

Victorian Trefoil Guild Newsletter



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24th March 2022

Goodness me, where has March gone?? It has been a busy-ish month, so we must be back together, having fun.

First week of March saw me attend three Zoom meetings: **Pink Heath (Lones)** had its inaugural ZOOM meeting. An Adult Patrol Meeting and a State Patrol meeting followed this.

March 8th Jan and I attended **Campbell Trefoil Guild's** fundraising event. The entertainment was brilliant. Moneys raised will go towards the Mercy Ships. Well done Campbell – Jan and I had a fabulous time!!



There are lots of other photos and news on the Victorian Trefoil Guild Facebook Page.

UPDATE NATIONAL GATHERING: There is a healthy contingent of Victorian Trefoil Guild members attending the September National Gathering in Newcastle. There's still time to register your interest.

And, we have our own Victorian 24-hour Gathering to look forward to in August this year. All the details and the forms etc will be coming separately, so look for the link in the email that comes with this newsletter. Dates to remember are: 27-28th August – and the venue is Ballarat

Whilst visiting with the **Boorang Trefoil Guild**, I was asked a question: WHAT IS TREFOIL GUILD?

Perhaps this is something your Trefoil Guild could discuss – What IS Trefoil Guild, how do you see our role as Trefoil Guild members. I asked the question on the Facebook page, it was interesting to read some of the responses. Let me know what you come up with. No right or wrong answers!

News from the Guilds:



This year Barwon Trefoil Guild celebrated Thinking Day with fish and chips at Queenscliff. Three members from Boorang and one Lone joined us. The weather was perfect, warm and sunny, and it was wonderful to be together again.

As part of the celebration, we launched our recipe book titled "Lockdown Recipes". During the many lockdowns last year, our lockdown challenge was "What we ate in lockdown". Members were challenged to make, photograph and share their favourite recipes with each other.

These have now been compiled

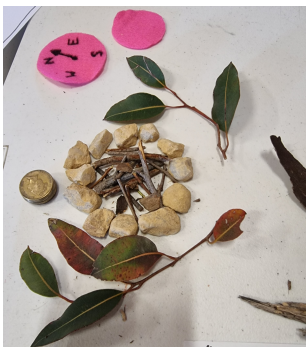


into a recipe book, with proceeds from the sales of these books being donated to Sangam World Centre.

Costing \$10 each, these are selling fast, so get in quick.

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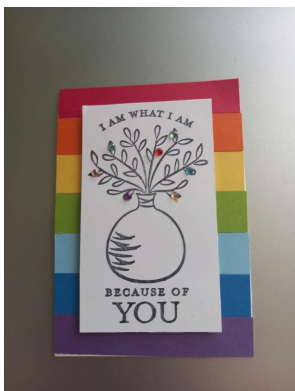
Thinking Day at **Girrahween Trefoil Guild** in Maryborough.



The meeting and prayers were followed by activities organised by members, Lyn Clayton, Dianne Simpson and Lyn Curry.

Random objects including stones, felt shapes, leaves etc were placed on the table and members asked to create, in just a few moments, thoughts of the past and things of change today.

A collection trail of gold coins followed the ideas produced. It was amazing how many scenes were produced in such a short time. Others wrote on paper what changes they could think of in the time. The second activity was making cards with a Thinking Day theme.

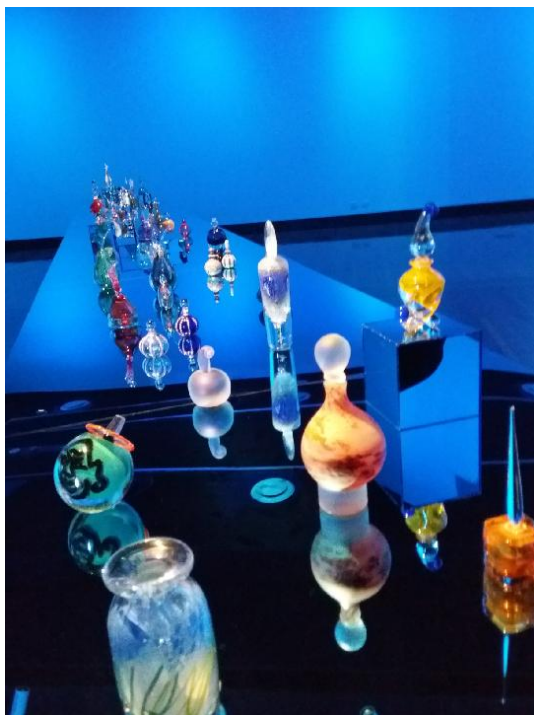


The **Black Forest Trefoil Guild** celebrated St Patricks Day

“There once was a Trefoil Guild
With ladies who met and milled.
They came from Black Forest
Are charming and modest
Guiding friendships they aim to build”.
(to see the other photos – marked +3 –
you will need to go to the Victorian
Trefoil Facebook page)



Strzelecki Boomerang Trefoil Guild members visited the Latrobe Region Art Gallery, viewing the many hand-blown perfume bottles.



