

VICTORIAN TREFOIL GUILD

Newsletter



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Dear Trefoil Guild Members,

I do hope you are staying warm and toasty during these cold winter days. But I'm hoping you can get out and about with your fellow Trefoil Guild members, even if it is just to do crawl of coffee stops. Let me know where you have been over the last month. Send me some photos for the newsletter.

My major concern at the present is that there are sixty members who have dropped off our membership numbers, as they haven't paid their membership. Please urge all your members to do so urgently. If they are unsure about do this online, please suggest that they ring the GGV Membership Department (PH 8606 3500) - there are staff members willing to help you. A number of those who have dropped off the list are secretaries. Hence, if your secretary is one of these, you will be missing out on the important emails I have sent to the secretaries in the last 2 weeks.

Members who have been dropped off this list will not be receiving this newsletter either, so please check that all of your members are paid UpToDate. If your secretary is ceasing her membership, please appoint a new secretary and let Guide Centre know who that is.

I went to a once in a lifetime event recently: It was the Memorial Lord Michael Baden Powell, the 4th Baron of Gilwell. I'll tell you more about it further down this newsletter.

I'm hoping for big numbers at the Victorian TG Gathering, held at Brit Park on 26th August. Please consider coming, we'd love to catch up with YOU. If you're worried about moving around the Park, we will have some cars available to drop you where you need to go. Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/trefoilgathering23>. If you are not computer savvy or would just prefer booking over the phone, the Events team at GGV will be able to do this for you (call 8606 3500, and ask for the Events Department). I'm looking forward to seeing you soon. *Jill*



Come to Britannia Park on 26th August

Catch up with old friends, meet new friends, chat over a leisurely lunch, and visit trading tables. Purchase Uniform needs.

Attend the State Trefoil Guild AGM. Enjoy a traditional campfire and a Devonshire tea.

Office Bearers: There are some changes to the ways we operate that we would like to explain to you at the workshop on Saturday morning. There will be help for those less mobile, come - we will look after you. Cost is \$45 for the day with an additional \$15 per night if you wish to stay. Enjoy the area with your friends.

Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/trefoilgathering23>

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Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

Recently we welcomed Sue Hancock from Folkestone, Kent. She joined several Trefoil members for morning coffee. Sue was visiting her Aussie family for a few weeks, and we enjoyed comparing similarities between Trefoils here and in the UK.

Pictured from left, including:

Trefoil membership,

Back Faye Monkhouse(Acacia), Pat McCully (Acacia)

Front Sue Errey (Bellburn), Jan McMenemy (Clifford) Sue Hancock (Folkestone) Billee Henry (Clifford & WEGGGS), Evelynne Brown(Acacia & Waverley)

Have you ever thought of getting together with other Trefoil Guild members for a casual morning tea? This one is on the same morning every week. They solve the worries of the Guiding world.



Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild

invites you to

Morning Tea on October 9 at 9.45am

"Come Shine With Us"

**Where: Girl Guide Hall, Underwood Rd,
Ferntree Gully**

Cost: \$10 per person.

There'll be raffles, door prizes and a cash only trading table with a wide variety of items.

RSVP: 29 Sept 2023. Book with Kaye:

kaye.lasa@bigpond.com

or 0412 563 827

Payment: Cash at the door on the day



Gone Home

SHIRLEY BRIDGES

It is with sadness that the Traralgon Girl Guides learnt of the death of Shiralee (Shirley Bridges).

An avid supporter of the Traralgon Guides over the last few years after stepping back from many years of active volunteering with the Traralgon Junior Guides, Shiralee will be remembered for her heart of gold and love for the Christmas and ANZAC Day marches.

