



Victorian Trefoil Guild Newsletter

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Greetings and Salutations Everyone

Around the dinner table a little while ago, we talked about the importance of salutations and signatures on emails etc.. Grandson Thomas (13) suggested that the next time he sent an email to his room teacher, it would start with Greetings and Salutations Mr **

The nursery rhyme says: Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonders where d'birdies is... well Spring has certainly sprung.. I love this time of the year. Victoria has so many flowering trees, shrubs and plants in general. I joined the Black Forest Trefoil Guild on Zoom on the 16th of this month – their theme was “what’s growing in your garden” – couldn’t help myself – had to take a photo of our magnificent azalea



Flossie Bear made a surprise appearance – she was so excited to meet everybody...



From Goulburn Valley Trefoil Guild: Lesley Walker

Birthday wishes to our past president Beth Chamberlain who turned a grand age of 99 years young this month. Beth only retired from her position as president at the age of 90 years. Beth was a hard working member, keeping our G.V. Trefoil functioning well for many years and still enjoys being a member. Sadly Beth's daughter Gillian passed away last month. Our love and prayers are with you Beth at this difficult time.





From Whitehorse Trefoil Guild and Acacia Trefoil Guild

Happy birthday to Joyce Crawshaw – 99th birthday!!

From the Sheila Cameron Trefoil Guild

Congratulations to Lillian Beard OAM on her 90th Birthday, 4th September

Hope these ladies had an awesome day!!

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Jill Johnstone and her team have been working so very hard on producing our 75th Anniversary Booklet – she has sent me a promo for you all to have a look at – to give you a taster... There will be over 60 pages. There is also a short questionnaire for you to answer – can you let me know how your Guild is thinking (both pages are at the end of this newsletter)

In producing this booklet we have found out all sorts of interesting things and we have been able to fill in a lot of blanks on the database. With a bit of sleuth work, we found out a little of the history of our Banner – a short statement in the 1996 AGM notes that:

Prior to the annual meeting members of the Wirrabirra Trefoil Guild presented the new Victorian Trefoil Guild Banner. The banner was made by the members of the Guild and they supplied a "repair Kit" in case running repairs are ever needed.

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Did you know we have a Facebook page: Victorian Trefoil Guild. To join you have to be approved by answering the two questions: Are you a current member of the Victorian Trefoil Guild and Which Trefoil Guild are you a member.

We have about 112 members on our page – mostly all Victorian Trefoil Guild Members – we do have some Guests – such as other STGAs and the GGV SC.

We are a Private Group which means we are not “open” to the Public and only approved posts can be made. Jane Pennington and myself are the Admins – meaning we look after the page and approve any posts.

If you are not already a member, do consider joining us..

On the 7th, 8th, and 9th September I was part of three x 2 hour Zoom meetings with the other STGAs and the ATGA (Marcia Andrews). We had on-line visitors in that Barbara Dean joined us, as well as Ro Derwin, the CC. I asked if we could turn our Guide Cap (pictured) into a Trefoil Cap – maybe change the blue flash to a Trefoil Red – and the white logo on the front to read Trefoil Guild. The cost of the cap is presently \$10. Would anyone be interested – if there was enough interest, the suggestion would have to go before GGA for approval.



Update on the schools and community programs – MEL REOCH

With schools closed and Guides programs moved to the virtual space, delivering programs to girls in the School and community programs has been really challenging. Most of the girls in these programs have limited or no access to technology and as a result were experiencing a greater degree of isolation from their peers and communities during lockdown. It's thanks to the incredible volunteers that work with these units, that we were able to reach out to every girl and provide them with Guiding activity packs filled with fun activities to inspire and help them to feel more connected to their Guiding world.

Almost 200 packs have been posted out to the girls this year, complete with all the activity materials needed to complete the challenges. The packs covered 10 areas of interest and included activities such as knotting and mini gadgets, Leadership development, wellbeing, science, environment and outdoors. The packs were distributed across 5 Melbourne Primary schools and also to girls from the South Sudanese community and the Prahran housing estate.

