

STGA's - Kay Arrantash WA, Bev Brooke TAS, Sally Thornton NSWACT, Barbara Fairbairn ATGA, Rhonda Wiedemann VIC, Joan Gleeson QLD and Helen Pointon OAM SA.



From 17th – 20th October, the State Trefoil Guild Advisers met at Camp Chapman, on the Central Coast of NSW to ensure that Australian Trefoil Guild is kept up to date as well as remaining a wonderful and exciting part of Guiding.



Some of the Catering Team - Advisers enjoying the sunshine! - Barbara & Sarah Neill



State Archivist Chesne Jones - Barbara and Lorraine Buchanan - ATG DHV Faye Croft

Brisbane Water Trefoil Guild successfully made sure we were well fed and watered! The very full agenda was completed in good time with 'Thanks' to the diligent work of the State Trefoil Guild Advisers!

GGA Acting Chief Commissioner Helen Geard sent an apology as well as an inspiring report.

We welcomed 4 visitors to our meeting, for which we thank them for sharing their expertise and giving of their valuable time:

NSW & ACT State Commissioner Sarah Neill, State Archivist Chesne Jones, ATG Retail and Merchandise Coordinator Lorraine Buchanan and ATG Dark Horse Venture Coordinator Faye Croft.

Australian Trefoil Guild Dark Horse Venture Coordinator - Faye Croft completed her 3 Year Term on 31st July 2017. Faye requested a further 1 year extension to her 3 year Term. The State Trefoil Guild Advisers voted resoundingly for Faye to continue in her current Role. Congratulations and very well done - Faye.

EXCITING NEW CHALLENGE BADGE DESIGN TO COME SOON!

THE AUSTRALIAN SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE

The new Australian Trefoil Guild Challenge, which has been eagerly anticipated by everyone, was finalised by the Advisers at our annual Advisers meeting!

***It is called the 'Australian Southern Cross Challenge' for Trefoil Guild members 18 years of age and over.**

***There are 3 levels - Bronze (minimum 6 months) ... Silver (minimum 12 months).. Gold (minimum 12 months).**

***The 'Joining Fee' will remain the same as the ATG DHV i.e. \$30 + \$5 per year.**

***The Southern Cross Brochure is available from the Australian Trefoil Guild Southern Cross Challenge Coordinator Faye Croft darkhorse@girlguides.org.au A very smart Trefoil Guild 'Southern Cross Challenge Badge and Certificate' will be available from Faye Croft. (The badge can be worn on your Badge Tab).**

Faye Croft will coordinate both the ATG DHV and the Southern Cross Challenges. If and when it becomes too much, another Coordinator will be selected.



I will complete my 3 Year Term as the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser on 18th September 2018. I am calling for Nominations to be received by me no later than Friday 23rd February 2018. This will enable sufficient time for the Interviews to take place and a decision to be made for my successor to be announced.

If you, or someone you know who would be an ideal Nominee, are interested in this vital, worthwhile and challenging role, please contact me for all information trefoil@girlguides.org.au

It automatically becomes the end of the 3 Year Term for our Australian Trefoil Guild Minute Secretary, Treasurer and Retail Merchandise Coordinator. They have been of enormous help and support to me. *I couldn't have done it without them!*

We completed the editing of the Australian Trefoil Guild Handbook. The ATG Handbooks - 'Printed 2017' – will be available by early 2018. The cost of the Handbooks will be available from the Retail Coordinator – Lorraine, in 2018.

The Handbook will also be available on the Girl Guides Australia Trefoil Guild Website by 2018.

23RD Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering Hobart 18th – 21st May 2018

“Have a Devil of a Time in Tassie”



The Organising Committee have fantastic plans for you at the 23rd Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering in Hobart. Are you getting very excited about *‘Having a Devil of a Time in Tassie?’* I’ll see you in Hobart in May - which is only 6 months away!!

**THE 24TH AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL GUILD GATHERING WILL BE HELD IN PERTH
11TH TO 14TH SEPTEMBER 2020. THE THEME IS ... WALK ON THE WEST SIDE!
..... WE WILL BE CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF TREFOIL GUILDS IN AUSTRALIA IN 2020!**



The 3 Trefoil Guild Cruises departing from Sydney on 20th February – 9th March 2019 are still open if you wish to join us!

We have 60 passengers from every state joining the cruise: NSW - 25, VICTORIA - 9, TASMANIA - 5, SOUTH AUSTRALIA - 5 AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA – 4 = 50 members plus relatives and friends. For more information please contact Barbara Fairbairn trefoil@girlguides.org.au

The Australian Guide Sydney Jamboree will be from 30 September – 6th October 2018 and the organising committee’s plans are progressing extremely well. The camp will be held at ‘The Armoury’, which is near the Parramatta River.

Let’s hope that your Trefoil Guild can financially assist Guides and Leaders with the opportunity to be part of this exciting International Guide Event.

If your Trefoil Guild has any ‘funds to spare and share’ in your bank account, please ask the local Guide District or Region if they need any financial assistance! After all, this would be the ideal opportunity because the objectives of our members is – to give support to Guiding - e.g. For the guides and leaders going to the Sydney Jamboree 2018!

The Australian Trefoil Guild Forms are on the GGA ATG Website in a PDF file.



When we pay our Annual Australian Trefoil Guild Fee of \$6, \$2 of that fee goes towards the Administration of Australian Trefoil Guild. \$4 of that fee goes to your Membership of the National Scout and Guide Fellowship (NSGFA).

As from the NSGFA AGM on 19th November 2017 at Riddell's Creek, the NSGFA Executive Committee will be based in Victoria for the next 3 years.

As you are a member of the NSGFA, you can wear an NSGFA Badge on your Trefoil Guild Badge Tab. The badge can be obtained from the NSGFA Treasurer OR from Rhonda Wiedemann's STGA Victoria email address is - rhonda1.vtgadv@gmail.com

A REMINDER:

There are Trefoil Guild Award Liaisons in each state who are ready, willing and able to assist you putting an Award Nomination together.

We have many Trefoil Guild members who are doing extraordinary things - extraordinarily well.

So, please submit a Nomination Form for an appropriate Guide, National, State or Local Award.

NO NOMINATION = NO AWARD!

There have been changes made for Australian Girl Guide Awards - Years of Membership on an AW 11 Form

AND the Good Service Award for members on AW 12 OR AW 13 Form.



***TO YOU & YOUR FAMILY & YOUR FRIENDS!
I WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

We need to feel more - to understand others

We need to love more - to be loved back

We need to cry more - to cleanse ourselves

We need to laugh more - to enjoy ourselves

We need to see more - other than our own little fantasies

We need to hear more - and listen to the needs of others

We need to give more - and take less

We need to share more - and realise that we are not so different from one another

We need to create a world where everyone can peacefully live the life they choose.

S Polis Schultz, from - The Secondary Assembly Book in Many Thoughts.