

# Victorian Trefoil Guild Newsletter



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Hats off to the Trefoil Guild Ladies – well done and congratulations - you have responded so well to the requests for updates of our COVID vaccination status, and also the response to the Working with Children requirements.

I am looking forward to catching up with Trefoil Guilds before Christmas and isn't it lovely that we are experiencing the warmer weather and the easing of Covid restrictions.

Christmas is coming up fast and we are being constantly reminded to get in early with our Christmas shopping etc.

Hopefully, I will get another Newsletter out to you in early December.

In the meanwhile, stay safe, stay happy

All best wishes, from Sue, Jane, Jan, Lorraine, Roxanne and Barbara...

## CARDS FOR SHIRLEY FARROW Kinta Trefoil Guild. Celebrating 80 years in Guiding.



From Felicity Parkinson, Shirley's Grand Daughter.....

I have been giving Shirley 10 cards at a time. She now has 30 and there's another 20 or so at my place that I'll give her in time. She's a bit overwhelmed with the outpouring of congratulations from Guides near & far, names she recognises and people who felt it was momentous enough to send a card even though they hadn't met her.

There's a few international cards arriving now, including from Canada, NZ & UK. I've received a few email messages for her also, which I'll print off and put in cards for her.

The Victorian State Commissioner, CEO of WAGGGS, President of OB-PS, and the Australian Chief Commissioner have all sent cards/emails. She's been receiving lots from Trefoil Guilds across Australia plus leaders, adults in Guiding, youth & Guide units.

## From Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild

Well, finally, after three attempts, we were able to hold the Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild Morning Tea. A big thank you to those who attended – it was great to catch up again.

The check in process went smoothly with several of our members having designated tasks.

The serving of the morning tea was different with our members doing all the serving of individual plates. I think it worked well.

Sue Campbell OAM was our Guest Speaker and brought us up to date on the changes and new initiatives at a World level.

The program changes for the girls and Leaders were interesting.

We were represented by young women from several countries at the Climate Summit in Scotland. It is the young people who will drive the change in the future and we all need to support them.



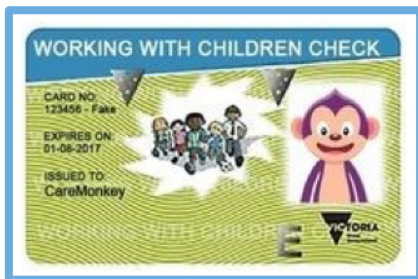
Also our members were presented with their Chief Commissioners Appreciation Certificates for their years of service. Sue Viney had presented our Long Service Awards via Zoom previously.

Thank you to Sue and her Team (Jane, Jan, Lorraine, Roxanne and Barbara) for the support and encouragement throughout the year.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Kaye Lasa  
Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK UPDATE



Many thanks to Arpana Subba (JPC staff member) who has worked out a quick and easy way to apply for the Working with Children Card (WWCC).

Having tested the instructions myself with Jan Gray, this advice was sent out to the Trefoil Guild Secretaries. I have since been able to help two of my Trefoil Guild members attain their card and I am happy to assist anyone else who needs help.

There is **no urgent rush** to get the Working with Children cards, but you do need to start the ball rolling, especially if you are planning on attending the State Camp in January.

If you already have a WWCC, please ensure you have Girl Guides Victoria listed as an interested Organisation. We realise that some of our members have a WWCC with other organisations, eg the church, local school, etc. To update your details, go to the WWC website (<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>) and log in where it says MyCheck Account (top right hand corner, green button). Below is the information you will need to update your profile.

**Organisation 1**

Organisation name

What is the postal address of the organisation?

Phone

Mobile OK. For landline, include the area code without spaces or symbols.

**Occupational fields 1**

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Occupational type  
Volunteer

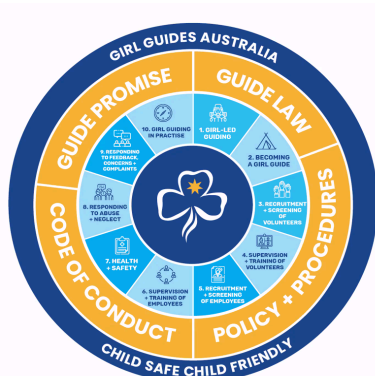
If you have any problems, please ring me, or speak to Arpana in at JP Centre (8606 3500)

## INTRODUCING THE NEW CHILD SAFE CHILD FRIENDLY FRAMEWORK

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> there was a meeting, with all the State Trefoil Guild Advisers and the Chief Commissioner regarding the commitment of Girl Guides Australia in becoming a recognised Child Safe Child Friendly organisation.