Thank you to the Victorian Trefoil Guild for your ongoing support with these programs.



Goulburn Valley Trefoil Guild: Jenny Heaps

Lesley Walker, Beth Brisbane and myself have started to send out a newsletter to our members. Lesley is doing a letterbox drop to those without email and I am emailing out to the others. We have asked members to send in anything they have done to share in the next newsletter. We started with my blanket (a queen size pure wool crocheted blanket. I bought the wool on line from Bendigo Woollen Mills). There were 480 chain across so I was careful not to make a mistake, as there would be a lot to pull out and redo. Towards the end it became rather heavy to turn to complete the next row.

SUE: Jenny notes that she has now retired after 48 years of teaching.. more blankets on the horizon, Jenny??

Dolphin Redhill Trefoil Guild: Lorraine Williams

Our members are missing contact with families especially hugs from grandchildren, but have kept busy catching up on those jobs that they have been meaning to do.

Many have passed the time knitting, crocheting and sewing, lots of items for charity: Beanies and scarves for the Homeless; Squares to be made into rugs. Two members took up the challenge to knit 75 squares.

Lots of reorganization of cupboards and drawers - I am sure there will be visits to op shops when we are able.

While the weather was nice, lots of gardening was done.

I am sure there are members who have learnt to use technology through Skype and Zoom, a great way to still keep in contact with everyone.

We are all looking forward to when we meet again - there will be much talking

Earlier in the year we compiled a newsletter with news of all our members hopefully we can have another before the end of the year

Our sympathy goes to the members of Ti Tree Trefoil on the passing of members Bev Jacob and Marjorie Parr. They were friends of our Trefoil joining us at meetings and outings.

Greeting to all Trefoil Members.

Stay well and safe

Cardinia Trefoil Guild: Glenyce Sheean

Cardinia Trefoil Guild are all keeping out of mischief (well trying to anyway). We haven't been able to see each other apart from occasionally recognizing the eyes behind the mask in the supermarket and long phone chats.

Like everyone else we are wishing that Covid 19 would pack its bags and go home to where it came from.

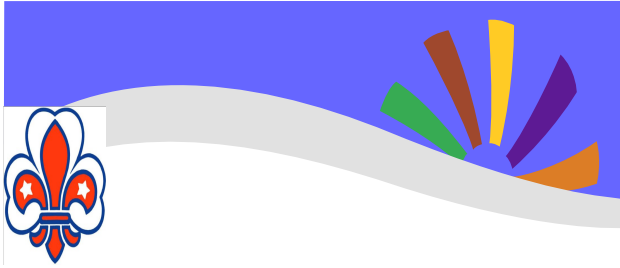
We have been trying to keep in touch with the girls from the Dandenong West Primary School and have put together a little care package for each of them with some nice warm woolly socks, some puzzles and a personalized card each. We were also hoping to include a Pandemic badge but these weren't available. They are all ready to go but now that we are unable to travel we cannot deliver them to the school for collection. Hopefully soon.

Wishing every other Trefoil member good health and best wishes. Yours in Guiding, the Cardinia ladies.

Ovens Valley Trefoil Guild: Joan Thom and Kaye Reeves

Photos showing the ladies making up the care packs for Tots to Teens and also for the Wangaratta Salvation Army





You're Invited

Via Zoom

To the ^{*}National Scout and
Guide Fellowship AGM

on

Sunday 25th October 2020

at 2pm



RSVP 9TH October 2020

reeves.kaye@gmail.com

Please email Kaye as soon as possible – she will respond with the link to join this Virtual AGM

Her email address is:
reeves.kaye@gmail.com

Hello Members

I hope you are all managing to keep well and busy during this challenging time, especially in Melbourne's such severe restrictions. Thankfully our Regional areas have been allowed some more freedoms as of today as I write this article for the Trefoil Guild September Newsletter. I am thinking of you all and praying for better times when we can all get together for a good catch up of Food, fun and friendship!!

