



Victorian Trefoil Guild Newsletter

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Hello Everyone. Christmas is almost upon us. What a year it has been!! I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to each and every one of you for doing what we do best – keeping in touch, helping each other, learning new skills, for being “there” for someone, for playing the Game. THANK YOU!!

Hopefully we have seen the last of COVID – let us pray that 2021 will allow us to get back together and enjoy each others’ company.

Victorian Trefoil Guild 2020 Booklet – Jill Johnstone



It isn't easy to produce a book.

Although our booklet is small and produced by amateurs, you may be interested to know how long it took the production team to complete the task from 'go' to ready for posting.

We worked on the booklet most days for nearly three months, a total of approximately 470 hours. It took lots of patience, detective work, emails, and phone calls. We learnt how to use new programs on the computer, extend our creative skills, and know where our Victorian Trefoil Guilds are centred. We read of

the wonderful projects Victorian Guilds carry out and were impressed with the beautiful banners and photographs.

Finally 250 booklets were printed, stapled and folded and Sue Viney and her team packed and posted them.

Thank you to you all for helping us to produce the booklet A Celebration of 75 years of Trefoil Guild.

P.S. Some of the Production Team are having a catch-up and thank you at the 'Darkhorse Cafe' in Mitcham. How appropriate is that!



From Sue: The last of the booklets have been posted – thank you to everyone who placed orders. We produced 250 and all but seven have been sold. Jill Johnstone, Marg Taylor, Ann Taylor did a sterling job, along with help from Vicky Callaway, Jane Pennington and Jo Wade. With Marg Devlin's help, I virtually presented each of the ladies with a Certificate of Appreciation. Jill, Marg and Ann each received a pot plant. A Sterling Effort – thank you and BRAVO!

The last 100 booklets had an adventure of their own – first Ann Taylor's printer broke down. Not being able to get the machine fixed, the company Ann has been doing business with since the 80s, printed the last 100 and delivered back to Ann. From Ann they were picked up by Jill Johnstone who, after folding them, gave them to her neighbours who were coming to Phillip Island to deliver to me.

Stop Press: Jane Pennington has emailed out the electronic version of the book!

From the Boorang Trefoil Guild:

We have a lovely member, Irma Macauley, in the Boorang Trefoil Guild, and she turned 90 on the 25th June 2020. She was presented with a card and a cyclamen plant (left at her front door so as not to break COVID-19 rules)



Irma Macauley — attended Boorang Trefoil Guild meetings and paid her annual subs from 1986 to the present. In 1990, she was Treasurer for a year. Her previous Guiding experience was as Geelong Division Commissioner as well as Local Association President, Secretary and Treasurer from 1967 to 1980. In 2015, she received her 45 year combined long service award. She is due for her 50 year combined long service award this year, when we are able to meet again. Irma is an enthusiastic and friendly member of our Trefoil Guild, who has travelled widely and always contributes to our meetings with her wealth of knowledge

On the 25th October I attended the AGM of the NSGFA. This was a virtual meeting with people from all over Australia attending. For the past three years Victoria has hosted the Association, with Marcia Andrews (ATGA) as Chairperson. Victorians Rhonda Wiedemann and Kaye Reeves were members of the Team. The baton has now passed to NSW and a new team.

A big Thank you to Rhonda Wiedemann for continuing as part of the Team, a role which I should have inherited. I really do appreciate Rhonda's staying in the role for the remainder of its time here in Victoria.





Following up on the washing line saga (See October's Newsletter) – names have been changed to protect the innocent..

“Not long after getting together I asked “John” to hang out the washing for me. Like David (Viney), thinking that you hang the clothes the way you wear them, “John” had my bras lined up ready to walk into them – oh what a laugh we had and certainly, he has never hung the washing for me since... Yes, I do hang my socks by the toes but certainly don't hang the pants by the cuffs...”

Southern Cross Challenge - Faye Croft

Congratulations to Lyn McGuckin (NSW/ACT/NT) for completing her Silver Award for SCC. Well done Lyn!

