

# Victorian Trefoil Guild Newsletter



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Hasn't the weather been amazing – I've just loved walking down by the beach these last few days - not a ripple on the water, and reflections just perfect.

We are on the downward run now to the Victorian State Trefoil Guild Gathering and AGM. I do hope you've registered. My team and I look forward to seeing you there. (Note: Registrations closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> July)



Jan and I visited the BlueCross Oakleigh Residents Home on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. The Lifestyle Coordinator told me that one of the residents (lady in the blue card), used to be in the Trefoil Guild and I was invited to "come and have a chat". Three gentlemen also joined us, and they had all the questions including "did we allow the boys in?"

**From Margaret Littlehales.**

Thank you for all you did to make **Joan McGowan's 100th birthday** such a special event.

Attached is a photo of her opening all the cards and messages. She was amazed by the number of cards she received from Trefoil Guilds all over Australia.

Because of Covid, celebrations were limited to lunch with family at her son's house followed by a special afternoon tea at her aged care home.

The great-grand children helped her open all her cards and then display them. They really enjoyed it.

Thank you so much for all your help.



Joan McGowan opening her cards

From Billee Billee Henry – Whitehorse

Jan McM organised a wonderful day at Brit Park on Tuesday last week. There were about 14 or 15 of us there from round about. Guide House was lovely and warm with an open fire. We had scones, jam and cream for morning tea, talked, reminisced and laughed. Some went for a walk, most stayed in the warm although the sun was out and the park looked beautiful.

Four leaders from Maroondah District went to the Presentation night at the Children's Hospital and we were very thrilled to receive an award.

"Maroondah District Girl Guides have been collecting since 1987 and have collected over \$100,000." We received a lovely framed certificate.

We had a very enjoyable night chatting with people from all over.



It is always such a friendly, family feeling at this event (and good PR for the Guides).

The photo is Leonie, Billee, Jan, Pheobe and Penny Fowler representing the RCH Good Friday Appeal.







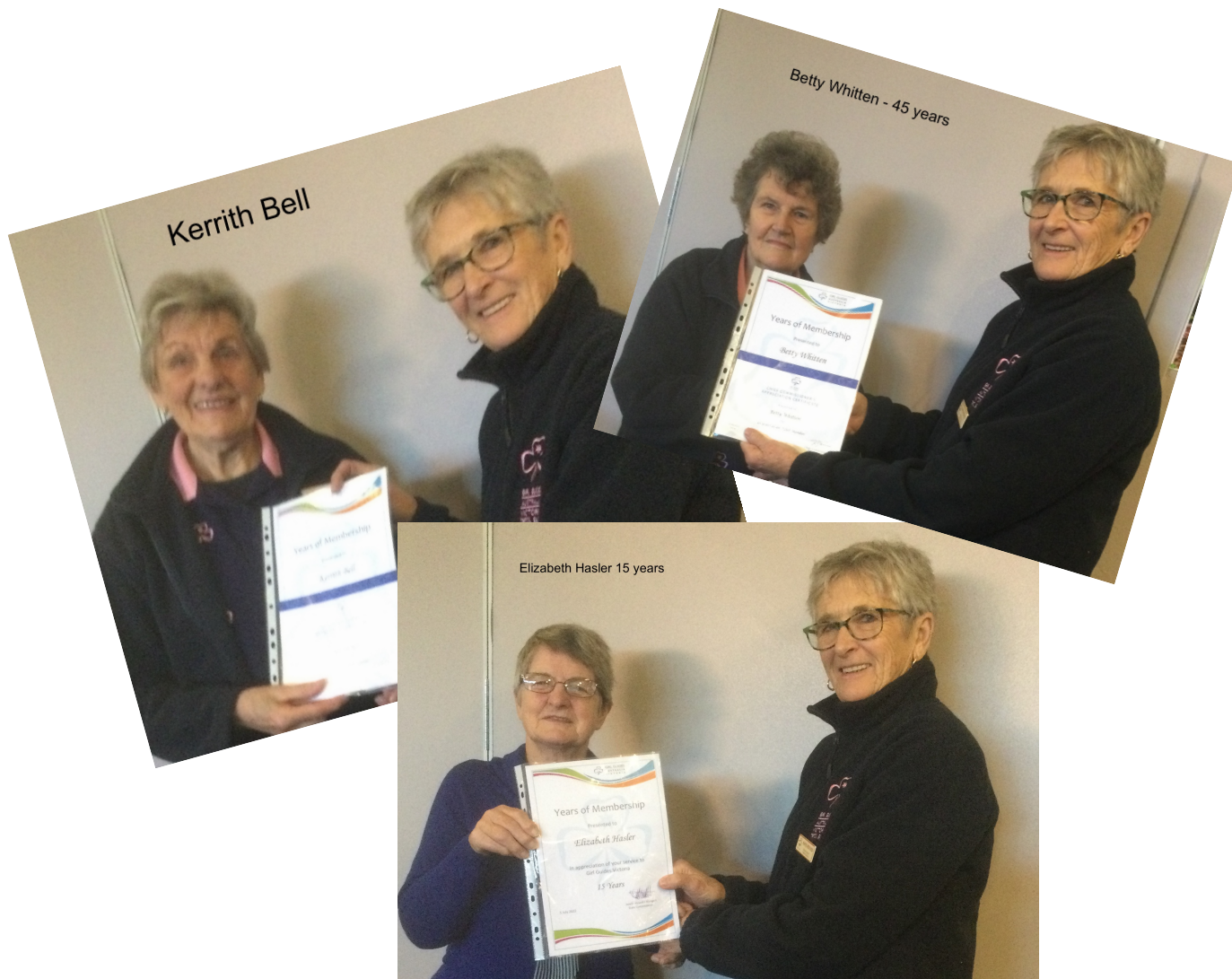
## Kaye Reeves – Ovens Valley Trefoil Guild

