

# Victorian Trefoil Guild Newsletter



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## September 2021

Hello everyone – I just love spring – the wattle is in bloom, and the azaleas in my garden are just stunning. The maple is coming into leaf, and the sun, when we see it, is starting to become quite warm. And today (22 September) we had The Earthquake just to liven things up.

The last few days have been busy – 13-15<sup>th</sup> September marked meetings with the other State Trefoil Guild Advisers, the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser and the ATGA Elect – all via ZOOM.

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> was the official handover from Marcia Andrews to our new ATGA, Sharyn Smith-Anderson. There were 17 participants from all over Australia and included Ro Derwin, the Chief Commissioner of Australia. Marcia was thanked by each of the STGAs for her support and guidance over the last three years.



**A Big Thank You** to all the Trefoil Guilds who donated money towards a Thank You / Farewell Gift for Marcia Andrews.

I had invited the other State Trefoil Guild Advisers to contribute as well.

Together we raised enough money to give Marcia a Diamond Level membership to the Friends of Asia Pacific.

To say that Marcia was overwhelmed is an understatement. Marcia was particularly humbled (her words) that the gift came from ALL the Trefoil Guilds in Australia.

Photo: from top Left to Right: Margie – Qld; Yours Truly: Sharyn – ATGA elect

Middle row: left to right: Jenny – Tasmania; Marcia – outgoing ATGA, Sue J – Marcia's secretary

Bottom row: left to right: Molly – NSW/ACT/NT; Lee – SA; Carmel – WA

Sharyn Smith-Anderson is our new Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser and I know you will join with me in welcoming and congratulating her.

Sharyn will bring skills gained from being immediate past State Trefoil Guild Adviser for NSW, ACT & NT and her enthusiasm for Guiding and Trefoil Guild in her new role.





**Virtual Morning Tea** - via ZOOM Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am

Sharyn will be our Guest – so come and meet our New Australian Trefoil Guild Advisor. A reminder email will be sent out on Monday or Tuesday next week.

Has your Guild managed to do something really special this year – would you like to share it with the rest of the Trefoil Guild Family – let me know so I can include it at our Morning Tea.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – because we postponed the Gathering on Phillip Island the Team thought we would organise a day gathering at Britannia Park – Aussie Christmas was our plan. However, at the team meeting this morning (22/9) because of the uncertainty of everything at the moment, and the current restrictions regarding numbers at gatherings etc we decided that we would not go ahead with the event. INSTEAD, we thought we could organise yet another ZOOM event – an Aussie Christmas, come wearing your favourite Christmas hat...

### **Victorian Gathering – 26-28<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

As you may be aware I conducted a poll both via email and on the VTG Facebook page. Overwhelmingly people responded saying let's go with Phillip Island again. I did speak to Marcia Andrews prior to the ATGA handover, and recently have spoken with Sharyn Smith-Anderson (ATGA) regarding our proposed dates and the National Gathering, just a month later. The team and I today decided we would not do anything until the beginning of next year. Hopefully we will be on top of the COVID pandemic and we can get down to planning something really special.

### **Good Turn 2022**

The National Good Turn for 2021 was Caring and Sharing within the Community, which I believe Victoria Trefoil Guilds have done to their best ability. The main beneficiary of our fundraising has been the Guides in Schools program.

Can you put your thinking caps on, please, and let me know a) should we continue to support this program or b) do you have another project in mind that we could support.



We had some money left over (from Marcia's gift), and so my team and I decided to donate that money to the WAGGGS Giving Day.



2 minutes ago

Victorian Trefoil Guild donated

£40.00

From Marg Devlin – WAGGGS Giving Day:

A total of £141,315 was raised within the time frame. Marg tells me that despite the "Day" being over, people are still able, and are continuing, to give - which is really great. Marg goes on to say that many members and some Trefoil Guilds donated to this cause. A Big Thank-You to you all.

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**On 2nd September** I enjoyed a ZOOM AGM Meeting with Go Club.

I was honoured to present Years of Membership to:

Wendy Macklin - 20 years      Nancie Flegg - 65 years      Betty De Marchi - 70 years

Congratulations and Thank you Ladies for your service to Guiding over the years! It is much appreciated.

**13th September** saw another Zoom Meeting this time with Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild.

Deb Abbs (ASC) and I together acknowledged 12 x Years of Membership, a total of 425 years.

Pauline Besim 10 years; Thelma Bravington 15 years; Christine Peake 15 years; Ros Ferres 25 years; Carole Knight 35 years; Margaret MacGregor 35 years; Margaret Moore 25 years; Kaye Lasa 40 years; Irene Watt 40 years; Pauline Gould 55 years; Beth Bell 60 years; June Goudie 60 years.

Again, Thank you Ladies for your service to Guiding over the years. It is much appreciated.

### **From Faye Croft – Southern Cross Challenge Coordinator**

Hello everyone,

So what started out as a trip of a couple of weeks to Canberra to organise the refurbishment (painting, new carpet and blinds) and sale of a rental house we have, has now turned into a couple of months.