Lady Nelson Golden Wattle Trefoil Guild travelled “overseas” from Sorrento to Queenscliff where they were met by **Boorang Trefoil Guild**. What a brilliant day. The weather was perfect, dolphins escorted the Ferry for part the way over to Queenscliff and a seal waved us on our way back to Sorrento. Plans are afoot to repeat the event – in reverse - later in the year, and hopefully inviting two other local Guilds to join us.



VICTORIAN MERCHANDISE COORDINATOR: For all things merchandise – please contact Roxanne Purvis:
roxanne.purvis@gmail.com or 0438 348 301

With best wishes to you all, Sue, Jane, Jan, Lorraine, Roxanne, Barbara

DARK HORSE VENTURE

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Members have been busy finalizing some of their challenges. Congratulations to Maureen Hislop from WA, who completed her Active & Creative challenge and also her Peoples & Nations challenge. Donna Dalling from SA has completed four challenges and thus makes herself eligible for her Gold Award. Her challenges were Active & Creative, Giving & Sharing, Peoples & Nations and Tomorrow's World. Congratulations to you both.

I look forward to receiving more Assessment Forms for more completed challenges.

If you are interested in joining Dark Horse Venture please contact:

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*Dark Horse Venture . . .
. . . a goal in later life*

Southern Cross Challenge

AURORA NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to SCC first newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to pass on information, reminders of rules and regulations, other relevant information and notification of certificates and badges earned and photos of presentations.

New Members

Welcome to our newest members: As this is first SCC newsletter everyone is a 'new member'.

I wish you good luck with your challenges, wherever they may take you.

Membership:

Our current membership is 39 members.

Bronze Award:

There have been seven Bronze Awards since the beginning of the SCC Award system.

Congratulations to Dianne Hodgson (WA), Bek Milne and Lyn McGuckin, Ann Miles, Rhonda Alexander, Chris Wythes (NSW & ACT) and Barbara Hanlen (NZ)

Congratulations to these members. Bek, Rhonda, Ann and Barbara are currently working on their Silver Award.

The following sections have been completed and have earned their 'mini' certificates:

Helping Hands Section:

Susan Folpp, Debbie Hawker, Gwen Cartwright, (NSW & ACT & NT), Cate Rankin (Vic), Aileen Steele (WA)

Arts for all Ages:

Susan Folpp, Debbie Hawker, Karen Schultze, Gwen Cartwright (NSW & ACT & NT), Cate Rankin (Vic), Jean Vidot (WA)

International Interest:

Susan Folpp, Gwen Cartwright (NSW & ACT & NT), Aileen Steele & Jean Vidot (WA).

Protecting Tomorrow:

Susan Hart, Karen Schultze, Gwen Cartwright (NSW & ACT & NT), Jean Vidot, Aileen Steele (WA).

Our Wonderful Past

Debbie Hawker, Karen Schultze, Gwen Cartwright (NSW & ACT & NT), and Jean Vidot (WA)

Silver Awards have been achieved by:

Congratulations to Dianne Hodgson (WA) and Lyn McGuckin (NSW & ACT & NT)

These two members have also achieved their Gold Awards.

The following sections have been earned in Silver Award:

Arts for All Ages:
Bek Milne (NSW & ACT & NT)

Protecting Tomorrow:
Bek Milne (NSW & ACT & NT)

There are others that are working on these challenges but not yet completed them.
Congratulations to everyone for your achievements

REMINDER: Admin fee now due
No Invoice will be issued.
Payment of \$5.00 can be paid either direct credit or by cheque.
Post cheque to:-
SCC Co-ordinator,
Chris Wythes
"Turon" 190 Berrilee Rd
Springside via Orange, NSW 2800
Direct deposit is available to:-
BSB: 032-501
Account # 337847
Account name:
Girl Guides Association
Australian Trefoil Guild
Southern Cross Challenge
Please add your name as reference. Thank you.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

A member of SCC must be a financial member of a Trefoil Guild and over the age of 18 years.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE:
Activity Notification form must be sent to SCC Co. **BEFORE** any activity commences. Certificates will not be awarded if this form has not being sent

to Co-ordinator in the beginning. Sending in this form is one of the requirements of the SCC Award.

