



24th April 2022

Hello Everyone – hope you had a very pleasant Easter – wasn't the weather amazing? It was certainly very busy here on the Island. My calendar for March and April, at one stage, looked very empty.. however things change.



ANZAC Day – I hope that many of you were able to take part in the local Parades and Services.



At the end of March, David and I drove to Maryborough to attend the AGM of **Girrahween Trefoil Guild**. Local dignitaries, including the Mayor, attended the meeting, which was held in the local Guide Hall.

It was interesting to hear all the plans for Maryborough as shared by the Mayor.

Congratulations to Girrahween on a successful year, despite the COVID challenges.

David and I spent a very pleasant evening with Lynne and her partner. It was amazing just how much we had in common.

Thank you everyone for making us feel so welcome and we thoroughly enjoyed exploring your town and surrounds.



Girrahween Trefoil Guild, Maryborough

has members and friends who spend many hours knitting and crocheting rugs, baby clothes and toys for babies and children at the Royal Children's Hospital, along with rugs for the Royal Women's Hospital as well.

They have sent many hundreds of these garments over the years and last week added another 20 rugs, 11

baby jackets (some with beanies), 7 toddler jackets, 26 beanies and some with booties plus 19 toys.

Pictured with yet another great number of garments ready to be sent, are two of the members of the Guild, Marion Porteous (left) and Joan Anderson (right) at a display they put together for the Guilds annual general meeting.

Ovens Valley Trefoil Guild Queens – Kaye Reeves

With Pearls abound and Crowns adorned, the girls of Ovens Valley Trefoil Guild celebrated The Queens Platinum Anniversary in their best finery and toasted Her Majesty with a tippie of Sherry.

What fun we had as we shared food fit for a Queen and with hand on heart sang The Royal Anthem. We shared memorabilia collected over the years and stories of visits to Royal households and glimpses of the Queen when visiting Australia.

Our Quizmaster made us think hard as she asked questions about The Queen. Thank goodness for good memories - we got them all right.



Thank you Rhonda, for being such a great Royal Hostess and giving us the best china and glasses. Congratulations to you and Ian on 50 years of wedded bliss on Sunday.



Lady Nelson Golden Wattle

welcomed new member, Margaret Ford, to their meeting in April. We all travelled back in time to the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, Korumburra. After we had explored the village, it was time for afternoon tea and coffee at Kelly's Bakery.



Another trip overseas – once again, Jan Gray and I sailed the high seas between Sorrento and Queenscliffe where we were met by Lorraine Otway (and hubby) to attend **Boorang Trefoil Guild's** AGM.

It was an exciting trip over to Queenscliffe – the ferry suddenly slowed and seemed to go into reverse - with engines shuddering, we were all wondering what was going on – and then the Spirit of Tasmania sailed past our bow.





At Boorang's AGM the Guest Speaker Karen Thornton was from Soroptimists International Geelong. She showed us a slide presentation telling us about their work – and how aligned they are with WAGGGS. Currently they are involved in providing bursaries and scholarships for refugee girls and women at the Gordon TAFE and North Geelong Secondary College, as well as providing bags containing literary and drawing materials for over 200 children starting prep each year in some of the lower social economic schools in Geelong. To read more about this organisation please have a look at their website:
<https://www.siaustralia.org.au>



OUR CABAÑA ICON

The Our Cabaña icon is a yellow lizard inside an orange circle

Our Cabaña is currently closed due to Covid, and it is not known when, or if, it will ever re-open. The contract with Guías de México to operate the Centre was terminated in December 2021. The Friends group is working with WAGGGS to find a way forward. The advice I have received is to Watch This Space.

