

# VICTORIAN TREFOIL GUILD

## Newsletter



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Dear Fellow Trefoil Guild Members,

Winter is fast closing in on us. I do hope your Trefoil Guild has somewhere cosy to meet during the next few months. If not, head for the nearest warm café. What will your Trefoil Guild be doing to keep your members interested and warm? I'd love some photos of your activities – please consider sending some to me at [trefoilguild@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:trefoilguild@guidesvic.org.au).

I've had a very busy month with enjoyable visits to Guilds, as well as the more serious working visits to do Child Safe Child Friendly sessions. I thank all the Guilds who have invited me along. It has been lovely to meet everyone, whether it was serious or fun.

In mid-June, I'm travelling to Adelaide to meet with the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser, Sharyn Smith – Anderson, her team and the State Trefoil Guild Advisers from other states. We will be meeting for 4 days to discuss, develop and to enjoy the others' company.

If you have any comments or burning questions that you would like me to take to the group, please contact me.

*Jill*

There was a buzz in the air on 6<sup>th</sup> May, **Coronation Day**. King Charles and Queen Camilla were being crowned, but just a few hours earlier, Jill, Queen of Trefoil Guilds, was also crowned. It was my privilege to knight Lady Travel-a-lot.

That afternoon, there were about 60 lovely ladies all in their finery, raising the roof with their excited chatter at the North Metro Trefoil Guild's Coronation Celebration. There were friends seeing friends they hadn't seen in a while, bubbles, chatter and a wonderful quiz based on King Charles and his forbearers, and of course lovely food.

The North Metro TG were at the crossroads of should we close, or should we do something that will give us a bang? Well, were they ever responsible for a big bang. Everyone had a fantastic afternoon. Congratulations NMTG, you have shown us the way to revive your Trefoil Guild. We look forward to hearing more about your adventures.



And it was  
just a FUN  
quiz.

Queen Jill & Lady Travel-a-lot



Black Forest TG



Most REGAL



### VALE MARY WITNISH

Girrahween Trefoil Guild sadly farewelled a long-time member of our Guild on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023: Mary Witnish of Maryborough, Victoria.

Mary joined the Girrahween Trefoil Guild after spending many years in Guiding as a District Leader, and District Commissioner of Maryborough and District Guides. At one time she also held the position of District Badge Secretary in 1978. She was a very willing worker, enjoying her time at our various camps and functions in the ensuing years.

Mary was a guide, Brownie Leader and started in 1968 as Lieutenant, and was then Captain of 1<sup>st</sup> Maryborough Guiding Unit from 1969-70. She will be very sadly missed by all her Guiding family.



### My Silver Southern Cross Challenge

With my wonderful mentors by my side, I learned how to knit a blanket in basket weave stitch and crochet a blanket on the diagonal I made for charity. Some I will do again.

I also made a wall hanging that holds soft toys, out of rope. A pet rope was made by my Girl Guides. He is 75cms long with eyes on one end, and we can practise knots with him. For my Arts Challenge (Arts for All Ages), I made a wheel car out of rope. I never want to do that again!

**Australian Trefoil Guild**  
Southern Cross Challenge

Which segment does this picture belong to?

- Helping Hands
- Arts for all Ages
- Our Wonderful Past
- Protecting Tomorrow
- International Interest

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History is boring! Not when you ask the right questions – why do we cross our fingers? Why do we touch wood? I found the answers to lots of strange superstitions we don't often think about.

I took everyone to Switzerland (in their imagination). We learned that they do have a summer and a Swiss game, and learned all about Our Chalet, modelled the uniform and practised the Promise. We also had a Raclette (look it up, tastes great).

My attempt to Protect Tomorrow was to reuse household items and make them useful again. I made a mat out of rags, fridge magnets out of bottle tops, a trivet out of a jigsaw, and gift bags out of cereal boxes. It was so much fun; you will be surprised who comes up with the best ideas.

Give it a go, involve everyone, it gives you a new topic at the next morning tea. I have had so much fun and learned so much and met so many people, there is no downside. You get to choose your own challenges, your own mentors and take as long as you like to get it done. GO FOR IT!



# Come Play at the Bay

## 26<sup>th</sup> Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering 2024

13-16<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Novotel Hotel, Geelong, Victoria



### Invitation:

You are invited to gather with us in Geelong for the **26<sup>th</sup> Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering**, to be held on the 13-16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The Gathering will take place at the Novotel Geelong (the Novotel) on the waterfront, at 10/14 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong VIC 3220.

Geelong is a bustling city offering a diversity of experiences both within the city itself and the surrounding areas.

### Registration:

Complete and return your Registration Form online at:

<https://girlguidesaustralia.snapforms.com.au/form/australian-trefoil-gathering>

As places are limited, to secure your place you are encouraged to register and pay (at least your deposit) prior to **30 September 2023**.

Closing Date for applications and deposits is: 30 September 2023.

Final date for full payment is: 29 February 2024.

### Venue:

The Novotel is right on the waterfront, with all rooms including a balcony. Many also have views across the bay. Breakfast is included in the room rate which is quoted on registration. All rooms are similar in their configuration, with shared rooms having twin beds, and double rooms a queen or two single beds. The Novotel is brilliantly placed to provide access to the many local attractions within Geelong itself.

