



TREFOIL GUILD

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Christmas is zooming upon us.. This is the last Newsletter for 2019..



The last three months have been amazing – thank you to all of you who have made me so welcome. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting up with a number of Trefoil Guilds – and equally disappointed with the invitations I have had to turn down (due to previous engagements).

As we enter for what is sometimes called the Silly Season, on behalf of the State Trefoil Guild Team and myself, we wish you the very best of Christmases and wow – look out for next year.

Disaster Fund

I received an email from Mildura Trefoil Guild asking about the Disaster Fund. This fund is still active. If your Guild would like to donate to it, details are as follows:

BSB: 633 000 Account No. 137 668 364 Reference: Disaster (and if room, please add your Trefoil Guild's name).

An email then needs to be sent to Fairoz who is the Finance Office (finance@guidesvic.org.au) advising her of the donation, the amount and name of Guild.

What's the difference?

A question was asked ... what is the difference between a group of ladies having lunch and a Trefoil Guild having lunch? Interesting! What do you see as the advantages and benefits of being a member of a Trefoil Guild? Maybe have a discussion at your next Guild meeting and be ready to put your ideas forward for the AGM in April next year – we are wanting your ideas so we can publicise TGs more.



May 16th Campfire

Next year is a very special one for Trefoil Guilds and we will be participating in an Australia wide event – on the discussion table is an afternoon tea and Campfire at Britannia Park. Please do include this in your program for 2020. Saturday 16 May is the date.

There is a badge – and a very attractive one too. Will let you know how much and where to get them when I know.



Years of Membership

Lots of applications for Years of Membership are being received in at Guide Centre. It is amazing some of the lengths of service – I've just approved one for 65 years!! If the number of years is 30 or more, this qualifies for a special certificate from the Chief Commissioner– please allow plenty of time to allow this to happen if you are planning a special ceremony. The form to use to apply for Years of Membership is with this Newsletter.

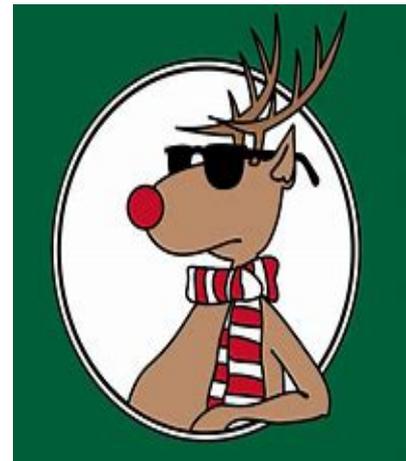
Updating your information

To help us keep everyone informed, it is important that we have the correct details for each member of the Trefoil Guild. So, if you have changed your phone number, mobile, email address, home address – please let us know. You can either ring Guide Centre (8606 3500) and talk to Kerrie, send her an email (membership@guidesvic.org.au), or send me an email – and we will organise for your details to be updated. There will also be a link to do this on the membership invoice, as well as in the Census Form that will be sent out in 2020.

Victorian Trefoil Guild Good Turn

Currently VTG has been supporting Mel Reoch and the Hand in Hand Fund. I asked Mel to tell me a bit more about this and below is her response:

The Hand In Hand fund provides additional assistance to Guides programs that engage with low socioeconomic, culturally diverse and disadvantaged communities. This fund assists with costs associated with camp expenses, program materials as well as memberships and uniforms. The funding may also provide a way to sustain these programs between grant funding so that groups can continue to deliver regular quality programs to girls. The programs that the Hand in Hand fund supports are often delivered in settings that increase access to Guides for this demographic, in schools, housing estates and other places that support such communities. These flexible models are providing opportunities for girls that may otherwise not have access to Guiding programs. Thanks to the Hand in Hand funding, Girl Guides is reaching more girls and enabling them to develop their fullest potential.



Australian Trefoil Guild's Good Turn for 2020 is **Caring and Sharing in the Community**. I believe Hand in Hand supports that statement – I hope you do too.

2020 Membership Fees

Jane Pennington and I had the opportunity to meet with Shannon Cheal (CEO GGV) and Kerrie Morton (Membership) to discuss the membership fees, which was very much appreciated.

The good news is that fees will NOT rise for 2020 staying the same as for previous years. We were advised, however, that there had been a rise in the Insurance component of the fees, but that GGV had decided to absorb the increase within the GGV Admin Fee. This is very generous of them and we are grateful that they have done this for our members.

I would like to clarify timeframes. The Trefoil Guild year is 1st January to 31st December. This means that the membership fees that you pay at the beginning of the year covers you for that period of time.

Next year (2020), GGV will send out membership invoices via email or snail mail, direct to individual members, not to the Guild Secretaries as in previous years. Members will then be able to pay their fees directly to GGV. There will be options on how to pay your fees – on line, via BPay, or cheque. (Note: The Trefoil Guild Census form will be sent to the Secretaries as in previous years – to be filled in and returned to GGV.)

The membership invoice will be sent out at the start of February, to be paid (please!) by 29th February (it's a Leap Year!!). This will enable GGV to reconcile the various payments (ie WAGGGS, GGV and Trefoil Guild Australia) all of which are due on 31st March.

I realise this is a change and it would be much appreciated if you could ensure payment of your fees are made promptly as this will greatly assist us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any enquiries.