For more info <https://www.wagggs.org/en/our-world/world-centres/our-cabana/>

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*You are invited to the
Trefoil Guild Gathering*

*Come and reconnect with your
Trefoil Guild friends!*



Saturday 27 August to Sunday 28 August 2022

In Ballarat



*The program starts with lunch on
Saturday and goes through to
midday on Sunday.
The entire Gathering will be held at
a hotel/motel with a variety of
accommodation to suit everyone.*

The program will include:

- The AGM
- The Changeover of Trefoil Guild Advisers
- Inspiring Guest Speakers
- A Gala Dinner with entertainment
- Guides Own
- Trading Tables
- Bring your Trefoil Guild banner to show your attendance



*Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get together
after being so long apart.*

Bookings now open

Victorian State Trefoil Guild Gathering – 27-28th August 2022

When: 27/08/2022 11:00 AM - 28/08/2022 12:00 PM

Where: Mercure Ballarat Hotel - 613 Main Road BALLARAT VIC 3350

Join us for an opportunity for Trefoil Guild members to meet and reconnect, and enjoy guest speakers and activities in the company of your sisters in Guiding.

The formal event will commence on Saturday 27th August 2022. All members of the Victorian Trefoil Guild are welcome!

Registration will be from 11am with lunch commencing at 12pm. The formal program will commence at 1.30pm. This will include the AGM and guest speakers. The Changeover of Trefoil Guild Advisers will be a highlight of the afternoon. In the late afternoon, Happy Hour will precede a gala dinner with wonderful entertainment.

Sunday will feature an activity session followed by a Guides Own. The Gathering will finish before lunch on Sunday.

The price includes: Saturday lunch, afternoon team, and dinner: Sunday breakfast and morning tea; all activities

Accommodation:

- Full conference fee with single room accommodation for Saturday night (\$395)
- Full conference fee with twin share accommodation for Saturday night (\$325)
- Full conference fee with no accommodation (\$225)

If you would like additional accommodation on Friday night please select once you have logged on to register. There will be no meals or activities provided until 12pm Saturday.

Please wear your Trefoil Guild polo shirt during the day on Saturday and your Trefoil Guild Dress in the evening (white shirt, TG scarf).

Each Guild may bring their banner to display. There will be the option to have a Trading Table – contact Jane Pennington to reserve a table. (jmp@guidesvic.org.au)

How to register: Go to www.guidesvic.org.au

LOG IN as yourself using your GGV membership number as your user name, click on EVENTS and chose Trefoil Guild Gathering 2022. Click on Register and follow the next steps.

You will be presented with a series of additional questions, please save after answering

If you would like to book Friday accommodation, you must select this option hear the bottom of the page. You will also be able to nominate with whom you would like to share a room

For payment, click the orange "Proceed to checkout" button at the bottom of this page to pay. Payment is required to secure your registration

Email support@guidesvic.org.au if you any questions about your registration.

For those of you who do not have a computer, there is a hard copy registration form. Please contact me for a copy. We would prefer you to register on line, however I am happy to supply the hardcopy.



GONE HOME

Wendy Phillips, member of Ovens Valley Trefoil Guild, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday evening April 5th 2022.

Wendy's interest in Guiding began when her daughters joined guides in 1981 and she became a member of the Yarrawonga Support Group.

After a few years she became an assistant leader for the 1st Yarrawonga Guide Unit and twelve months later in 1988 became the leader.

Wendy never drove a car and rode her bike everywhere. Despite that, she was an enthusiastic leader, always being at the hall on time and prepared for the night's program, Wendy completed outdoor trainings and loved taking her girls camping and teaching them outdoor skills. She was often delegated as First Aider. She loved the camaraderie with the girls and her fellow leaders and made many good guiding friends. Wendy's valued service to Guiding in Yarrawonga also included being hall booking Secretary for twenty years.

After Wendy's leadership role finished she joined the Ovens Valley Trefoil Guild. She always looked forward to the laughs, the fun and the fellowship of our meetings and was a great contributor. In recent years, as her health problems increased, Wendy still tried so hard to attend our meetings. We had coffee together on March 18th to update her on the latest Trefoil Guild news. She was in good spirits. Her goal was to make her 70th Birthday.

We will all miss your enthusiasm Wendy. Rest peacefully.

(12th April)

Nine Ovens Valley Trefoil members farewelled Wendy Phillips today at a lovely graveside service. The weather was perfect and the service very appropriate for Wendy.

Kaye Reeves and Joan Thom