This is our second Silver award; Dianne Hodgson (WA) also received her Silver Award in 2020. Congratulations Dianne!

Welcome to new members for 2020, this makes a total of 33 members: Ann Miles, Debbie Hawker & Helen Brinsmead (NSW/ACT/NT) Amanda Pullen (Qld), Annabel Dance (Vic) and Barbara Hanlon (NZ).

Welcome ladies, and if you are working on your challenges, (and you should be), make sure your Activity Notification form has been sent to me (before you do your challenges).

It would be disappointing if you complete your challenges and I have no record of what you were challenging yourself to do.

If a section has been completed, there is no need to wait until all five challenges have been done to receive your section certificate. All I need is a copy of the relevant page from your record book.

Only send the record book once all five challenges of the level have been done.

The book will be returned to you and the Certificate and badge will be sent to the relevant STGA for presentation at a suitable occasion.

The section certificates will be sent to the President of the relevant Trefoil Guild for presentation at a suitable occasion.

Congratulations also the following who have completed section certificates for 2020:

Cate Rankin (Vic), Rhonda Alexander, Chris Wythes, Bek Milne, Susan Hart & Susan Folpp (NSW/ACT/NT) (apologies if I missed anyone)

Reminder that the 2021 Admin fee of \$5.00 is due on 1st February.

Also payments into account need to have 'SCC and your name' as reference, so Margaret Priestley knows if the payment is for DHV or SCC. Also send an email to me advising that you have made a payment.

Margaret will send receipts to me then I will file away until such time as I post something to member concerned.

As someone once said to me 'keep plugging away'.

Be safe in all you do, Faye Croft



Dark Horse Venture Report – Margaret Priestley

Do you know a Venturer needs to complete four challenges to earn her Gold Award?

Each of the four challenges must come from a different one of the five categories and should take a minimum of 12 months to complete. Venturers should take an average of a couple of hours each week on each challenge. Depending on individual choices, multiple challenges can be worked on at the same time or if preferred a new challenge commenced following the successful completion of the previous one.

For more information on the Dark Horse Venture, you can contact the Dark Horse Venture Co-ordinator, Mrs Margaret Priestley

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DARK HORSE VENTURE



*Dark Horse Venture . . .
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From Sangam – here's your chance to learn Indian Cooking...

Introduction to Indian Cooking!



Session Details:

- Both private and group lessons are available.
- Advanced lessons available for those feeling brave!
- Pre-Booking and payment required 2 weeks in advance

Spice up your life...

Take part in an Introduction to Indian Cooking lesson given by the ladies of Sangam!!

Learn to make your favourite Sangam Indian dishes (such as chapatis and chai) and also Indian staples.

The Sangam ladies are all wonderful cooks and have spent many years cooking for their families in Pune but also for the Sangam family and visitors. They can teach you how to cook wonderful, traditional, family style, authentic Indian dishes.

We can guarantee 2 hours of fun and discovery in the (virtual) Sangam kitchen!!

For more information or enquiry, Please contact us on info@sangamworldcentre.org



Gone Home:

Jane Pennington writes: Lillian Beard passed away yesterday (30th October). She slipped away very peacefully. She had turned 90 last month.

Lillian was a guide in 2nd Footscray Guide Company in 1945 and continued her lifelong Guiding journey through Rangers, leadership and a huge variety of other positions. I know we all have special memories of Lillian - mine will always be driving up to Government House for the Queen's Guide Presentation Ceremony and Lillian was there directing traffic. She was also hugely involved in the Archives.

A true Guide Gone Home.

Two favourite “persons” on the Victorian Trefoil Guild Facebook page have been Tori Pennington and Flossie Viney. Both these wonderful bears send their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

From Barbara Handson: I think she (Tori) is the most popular member and prolific member on Trefoil zoom meetings



Merry Christmas from Tori



Merry Christmas from Flossie

With all best wishes from Sue, Jane, Lorraine, Jan, Roxanne and Barbara,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year..