Note: you will see the phrase: Adults in Guiding. Trefoil Guild members are included in that group.

### Launch of the new Child Safe Child Friendly Framework - Mel Reoch (Community Development Officer)



We are excited to announce the release of the new Girl Guides Australia (GGA), Child Safe Child Friendly (CSCF) Framework. This will build on the existing Girl Guides Victoria Child Safe Framework and align with the National Child Safe Principles which come into effect on the 30th June 2022.

Girl Guides Victoria is committed to the empowerment of children as active participants in the organisation, and see the importance of them in the role of establishing a culture of child safety.

We stand firm, with our zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and continue to work to provide a Child Safe Child Friendly organisation and a place where our Girl Guides can really thrive.

We would encourage you to familiarise yourself with the GGA CSCF Framework which you can find here: <https://www.guidelinesforgirlguides.org.au/cscf/child-safe-child-friendly-framework/>

If you have any questions about the new or existing Child Safe framework, please contact [childsafe@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:childsafe@guidesvic.org.au)



On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November I attended via ZOOM, the AGM for the NSGFA. I thought you would like to see some of the faces of the people who are integral to this team.



Following on from October's newsletter and Agnes Baden Powell – here is the FULL article from Barbara Fairbairn...

### **Where would we be without Agnes? by Barbara Fairbairn**



October 2017 I joined the Agnes Baden-Powell Guild in England when I learned the Guild was in the process of refurbishing the Baden-Powell family grave in England which is in need of repair. I have always been in awe of the remarkable Agnes Baden-Powell who was born on 16th December 1858 in Paddington, England and died 2nd June 1945 (she was 86 years of age).

Have you ever thought how the sister of Lord Robert Baden-Powell (Agnes) started Girl Guiding?

Their father, Reverend Professor Baden Powell 1796-1860, was the Savilian Professor of Geometry at the University of Oxford from 1827-1860, married 3 times and was the father of 14 children. His first wife, Elizabeth Rivaz (no children) died 1836. His second wife, Charlotte Pope, had 4 children (Charlotte Elizabeth, Baden Henry, Louisa Ann and Laetitia Mary) died 1844.

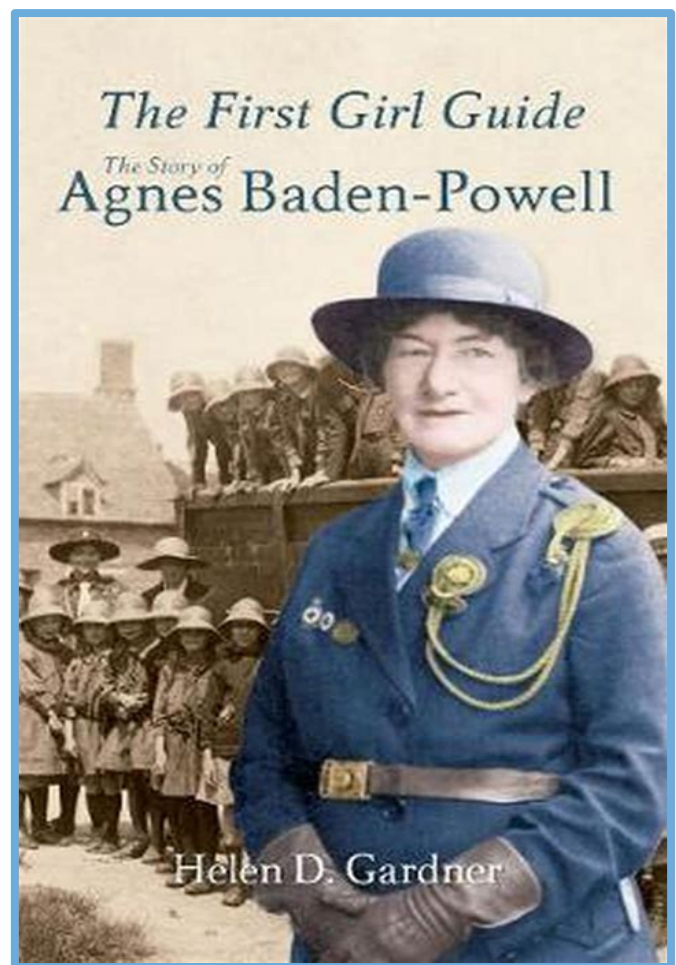
Henrietta Grace Smyth 1824-1914 was his third wife. She was a gifted musician, artist, mother of 10 children and a Widow at 36 years of age. To honour her husband after his death, Henrietta added Baden (her husband's Christian name) to the surname of that branch of the family and has since been known as Baden-Powell. Henrietta was determined to instill in her children, the desire to succeed.

