



Victorian Trefoil Guild Newsletter

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Hi Everyone – Winter is coming – what a busy few weeks we have had... This is a bumper issue....

On 21st April, Jan Gray and I travelled “overseas” via the ferry between Sorrento and Queenscliff to visit Boorang Trefoil Guild. Also joining Boorang were the Barwon Trefoil Guild ladies... it was lovely to see everyone. Also present, as guest speaker, was Janelle Howell, State Commissioner. Janelle brought us up to date with all things Guiding.

Lorraine Otway and Jan Jones made their Trefoil Guild Promise to me. Congratulations and Welcome to the Trefoil Guild family.

Coming back to Sorrento, we were lucky to have a pod of dolphins escorting the boat. Perfect end to a perfect day.

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12th May Jan and I drove up to Mooroopna – we had a false start and a 4 hour trip took over 7!! Goulburn Valley was celebrating its 60th birthday and the unveiling of their new banner. (photo right)

Muriel Burns, who will be 102 in July, was a founding member of the GV TG and she joined us via ZOOM from her

daughter's home in Ferntree Gully. Muriel has given over 80 years of service to Girl Guides. There was a second cake that Muriel was able to cut as part of the celebration.



We also heard from Cath Birkett who was Citizen of the Year for Mooroopna.

Phyll Bramley was presented with her 10 Years of Membership pin. All in all, a fabulous day.

Left to right:
Jan, Sue, Geoff Dobson, Councillor.
Lesley Walker and Jenny Heaps

The Campfire!! Wow!

What an enjoyable day – ladies meeting up with each other after so long apart. 106 Ladies attended the day. 47 sat down to a BBQ lunch, others enjoyed a picnic lunch – in between showers. Barb Grove and her team (ladies of the Cappuccino Trefoil Guild, along with their Baby Chinos) did a wonderful job organising and running the day. Thank you Barb and Team.

Lynda Hurford was presented with a Dark Horse Venture Gold Certificate – Bravo Lynda.

I did a quick poll on the VTG Facebook page – and yes, let's do it again next year. Barb has some other ideas as well, so watch this space.



Congratulations to Sharyn Smith-Anderson on her appointment as Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser Elect. She will commence her term in September 2021 when Marcia Andrews completes her three-year term. Sharyn has recently completed a three-year term as Trefoil Guild Adviser for Girl Guides NSW, ACT & NT. Sharyn has a long association with Girl Guides and extensive Guiding experience



Sharyn Smith-Anderson

Welcome to new Trefoil Guild – The Happy Scrappers

Maureen Thomas is the moving force behind this new Guild – all ex-Leaders, this group likes to scrapbook... hence the name.

Welcome Ladies!!

News from the Trefoil Guilds:

SWAN HILL – BARB SAUL



We had lunch on the 19th and enjoyed our day out. Leone, Elva, Mavis, our friend Elaine and myself (Marg Dowell was absent). We lunched at the Federal Hotel, which is over the bridge, Always been a good spot.

The Newsletter came ok and we enjoy reading it and seeing the others Guilds enjoying life, so that is great. Looking forward to Brit Park and the Campfire.

BLACK FOREST & NORTH METRO TREFOIL GUILDS MEETING AT MELTON BOTANIC GARDENS WITH A GUIDE FROM THE MELTON WILDFLOWERS

Everybody met at the Melton Botanic Gardens, where Megan (from Melton Wildflowers Guiding Unit in Melton) was waiting with her daughter, Aurora, who is a Guide with the unit, and her son Arthur.



Aurora showed us all the large area of woodland where Melton Wildflowers have been planting trees and generally looking after the area.

The unit received a grant of \$5,000 towards the expenses of purchasing trees, and tree guards, and in preparing the area for the plantings.

Aurora, Megan and Arthur then continued with us on our walk around the lake and back to the car park where we took the opportunity to have a group photo with Aurora before they left





OVENS VALLEY TG CAMPFIRE AND CARE PACKS - Joan Thom

As none of us was able to attend the Campfire celebrations at Britannia Park we decided to have our own. Joan and Kaye lead the singing, which included Campfire's Burning, This Little Guiding Light, I've got that BP Feeling, Edelweiss and finishing with Go Well and Safely, all accompanied by the appropriate actions. A "flashing" campfire added to the atmosphere and the songs were interspersed with a spot of mind reading and trying to discover what were Tilly William's likes and dislikes.

By the time we were finished our physical abilities, our coordination and our thought processes had all been greatly challenged.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and there was lots of laughter and fellowship along the way.

