



Newsletter

FROM THE AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL GUILD ADVISER

Barbara Fairbairn - FEBRUARY 2018

Welcome to the New Year - 2018! I hope you have had lots of exciting family celebrations. We commence this year which will be full of Trefoil Guild 'Fun and Fellowship'.

Thinking Day Greetings to you.....Thursday 22nd February 2018:
WAGGGS says - the impact for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is all about bringing positive change. World Thinking Day 2018 is completing this triennium theme 'Connect – Grow – Impact', by celebrating the 'Impact' that the Movement has on the lives of our members and their communities.



2018: includes the exciting 23rd Australian Trefoil Guild Biennial Gathering to be held in Hobart from 18th to 21st May 2018. It is only a few months away and everyone is ready to 'Have a Devil of a Time in Tassie!'



February – March 2019: Thinking Day Cruise on board Queen Elizabeth. Passenger Rooms have been allocated to those who have registered. All Bookings close this month.

2020 includes the 24th Australian Biennial Trefoil Guild Gathering to be held in Perth WA from 11th – 14th September 2020. The Theme - to come and 'Take a walk on the West Side'. The venue for the Gathering will be the Pan Pacific Perth Hotel. The organising committee have some fantastic plans in place.

2020 – We will also be celebrating 75 years of Australian Trefoil Guild! Now that really will be something very special to celebrate!

We will all need to do some research, dip into the Archives and find out some of the very special achievements over the past 75 years!

It will be absolutely amazing to contemplate some of the achievements in 75 years of supporting Guiding and supporting the Community!



2020 – Guides NSW/ACT will be celebrating 100 years of Guiding!

A year of great excitement in NSW/ACT, too!



Great News for Trefoil Guild!

I am thrilled to announce that, as from 22nd February 2018, we are ready to launch the new and exciting Australian Trefoil Guild Challenge - the SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE for Trefoil Guild members - which includes all of our members - over 18 years of age!

Since the State Trefoil Guild Advisers' Meeting last October, I have been working on this challenge. I have, in conjunction with the Challenge syllabus creator - Bev Wynne, ATG Minute Secretary - Julia Morgan, DHV/SCC Co-ordinator - Faye Croft and State Trefoil Guild Advisers, produced the Brochure, Syllabus, 3 Badges and 3 Certificates, which are all ready to go! Are YOU?

Faye Croft will, for another year, be the Dark Horse Venture & Southern Cross Challenge Co-ordinator, until it becomes too hectic and we will appoint a DHV, as well as a SCC Co-ordinator!

The SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE information is also on the Girl Guides Australia Trefoil Guild website, thanks to the expertise of Helen Badrick & Louise Greig. Barbara Fairbairn.

Report from The ATG Southern Cross Challenge Co-ordinator - Faye Croft.

22nd February – Guiding members all around the world know the significance of this date. In 2018, 22nd February will be significant for another reason. It is the launching of the Australian Trefoil Guild new award for members over 18 years to be known as the Southern Cross Challenge.

Why Southern Cross Challenge?

After receiving permission from UK Trefoil Guild to use their 'Voyage Award model' for Australian Trefoil Guild members, we thought that we need an Australian name to make it 'ours'. I came up with the idea of the Southern Cross whilst seeking some inspiration. My thought at the time was that the UK model had five sections (and 3 levels) that the Southern Cross has five stars, and 4 of the stars have 6 points, so why not a Southern Cross Award.

The Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser and State Advisers voted on the Southern Cross Challenge Award at their meeting in October 2017.

As Barbara Fairbairn said the Brochure, Syllabus, Badges and Certificates have been produced and are ready to go.

Email address for Southern Cross Challenge is: southerncross@girlguides.org.au
Bank details are yet to be finalised and will be available from me soon.

I am looking forward to February 22nd 2018 as the Co-ordinator of Australian Trefoil Guild Southern Cross Challenge and hearing from our Trefoil Guild members over 18 who want to start their journey of 'aiming for the stars'.

The Australian Trefoil Guild Website has been up-dated.

There are seven pages with lots of information for you to check out, including:

Past Events – Coming Events – Newsletter – ISGF & NSGF

Trefoil Guild Resources – International Events – Contact Your State Office.