Time Frame: minimum 6 months for Bronze and minimum 12 months for both Silver & Gold.

Hours for each level: (five sections)

- 20 hours minimum for each section of the Bronze Award. (100 hours)
- 30 hours minimum for each section of the Silver Award (150 hours)
- 40 hours minimum for each section of the Gold Award (200 hours)

Challenges: something you haven't done before or at a higher level.

Assessors: keep in regular contact with your assessor/mentor. This person is there to help and support you in any way they can.

Welcome to Chris Wythes as the next SCC Co-ordinator. Chris' enthusiasm is indeed infectious and will be a great asset to SCC.

Thank you to all participating members who have challenged themselves with activities they may have never tried before.

Faye Croft

Australian Trefoil Guild
Inaugural Southern Cross Challenge
Co-ordinator
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Southern Cross Challenge



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Southern Cross Coordinator

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Do you have a spare 20 hours or longer
over 6 months to get started
on the Bronze level of Southern Cross Challenge

What's it all about

five different sections to cover :-

Arts for Ages, Protecting Tomorrow,

Our Wonderful Past, Helping Hands

and International Interest

Why not think about trying this

exciting Challenge

Try this puzzle
(2 words)



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Australian Trefoil Guild

Good Turn 2022



What is Hope in a Suitcase?

Hope in a Suitcase Australia is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers who are incredibly passionate about showing every child in the foster care system that they are loved and valued by their community.

It is a sad reality that each week across Australia, hundreds of children and young people will enter foster care or out-of-home care. Most of the time, when children are removed from their home, it happens very quickly and is quite traumatic. It's usually not possible for them to gather their belongings, therefore it is common for them to come into care with only the clothes on their back or carrying a plastic bag filled with a few items grabbed in a hurry. Sadly, these plastic bags are dragged with them from placement to placement as unfortunately many children will move multiple times before re-unification with their birth-families becomes possible, or they find a forever family through legal guardianship or adoption.

They aim to do this by giving them a suitcase of their very own to ensure they have a safe and secure place in which to pack their belongings and take with them wherever their journey may lead.

The suitcases are filled with essential items such as toiletries, (sanitary items for the older girls), underwear, a set of pyjamas and a change of clothing. They also include something to cuddle for the younger children, a book to read, a journal or colouring-in books and pencils to encourage creativity and provide a distraction away from their turmoil.

Is your Trefoil Guild able to pack a Suitcase of Hope?

Look in your State Trefoil Guild Newsletter for drop off points in your State or Territory. For more information : <https://hopeinasuitcase.com.au>

Sharyn

(Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser)

17th March 2022

To the Girl Guiding community across Australia,

From our safe haven of Australia, we have been watching the crisis in Ukraine. Our hearts go to all those impacted including our sister Girl Guides and their families in Ukraine at this very difficult time.

WAGGGS has launched an emergency appeal to support the relief efforts for those who are urgently in need of assistance. Funds raised will support other Member Organisations around Ukraine who are directly responding to the crisis and provide other humanitarian support in response to this emergency.

If you would like to show your support of our Girl Guiding sisters by contributing to the appeal, Girl Guides Australia is collecting funds on behalf of those in Australia. All funds contributed will be transferred to WAGGGS for distribution as required.

Included below are the details of the Girl Guides Australia bank account specifically being used to receive contributions. Please include your name in the details.

Account name: Girl Guides Australia
BSB: 032 023
Account number: 429 826

Please note, any contribution made is not eligible to be considered as a tax-deductible donation as the funds are not being used to support Girl Guiding in Australia.

Support currently being offered by our Girl Guiding sisters includes:

- Our Girl Guiding sisters in Poland, Czech Republic and Latvia have been assisting refugees at border crossings by distributing essential supplies. Other relief efforts include adapting Guiding and Scouting centres and offering heated rooms, bedding and hygiene supplies to those who urgently need this support.
- Latvijas Skauti un Gaidas have created a 'tea spot' at the support centre for refugees in Riga. Together with other volunteers they are providing hot drinks. There are cartoons on the big screen for the children, while the parents are dealing with documents and the state institutions. There is a restaurant and bar providing warm soup. It is a small sanctuary for those fleeing, whilst they prepare for the next steps of their journey.
- Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego-ZHP (The Polish Scout and Guide Association) are involved directly at the Polish/Ukrainian border and have started a "Parcel for Refugees" campaign, with dedicated volunteers collecting, sorting and transporting packages to all the places where help is needed throughout the country.

With your support, our Member Organisations neighbouring Ukraine will be able to continue supporting in every way they can.

