

VICTORIAN TREFOIL GUILD

Newsletter



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As the year rapidly draws to a close take a little time to reflect all that your Trefoil Guild has achieved, those who you have supported and remember the FUN you have had. And perhaps the members you have welcomed and those that you have farewelled. Are you surprised, I'm sure most of you will be, it is a wonderful way to take stock of the year that was. Is it time to start a conversation with your members regarding the program for the coming year? Are you doing your bit to support Guiding? Are all members of your Guild satisfied with the program that is offered? I challenge to do one thing in 2023 that your Guild has not done before.

"The purpose of a Trefoil Guild is to keep alive the spirit of the Promise and Law, carry this spirit into the community and to give support to Guiding." (*The Australian Trefoil Guild Handbook*). This is your chance to absolutely SHINE during 2023.

I'd like to welcome a brand-new Trefoil Guild, Nancy Wake Trefoil Guild, named in honour of the amazing Australian Woman, "the white mouse" and her amazing role in WW11. Their membership is booming and their plans for 2023 are extensive. They will be finishing up the year with a wine and ice cream evening.

Last Saturday I attended the last meeting of the Rosella Trefoil Guild. Many of the members have travelled through Guiding together since being Gumnut Guides. Many of the past leaders of the group attended to reminisce with these very excited ladies. The room was abuzz with 'remember when', laughter, and squeals of delight when old friends recognized each other. Each lady was presented with a "YEARS of MEMBERSHIP" certificate and collage of photos to remind them of all the things they had done together. As these Ladies have some special needs their secretary Louise Marshall and her team of regular helpers are very special and committed to giving the members a great Guiding Experience. To acknowledge Louise, she was presented with a Wattle Good Service Award.



Many of you will be preparing for end of year/ Christmas functions where you can socialize with your fellow Trefoil Guild members. I send you all Season's Greetings and hope that you are able celebrate with your friends and family. Kaye Lasa and I will be travelling to Tatura to have Christmas lunch with the Goulburn Valley Trefoil. I apologize to the others who invited me to lunch on the same day but I can only attend one function at a time.

Stay happy, stay safe, enjoy the festive season, and come back, SHINE, and have more FUN days with your Trefoil Guild in 2023

Jill (Jill Livingston)



Annual Census Forms

Trefoil Guild Secretaries will be receiving the census forms for your Guild in the next few days. I am hoping that by sending them out now it will give you a little more time to complete the form and to have your financial books/records audited so I can have your census information back to me ASAP but no later than 28th February.

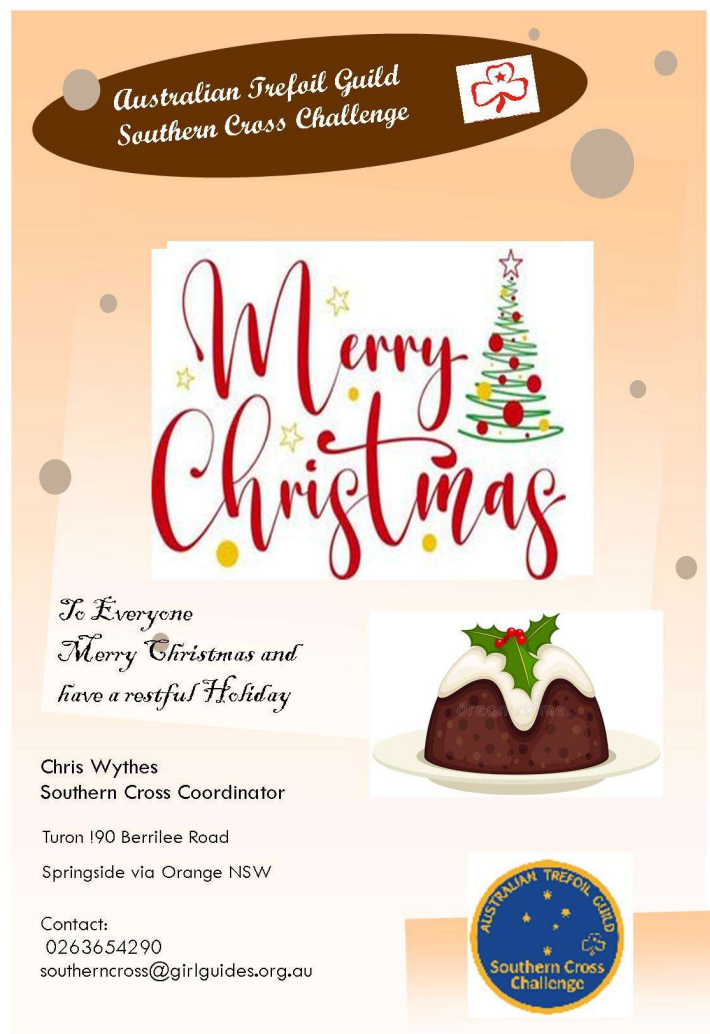
I ask that you do your absolute best to meet that deadline as I then collate your information to send to the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser by her deadline of 31st of March. If you are not able to meet this deadline, please let me know or if you need some help please get in touch, I'm very happy to help if I can.