(Coming Events Page) includes:

*24th Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering in Perth in 2020.

*February/ March 2019 - Thinking Day Cruise to New Zealand and Hobart/Port Arthur.

*23rd Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering in Hobart 2018.

(Trefoil Guild Resources Page) includes:

*ATG Logo, ATG Programme Resource Booklet, ATG Forms, ATG Thoughts and Prayers Booklet and ATG Handbook.

#The Australian Trefoil Guild Dark Horse Venture AND

#Australian Trefoil Guild #Southern Cross Challenge

– all the relevant information is included on the website.

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The Australian Trefoil Guild Good Turn for 2018: will remain the same as it was in 2017.

i.e. Local Community, State, Australian or Guide Awards!

PLEASE: SUBMIT LOTS OF WORTHY AND SUCCESSFUL NOMINATIONS!

You can contact any one of the Award Liaisons:

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A Reminder:

2017 Annual Census for all Trefoil Guilds will need to be forwarded to your State Trefoil Guild Adviser by March 2018.

Sydney Jamboree 2018 in NSW 30th September – 6th October 2018.

Trefoil Guild members have volunteered to assist at the 'Trefoil Guild Display and Promotion Marquee' which will include:

ATG Brochures, Posters, Book Marks, DHV & Sth Cross Challenges, Merchandise, Biennial Gathering Events past and future, 2019 Thinking Day Cruise, 2020 a TG celebration of 75 years of Service and support to Guiding and the Community, NSGFA information, Resource Booklet, Handbook, Thoughts and Prayers Booklet.

How we can:

support the Asia Pacific Guiding Region

'Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS' brochures / application forms (FAPW)

AND/OR

support World Guiding

'Olave Baden-Powell Society' brochures / application forms (OB-PS).

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Australian Trefoil Guild Advisers'

3 Year Term ends on Tuesday 18th September:

Nominations will close on Friday 23rd February 2018.

For all information, forms and advice,

please contact Barbara Fairbairn ATGA email: trefoil@girlguides.org.au

A Thought for the beginning of this new year – 2018!

'ACHIEVEMENTS': by Norman Vincent Peale

***Plant the seeds of expectation in your mind;
Cultivate thoughts that anticipate achievement.
Believe in yourself as being capable of overcoming
all obstacles and weaknesses.***

National Scout & Guide Fellowship Australia Executive 2017.



**L to R: Kaye Reeves Secretary, Richard Stuart-Smith International Secretary, Barbara Fairbairn ATGA and Chairman, Greg Davies Australian B-P Guild Master and Vice Chairman, Rhonda Wiedemann STGA Victoria & NSGFA Newsletter & P.R.
Absent: Llewellyn Phillips Treasurer.**

FRIENDS of ASIA PACIFIC, WAGGGS - Lynne Price AM - Australia Country Coordinator FAPW.

Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS (FAPW) was founded in 1999 by Dr Yuseon Byun when she was Chair of the Asia Pacific Region, to support the development of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting and the promotion of WAGGGS' Vision and Mission in the Asia Pacific Region.

Her Royal Highness, Princess Azizah of Pahang, Malaysia was appointed the Patron of FAPW in 2004, and she takes a very keen interest in FAPW, attending most Events as well as promoting FAPW at every opportunity in her home country as well as overseas.

Funds raised by FAPW are used to support the leadership development of girls and young women in the Asia Pacific Region through financial support to attend trainings, workshops and conferences, as well as funding projects and programs in Member Organisations that are for the benefit of young women in Guiding.

Membership of FAPW is available for any individual, corporation, foundation or other organisation which supports the Vision and Mission of WAGGGS. For every GBP 6000 (British Pound) raised by FAPW from a single country group, GBP 1,800 (30%) of the donations are returned to the Member Organisation (MO) of that country to support a project of that MO.

Since 2000, the membership of FAPW in Australia has grown to over 120 members. Through the 30% incentive program, we have financially assisted young women who were selected to work with the GOLD Program (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development) when they supported the further development of Guiding in the Cook Islands.