For further information and updates on the support being offered please refer to:

<https://www.wagggs.org/.../wagggs-emergency-appeal.../>

With every best wish



Rosemary Derwin
Chief Commissioner
Girl Guides Australia



Kate Alcorso
Chair
Girl Guides Australia

CELEBRATING ROYAL CONNECTIONS

2022



ALL MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THIS CHALLENGE.

Simply:

- Undertake one task from each of the Jewels below to gain this special badge through 2022.
- It's up to you to choose your challenges.
- You can choose to work together or individually.

Remember, we have a process for planning activities in our Guide Program:



DISCOVER, DECIDE, PLAN, DO, EVALUATE

Discover and **Decide** what you are going to do, **Plan** the activity and **Do** it. Then **Evaluate** how your activity went!

Share your findings or what you may have learnt with your Patrol, Unit or Peer group.

The **badge** can be worn at the top of the back of the sash for the following 12 months.

No sash? Maybe put it on your camp blanket, book bag, or camp hat.

This badge will be available for purchase from Girl Guide retail outlets across Australia.

This year, Her Majesty The Queen, became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.

In 1937, 11-year-old Elizabeth was registered as a Guide and her younger sister, Margaret, was registered as a Brownie. Their mother, Elizabeth, also joined the Girl Guides Association and later became a patron. To help the girls earn their challenge badges, the Palace created the 1st Buckingham Palace Guide Company.

To celebrate this amazing achievement and Her Majesty's long standing relationship with Guiding we have created this challenge for 2022. The challenge will explore and celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's service and her connection with Guiding over her lifetime. Come and celebrate with us!

RUBY History

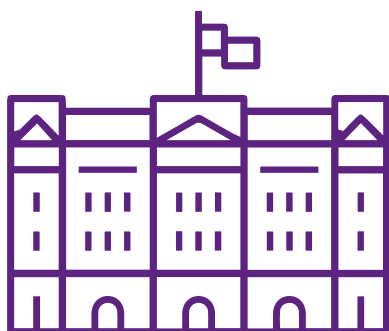


- Discover more about the Royal coat of arms and create something similar that might represent your family. Share together in a fun way.
- Explore the Royal family tree and design your family tree. Share with your Patrol, Unit or Peer Group.
- Imagine you are The Queen for a day- what tasks would you need to do, who would you speak to and what would your day look like?
- Discover the significance of the Imperial State Crown and create your own crown from recycled materials or natural items you can find. Parade them with a group or hold a display.
- Discover what Royal homes and houses The Queen resides in across the United Kingdom. Use any materials of your choice to build or create an artwork of your own castle.

QUARTZ Celebrations



- The Queen celebrates in many ways and is always invited to many functions. Plan a high tea party fit for a Queen – decide who and where you will hold this. Send invites out, prepare the high tea, serve and clean up afterwards. Maybe there is a special occasion to invite others?
- Play parlour games as a group such as croquet, badminton, marbles, skipping, hopscotch.
- Royal fashion has changed over the years. Create and dress up in cloaks and beautiful gowns or suits. Perhaps hold a fashion parade?
- Hold a ball or learn to waltz, curtsy and bow. Practice with your Patrol, Unit or Peer Group.



EMERALD Responsibilities



- Learn about The Queen's job – what does she do and what charities and organisations does The Queen support? (e.g The Queen's Commonwealth Trust, Australian Red Cross Society, Australian Wildlife Conservancy). Share your findings in an interesting way.
- Leadership and communication skills would be key in The Queen's role. Take turns leading a song or an activity at Guides.
- Who is The Queen's Representative in Australia? Learn about the role and share in an interesting way.
- Hold a press conference/discussion or debate on any meaningful topic you choose with your Patrol, Unit or Peer Group.

PEARL Commonwealth



- Learn how many countries around the world are in the Commonwealth and what it means to be a part of the Commonwealth.
- Explore a Commonwealth country and share some activities with your Patrol, Unit or Peer Group.
- Consider undertaking the Commonwealth Award – if you are aged 14–30 years old (this is in the Look Wider Still resource).
- Create a resource about any heraldic flags or Standards you can find and compare these to the Commonwealth country flags. Discuss the various symbols you find on these flags.

AMBER Guiding



- Learn something about world Guiding that has happened while The Queen has been in office. Can you share this information creatively?
- Research what Guides did during World War II to support the war efforts around the world. Can you discover what The Queen did for service over this time?
- What amazing Guide facts can you find out about The Queen's involvement in Guiding? Do you know what Patrol The Queen was in? Create a quiz, or something creative to share with your Patrol, Unit or Peer group.
- Discover how Australia has contributed to various events in The Queen's life and celebrate! Can you find who supplied ingredients for The Queen's wedding cake. What else can you find out?