We arrived on the 11 August, just in time for ACT to go into lockdown on the 12 August.

Lockdown was originally for one week, (due to end on our wedding anniversary 2 Sept), but we all know how these lockdowns can turn into a few weeks. Of course this was extended until 17 Sept. ACT case numbers were steady in the teens and twenties then out to low thirties. Lockdown is now extended until 15 October. Yes, we could go back to Deniliquin, but we still haven't completed our objective of getting house ready. Lucky the painting was completed before lockdown.

While we are in Canberra, it means our mail is not getting checked. (My brother is clearing the mailbox but that is it). So if there are any SCC members who have 'snail mailed' something to me, it won't be attended to until I return, whenever that will be. It will be done as soon as I can. I do have all the SCC files with me, but I am unable to send out certificates.

Congratulations to Karen Schultze (NSW/ACT/NT) who has completed Our Wonderful Past section for her Bronze level.

Thank you to the SCC members who advise me of any amendments to their challenges/mentors.

I hope everyone is staying healthy and I can say that I am a 'double vaxxer'.





## DARK HORSE VENTURE

One of our members for her Peoples and Nations challenge experimented with Foreign and Australian Cuisine. She researched some history of the countries as well as cooking a dish from each of them. Her assessor had the pleasure of sampling the meals. Anything you would like to do would fit into at least one of the five categories. The other four categories are Active and Creative, Giving and Sharing, History and Heritage and Tomorrow's World.

More information on Dark Horse Venture can be obtained from the Co-ordinator:  
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## 25<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL GUILD GATHERING

23 – 25 SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWCASTLE NSW

*Have a Whale of a time in NSWales*

**Bookings open**

**Closing date has been extended to the end of  
December 2021**

**Registrar Gwen Hunt at [gwenda.hunt@gmail.com](mailto:gwenda.hunt@gmail.com)**

## Kooronga Campsite – Jan Withers

A little history of Kooronga for those who do not know of this gem in suburbia.

In 1965, at the conclusion of the 7th Australian Scout Jamboree, the Dandenong City Council gifted a portion of the area to the local Dandenong Guiding community. These 8 hectares of land within the Police Paddocks was then developed for camping and outdoor activities for the then Dandenong Region and was subsequently named “Kooronga”, meaning Boomerang.

Kooronga is the last metropolitan Guiding campsite, now a part of Southern Region, and is uniquely situated within an area of Parks Victoria. It is near local housing, yet “it is in the middle of the bush”. This unique position does have its drawbacks, in so far as it has always been a target for vandals. Over the years, some security upgrades have been put in place to try and mitigate these senseless break-ins.

During the long lockdown last year, graffiti was scrawled over every part of the outside of the buildings, and vandals broke into the equipment shed and stole anything of value, smashed the fridge, and other appliances, and smashed beer bottles against the walls so that broken glass was everywhere. November 2020 when we eventually got out of lockdown, a working bee was arranged, with many, many people answering the call to

come and help clean up the mess. In April/May this year we approached the Casey Council, who offer to paint over graffiti within their local council area, and they eventually came and painted over all the graffiti, making the equipment shed look quite spik and span, with fresh new paint. All this happened while we were again in lockdown, and within 2 weeks of the repainting, the graffiti and vandalism were back, with the roller door on the shed breached, all the toilets smashed and everything that wasn't broken in the previous break-in was smashed to pieces. Both Raelene Curtis and Mandy Batten are within the 5 k radius and therefore able to walk into Kooronga to take photos and report back to the Region. The Police verdict is that it was kids who were responsible this time. In the interim the Region managed to obtain a voucher for a product called Surface Shiel, which is applied over the freshly painted areas, and this enables new graffiti to be washed off with a pressure washer. It is very frustrating that we never had the chance to even apply this produce which would help alleviate the graffiti.

We owe a big thank you to Andrew Hosking, husband of Carol Hosking from Mentone Guides (who we were able to obtain a permit to attend Kooronga) and Liz Anning's partner Chris Emmerson, who went to the campsite and managed to make temporary repairs to secure the roller door.

The Region is assessing the damage and looking at ways to repair and mitigate any future damage, including the possibility of putting in an audible alarm system, and starting up a "Friends of Kooronga" community Facebook page as a way of connecting to the local community who regularly walk through our property.

As soon as possible after restrictions are lifted another working bee will be arranged and we hope to have many hands to help with this.

#### Working Bee November 2020



After Casey Council painted out the graffiti.



The graffiti back again



You may have heard of Project Umbrella – have you wondered what it is about?

## **About Project Umbrella**

It is no secret that every organisation, if it is remain healthy, vibrant and growing, needs to undertake an honest, comprehensive review, posing questions such as: Are we delivering on our vision? Where are we now, and where do we want to be? Do we have the resources we need? How do we continue to meet the needs of girls in the midst of changing family settings, pandemics, climate change, etc.? What impact are we making – and how do we measure that impact?