There are seven levels of membership of FAPW, based on the donation level paid – Crystal (for girls under the age of 18), Silver, Gold, Diamond, Titanium, Platinum and Major Donor. Everyone who believes in Guiding – its Vision and Mission – can become a Member of FAPW for as little as GBP 80. A beautiful silver pin and a certificate are presented, but more than this, you know you are supporting the girls and young women who are not only Guiding's future but also tomorrow's leaders. Once becoming a Member, upgrades to a different level are available at any time, simply by paying the difference between what has already been paid and that applying to the proposed category.

FAPW holds a Gathering at the triennial AP Regional Conference. FAPW in MO's are encouraged to hold functions or gatherings and may invite Friends from other MO's. It is an amazing privilege to attend such an event and meet up with Friends from other MO's who have the same love of, and belief in Guiding. New friends from all over the World are created by being a member of FAPW.

I know that many Trefoil Guild Members are already Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS. I encourage those who have not yet joined to visit the website <https://www.wagggs.org/en/our-world/asia-pacific-region/Support-us/> and follow the links to find out more about the benefits of being a Friend of AP WAGGGS. As the newly elected Country Coordinator for FAPW in Australia, I am wanting to promote the benefits of membership of FAPW to as many people as possible, and in so doing, I anticipate that we can raise sufficient funds to gain a further 30% incentive. This way we can directly assist our young women to fulfil their goals of leadership development and service and to reach their potential.

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News from each of the States (N.B. in state colours!):

South Australia - State Trefoil Guild Adviser - Helen Pointon.

Welcome to new Trefoil Guild

Tag Along Trefoil Guild has members in West and South Met Region, and will be ideal for those with babies who might be tagging along! President Lisa Birch, Secretary Emma Gillett and Treasurer Katherine Annis. It is wonderful to have a new guild with younger members.

50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Para Plains for 50 years of Trefoil Fellowship.

South Australia Trefoil Guild Service Project for 2018.

Trefoil Guilds are pledging donations to upgrade the Trefoil shelter at Douglas Scrub. Plans are progressing with help from the Douglas Scrub Manager.

NSFGA National Scout and Guide Fellowship of Australia.

Fiona Thomson and Janet Simmons attended the Annual General Meeting held at Riddells Creek, Victoria.

NSW/ACT - State Trefoil Guild Adviser - Sally Thornton.

We held a very successful Annual Friendship Day at Mittagong late last year. Though it was a rather wet and cold day over 80 members joined in for fun and friendship and a lovely morning tea and BBQ lunch served by local Mittagong Guides and hosted by Bowral Trefoil Guild. The Guest Speaker shared important and useful information to raise awareness on managing Dementia.

Guilds were busy in November and December wrapping up their year's activities with Christmas lunches and outings. One Guild has an "open house" and makes Gingerbread houses to raise funds! A very enjoyable activity for all involved! Another held a weekend away!

Community support continues at a pace with 97 Breast Care bags donated from one Guild and 30 "Wrap with love" blankets for a local hospital! 20 bags and many more from other Guilds were delivered to Share the Dignity a charity supporting women on the streets with personal needs.

Our 2017 State Good Turn supporting Ward Angels at Westmead Hospital has been most successful and will continue in 2018. We collect underwear and socks for children arriving at the hospital in emergency.

Support for Guiding also features in end of year activities with one Guild cooking at a local JOTA camp in the Hunter Valley. Members sent donations to the UK to support the renovation of Agnes Baden Powell's grave site. Canberra Trefoil Guilds supported the first Australian Gathering of the OBPS held late last year by helping with transport and providing a lovely picnic lunch at Innabaanya.

One of our members attended the Singapore Trefoil Guild event with others from around Australia. Applications were received for STGA with interviews to be held in February and handover mid-year at our AGM to be held we hope at Glengarry.

Western Australia – State Trefoil Guild Adviser - Kay Arrantash

2017 saw the Trefoil year close with a most successful end of year Christmas luncheon with members of the State Meeting on the banks of the Canning River. As usual with all Trefoil Guilds everywhere, it had been a busy year and need I say it ? we were all looking forward to Christmas, New Year and the summer break.

The commencement of 2018 sees our Trefoil year begin with Thinking Day which is being organised by Anson Guild. Their theme being “Impact” and the speaker will be a representative from Shelter Box, Australia.

