

Victorian Trefoil Guild Newsletter



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Time is flying past – so we must be having fun - isn't that how the saying goes? I think I read somewhere there was 60 something days to Christmas.

At the September changeover for our new ATGA, the Australian Chief Commissioner Rosemary Derwin spoke about the new Mission Statement for Girl Guides: "Empowering girls and young women to discover their potential as leaders of their World" and the new Strategic Plan for the next five years.

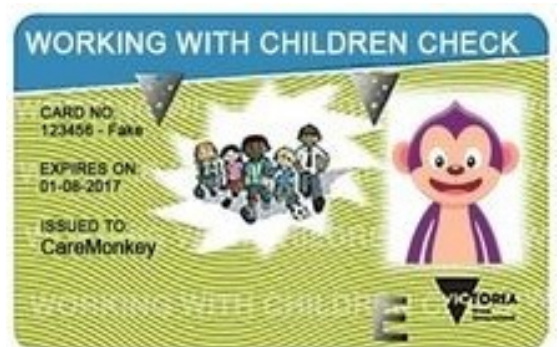
She also spoke about a lot of new information coming through regarding the new Child Safe Child Friendly Policy, which has come about since the Royal Commission on Child Safety.

New Child Safe Requirements for Trefoil Guild Members – Mel Reoch.

Girl Guides Victoria is adopting new measures to provide an organisation that is Child Safe.

We are currently working toward meeting the new National Child Safe Standards and embedding the Girl Guides Australia Child Safe Child Friendly Framework.

To make this a possibility, GGV will be implementing a number of changes. One of these is the introduction of Working With Children Checks (WWCC) for all Adults in Guiding.



The term Adults in Guiding (AiG) refers to - Adult Members, Ongoing Volunteers and Employees.

Trefoil Guild members are 'Adults in Guiding' and will now be required to have a current Working with Children (WWCC) check, the same as other members in the Guiding community. This is one way of GGV demonstrating our commitment to being a child safe organisation.

Applying for a WWCC is free of charge and easily applied for via the WWCC website.

Having a current WWCC is the first step that Trefoil Guild members can do to be Child Safe and ready as we move toward the new requirements.

There may be other things we all need to do and we will work through these together.

Remember that support and help is always available from the JPC team 8606 3500 or from Sue and the team.

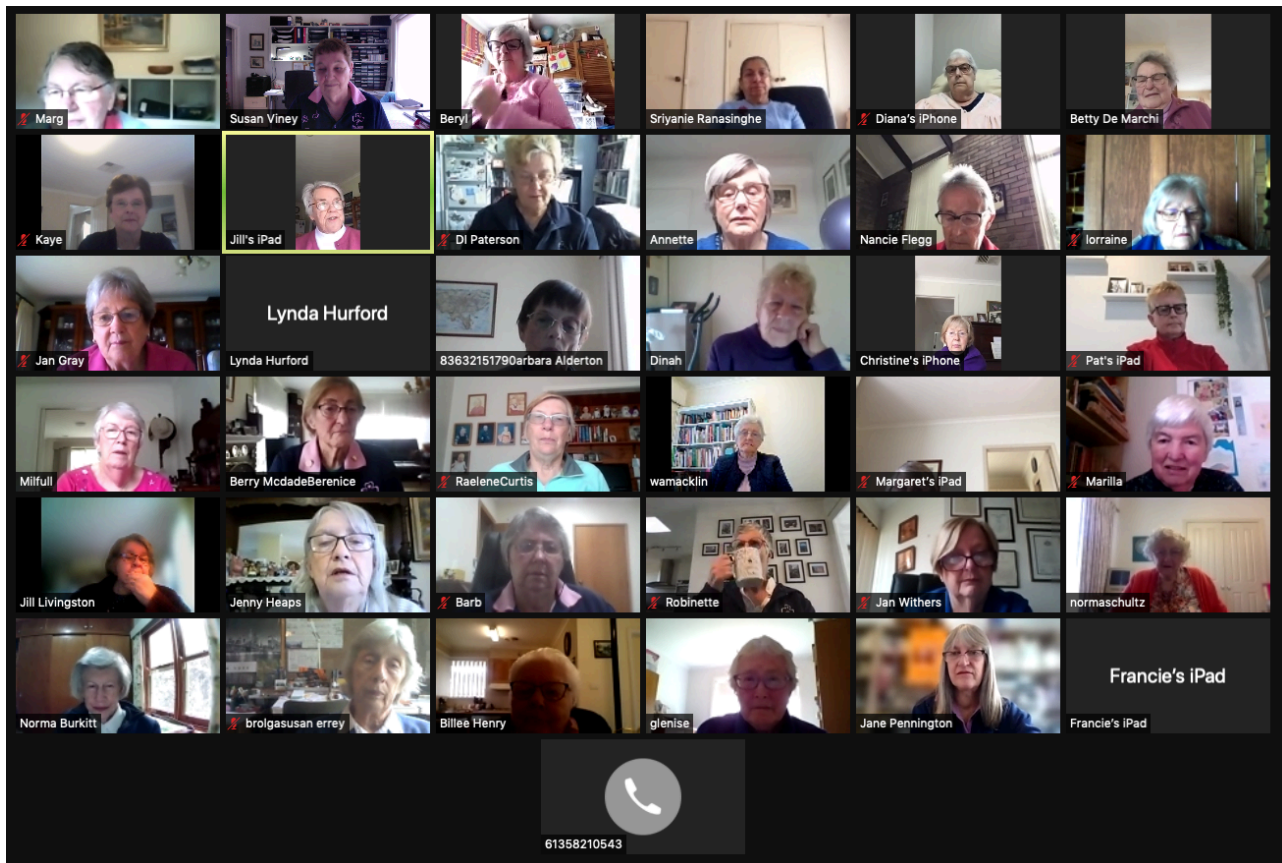
To apply for your WWCC card head to the website by following this link.

