomb and other games. In one activity, 90 Buckaroos managed to roll the ball over their stomachs (they were lying on their back in a circle) in only 32 seconds. They were so excited. By the end of the first day, the Buckaroos were almost sleep walking to their rooms to prepare for the next day of fun.

The leaders' hunt was a particular success. Leaders dressed up as an animal or bird and hid in the surrounding bush. The Buckaroos were required to walk around and find the animals in a particular order. The best one had to be the "galah" in the tree (our guest speaker Klaus Kruitoff).

All in all, everyone had a fantastic time and enjoyed everything they did, especially eating. The food was great; thanks go to our cooks Rex and Jenny Grimshaw.

Thank you to those leaders, Buckaroos and staff for everything they did to make the camp such a success, but in particular to our Lord Jesus Christ for His blessing and protection on the weekend.

Enjoy life, share Jesus with a friend



AROUND AUSTRALIA: South East Queensland

Canadian canoe capers

by Senior Commander Geoff Skerman, Garden City Royal Rangers Group

TRAIL Rangers and Trailblazers from Garden City Royal Rangers Group camped at my home during the recent school holidays to construct three 3.5m Canadian canoes. The mould had been loaned to us and the material required for the building of the canoes had been purchased.

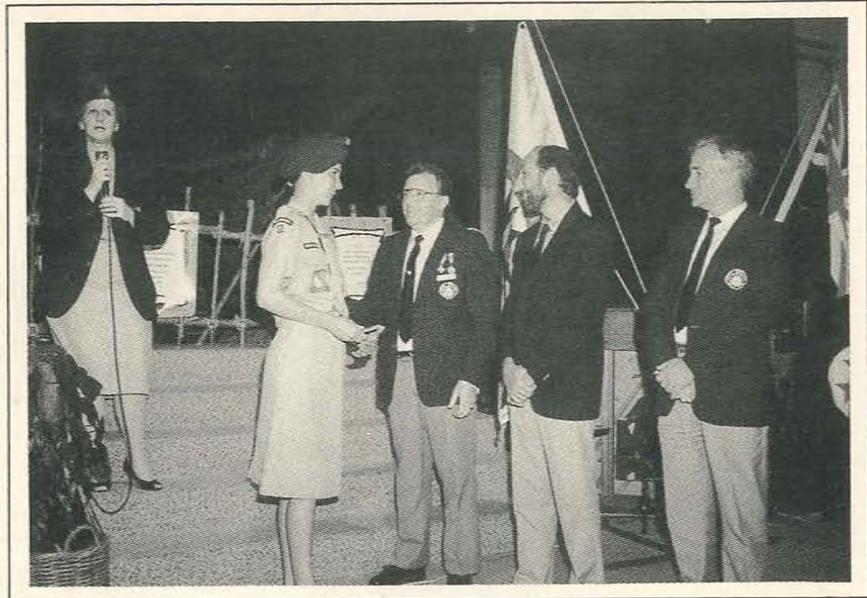
An eager group of Royal Rangers arrived bright and early, complete with sleeping bags and a change of clothes or two, on the first morning of the ambitious project.

By lunch time, we had one canoe laid up, complete with the seats (which were laid up separately). This procedure was repeated for the first three days while the fourth day was spent fitting seats and finishing off. Several of the female Royal Rangers enjoyed in helping cook the meals.

Great fun was had by all during meal times and in those rare spare moments, playing ping pong and other games.

It was a very fruitful and rewarding time in working, eating and playing together.

Now we look forward to many happy hours in canoeing the beautiful waterways that God has given us to enjoy.



AROUND AUSTRALIA: South West Queensland

Lt Cmdr Morwood's golden smile

A HIGHLIGHT of the recent Council of Achievement at Spring Street Royal Rangers Group, in Toowoomba, was the presentation (above and below) of the Gold Medal of Achievement to Lieutenant Commander Linda Morwood, now a Buckaroo leader. She has been in Royal Rangers since Pioneers.

Royal Rangers created a camp-site atmosphere in the church by building various pieces of rustic furniture.

Many parents, who did not normally attend church, were present at the Council of Achievement. Australian Chaplain Laine Willis gave God's Word; one father, five Straight Arrows and others came forward for salvation or re-dedication.



“Remember us in prayer”

PERAK Royal Rangers Group of Grace Assembly, Perak is the latest Royal Rangers family in Malaysia. The group which has 30 Royal Rangers and five commanders began with the help of Selangor Royal Rangers Group of Grace Assembly, Klang.

“We are short of leaders,” said Pastor Ronald Teo of Grace Assembly, Perak in a letter to Australian National Commander Will Thorne.

“We are praying that God will raise them up from the midst or bring them from elsewhere.

“Despite this [shortage], we are coping well and we are on track in [making] the advancement of our Royal Rangers our main concern.

“Please remember us in prayer. Only 10 of our Royal Rangers are Christians and we are praying for the rest to be saved.”

PERAK Royal Rangers Group enjoying last year's Christmas party which had as its theme, Mad Hatter



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