



FROM THE NEW AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL GUILD ADVISOR, MARCIA ANDREWS

This is my first newsletter as Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser and it is an honour and privilege to present it to you.

I have enjoyed a wide and varied Guiding history. I started as a guide on the Northern Beaches of Sydney where I have lived most of my life. Later I became the first ever Pittwater Land Ranger .

As an adult I came into Guiding as a District Commissioner, thus giving me the opportunity to have fun in bringing together a thriving district. Going onto becoming Division Commissioner enabled me to continue my own journey with more chances to engage with girls and leaders alike. As Region Badge Secretary for many years, I thoroughly enjoyed this role and helped leaders (new and old) to achieve success in a wide variety of skills and interest areas.

I continued my involvement with Guiding in South Western NSW. When I became the Region Leader of the Riverina, I met a wide variety of guiding people and it gives me great pleasure to meet them again at events such as Friendship Days and Gatherings.

When I returned to Sydney, I joined the Wakehurst Trefoil Guild in 2011 where I was also able to reconnect with my local guide district.

The process of being elected Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser was challenging and enlightening and I did find it fulfilling regardless of the outcome. I commenced my tenure as Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser on Wednesday, 19th September, 2018 , having enjoyed a ceremonial handover the previous Sunday.

WOW! What a journey it has been thus far!

Later that week I enjoyed birthday celebrations with The Hills Trefoil Guild, and 70th birthday celebrations with Bowral Trefoil Guild (both in NSW).



Barbara Fairbairn and Marcia Andrews with the Trefoil Guild Banner



Left: Sharyn Smith-Anderson (NSW&ACT STGA) presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to President Ros Parsons and her husband Ralph for their work on the 70th Anniversary of Bowral Trefoil Guild Book.



Right: Sybil Watson, longest serving member of Bowral TG cutting the cake.

At the Guide Jamboree held in Sydney in early October a Trefoil Guild PR display was co-ordinated by Barbara Fairbairn and Sally Thornton. Members of various Guilds were in attendance and the display received many visitors from both girls and leaders alike. The NSW State Governor, David Hurley, and his wife, Linda, who is Patron of Girl Guides NSW & ACT, also visited.



Trefoil Guild at the Sydney Jamboree

I have already been to Perth, Western Australia, where I met with the committee organising the 24th Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering in 2020. Arrangements are well under way and we should enjoy our “Walk on the West Side”.

More recently I have been privileged to be at the presentation of the Grey Kangaroo Award to Barbara Fairbairn by the Acting Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Australia, Rosemary Derwin. This prestigious award is a new one and Barbara is the first person in NSW to be awarded this. Congratulations and Bravo, Barbara!



Barbara Fairbairn and Ro Derwin



Marcia Andrews and Barbara Fairbairn

SNIPPETS FROM THE STATES

Northern Territory

Northern Australia Trefoil Guild members donated 30 NT swap badges to each of the Guides attending the Sydney Jamboree. Not only did they pack the badges but they were able to present them to girls in several of the Top End Units.

New South Wales

Central Lones Trefoil Guild members staffed Agoonoree Camp (for Special Needs guides and scouts with their leaders, carers or parents. At a special event on Saturday afternoon, NSW & ACT Trefoil Guild Advisor Sharyn enrolled Kim as a member of Central Lones Trefoil Guild. Kim in her "Rolls Royce" wheel chair made her promise with Ann Knight and Gwen Platt as witnesses. Sharyn pinned on Kim's Promise Badge and there were handshakes all around.

Other Guilds have been out and about enjoying Sculptures by the Sea, High Tea at Old Government House at Parramatta and a Rock and Roll weekend away.

South Australia

Poppies were made for Remembrance Day.

Northern Guild celebrated their 50 year anniversary.

Janet Simmons, SA Trefoil Guild Secretary, was awarded the Red Kangaroo for her contribution to Guiding. Bravo!

Girl Guides South Australia Patron, Mrs Lan Le, handed out many Guiding Awards at Government House in September, including the Olave Baden-Powell Award to Emma Gillet.

Victoria

CARDINIA TREFOIL GUILD: We are delighted to be able to tell Trefoil Guild members about the wonderful association that has developed between Cardinia Trefoil Guild and the guides at the school. We have been meeting with the Guides since August 2016 and have been thrilled to see them blossoming and developing so much confidence during that time. Many of the girls involved are now school leaders and demonstrate so many leadership skills.

OVENS VALLEY TREFOIL GUILD: Ten members of Ovens Valley Trefoil Guild met over at the Tungamah Silos to do a trip around the local painted silos. After taking photos and chatting with some American tourists we decided it was time for a coffee at the local café come general store.

Next stop Goorambat. We also called at the Uniting Church. There is a spectacular painted mural inside.

Next stop the Devenish silos. What a magnificent lot of painting goes into creating these murals! Fancy being suspended up these heights and getting every detail into perspective.

Tasmania

BORONIA TREFOIL GUILD had a guest speaker from the Days for Girls Program. Christa gave our Guild a very interesting talk on how the kits are made and where they are distributed in the developing countries. We presented her with a cheque for \$200 so that the program could purchase fabric and other supplies for the kits. A great night was had as well as our delicious roast dinner.