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply-1>

COVID-19 Vaccination Status – It is really important that you follow through with the emails recently sent out regarding updating your vaccination status on your Profile page. If you need help, please reach out either to myself or to the JPC staff.

Not sure what you can and can't do? Check out the FAQs on the Girl Guide Victoria website (<https://www.guidesvic.org.au>)

29th September – Virtual Morning Tea. We had 39 participants on line for our Virtual Morning Tea. Lots of general catching up and chit chat – so nice to see everyone's faces



We heard from Jill Johnstone (Kinta TG) who shared with us about the Cake and Carols event to be held in December. (See flyer attached to this newsletter.)

Ruff Diamonds had sent an email telling about their adventures, which included learning about gas cylinders, their 1st Birthday celebrations, a Kahoots Trivia challenge and how they learnt to cook butterscotch scrolls – all via ZOOM.

Billee Henry (WEGGS TG) shared with us the challenges her Guild have been meeting during lockdown. Some sounded quite easy – but we were assured, that in themselves they were “Very Challenging”.

Mel Reoch spoke to us about the Resilience workshops and Marg Devlin passed on Thanks for the support of the WAGGGS Giving Day.

Robinette Emonson brought us up to date with the preliminary plans for the National Gathering to be held in Victoria in 2024.

GOOD TURN 2022 - I've received only one suggestion for the State Trefoil Guild Good Turn for 2022. Put your thinking caps on and come up with a few more..

Some Guiding History



80 years of Guiding by Shirley Farrow

To mark this milestone, we are hoping to get 80 cards from across Australia and the World and they will be presented to her as a surprise

Feel free to share this with your contacts as we know Shirley has had a far reach in the Guiding world. She'd love to hear from dear friends and units of all ages across the globe

Please send your card to Shirley's granddaughter:

Felicity Parkinson
111/251 Canterbury Road
Forest Hill
Victoria 3131
Australia

The State Trefoil Guild Team sent a card on behalf of Victorian Trefoil Guild Members

An interesting article was sent in by Rhonda Wiedermann who, in turn, had received it from Barbara Fairbairn.

It is quite lengthy, so I have included only part of it and will add more in November's newsletter. Or you can google it on Wikipedia and read the whole article there. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agnes_Baden-Powell)

Agnes Smyth Baden-Powell (16 December 1858 – 2 June 1945) was the younger sister of Robert Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell, and was most noted for her work in establishing the Girl Guide movement as a female counterpart to her older brother's Scouting Movement.

Agnes was the thirteenth of fourteen children of her father, the Reverend Baden Powell, who was the Savilian Professor of Geometry at the University of Oxford from 1827 to 1860. She was his third daughter, but the elder two had died before Agnes was born; she was her mother's only daughter.

Agnes Baden-Powell



Portrait of Agnes Baden-Powell

Born Agnes Smyth Baden-Powell
16 December 1858
Paddington, London, United Kingdom

Died 2 June 1945 (aged 86)

Her mother, Henrietta Grace Smyth, was the third wife of Baden Powell (the previous two having died) and was a gifted musician and artist. She was the elder daughter of William Henry Smyth and his wife Annarella.