Our thoughts go out to her family and the wider Guiding family, including the local Trefoil Guild of which Shirley was still an active member of. Go well and safely. For Funeral arrangements please contact Linda Hall (Strezlecki Trefoil Guild) 0427 671 780 OR lmh-080808@bigpond.com

*How long is it since your
Trefoil Guild has supported
Guiding in some way?*

Have you supported your local Girl Guides, State Girl Guides, Australia Girl Guides, International Girl Guides recently? They all need your support right now. Please do what you can. No contribution is too small and the bigger the better. Below and on the next page are some ideas to consider.

GOOD TURN 2023



This year's Australian Trefoil Guild Good Turn will support the 'Chief Commissioner's Young Women in Leadership Fund' to invest in the next generation of female leaders and future change-makers.

Contributions to this fund provide opportunities, for girls and young women, to attend leadership development programs and events, hosted in Australia and overseas.

All funds raised will go directly to support young women's engagement with leadership events such as:

Juliette Low Seminar

This inspiring international event brings young women together to engage in a dynamic program of interactive workshops, group discussions, and networking opportunities.

Helen Storrow Seminar

Our Chalet, the World Centre in Switzerland, hosts participants from diverse backgrounds for a range of thought-provoking workshops, activities and discussions that promote environmental awareness and global citizenship.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of young women who are actively involved in Girl Guiding in Australia.

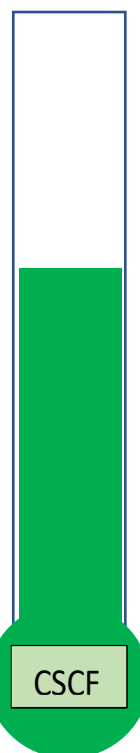


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THE AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL
GUILD'S GOOD TURN 2023!**



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CHILD SAFE CHILD FRIENDLY



444

340 already
completed

Well done! We are still progressing forward with the number of members completing CSCF. Our number of members is lower as some have forgotten to pay their membership. Please check with your members that they have paid their membership. It is important.

CSCF

Upcoming CSCF sessions:
Sunbury 2nd September (TBA).

If your TG still needs to book in a session, please contact Jill Livingston ASAP as time is running out. If the above time suits you, please contact Jill Livingston who will put you in touch with the appropriate organiser.



Hi! My name is Alissa (or Koala)

Last year, I was chosen to be 1 of 5 Australian participants for the Juliette Low Seminar "Lead 4 Impact" where I had the amazing opportunity to participate in a wide range of zoom meetings to learn about WAGGGS, their leadership model, and how I could bring that into my guiding practice here. I also got to meet a whole bunch of cool Guiding people from around the world.



I then had the opportunity to create and run a leadership program as part of the 100 Girl Project. I worked with Bethan, a JLS Participant from Wales to design the Guiding My Leadership program, which gave me the chance to visit 20 Guide groups around Victoria this semester and deliver my program to 247 Guides!

Usually, the JLS programs are run at hubs around the world, but due to COVID and the related travel restrictions, my JLS Experience was online. This change has led to the WAGGGS team arranging for all JLS Alumni to attend a Celebrating Us event at one of the world centers, I have been invited to attend Kusafiri in August. This is an amazing opportunity, and I am so excited! I wasn't given a lot of notice though, and the costs of travel are quite significant, so I am trying to fundraise and collect donations to assist with these costs (including flights, visas, insurance, vaccinations, and so on). Any donations would be hugely appreciated, no matter how small!

Alternatively, contribute to Alissa's
'Gofundme' page
<https://gofund.me/b4a63938>



Scan this code if you
would like to donate



Scan this code if you
would like a copy of the
Guiding My Leadership
Activity Booklet (when it
is ready)



DARK HORSE VENTURE

Do you know that Venturers choose their own challenges? Anything a Venturer chooses will fit into a least one of the five categories. Can you unscramble the five categories?

