

VICTORIAN TREFOIL GUILD

Newsletter



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Dear Fellow Trefoil Guild Members,

There is much to tell you at present. Guiding and Trefoil Guild has started with a bang this year. My year is booking up fast, thank you to all the lovely invitations I am receiving from your Guilds. Sadly I'm also hearing that a few Guilds are moving towards closing. Please do not let "Child Safe Child Friendly" & Police Checks be the reason for you making this decision. I'm here to help and we have things in place to make this process as easy as we possibly can for you to get past this barrier with hardly any pain to you or your Guild.

Karen Chatto and/or myself will attend your Trefoil Guild meeting, go through the "Child Safe Child Friendly" module, ask you to answer a couple of simple questions and you'll be done and able to continue with your guiding life. If you need your Police Check done we'll do that for you as well when we are there.

Please, please talk to me before making any decisions about your Guild.

Jill



Victoria Trefoil Guild Gathering August 25th to 27th 2023.

Brit Park has been booked for this event. The actual event will be on Saturday 25th August but if you wish to stay Friday evening and /or Saturday evening there will be a bed for you.



On Saturday there will be a workshop for the committee (President, Secretary, Treasurer) of your Guild. The workshop will **include:**

Then everyone is invited to lunch at 12pm. After lunch we will have the Annual AGM and an information catch up, followed by a campfire and afternoon tea. We could have some trading tables if you are interested. Please contact Jill Livingston: jill.livingston@guidesvic.org.au Or 0409 583 847 to arrange.

I need a short-term planning committee for this event. Please consider volunteering for an Administration role, a Catering team or a Marshalling role so that this event can happen and run smoothly. I'm looking for individuals or Trefoil Guilds who will take on these roles to make it happen for us. Please be interested and contact me ASAP via email jill.livingston@guidesvic.org.au or by calling 0409 583 847. **"Many hands make light work".**

Save the Date: 'Inspiring Women – You, Me and Us' Adult Gathering

Planning is well underway for our 'Inspiring Women - You, Me and Us' Adult Gathering which will take place at the Moonee Valley Racecourse on the weekend of 27-28 May. The racecourse is close to public transport and parking is free of charge. The AGM will also be held in the late afternoon of Saturday 27 May. Please save the date in your diaries and we will be able to bring you more details shortly.



Trefoil Guild Uniforms:

Unfortunately, there is a delay in providing our Polo Shirts at present. The usual manufacturer has changed hands. They are unable to source our pink collars anymore. We are currently negotiating with other companies find a new provider. So please be patient, we haven't forgotten your order we just need a little more time.



We are Working quietly to serve the community and our youth members, and the underlying theme is always one of Fun, Fellowship, Food, Flexibility and Freedom

Let's do a check on your Trefoil Guild:

- ✓ Have all your members got access to the Trefoil Guild Handbook? Do you present this to all your new members? <https://www.girlguides.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/ATG-Handbook-2018.pdf> Look out for a latest version, it will be available very soon.
- ✓ Have you considered the wishes and needs of your members i.e. do all your members have the chance to express their ideas for your program?
- ✓ Is your program exciting, inviting and does it "SHINE"? Would it attract new members?
- ✓ Have you invited new potential members to join in an activity with you Guild?
- ✓ Revisited the purpose of your Guild? Is it to support Girl Guiding, the community, or just to socialize and to SHINE while having FUN? Are all of your members on board with your purpose?
- ✓ Have you listed the "Skills" of your members then offered to help the local Girl Guide Unit to learn these skills from you. Please realize that the Guides and their Leaders do things differently but the information that you can impart will be used by them to fit with into their Guiding Program as they wish to present it?
- ✓ Have you had an AGM? Have you voted in new office bearers? It is suggested that your office bearers hold the position no longer 3 years. Fresh ideas come from changing your office bearers often. Encourage all of your members to take a turn.
- ✓ It is suggested that the a Trefoil Guild should not hold more than \$5000.00 in the their bank account. Maybe there is some local Guiding Units or Girl Guides who would appreciate some financial support from your Guild, or make a donation to the Blackburn Fund that Girl Guides Victoria uses to support members of Girl Guide Victoria.



Project Umbrella - Catch up

Save the Date! Sunday 2nd April, 2023.

Following your suggestions that we come back together again, we've now set aside Sunday 2nd April to work in our stream teams on our top priorities.

Linda Kors (State Commissioner) will also keep us on track with the priorities as set by the Executive Committee, and being together means we'll have the opportunity to share plans (and avoid any duplication) for now, let's concentrate on the most 'urgent and important' (remember this is a 2-3 year project). Wondering how to make sure your priorities are in line with others? Try this.... Everything we do must either (a) increase membership, or (b) increase revenue.

Date: Sunday 2nd April, 2023

Time: 9:30am - 4pm

Place: Yarraville Guide Hall

RSVP: Lauren Stannard at JPC (support@guidesvic.org.au)

GIRL GUIDES VICTORIA is now set up as a centre to deliver the **Duke of Edinburgh Award** to members in the 14-25 age group. Post on website soon to be launched, and will be advertising on social media. Zoe DePaola is leading this for us.



Sue Viney is managing the Victorian Trefoil Guild Facebook Page. Many thanks Sue. Click here to join:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/306392390163063>



A new Queen's Guide Syllabus

Girl Guides Australia is excited to announce that the Queen's Guide Award has been updated. The NEW 2023 Queen's Guide Award syllabus provides a wide range of challenges making the Award more relevant to today's Girl Guides and easier to understand for girls, Leaders, and parents. The challenges are based on SIX skill areas: Creative Thinking, Communication, Character, Collaboration, Community & Commitment to Learning

The Gold Endeavour Award, which can now be commenced when a Guide turns 13 years of age, remains a key component of the Queen's Guide Award.