Agnes was one of the 14 children – Charlotte Elizabeth 1838, Baden Henry 1841, Louisa Ann 1843, Laetitia Mary 1844, Henry Warington Smyth 1847, George Smyth 1847, Augustus Smyth 1849, Francis Smyth 1850, Henrietta Smyth 1851, John Penrose Smyth 1852, Jessie Smyth 1855, Robert Stephenson Smyth 1857, Agnes Smyth 1858 and Baden Fletcher Smyth 1860. Agnes was the only daughter to survive into adulthood.

Agnes was only 2 years old when her father died. She became an accomplished musician - playing the organ, piano and violin. She also included natural history, astronomy, cycling, swimming, driving, skating, an excellent cook, knowledge of 11 languages, 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 didn't marry. She was also very friendly with Guglielmo Marconi. With her brother Baden Fletcher Smyth Baden-Powell, Agnes made aeronautical balloons, working with silk for the envelope, and they made many flights together. Later she helped him with aeroplane building. Agnes was an honorary companion of the 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.

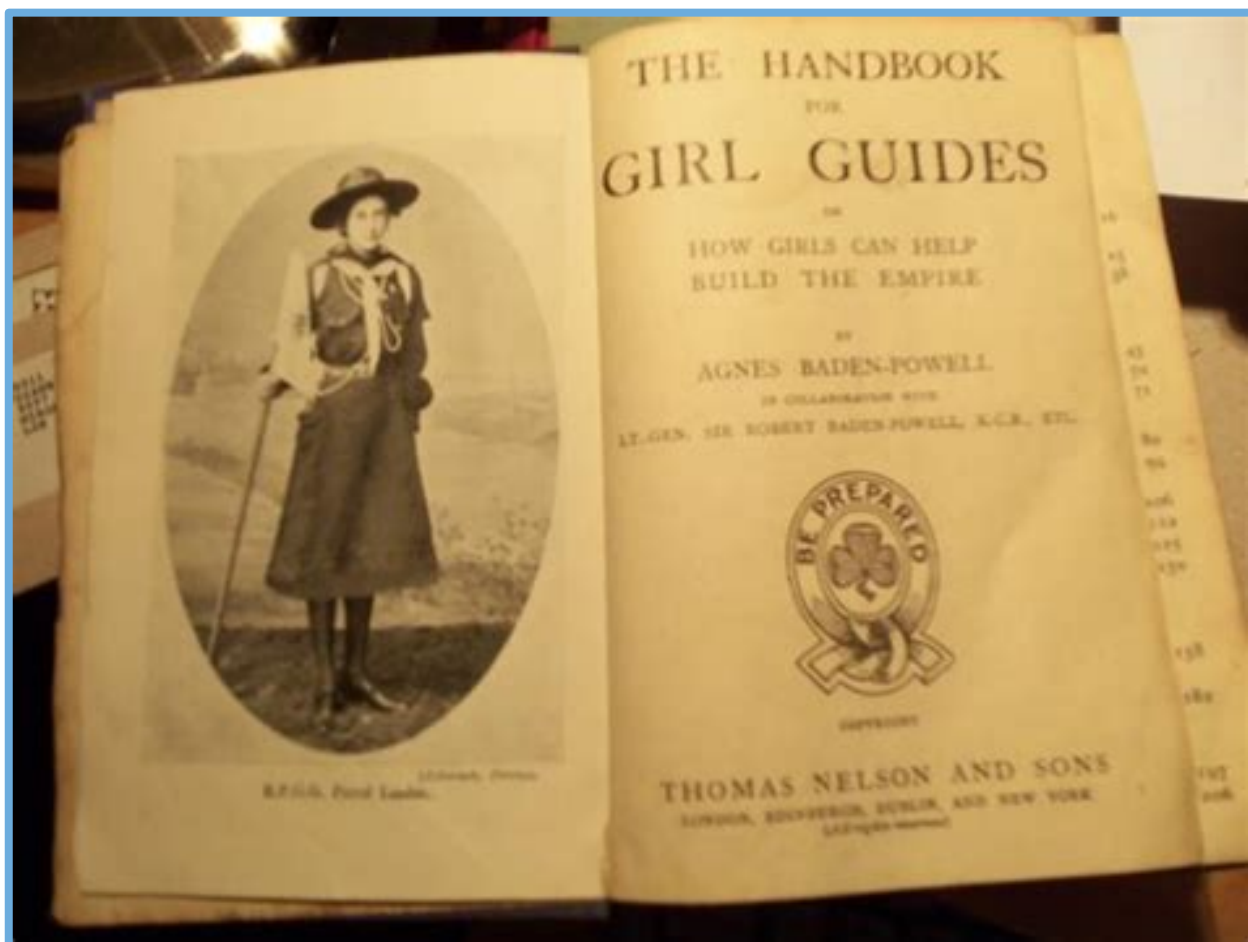
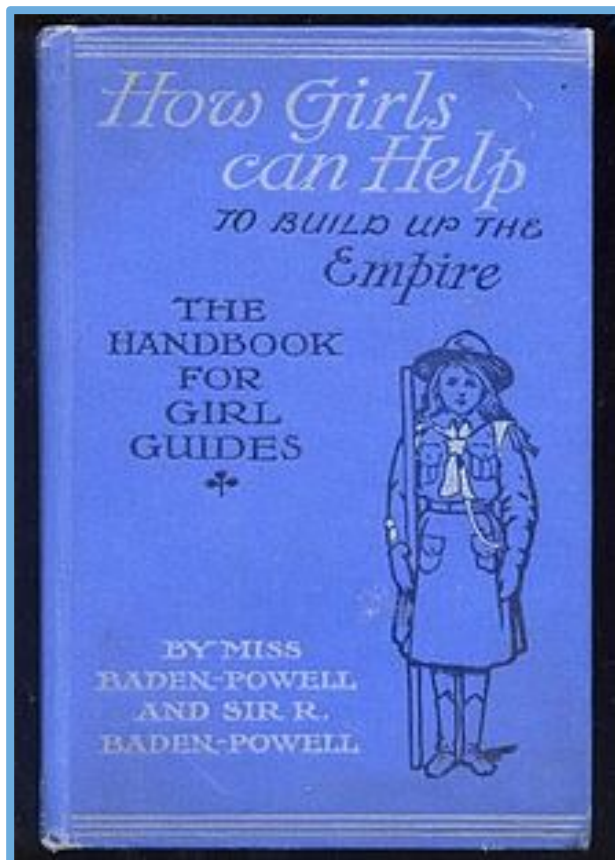
Following the creation of the Boy Scout Association, Robert Baden-Powell organised a gathering of Scouts at the Crystal Palace in London in 1909. Amongst the many thousands of Boy Scouts gathered, there were several hundred Girl Scouts. Popular opinion at the time was against mixed activities for girls and growing pressure persuaded Robert Baden-Powell to consider setting up a separate organisation for the Girl Scouts. Having been turned down by the first aid societies, he approached his sister Agnes. She reluctantly agreed to take on the organisation of the new sister group, Girl Guides. Agnes Baden-Powell's character was useful in counteracting negative opinions of the new Girl Guides. A friend of hers wrote - Anyone who had come in touch with her gentle influence, her interest in all womanly arts and for her love of birds, insects and flowers, would scoff at the idea of her being the president of a sort of Amazon Cadet Corps.