AGGVINHRGNIINDAS (3 words)

ACCVEIARTDIVEATEN (3 words)

ROHAGERDISNATTEIHY (3 words)

ASSPOPDOTENNLINAE (3 words)

OOMROTWORDSLRW (2 words)

For more information on the Dark Horse Venture you can contact the Co-ordinator Margaret Priestley on:-

Email: darkhorse@girlguides.org.au

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1. Helping Hand

2. Arts for All Ages

3. International Interest

4. Protecting Tomorrow

5. Our Wonderful Past

A



C



Puzzle for you to Solve by matching the pictures with the letters. There could be several answers!

E



B



D



Contact: Chris Wythes
Southern Cross Challenge Coordinator
Phone: 0263654290
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Finally, here is the latest **Trefoil Guild Handbook**.

Every Trefoil Guild needs to have a copy of this available to all their members. It gives us the ways to operate as well as lots of good up to date information. Committee members please make yourselves familiar with it. Click here to see a copy that you could read or print:

<https://www.girlguides.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Australian-Trefoil-Guild-Handbook.pdf>



Members from Sunshine Guides, Clifford Trefoil, Rosella Trefoil, Yingani Guides Trefoil, WEGGSS Trefoil, Wendy Macklin and other special guests attended our Christmas in July lunch



We had 5 courses and everyone left with happy tummies and also being able to catch up with other guiding friends.



If you would like a form to apply for your Police Check, please contact Jill 0409 583 847 or jill.livingston@guidesvic.org.au



A large number of mourners gathered at Leonda in Hawthorn to farewell **Lord Michael Baden Powell, the 4th Baron of Gilwell**. The mourners included family, friends, lodge members, guiding members and many scouting members. Approx 300-400 in all.

Michael's sister Wendy Baden Powell, who many of you know, spoke of their early childhood in England. She painted a picture that bore many similarities to that of Baden Powell with camping, hiking and the great outdoors being a big part of their daily adventures.

Michael chose to move to Australia as a young man with his mate Hugo. Michael's three sons all spoke of the happy family life created by Michael and his wife Joan. His friend Hugo also spoke of the early and fun times they enjoyed when they first came to Australia.

We learnt of the many roles Michael had within his Scouting Career. He was very passionate about Scouting and Guiding. He travelled the world many times to attend Scout Jamborees in many countries. He attended many Scouting and Guiding events in Australia if he wasn't at an event overseas. Michael certainly carried on the Scouting and Guiding lights started by his grandfather Lord Baden Powell, Baron of Gilwell.

Michael's wife Joan blew out the candle on the top of Michael's coffin before the family left the service.

AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL GUILD PROJECTs -

SHINE for International Travellers



When Australian Guiding Members prepare to go overseas, imagine how they feel to receive items donated by the Australian Trefoil Guilds!!

The first International Event that opened to Youth Members since COVID departs July-August **2024**. It is the GGA Contingent going to Essex in UK, with 60+ Adult & Youth Members. The largest contingent to represent GGA on an International Event.

BUT, before that event, a TG lady is going to the UK TG Gathering late September this year.

Will some TGs be able to donate items in time to give to these contingents & help them SHINE in the process???

Click here for more information: <https://www.guidesvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-SHINE-INTERNATIONAL-FLYER.pdf>

For the 2023 edition of the Australian Trefoil Guild Handbook click here:

<https://www.girlguides.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Australian-Trefoil-Guild-Handbook.pdf>



Come Play at the Bay

26th Australian Trefoil Guild

Gathering 2024

13-16 September 2024

Novotel Hotel, Geelong Victoria



Australia Trefoil Guild Gathering News Update – July 2023

Preparations for this Gathering are well underway and the committee are working hard to ensure this Gathering will be the best yet.

Registrations are gradually filling the available places.

To see the full details of the conference go to:

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

Don't miss out!

Are you wishing to have a little more time to save your deposit, but are worried you'll miss out?

We (the committee) suggest if you'd like to have a better chance of securing a place, complete and submit your application form without a payment, then as the registration numbers creep closer to the limit we'll email you to advise how many places are available still. You can then choose to pay.

Please note that your place will not be secured until a full deposit is paid.

Registrations close on 30th September 2023

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

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