When Agnes was only two years of age, the Reverend Powell died. To honour him after his death, Agnes's mother, Henrietta, added Baden to their surname and that branch of the family has since been known as Baden-Powell.

Apart from Robert already mentioned above, among Agnes's brothers were Warrington Baden-Powell, Sir George Baden-Powell, Frank Baden-Powell, and Baden Baden-Powell.

Baden's death left the family under the firm control of Henrietta, who was determined to instill in her children a desire to succeed. Agnes' brother, Robert, has been quoted as saying, "The whole secret of my getting on lay with my mother."

Agnes went on to become an accomplished musician, playing the organ, piano and violin. Her varied interests included natural history and astronomy, and she kept bees, birds and butterflies in her home.

In April 1901 Agnes became engaged to Sir William Bisset Berry, the Speaker of the South African Parliament, but they did not marry. Some years later she became very friendly with Guglielmo Marconi.

With her brother Baden Fletcher Smyth Baden-Powell, Agnes made aeronautical balloons, working the silk for the envelope, and they made many flights together. Later she helped him with aeroplane-building. Agnes was an honorary companion of the Royal Aeronautical Society from 1938.

She was for some years president of the Westminster Division of the Red Cross, and worked for the League of Mercy and for Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.

WHAT A LADY!! Certainly she would fit very much into today's Girl Guide maxim – a Girl can do anything. MORE NEXT MONTH....



Faye Croft - SCC Coordinator - Southern Cross Challenge Award.

The Southern Cross Challenge was instigated to give Trefoil Guild members over the age of eighteen years, something to challenge themselves.

Awards are not for everyone. If you are not interested in registering for Southern Cross Challenge, maybe you can help a Trefoil Guild member who is doing the challenge, by becoming a mentor or assessor. It is not an onerous task.

Congratulations to Rhonda Alexander (NSW/ACT/NT) who has completed her Arts For All Ages section for the Bronze Award. I will send Rhonda her certificate once

we return to Deniliquin.... (that is likely to be sometime in November as per recent ACT government announcement)

Annabel Dance (Vic) is nearing completion of her Bronze level, with a few details to finish off

Just a reminder, there is no need to wait until all sections have been completed before sending a copy of the signed page in the book. Only when the five sections have been completed is the book to be sent for processing. The book will be returned with letter of congratulations to the member.

The Bronze (or Silver or Gold) badge and certificate is sent to the relevant STGA for presentation at a suitable occasion.

The section certificates are sent to the Trefoil Guild President for presentation at a meeting or outing.

There are a few members of SCC who are yet to complete some sections of the Bronze level. It would be great to have a more badges and certificates to process and have presented before my term is completed.

As someone once said to me, keep plugging away.



FAY REID

Cappuccino Trefoil Guild is saddened by the loss of their friend Fay Reid.

Fay was a Guide in Heidelberg and returned to Guiding as a Leader 50 years ago.

She was a Leader with Rosanna Guides for 20 years and then became Division Leader of Warringal.

Fay was also on Yarra Valley Outdoor Activities committee as Co-Ordinator and Panel member for 13 years.

She was a member of State Council and Chairman of Tapestry Committee.

Fay was part of an Australian Contingent to Japan on a friendship exchange and LIC of an Australian Contingent to England.

She staffed on many Jamborellas and State and Region camps.

She was a member of Yarra Valley Trefoil and also past president of Go Club Trefoil. Fay was an inaugural member of Cappuccino Trefoil in 1999 and was our Catering Coordinator (catering boss) and more recently our President.

Fay will be greatly missed by all who knew her



If you have any inclusions for the next newsletter, please have them to me (sue.viney@guidesvic.org.au) by the 20th November.

Meanwhile, stay safe everyone. Let's look forward to have even more freedom in the months ahead..

Sue, Jane, Lorraine, Jan, Roxanne and Barbara



INVITATION



KINTA TREFOIL GUILD

Invite you to join us (fully vaccinated) for



CAROLS & CAKE



**To be held in the Anglican Church
370 Blackburn Road, Burwood East
on**

**Tuesday 7th December at 1.30pm
Proceeds to the Guides in Schools
Program.**

**Come & sing all your favourite Carols with
members of other Trefoil Guilds.**

**Share homemade Christmas Cake,
Shortbread, Tea & Coffee**

Donation \$10.00 – pay at the door