The 2023 Queen's Guide Award syllabus can be found on the GGA website:

<https://www.girlguides.org.au/resources/queens-guide-award/>.



The Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering "Come Play at the Bay" September 2024

This event is being held at the Novatel in Geelong. If you only ever go to one Australia Trefoil Guild Gathering, make it this one as it is in our own State. The finances to start up this Gathering comes from the Australia Trefoil Guild. This funding is used to procure an event venue. The Gathering Committee chaired by Robinette Emonson and Deb McLaren are very keen to keep the fees for the event as

low as possible, but at the same time they understand the effect of paying attention to details such as table decorations, thank you gifts and other incidentals etc. If there is any Trefoil Guild who would like to give a small donation (\$100 or less) to fund these extras it would be very much appreciated. Please deposit into the "State Trefoil Guild" account, BSB: 633 000 A/C: 158 497 362 Ref: Aust Gathering



*Gone
Home*

Vale Phyll Bramley

A much loved member of
Goulburn Valley Trefoil Guild.

We will miss Phyll's
friendship and wonderful
contributions to our Guild
and to Girl Guides over many



21.02.1931 – 03.03.2023
92 years young

FACTS ABOUT THE BLACKBURN FUND:

The role of this fund has been superseded lately with the Victorian Government kids get healthy vouchers that pays \$200 towards Guides memberships should their family qualify. We are looking to build our reach in priority disadvantaged areas and may seek to use some of the Blackburn bursary to assist with recruiting and supporting volunteers and then Guides.

Q: Would the preference be to give to the Blackburn Fund or the Flood Relief Fund at the present time?

A: Blackburn fund as we have raised close to \$5k and we also received grants per unit from Victorian government.

The current balance of the Blackburn Bursary reserve is \$216,040.00

There has been an increase in the requests for funding due to the recent flood and or the increase in the cost of living.

Q: Is the Blackburn Fund in need of more funds urgently?

A: Not urgent but yes it can do with more funds and this is the basis of our fundraising aim for this year.

A BIG WELCOME to Amaroo Trefoil Guild.

They are our newest Guild.

Explanation of our Membership Fees for 2023:

Firstly, please remember that our memberships fees are due on 31st May this year and future years. This is to bring us into line with other members of Girl Guide Victoria. Your invoice will be coming to you early in May. Please do not send in your membership before your invoice arrives.

There is a \$10 rise for members who don't have Police Checks, Working with Children Checks or their Child Safe Child Friendly Module. As volunteers there isn't any charge to apply for these, but the staff at Girl Guides Victoria have to spend time checking and entering this information onto our data base hence the \$10 PER YEAR admin fee.

If members have a full membership with Girl Guides Victoria an admin fee is built in already.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact Jill Livingston 0409 583 847

Congratulations to members in the following Guilds, they have recently completed their Child Safe, Child Friendly session:

Outer Eastern

Wine a-lot

Wellington

Go Club

Clifford

Acacia

Bellburn

Whitehorse

WEGGSS

Mallee Wanderers

Approx 230 members have their CSCF module just 380 more to go. Keep up the good work!



At their February meeting Acacia Trefoil Guild members celebrated with their member, Ann Ruck, as she renewed her Guiding Promise as a Trefoil Guild member. Ann is now officially looking forward to continuing her involvement in the Guild's endeavours and contributing her generous fellowship.



Send in your photos of your activities, we'd all love to know what your TG is doing. How have you been "SHINING"? Tell us of your forthcoming activities, especially if you'd like other Trefoil Guilds to join you. Let's share the FUN and all get together.



Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild have enjoyed a trip to the The Blue Lotus Gardens and their Annual AGM in the park

Members from Acacia, Outer Eastern,
WEGGSS, Waverley, Bellburn, Go Club
breakfasting together to celebrate
Thinking Day on 22 February.



WEGGSS Trefoil Guild off to celebrate Thinking Day

Chiltern Trefoil Guild Friendship Day



It was such a FUN day drawing each other's portraits. Chiltern TG was joined by Goulburn Valley and Mullana Trefoil Guilds. Imaginations absolutely SHONE in a very FUN way thanks to Wendy our instructor.

Wine-a-lot TG visited Cranbourne Botanical Gardens



A lovely day out, the sun was certainly SHINING on our happy group. Sunny, Happy, interacting, Nature & the Environment. Shine on Wine-a-lot

Southern Cross Challenge



Do you need a Challenge?



Are you bored?

Are you indecisive?

Do you need a pick me up?

Do you need a Friend?

The Southern Cross Challenge is just right for you!

Contact: Chris Wythes
Email: southerncross@girguides.org.au
Phone: 0263654290

PROMISE RENEWAL



At our November meeting, Barwon Trefoil held a Promise Renewal Ceremony for our newest member Eleanor Hill. As members sang "One more step along the world I go" Eleanor made her way along a candle-lit pathway with the stepping stones marked Brownie, Guide, Sea Ranger, Leader, and Camping, indicating her guiding journey to this point. After being presented with her Promise Badge, she was warmly welcomed as members sang "Make New Friends".

WINTER ESCAPE TO CRESSWICK



During the freezing cold and wet week of the Melbourne Cup, 9 Barwon Trefoil members enjoyed time away together at the BP Lodge, Lingbogl, in Creswick. Despite the weather, the Lodge was very warm and cozy and a great time was enjoyed by all.

DEADLINE for your contribution to the April Trefoil Guild Newsletter is 15th April 2023

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