In late 1909, Robert Baden-Powell published 'Pamphlet A: Baden-Powell Girl Guides, a Suggestion for Character Training for Girls' and 'Pamphlet B: Baden-Powell Girl Guides, a Suggestion for Character Training for Girls'. These were the precursors to the handbook. By April 1910, there were 6,000 young girls registered as Girl Guides. In 1912, Agnes brought about the formation of the 1st Lone Company and was the de facto president of the Girl Guide Association. During this time, Agnes wrote the Guides first handbook called 'The Handbook for the Girl Guides or How Girls Can Help to Build up the Empire', published in 1912. It was the reworking of the Scouting for Boys book written several years earlier, but with chapters added by Agnes on a number of subjects. The Girl Guides Association was officially given recognition in 1915. In early 1916 Agnes's young sister-in-law Olave Baden-Powell was appointed Sussex County Commissioner. In September 1918 the new County Commissioners voted Olave into the new post of Chief Guide, putting her in charge of Guiding. Agnes was offered the honorary post of President which she reluctantly accepted. In 1919, following pressure, Agnes resigned from the presidency in favour of Princess Mary, who was also a keen supporter of the Girl Guides and Agnes became Vice President. Agnes continued as Vice President until her death. She was buried in the family grave in Kensal Green Cemetery in London, though her name was not listed on the monument.



In December 2020, the Agnes B-P Guild in England offered to send an A4 photo of Agnes to all members of the Guild to be displayed on the wall of their Guide Hall. The members are asked to send a copy of them when completed – but – Covid '19 got in the way. I received a photo of Agnes via email. I had it enlarged to A4, framed with a mount and added an engraved silver plaque:







# 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**