Despite Covid and Flu 12 members got together to enjoy lunch, a chat and a laugh. Just the medicine we all needed. We also celebrated and congratulated 3 members who achieved years of service awards. What a great effort. I've attached some photos.

Kerrith Bell 50 yrs

Betty Whitten 45 yrs

Liz Hasler 15 yrs



**Cappuccino Trefoil Guild** has just spent the weekend at Guide House. Lots of fun, food, fellowship and happy memories. We were able to present a painting of the Thank You Chalet to be displayed in memory of Beryl Marr. This painting was presented to Beryl at the end of her term as Region Commissioner for Yarra Valley in 1993 and returned to Cappuccino Trefoil Guild by the family.



## **Swan Hill Trefoil Guild – Barb Saul and Swan Hill Trefoil Ladies**

We've just heard that Gwen Bode passed away aged 96!

We first met Gwen at the different Trefoil Gatherings and when she and her husband moved to Sea Lake to live, Gwen travelled to join Swan Hill Trefoil Guild. We loved having her and it took her an hour each way to get here for meetings. A willing worker and always eager to join in, in any way that she could.

Then after her husband Archie died she moved back to Melbourne again. We still met up with her sometimes but had lost contact.

Her son got my name and phone number to let me know that she is being buried in Sea Lake next Thurs 28th July. I hope that some of us will be able to go to Sea Lake for her burial. .

We met for lunch on Monday with our usual 6 and enjoyed our time together. Elva, Mavis, Leone and myself, together with our older ex members Elaine and Fay.

We heard from Marg Dowell who is in Queensland but sent a message and we believe that May Kulik is also in warmer Queensland with her daughter and family.

Thinking of Jalisco and Leone and I hope to catch up next month.

Cheers thinking of you all



### **DARK HORSE VENTURE**

Some of our members have recently been busy completing challenges. Well done to Gabrielle Jarvis (ACT) on completing her History & Heritage challenge and Christine Woodward (NSW) on completing her Giving & Sharing challenge.

Donna Dalling (SA) had her Gold Award badge and certificate presented to her at the recent state AGM by Lee Camburn (SATGA) and Sharyn Smith-Anderson (ATGA).

More information on Dark Horse Venture can be obtained from your State Trefoil Guild Advisor or Dark Horse Venture Coordinator, Margaret Priestley.

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Southern Cross Challenge (coordinator: Chris Wythes)

Currently in Victoria, we have only four ladies working on the Southern Cross Challenge. Chris would love to hear from other Victorian Trefoil Guild members who would like to challenge themselves.

Anyone from aged 18 can apply – for more information please contact Chris - [southerncross@girlguides.org.au](mailto:southerncross@girlguides.org.au)

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Ovens Valley Trefoil Guild (Melda Lewis)

**Patricia Webb** (Pat) passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> July two weeks short of her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Pat was a dearly loved member of our Trefoil Guild. She was a foundation member of the Barree Region Trefoil Guild 1969-1972, when it closed.

Then in 1976 a foundation member of our Trefoil Guild. Pat was awarded Life membership of our Guild in 2019.

Pat's Guiding commenced as a Brownie, then a Guide and 1950-1958 as a leader of 1<sup>st</sup> Tallangatta, then on to Myrtleford as a DL 1958 – 1964, plus Mothers Clubs (Guides & Schools). Pat also received her 70 year Guiding Service award



She was very involved in her local community of Whorouly – Senior Citizens, Neighborhood Watch, Hall committee, CWA, to name a few and also a Board member of the Victorian Federation & Catholic Mothers Clubs. Added to this was her love of gardening, Golf, Reading and Crosswords.

Pat received the Alcoa Regional Achiever Award in 2003, and the Wangaratta Rural Citizen Award in 2004.