Trefoil Guild Membership Fee for 2023

I have agreed to a request from Girl Guides Victoria to bring the payment of your membership fees into line with the timing of other adult membership fees payments. This will mean that your membership payment will be requested in May for payment by 31st of May. Your membership will still be covered from 1 Jan to 31 Dec each year. For those who are also members of Girl Guides Victoria your membership fee (\$20) will remain unchanged. '

For those who are Trefoil Guild members only, we had to find a way to cover the cost of your Police Check that you are now required by law to have. Girl Guides Victoria understand that there are members who have limited funds, so the cost is being spread the period, 5 years, that a Police Check is valid for. These members will pay an extra \$10 per year to cover this. Please only apply for your Police Check through Girl Guides Victoria. We will be advising you how we can help you do that in the new year.

Each Trefoil Member will be receiving a communication to explain this change more fully.



Victorian Trefoil Guild Gathering 2023 – Aug 25th -27th -save the date

The Gathering for 2023 will be at Britannia Park. The main activity will be on 26th Aug in the form of Lunch, AGM and a campfire. We have booked accommodation for Friday & Saturday nights if you wish to stay but I expect most of our members will come for the day. I would like to hold a workshop for Guild office bearers in the morning. Would your Trefoil Guild be interested? I'd welcome any comments round this idea or if you have another idea. More information will be available in the new year.

Let's Connect: Several of our Trefoil Guilds have taken up the offer to connect to another Guild either interstate or within Victoria. There is still time for others to make a connection if they wish to. The connection could be via zoom, snail mail or face to face. I have one request that I have not found a match for yet. The request has come from Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild located in Ferntree Gully. They would like to connect within Victoria to a Guild in the north of Victoria, preferably where there is a rail service coming from Melbourne. *(they can use their seniors rail pass to come for a visit)*. Please contact Jill Livingston if you are interested in making this connection.



Child safe Child Friendly (CSCF) Modules:

As you are aware as a member Girl Guides/Trefoil Guild we are required to complete a Child Safe Child Friendly module by the end of 2023. Thank you to those who have already been the trail blazers and completed it either online or in a group session. A big thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to host a in person session for your Trefoil Guild and those near to you. You will be contacted early in the new year to finalize a date and plan for sessions. Karen Chatto and Jill Livingston have been approved to become CSCF trainers for the Trefoil Guild. We are working with Girl Guides Australia to become qualified so that in the new year they will be able facilitate these sessions. When Jill visits Trefoil Guilds during 2023 she will be able to take you through this module as well as attend the event your Trefoil Guild is inviting her to. It is hoped that this will make the process easier for you to complete the requirement.

Queensland's Recommendation to the Australian Trefoil Guild Meeting

Please read through Queensland's recommendation, then consider if your Trefoil Guild would like to revert to pink (that is Victoria's colour) tabs. Victoria phased out pink tabs some years ago. Or do you think that Victoria should/could put forward a counter recommendation to change from the current red tabs to navy blue, with a red the same red metal badge that we currently have being retained. Or should all remain as it is, currently i.e. red tabs with red metal badges.

RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE TREFOIL GUILDS RETAIN THEIR STATE COLOURED BADGE TABS: Put forward by Queensland Trefoil Guilds

Rationale: The phasing out of the State coloured badge tabs seems to have been decided several years ago and has only just filtered down to Guilds now that the Australian Trefoil Guild Handbook has been updated and the Note on page 10 under 9.3 The Badge Tab has been deleted.

When I told the Guilds of this decision, most were quite upset that we will lose this State identity. Those who still wish to travel overseas are quite happy to wear the red Australian badge tab when they travel, the others have almost unanimously stated that they want to retain their maroon badge tabs for general use. We feel that the Trefoil "Dress" gives us our Australian identity and unifies all Trefoil Guild members, and the State coloured tabs would then allow them quickly to identify each state contingent when they go to an Australian event.

STGAs to take the recommendation back to their TGs for discussion. The outcome of these discussions will be reviewed at the 15th Feb 2023 meeting/26th April 2023. Please send your views to Jill.livingston@guidesvic.org.au.

Around our Trefoil Guilds -ACACIA'S PROJECTS in 2022

Once again our group has had a busy time undertaking an interesting range of projects.

We started the year with our week's support for the Lion's Club in their Mt Waverley Op shop and with the assistance of some other Trefoil Guild members coming to our aid, we managed to meet the week's roster demands

In March a Trash and Treasure sale in the Mitcham Guide Hall was most successful and has allowed us to support guiding programs in the district. Members from other Trefoil Guilds supported this event and their assistance was much appreciated.

"HOPE IN A SUITCASE" was another project we undertook during the winter months. A family of small Teddies were knitted and a range of pyjamas for girls and boys were purchased and duly passed on for depositing in the suitcases.

Our fundraising enabled the guild to support local guide units in their activities. Both the Whitehorse Rangers who attended a week camp and the Donvale Nunawading Bluebell Guides received financial assistance for their weekend camp....

COVID guild members were able to continue their commitment to community support work with their long time involvement with WUF.

The Women of the University Fund {WUF} meet in at Government House in the old MEWS buildings and members from ACACIA go once a month to assist in some of their activities. Several keen knitters assist our efforts in making knitted squares which in turn are sewn into attractive rugs. These are donated to a range of charities all of which have connections to children.

Each month members bring donations for the Eastern Emergency Relief Network who are most thankful for foodstuffs, toiletries and household supplies.

Hopefully 2023 there will be a brighter year as we begin new endeavours.

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DEADLINE for your contribution to the February Trefoil Guild Newsletter is 25th February