Our next Trefoil event will be the AGM in March where we will have the honour and pleasure of the attendance of our ATGA, Barbara Fairbairn. We look forward to Barbara’s visit as Guest Speaker and to hearing details of the new Southern Cross Award which will have only been launched on Thinking Day of this year.

May I take this opportunity to wish all Guilds wherever you may be located, a happy and productive 2018, interlaced with friendship, support and ongoing success with all your endeavours.

Queensland - State Trefoil Guild Adviser - Joan Gleeson

Gathering

The Qld State Gathering in September, wrapped up with many comments by Trefoil Guild members saying how much they enjoyed themselves. While smaller in numbers than other years, this allowed more “chat time”. Motor Neurone Disease, our Good Turn for 2015-17 was presented with a cheque for nearly \$7000. For the next two years, we will be fundraising for Aussie Helpers as well as the many other charities generously supported by Trefoil Guilds.

Queensland Annual Census and Financial Return

By early December, 30 Trefoil Guilds had sent in their Reports. Our overall membership is 388, down slightly from last year. One Guild closed, but a new Lone Guild, based in Charleville, is expected to start this year. There are 30 new members, 9 in one Guild! There were 23 resignations and 9 members have “gone home”.

Changes

Brisbane Trefoil House, which had been looked after by Queensland Trefoil Guild, is now being managed by PGL, as part of lease of Kindilan campsite from Guides Queensland. It was hard for many members to see this happen, but there will be benefits, as the facilities are modernised and updated. The BTH committee returned to donors or sold many of the items not needed by PGL. The money raised from these sales, plus money held in a BTH term deposit, will go into a special memorial fund to help Trefoil and other Adult Guiding members to attend activities or carry out special projects. The final guidelines are to be ratified soon.

Another fund which Queensland Trefoil Guild administers is the Jessie Baily Memorial Fund which helps Girl Guides attend camps or carry out some other project. In September, two girls were able to go to Garrabarrabash, the Qld Guides State Camp. A third girl is to go to the Ranger Event in NZ in January.

Celebrations

This year, Queensland Trefoil Guild is celebrating 70 years since the first guild, Brisbane Trefoil Guild was formed. Trefoil Guilds are not only having parties and cake, but some Guilds are collecting 70 (or more) items for the Guides’ State Good Turn to support women and children affected by domestic violence. It also 100 years of Guiding in Queensland and some Guilds are taking on the Centenary Challenge. A booklet with hundreds of ideas by the guides has inspired many to do a hundred of something.

Awards:

It has been a pleasure to present well deserved Service Awards and many Years of Membership at Trefoil Guild meetings and Guide Region Awards Days. I also was able to present one Trefoil Guild member with her third Gold DHV Certificate. She is looking forward to the new SCC for a different challenge!

2018 will bring new goals, interesting challenges and we will do our best, of course!

Tasmania - State Trefoil Guild Adviser – Bev Brooke

So far this year, as most are just starting back after the Christmas / New Year break and for their first event this year will be their Thinking Day Services.

Glenorchy Trefoil Guild is hosting a service to be held at Orana Campsite in conjunction with the 50th Birthday celebrations on 18th February. Everyone will be invited to join them.

Victoria – Trefoil Guild Adviser – Rhonda Wiedemann

Trefoil Guilds have been very busy with the *State Gathering in Wangaratta 10/11 November*, including Remembrance Day. Great weather, a guided tour of the Cathedral and many went to the local RSL service at the Cenotaph – very emotional service. The Committee gave everyone, as a 'memento', a piece on 'Flanders Field'.

Guests included - The Mayor Mr. Ken Clarke OAM, CEO North East Health Margaret Bennett and Comedian Judi Walker *with humour 'We should have gone on the train'*.

The Trading Table raised \$550 + Zonta donation \$250 = \$800 will be donated to TG Victoria State Good Turn 'Guides in Schools'.

We were brought up to date with Australian Trefoil Guild information by Barbara Fairbairn ATGA. GG Victoria State Commissioner Lynne Emblin and her Assistant Star McBean, Region Manager Jan Vonarx spoke about Guides Victoria. The navy blue 'Goody Bags' were made and embroidered with the Gathering Badge and the beautiful gifts were donated by Trefoil Guilds for Guests. The placemats and the 'red crocheted poppies', were a lovely touch to the weekend.