Sunday 13 September saw the NSGFA Executive once again meet by Zoom in our own homes due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

It was another successful meeting as we are now becoming more accustomed to meeting in this way. Much discussion was had around Motions to be sent to the World Conference and our vote on various issues. A most important part of being a member and having an input into what takes place at the World Conference. It is vital for us to have a chair at the World table and for our voice to be heard.

Other items discussed where the Virtual AGM and Changeover of Victoria NSGFA to the hosts for the next three years NSW/ACT/ NT.

This event is open to all current financial members of our Associations. Please see an invitation attached for all relevant details

A link will be sent to you on registration.
RSVP to Secretary Kaye Reeves.

The NSGFA NEWSLETTER WILL BE OUT NEXT WEEK WITH MORE NEWS!!

Yours in fellowship

Rhonda Wiedemann
PR & COMMUNICATION
NSGFA VICTORIA

A Taster of our Booklet....



75th Anniversary of Trefoil Guilds in Australia



2020 is certainly a year we will remember - the year we came together, the year we were challenged to extend ourselves, the year we discovered strengths about ourselves.

I am reminded of the song by Helen Reddy,
I can do anything - I am strong - I am invincible - I am Woman

COVID-19 has brought out the best in us - we have learnt to use ZOOM so we can keep in touch with each other, we've learnt to email, we've used the phone more often.

The Good Turn for 2020 is Caring and Sharing within the Community - and that is exactly what we have done. Guilds (wo)managed their sewing machines and made cloth masks, raising money for an orphanage in Zambia, and for Friends of Sangam. Lamb jumpers were knitted, and trauma teddies by the dozen. Bonnets and booties for preemie babies. The list goes on.

We've welcomed four new Trefoil Guilds into the Trefoil Guild Family - The Young Ones, East Gippsland, Ruff Diamonds and Casey Trefoil Guilds.

Lastly but definitely not least, this amazing booklet was made possible by the wonderful efforts of Jill Johnstone, Margaret Taylor and Vicki Callaway of Kinta Trefoil Guild, Ann Taylor of Clifford Trefoil Guild, and Jane Pennington of WEGGSS. Congratulations and Bravo to you all, and a Huge Thank You!!

Sue Viney State Trefoil Guild Adviser

BLACK FOREST TREFOIL GUILD

Registered 17 June 2002

River Region



When Shirley Reeves was Trefoil Guild Adviser her goal was to have a Trefoil Guild in every region, and Black Forest was the only one without a Guild. When Annette Swaffield became Region Leader of Black Forest, Shirley set out to achieve her goal - and we obliged!

Our banner depicts one of the many arched, historic bluestone bridges in the region, complete with Mt Macedon and its famous cross. The bunch of red grapes symbolises the many local wineries.

Our Guild very much likes to take walks in either a park, Botanic Garden, or in the lovely bushland in our area, followed by afternoon tea at a local café.

In August 2013 we were very proud to host the State Trefoil Guild AGM in a local church hall in Sunbury. Many Trefoil Guild members travelled by train, as Sunbury is on both V-Line and metropolitan lines. The day was made special by these members being personally met at the station by 1st Wongurri Guides who escorted them to the venue where the AGM was being held and helped with catering. These young Guides also stayed all day to assist in providing morning tea, and lunch to the ladies. Really a day to remember and cherish.

WEGGSS TREFOIL GUILD

Registered 15 October 2016

Eastern Region



We wanted to form a Trefoil Guild with a service focus. Some members of the group had been together in various roles and wanted the opportunity to work together again as well as having a group where new members were welcome.

The letters of our name stand for Women in the East who Gather to Give Service and Socialise - WEGGSS.

Our Trefoil Guild members come from locations all over Melbourne travelling to the eastern suburbs to meet. The Trefoil Guild is based on a shared desire to give service and renew Guiding friendships which have been formed over many years.