We followed the campfire by assembling another 34 Care Packs. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed items to these.

Half were given to the "Loaves and Fishes" program in Wangaratta and the other half to the Community Health Centre Welfare officer at Yarrawonga.

During the past twelve months Ovens Valley ladies have distributed more than 80 care packs to people in need in our region including the bushfire victims, the homeless, people affected by family violence, and those who struggled during the Covid lockdown. There have been many favourable comments from the recipients and organisations are very appreciative of our efforts.



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National Volunteer Week 2021



Dear Volunteers in Guiding,

WELL DONE - BRAVO - THANKYOU

Volunteers are such a vital part of the fabric of Australia AND integral to Girl Guiding in Australia.

National Volunteering Week provides an opportunity for us to pause and RECOGNISE all the many volunteers who give so generously to support others and enrich their communities. I am pleased to RECOGNISE and acknowledge the thousands of volunteers in Girl Guiding who work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of girls and young women.
YOU make our communities stronger.

Your versatility, enthusiasm, energy, compassion and resilience are endless. It takes energy and commitment to keep giving. ***Well Done, Bravo and Thank you.***

As the world recovers from the chaos of the last year, the importance of connection and community has never been more obvious. The need for meaningful relationships, access to the outdoors and a sense of belonging have proven to be essential for wellbeing. Guiding offers these three things and so much more to our volunteers. Guiding provides a place to belong.

THANKS for volunteering with Girl Guides. THANKS for choosing to CONNECT with Girl Guides. THANKS for supporting girls and young women discover their potential as leaders of their worlds.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosemary Derwin".

Rosemary Derwin
Chief Commissioner

Southern Cross Challenge – Faye Croft

Isn't the year going so fast?? Here we are nearly at the end of the fifth month.

I hope everyone is staying safe and super vigilant in our fight against COVID -19.

We have 2 new members since the start of 2021. Welcome to Southern Cross Challenge Karen Schultze (NSW/ACT/NT) and Lisa Birch (SA).

Members are working on various levels of the SCC. One is currently on Gold level, a couple are working on Silver, most are continuing on their Bronze level. Keep up the great work.

Just to clarify that when a member has completed one level ie Bronze, the next level cannot be started until the Activity Notification form has been registered with the SCC Co-ordinator. The same activity can be continued (if it is necessary, such as in the case of doing a book that needs more hours for completion, or that the need is still there) but not until it has been ok'ed first.

Congratulations to Sharyn Smith-Anderson on her appointment as the next Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser. Sharyn has done a fabulous job looking after NSW/ACT/NT and I am sure that she will do a great job looking after everyone in Australian Trefoil Guild.

Congratulations also to Molly Tweedle incoming NSW/ACT/NT Trefoil Guild Adviser.

Gone Home: sad to hear today of the passing of Ann Lee (SA). I met Ann at a number of Australian Trefoil Guild Gatherings and Advisers Meetings. Ann, you will be sorely missed by your family, friends and the Guiding family. May you RIP.

Faye Croft

ATG – SCC Co.



Note:

Next Victorian Trefoil Guild Newsletter will be issued on 25th June. All contributions to Sue by 20th June



Gone Home

Nancy Smiles (5/1/1928-18/4/2021)

A much loved member of both Barwon and Boorang Trefoil Guilds, passed away on April 18th, 2021. Nan had a long history in Guiding from 1938 when she made her promise as a Guide. During the war she became a 'telegram girl' delivering telegrams on her bicycle, going out in all kinds of weather both day and night. She went on to Rangers, and held leadership roles in several Guide Companies, was a foundation member of Barwon Trefoil, from 1963, and joined Boorang Trefoil in 1995. She received her 60 years Service Award in August 2019. She was also a very keen spoon collector, and was involved in her Church and the YWCA.

She will be sadly missed by us all. Rest in Peace dear Guiding friend.



Julie Dawson (written by Pam Woodhams)

It is with a heavy heart and much sadness that I let you know Julie passed away on the 8th May. Julie had a brain haemorrhage causing irreversible damage. As per her wishes the family was able to donate her organs and tissue. She was a Brownie and a Guide, and renewed her Promise as a Support Group Member on 7 December 1996. She renewed her Promise as a Leader on 20 August 1997.



Lillian May Beard OAM (written by Pam Woodhams)

20th March 2021. We were able to celebrate and scatter Lillian's ashes, as per her request, on the Rowallan Campsite.

State Commissioner Janelle Howell and Peter Datson -Scouts reflected on her life and 70 years of service to both Guides and Scout movements.