Through Project Umbrella, Girl Guides Victoria aims to ‘future-proof’ our organisation for the next 100 years. The ‘what’ and the ‘how’ to achieve this long-term outcome sums up this project.

### **What’s in a Name?**

The name is a nod to our origins when a red and white umbrella was hung from an upstairs window at 306 Burwood Road, Hawthorn, indicating where the first Girl Guides in Victoria were meeting.

### **The Approach**

Involving a comprehensive and integrated process, we wish to engage people from across the organisation, learning from the past by honouring and harnessing expert knowledge and experience, whilst involving today’s girls and young women, creating a range of initiatives (not just a wish list) to underpin our future. Implementation will be with clear, measurable outcomes.

The GGV Executive Committee is committed to undertaking this multi-year project, led by Guiding volunteers, supported and assisted by staff and experts (paid and voluntary).

As Guides we all share the bonds that bind us together ‘under the one umbrella’ - our beliefs and values as expressed through our Guide Promise and Law.

We look forward to you coming the journey with us.

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NOTE: if you have any questions etc, Heather is more than happy you to contact her



Another expression you may have heard or read about is

## **WORKPLACE**

Thank you to Deb Abbs (Trefoil Guild Member and Assistant State Commissioner) for explaining it to us.

In late 2019, the GGV Executive Committee agreed that all GGV unit leaders and managers would be issued with [guidesvic.org.au](mailto:guidesvic.org.au) email addresses and that the organisation would use the Workplace platform, instead of Facebook, for all inward-facing social media communication. Other members, such as unit helpers and Learning Partners, were later invited to request a GGV email address if they required one. Implementation was undertaken by staff from the Joyce Price Centre and members of the State Patrol during 2020. The underlying reasons for this change were because of GGVs commitment to a Child Safe Child Friendly (CSCF) environment for its youth members, privacy and consistency, online safety and external branding.

So, what is Workplace? Workplace is a social media platform developed by Facebook, but aimed at businesses and organisations to provide them with a different form of communication - they can send a large volume of videos, audios, and messages. Within GGV we hoped to use the platform to encourage and enhance communication and conversations between all members, and to provide a platform for regions and various management groups/patrols to have similar (but private) conversations.

There are various advantages to Workplace that are impossible to police with Facebook. In the GGV context, all Workplace subscribers need to have a GGV email address to access Workplace, thus enhancing our CSCF and privacy commitments and there are no annoying advertisements. Currently, we're using the platform to request feedback on proposed changes to various policies during the current round of policy reviews, using it as a quick alert for changes to Covid restrictions, and advise members of opportunities and events/meetings within the Organisation. Important articles are still emailed to members but less important articles, such as notification of a Zoom morning tea, may be posted on Workplace only. Personally, I like the interactivity of the platform and the ability to have a "conversation" with others and to read their point of view. Workplace can be used via an app downloaded to your smartphone or tablet, or through a web browser viewable on your laptop or PC. There are currently over 380 GGV members registered to use Workplace.

GGV would like to open Workplace to our Trefoil Guild members. If you would like to participate you will first need to request a GGV email address by emailing Arpana at [volunteer@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:volunteer@guidesvic.org.au).

As part of GGV's legislative requirements as a CSCF organisation, all adult members are required to have a current Working With Children Check - this is also a requirement to obtain a GGV email address. If you need help to set up your GGV email address or Workplace please email me (Deb Abbs - [deborah.abbs@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:deborah.abbs@guidesvic.org.au)) or Arpana ([volunteer@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:volunteer@guidesvic.org.au)) to request help.

# Friends of Sangam Australia

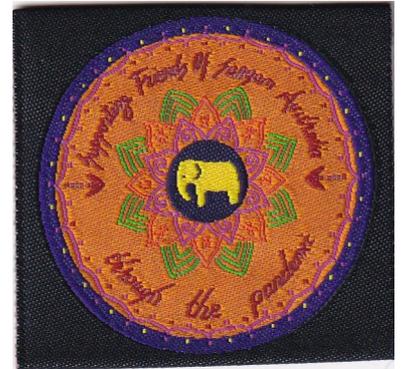
## New Badges are here!!



Two new badges have been designed and produced to support Sangam through the Pandemic.

Here they are, ready for you to purchase.

**Cost is: \$2.00 each if purchased individually or both for \$3.50.**



**OR**

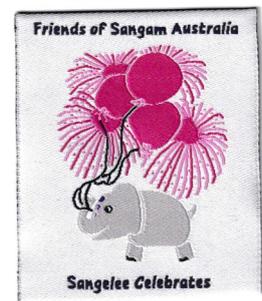
You can purchase a pack of 7 badges including:

The two new badges

The four Sangelee badges

One Friends of Sangam badges

**Cost: \$9.00**



# ORDER FORM

Badges	Cost per badge / badges	Quantity Wanted	Total Cost
	\$2.00		
	\$2.00		
 	\$3.50		
Pack of 7 badges	\$9.00		
<b>TOTAL COST FOR ALL BADGES</b>			<b>\$</b>

## Your Details:

**POSTAGE IS FREE!!**

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