Our Guild commenced its service with a focus on Days for Girls project (providing sanitary kits for girls in developing countries) and quickly became a vital component of the team constructing these kits. Service projects expanded to include knitting of 'trauma Teddies', donating items to 'Mums Supporting Families in Need', books for The Smith Family, and money for The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Friendships developed and deepened during 2020 with members supporting each other electronically. A weekly challenge has been distributed by email with everyone completing a nominated activity and in doing so shared some wonderful insights into their lives and interests.

ACACIA TREFOIL GUILD

Registered 8 March 1980

Eastern Region



Acacia Trefoil Guild is named after Australia's floral emblem. Its banner consists of a red styled Trefoil with a gold star surrounded by Acacia Wattle on a light blue background.

Acacia is a working Trefoil Guild giving service to Guiding and community projects. Our members are happy to oblige Guiding requests for physical and/or financial assistance where possible and help a number of community organisations. These include Eastern Emergency Relief, knitting for the needy through Women of the University Fund, Monash Children's Hospital and Youth Education Support Inc.

For longer than the past five years, Acacia has been involved in attending monthly meetings at Parliament House Mews and helping with morning tea. They have supplied over 4,000 knitted squares and items for people in need.

MALLEE WANDERERS TREFOIL GUILD

Registered 9 March 2017

Mallee Region



Many of our leaders in the Region were retiring from active leadership and still wanted to be involved in Girl Guides. As many of the leaders were still working there was a need for a new group to meet at night.

Our name comes from living in the Mallee. Our mascot, the Emu wanders around our country, which is what we hope to do more of.

The bottom of our banner represents Mallee earth. The tree represents our members standing strong, branches reaching out to help. Our vine ties us into Girl Guides and shows opportunities of growth. Our mascot Emmalene looks after her chicks and loves to wander.

Our members made this Guild banner and entered it in our local show in the patchwork section and won a first prize - we are all so proud!

True to our name, Mallee Wanderers, in the few short years we have been together have been on the move, attending conferences, gatherings, overseas Trefoil Guild events and trips around South Australia. We enjoy each other's company and travelling!

The above is a taster of the booklet being compiled to recognize the Trefoil Guilds in Victoria in 2020.

The sample is just 6 pages of a 60 page A5 booklet, printed in colour, with a page of interesting highlights banners/ badges/ photos from each of the Guilds in Victoria in 2020.

The booklet will also have other items of information.

We ask that you indicate whether you would like a copy.

The cost of this booklet is \$7.50 (includes postage and handling).

For yourself?.....

One for your Guild?.....