The staff at the 'Quality Gateway Hotel', were excellent and a delicious meal was served on Saturday night at the Gala Dinner and everyone sang Taps at the end of the night. My personal 'THANKS' go to ALL who contributed in any way to the success of the Gathering. An invitation has gone to Trefoil Guilds Victoria to offer to host the next Gathering.

17/19 November, at Rowallan 'Sheila Cameron' Guide Camp at Riddell's Creek, QLD NSGFA Committee handed over to Victoria BP Guild and Victorian Trefoil Guild is the NSGFA committee, for the next 3 years. Chairman - Barbara Fairbairn, Vice Chairman - Greg Davies, Treasurer - Llewellyn Phillips, International Secretary - Richard Stuart-Smith, Secretary - Kaye Reeves and PR and Newsletter - Rhonda Wiedemann. Kaye and I look forward to learning more about the wider picture involved. Congratulations to the retiring Executive Committee for a job well done.

Many Trefoil Guilds held luncheons and Christmas Dinners during the last few months and over 800 years of LONG Service have been recognised!!! As well, Certificates of Appreciation and Thank You Badges and an Honorary Trefoil Guild membership have been presented to worthy recipients. Congratulations to everyone. BRAVO!

October, 11 Australian TG members ventured to Singapore from Yarrowonga, Geelong, Mildura and Sydney for 'The Bridges' event to celebrate 100 years of Guiding in Singapore. This event was first held in 2016 as a Friendship Day and was very popular. Asia Pacific Region countries were invited as a contingent with accommodation at a hotel. Great to meet Guides, a campfire, a tour of the Botanic Gardens and a gourmet lunch. They went sightseeing and shopping and had a Singapore Sling too!

Goulburn Valley TG hosted the Carols and Cake on 18th December in St Augustine's Cathedral in Shepparton. Entry by donation raised \$702 donated to Personal Hygiene products for Jane Pennington's Rotary project in the Solomons! Well done to all those involved.

Town and Country TG held a Carols and Cake in Melbourne on 14th December with a lovely afternoon tea which raised \$450 to be donated to the State TG Good Turn - Schools programme. The State TG Good Turn has generated over \$2,000 towards the Schools programme. The State TG Good Turn will remain the Good Turn for 2018. Thankyou Melissa Reoch and her team for this wonderful programme for schools.

ATG Retail Items – Price List @ February 2018.

(NOTE: Prices may be subject to change without notice and DO NOT include Post & Handling).

BADGES

Promise Badge	\$5.50
Mini Promise Badge	\$2.50
ATG Badge Tabs (Red)	\$9.50
ATG Friendship Badge	\$0.60 (white / red)
World Badge	\$3.50
TG Scarf Badges	\$0.50 (also used as a swap badge)
TG Badge Tab Flash	\$0.50 (also used as a swap badge)

SCARVES

Long Dress Scarf	\$12.00
Scarf Ring / Woggles	\$7.50

TG PROMOTION

'Made by Trefoil' tags for handmade items

(Multiples of 10 only)	N/C
TG Posters - A4	N/C (available from ATGA)
TG Brochures	N/C (available from ATGA)
Stickers – Small	\$2.75 (Sheets of 5)
“ “	\$13.75 (Sheets of 25)
ATG Pens	\$4.50
ATG Key Rings	\$3.00 (with LED Light – Black)
“ “ “	\$3.00 (with LED Light – Clear)
TG Handbooks	\$4.50
Prayers & Thoughts Book	\$3.00
Membership Cards	\$0.50 (multiples of 5 only)
TG Cards	\$2.00 each (TG Logo or Floral Emblems)
“ “	\$8.00 packs of 5 cards (TG Logo or Floral Emblem)

OTHER ITEMS

Name Badges	\$8.00 Pin
	\$9.00 Magnetic - Individually ordered – Please allow 3 weeks
Clothing	\$34.00 ATG Red Polo
	\$38.00 ATG Red Polo – Long Sleeve
	\$35.00 Red Rugby
	\$39.00 ATG Red Rugby – Long sleeve
	\$34.00 Red Vest Jacket
	\$44.00 Red Jacket – Long Sleeve