Here is a chart showing where your fees go:

	Full GGV Members	Full Trefoil Guild Members	Full Trefoil Guild members Over 90 years No Insurance Included	Life Members ATG Handbook Sec. 4.3	Honorary Members ATG Handbook Sec. 4.4	Pro Rata Rates for new Members	
						Members who join 1st Jan to 30th June ATG Handbook Sec. 5	Members who join 1st July to 30th Dec AGT Handbook Sec. 5
GGV & WAGGGS Fees		\$ 29.00	\$ 29.00	Home Trefoil Guild pays for Full Membership	No Fees are Payable		
GGV Insurance		\$ 10.00					
Victorian Trefoil Guild Fee	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00				
Australian Trefoil Guild Fee ATF \$2.00, NSGFA \$4.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00				
GGV Admin Fee	\$6.00 - \$9.00	\$6.00 - \$9.00	\$6.00 - \$9.00				
Paid to GGV - May each year	\$ 70.00						
Paid to GGV - Feb each year	\$ 20.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00

Working with Children Card

There have been several conversations over the last couple of weeks regarding Working with Children Cards. Do we need them? And the short answer is: YES

From Lenore Cairney, COO GGV

Trefoil Guild members who participate in activities with girls will need a current Working with Children Check, or a current teacher registration card (called a VIT card). This is a requirement of the *Working with Children Act 2005*.

It is easy and free to apply for your Working with Children Check!

Just go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au to start your application and then a quick visit to the post office to finish off the application. Once your check is approved, it lasts for 5 years and can be easily renewed online.

If you have any questions or need help doing the application, please contact Tiffany Ho, who has recently started as our new Volunteer Support Officer. Tiffany can be contacted on 8606 3500 or via email on volunteer@guidesvic.org.au. She is very helpful and happy to assist you in any way that she can.

Request for Help from the Program Manager, Stacey Bunn

A request has been received from the Program Manager for help on Thinking Day next year. The 22nd happens to fall on a Saturday and a State Thinking Day activity event is being held in Carlton Gardens.

Activities will run from around 10:30am - 1:30pm.

To ensure that the activities are run smoothly, Stacey is looking for some assistance from various departments on the day. She is looking for teams of 2 per activity, with the ability to fulfil the responsibilities outlined below.

These assistants would be responsible for:

- Setting up the activities before 10:30am
- Explaining the activity to Guides and their leaders
- Assisting where required
- Tidying up between groups
- Packing up after 1:30pm

Units will be asked to attend with their regular unit leaders. Units will rotate through the activities at their leisure. Copies of the activity and all equipment and supplies will be supplied on the day. Once confirmed that they are attending, copies of the specific activity that each group are responsible for will be emailed out to them before the event.

Stacey can be contacted on sbunn@guidesvic.org.au

In order to be able to help Stacey, each Trefoil Guild Member **WILL NEED** to have a Working With Children Card (WWCC) with Girl Guides Victoria registered as an interested party. <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>.

News from Trefoil Guilds

With apologies to the Strzelecki Boomerang Trefoil Guild – I didn't include this report in my October newsletter.



Several members of Strzelecki – Boomerang Trefoil Guild spent a pleasant couple of days staying at Mirrabooka Brownie Cottage in Ocean Grove. After lunch, we drove to Queenscliff and enjoyed a walk at the marina, while some also climbed the tower to see the view. That evening we joined with members of Barwon Trefoil Guild for a very pleasant dinner. Next day saw us in Geelong where we visited the National Wool Museum and then walked along the waterfront admiring the bollards. An unexpected diversion was watching a vehicle being towed out of the sea. No, we don't

know how it got there. Next morning we headed home via the Rose Garden at Werribee. It was too early in the season to see many flowers but it was pleasant walking round the gardens. It was all a most enjoyable mid-week break.

News from Swan Hill

We had a busy weekend last month when the "Friends of Sangam" came up for a weekend visit.

We spent some time on the Friday at the Guide Hall, with the visiting ladies busy dressing the girls in Saris, painting hands and other activities. It was lovely to see Guides from both Kerang and Nyah come in and enjoy this time too, as well as the local girls and leaders. We dined out each night and went on the "Pyap" on the Saturday, finishing with a Guides Own before the majority left for home on the Sunday morning.



Barb Saul, Swan Hill Trefoil Guild.

Friends of Sangam Australia

During the weekend at Swan Hill, FOSA drew the winning tickets in their raffle. Many generous Trefoil Guild members had bought tickets and this was hugely appreciated.

The winner of the Elephant Motive Quilt (Kindly donated by Sue Reilly) was Sandra Bradshaw (Cappuccino TG).

The second prize was a Collectors Doll, won by Jill Graham (Barwon TG) and the third prize of wine and chocolates was won by Fay Reid (Cappuccino TG).

Thank you everyone for your support.

29th ISGF World Conference

The 29th ISGF World Conference will take place in Madrid, Spain, from 17 to 22 August 2020

All information can be downloaded from the ISGF website: <http://www.isgf.org/index.php/en/>

With only weeks to go before Christmas, this will be the last newsletter for 2019.

On behalf of the Trefoil Team, we wish you and your families a very peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year.

Looking forward to 2020...

Sue, Jane, Roxanne, Barbara, Jan and Lorraine