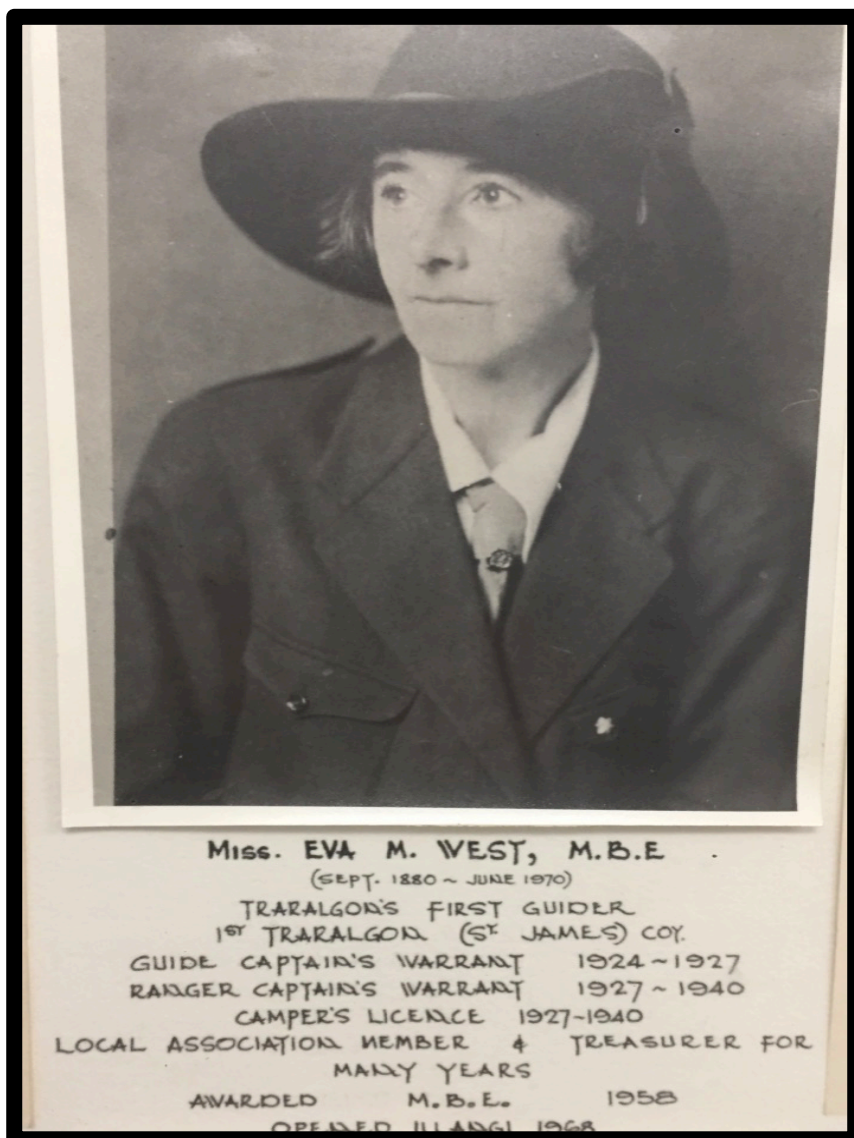
Several to share?.....

A digital copy?.....

This will help us when organising for the booklet to be printed.

Please reply by 20 October to Sue Viney – sue.viney@guidesvic.org.au

Meanwhile – On the History Wall of Burnet Park Campsite (Gippsland)...



Old Friendships cling and linger
If they are planted right
Living through the ups and downs
The dark times and the bright

Who watched the ABC Program – Further Back in time for Dinner – 1926

Girl Guides made their presence known...



Further Back In Time For Dinner
1923 The 1920s



Sadly, we have said goodbye to two of our Members..



Mrs Josephine (Josie) Podbury went home on August 23rd 2020. Josie was the Founding President of the Barwon Trefoil Guild which was registered 13th May 1963.

LORRAINE ARMSTRONG, née TEBB

I first knew Lorraine when she was a Brownie at Dandenong when I was a guide and our paths crossed later at Dandenong Region Campfire Club. We would often meet at her home and enjoy singing some of the old campfire songs from our youth. Lorraine was also editor of a state Brownie Magazine "Yackatoon" and I would sometimes help her with typing and editing this while my daughter the drew illustrations. Lorraine was a Brownie Leader in Langwarrin at the time I believe.

When region boundaries were rezoned, we lost touch but Lorraine later attended to our Campbell (Cranbourne) Trefoil Guild meetings until Lorraine was admitted into a nursing home in Cranbourne due to deteriorating MS our Trefoil Guild would visit her occasionally and meetings with her. She became incapacitated to come to our meetings but I would visit her from time to time.

A lovely lady with a sweet smile.

From one Brown Owl to another, Rest In Peace Lorraine, you are home now.

Sandra Roach Campbell Trefoil Guild

**ARMSTRONG. —
Lorraine Margaret
(nee Tebb)**

3/10/50 - 8/9/20

**Dearly loved
mother of Stacey
and Shanyn. Dearly
loved sister of Des
and Lyn. Auntie of
Kellie and Drew.
Dear friend of
Robert.**

**Resting peacefully.
Now you are able to
do everything that
you couldn't do
for the past 20
years or so.**

So long Brown Owl

Hopefully we will ALL be out of Lockdown in the very near future.. in the meantime, stay strong, stay well and stay safe!!

Best wishes,

Sue and the Team