EASTERN SHORE TREFOIL GUILD welcomed Stephanie Harris and her Mum, Tracey. Our Guild gave a donation to Stephanie, a member of Camerive Guides to help with her expenses to try out for the Junior Women's Matilda's team at a tournament in Coffs Harbour. She did well and made the team, this young woman is someone to watch as she is an academic achiever, a member of Police and Citizens Youth club as well as her soccer and Guides, well done Steph.

MCINTYRE TREFOIL GUILD: Eight members helped out the Rainbow Star Guides, selling their excess supply of Girl Guide biscuits at the Meadows Mews in September. Several members attending a Tree Planting Ceremony at Nindethana in memory of Julie Miller who was leader (Kanga) at Legana Guides and very involved in State Guiding events. Our Guild donated \$100 to the Julie Miller Fund. The tree was planted by her daughter Fiona Bye and Guide Kirsten Howard.

Queensland

Keppel Coast Trefoil had the pleasure of showing visiting members of the Diamond Jubilee Lones Trefoil some of the many delights of our beautiful Capricorn Coast. We gathered for lunch and a lot of chatter at the new swimming lagoon on the Yeppoon foreshore. Coleen Bignell, one of our members, is also a member of Diamond Jubilee Lone Trefoil, she led them on a tour of Yeppoon and along the coast to Emu Park and back to Rockhampton.

The past two months have been adventurous for members of CENTENARY TREFOIL GUILD. In September, some of our members visited Queen's Park Ipswich. This is a beautiful park with gardens and a wildlife centre and, of course, a coffee shop which had to be tested. Two Guild members explored the wilds of Mongolia; camel riding in the Gobi Desert, ox cart riding in a national park and spending a night in a Ger. They attended an FAPW (Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS) event, organised by Girl Scouts Mongolia, in Ulaanbaatar. There were seven participants from Australia. It was an amazing experience. Girl Scouting is growing rapidly there. It was great to meet and share activities with the girls and leaders. Our President, Nikki Walker, visited Sangam, India with her mother and members of her mother's British Trefoil Guild. Nikki bravely climbed the water tower in Sangam. This was a real challenge to her. They visited the Muslim Girls' Orphanage and experienced events and activities in Pune. The Trefoil Guild members spent more time exploring India including a visit to the Taj Mahal. A visit to Sangam was a goal of Nikki's and to share it with her mother made it even more special. At our October meeting, international and local adventures were shared. Nikki, dressed in her Punjabi suit, shared her Indian adventures. She even managed to dress Kim in a sari! Mongolian chocolates were shared at supper.

Western Australia

PERTH GUILD had their meeting where they displayed and used their magnificent Badge Tablecloth. Perth Guild meets in Parliament House. What an amazing setting in which to hold a meeting!

The highlight of this month of course, was the Pinjarra Gathering hosted by PEEL and MCLARTY GUILDS. The Gathering venue was courtesy of the Anglican Parish of Pinjarra. What a great day it was, with perfect weather which enabled the outdoor activities to go ahead unheeded. The Guest Speaker was Penny Hoffman from the Pinjarra Historical Society, who gave us an insight to the history and pioneers of Pinjarra. Her talk was followed by Round Robin Activities which reflected the games which the children would have played in the early days.

National Scout and Guide Fellowship of Australia.

On becoming the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser I have also become the Chairman and President of the NSGFA, to which we, as Trefoil Guild members, all belong. Just recently I went to Riddells Creek in Victoria to chair the AGM. It was a very interesting weekend of fun, food and fellowship, along with the serious business of dealing with membership matters, finance and international

opportunities. Members of the Baden Powell Guild and the St Georges Guild were also in attendance as these Guilds are also members of the NSGFA. I will be attending meetings of the NSGFA 4 times a year during my term.



Attendees at the NSGFA AGM

A Message from Barbara Fairbairn

The Grey Kangaroo Award.

To my utter shock, excitement and surprise, I was recently awarded the Girl Guides Australia "Grey Kangaroo" which is a very new award only this year. The Award was presented to me on 27th October, 2018.

I THANK YOU, our fantastic members of Trefoil Guild all across Australia for your participation, your invitations and your welcome over the past 3 years of my term.

I believe that this award I share with you, as it belongs to you, too!

I wish my successor Marcia Andrews and her team every success for their 3 year term. I have every confidence they will do everything to enhance the Australian Trefoil Guild for all members across our wonderful country.

Barbara Fairbairn – recently retired Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser.

Dark Horse Venture and Southern Cross Challenge News from Faye Croft

DHV News

Congratulations to DHV members who have gained their Gold Award in 2018.

Also, congratulations to DHV members who have completed their category certificates.

SCC News

Well done to SCC members who are working on their challenges. Keep up the good work.

To members who have joined SCC and are yet to commence their challenges, remember to send the Activity Notification Form to me *before* you commence any challenge.

I wish all DHV and SCC members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and safe New Year.

Faye Croft – ATG DHV and SCC Coordinator

Christmas Greetings to all

I hope you have enjoyed reading my first newsletter as ATGA. My team and I wish every Trefoil Guild member and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2019.

Cheers,

Marcia



Your Australian Trefoil Guild team: Sue Jenkins, Sylvia Pearce, Marcia, Julie Minici, Barbara Dean (not in photo)

