VICTORIAN TREFOIL GUILD Mensletter



Dear Fellow Trefoil Guild Members,

It has been a very busy month. I have attended Trefoil Guild AGMs in Geelong, as well as delivering Child Safe Child Friendly sessions. I also attended the meeting of Project Umbrella. It is gratifying to see a variety of dedicated members so engaged in this project. Most of the first stage of planning is in place so stand by for the action to pop up everywhere. Heather Barton as the chair of this project is very keen to take the time to get the actions right, and to make them sustainable and long lasting before they are made public. Heather will talk to us about the next steps at the <u>All Adult Gathering / AGM</u> coming up on 27th- 28th May. I would love to see you at that event.

What very special privilege and honour it is to contact members to say that they are to receive a Good Service Award. The excitement of the recipient gives me a very special glow knowing that I have just make a member's day. Sadly we don't apply for awards for enough of our members. Look around your Guild do you have members who should be recognized for the jobs that they have done in the past and/or for job they are doing in your Guild currently. Think about awarding those with a Good Service Award. Click on this link for further information and application forms: https://www.guidelinesforgirlguides.org.au/guide_lines/adult-good-service-awards-and-membership-recognition/ Remember any one of us can nominate any other member for an award. If you are needing any help to get started, please contact me I can help you.





Victorian 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 morning there will be a workshop for the committee (President, Secretary, Treasurer) of your Guild. The workshop will include: information on how to be the best you can be in your position. Changes that are in the new handbook and time to share information. 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. Further information and an application process will appear in the May edition of this newsletter.

Thank you to those who have indicated they will be on the organizing committee, I still would like a team to do some marshalling on the day. Contact me ASAP via email jill.livingston@guidesvic.org.au or by calling 0409 583 847. I intend our organizing meetings to be mainly on zoom.

An update on our Pink Collared Polo

We have found a new supplier in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, so it is full steam ahead. If you wish to order any item of Trefoil clothing, please email: trefoiluniforms2022@outlook.com and our merchandising team of Mandy and Sandy will answer your questions and give you the current prices.

Badge Tabs: A decision has been made that all Trefoil Guilds across Australia are to wear red badge tabs. So next time you consider having a new badge tab please make it a red one with red medal at the top. These are available from our merchandising





A SHINING" Story

The RUFF Diamonds Trefoil Guild started the year with a working bee weekend at Lingbogol Guide Camp, Creswick, sorting out the book collection and setting up a resource library of sporting equipment, games, etc in the office for units that come to the camp. Following our Guides Own at the Victorian Trefoil Guild Gathering in Ballarat last August, where guild members contributed a stone in memory of guiding or other people that have left us, we also set up the Gone Home memorial. Stones will be available in the OBP Lodge at Lingbogol, so members who come to stay will have the opportunity to leave further stones for us to add to the memorial.



Our find of the weekend from the book collection was The Transmission of Life, with a foreword by Olave Baden-Powell. It was a sex education pamphlet originally published by The Girl Guides Association in London in 1928, although we have the 1954 edition. Following the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser's urge for us to SHINE, we contribute the following:

S ex education H ilarious I nformative N ewsworthy E ntertaining



The Australian TG Gathering 2024 in Geelong

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

A few words.....

Mindfulness means maintaining a moment by moment awareness of our thoughts and feelings, bodily sensations and surrounding environment, though a gentle nurturing lens. When we practise mindfulness, our thoughts tune into what we're sensing in the present moment rather than rehashing the past or imagining the future

Jon Kabat- Zinn

-498 full membership

-249 -1/2 way

-210 -currently

WE CAN DO THIS!

We are approaching the halfway mark of 2023. This means that we only have until November 2023 to complete our Child Safe Child Friendly (CSCF) project where all our members have completed the Child Safe Child Friendly session. We are almost halfway!

SO if you and/or your Trefoil Guild have not decided on a date to

complete this, **NOW** is the time to do so. Jill Livingston will be contacting you if you do not contact her in the next couple of weeks. There are several ways to achieve the outcome needed.

- Plan a date suitable for your Guild to have a group session for **CSCF**
- Join another Guild who have a date booked
- Complete the session online (call GGV 8606 3500 who will help you log in)

Ask a friend to help you complete the session online.

Congratulations to Callemondah

All five members of this Trefoil Guild have

completed their Child Safe Child Friendly session Life Member, Elsie, 93 told me that with the help of fellow member Marilyn, it was easy enough to ONLINE! do it online. Elsie is feeling very proud of herself for her online efforts.

Upcoming CSCF sessions:

Vermont 25th May 11am

Warragul 13th June Time TBA

Rosebud 24th July 1pm

If any of these dates and places would suit you, please contact Jill Livingston who will put you in touch with the appropriate organizer.

CSCF



Outer Easter TG were all ready to join in ANZAC Day ceremonies only to find it was cancelled. (sadly, the organizer passed away hours earlier)



BARWON TREFOIL GUILD CELEBRATES 60 YEARS!



Tuesday 11th April, 2023, Barwon Trefoil celebrated their 60th A.G.M. with our State Trefoil Guild Adviser Jill Livingston, together with Karen Chatto, running a training session for the CSCF Module. Also joining in the celebrations were

members from Boorang and Dolphin-Redhill Trefoils. With

balloons, bunting, birthday cupcakes, and photos, it was a great celebration of 60 wonderful years of Guiding friendships and fun.





GOOD SERVICE AWARDS

Good Service Awards can be awarded to members of the Trefoil Guild. If the awardee has not had an award previously, she can be awarded for the good service she gave prior to being a Trefoil Guild member as well as the Good Service she has given as Trefoil Guild member.



Heather Gwosdezki, Robyn Fitzpatrick and Jenice Coots from Boorang Trefoil Guild were awarded Banksias for their long Good Service to their Trefoil Guild. The awards were presented by Jill Livingston/ STGA and Linda Kors SC. Congratulations!



DEADLINE for your contribution to the May Trefoil Guild Newsletter is 20th May 2023

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