**YOUR TREFOIL GUILD SECRETARY HAS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT**

**Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild** visited the Ambulance Museum in Bayswater recently. They have 30 vehicles ranging from the ambulances used in the First World War through to these from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This centre is all staffed by volunteers and is well worth a visit followed by lunch at a local Pub/venue. They will give a talk and show a video as well take you on a guided tour. <https://www.ahsv.org.au/>

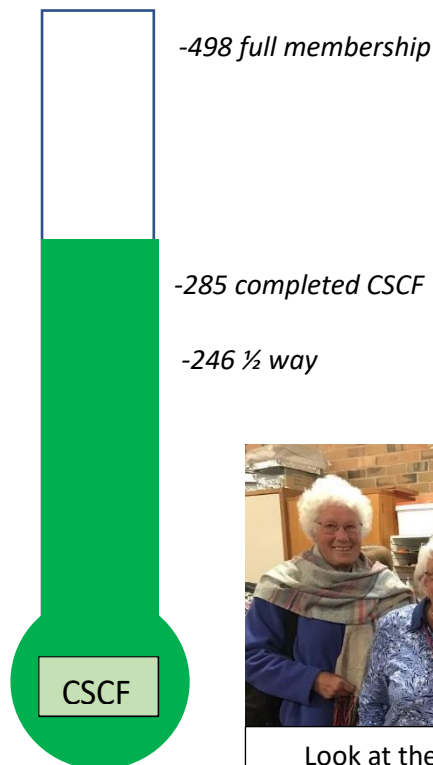


**DARK HORSE VENTURE** Are you 50+ years old? Do you enjoy learning and doing new things? Why not join Dark Horse and receive recognition for your achievements! There are five areas you can challenge yourself in. Once you have completed four challenges, with each challenge coming from a different category, you can earn a Gold Badge to wear on your tab. For more information, contact the Co-ordinator, Margaret Priestley. Email:- [darkhorse@girlguides.org.au](mailto:darkhorse@girlguides.org.au) Address:- 10 Ruth Street, FINDON, SA 5023 Phone:- (08) 8445 7660. See your Guild Secretary for more information.





## CHILD SAFE CHILD FRIENDLY (CSCF)



## WE ARE SLOWLY WINNING THIS! KEEP GOING!

Even though our membership has gone down a little this month, we are now more than halfway to being completely Child Safe Child Friendly. But November 2023 is looming, if you haven't book in yet to complete this session please contact Jill Livingston (0409 583 847 or [jill.livingston@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:jill.livingston@guidesvic.org.au)) with a date.

A big thank you to all those who have supplied the information for their Police Checks. I'll be back to you soon with a better resolution re: Working With Children's Checks.



Look at these happy ladies - they have completed their CSCF session!

### Upcoming CSCF sessions:

Warragul 13<sup>th</sup> June, 11am

Cranbourne 28<sup>th</sup> June, 11am

Warnambool 17<sup>th</sup> July, time  
TBA

Rosebud 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm

Sunbury 2<sup>nd</sup> September, TBA

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

"Discipline yourself daily by having a plan...not just vague, wishful thinking. Commit yourself daily to do something however small, for somebody else, for by making other people happy you will find true happiness yourself."

"Happiness comes not from what we have but from what we give and what we share." - Baden Powell



The Trefoil Guild Members who attend The Red Hill Dolphin Trefoil Guild AGM keep coming back each year, and bringing their friends along as well. It is always a great day. On 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the Rosebud Guide Hall was a buzz with more guests than ever. It was lovely to stand back and observe ladies greeting each other with delight and friendship. There were hugs and chatter everywhere. The trading table at this event is always well stocked with lovely items, crafts and produce made by the TG members. The trade was brisk.

The AGM for the day was concise and to the point. A large – ish number of members were presented with their "Years of Membership" awards. These ranged from 25 years to 65 years of service. Trefoil Guild members are certainly here for the long haul.

Roxy the Story Dog and her handler were the Guest Speakers. Roxy has been trained to accompany children who need a little more help with reading. The children read to Roxy, who does not pass judgement on them.



From 14-15th June, **WAGGGS' Giving Day** is back, in support of the bright futures of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world.

Our global Movement is coming together for 36 hours of inspiring stories, celebration and giving. It's going to be great fun, but it has a vital purpose.

By showing your support for WAGGGS' Giving Day, you will be helping make sure that girls and young women around the world can continue to benefit from our innovative education programmes, leadership development and advocacy work – all of which provide life-changing opportunities and experiences.

This Giving Day, your donation, no matter its size, *will* make a difference. You Give, for Her World.

Thank you so much for your support.

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## *Victorian Trefoil Guild Gathering 25-27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Britannia Park*

Britannia Park has been booked out, so come stay for the weekend if you wish, or come for the day on August 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be an indoor campfire, an AGM, workshop, lunch and afternoon tea, fun and plenty of friendship. Our committee is pulling everything together for a great day. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August will be the only structured day, and then the weekend is yours to enjoy. More detailed information coming to your Trefoil Guild Secretary in the very near future.

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

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