



Newsletter **AUGUST 2018 - Barbara Fairbairn**



FROM THE AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL GUILD ADVISER

As I compile my final Trefoil Guild Newsletter to you, prior to completing my 3 Year Term 2015 to 2018 - I feel humbled and I can't thank you all enough for your hospitality, your welcome and your friendship. I have had the privilege to visit each State Trefoil Guild Annual General Meetings and Events. Nominations were called and the Interview took place with the Panel of 4 State Trefoil Guild Advisers, for the position of Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser and Marcia Andrews was appointed. She will be the ATGA from 19th September 2018 till 18th September 2021. I am completely confident she will do a fantastic job. I wish Marcia and her new Team, every success in the future, as you start your journey as the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser! I know you will have a great time!!!

I never cease to be amazed at the generous contributions you make on behalf of the Trefoil Guild, when you willingly and successfully 'Keep the Spirit of the Guide Promise and Law, carry that spirit into the Community and give support to Guiding'.

The 2017 Australian Trefoil Guild Census:

There are 160 Trefoil Guilds across this beautiful country with 1937 Members (which includes 36 Honorary Members too). The generosity shown by our members is so incredible when donating \$31,131.30 to Australian and International Guiding and \$33,634.48 to Australian and International Communities - a total of \$64,765.78!

This is a most extraordinary effort. You are absolutely amazing and should all be very proud to be a member of the Australian Trefoil Guild.

BRAVO and very well done!!

Thought: by Douglas Adams – a British Musician and author said:

“To give real service, you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity”.

The Annual Australian and State Trefoil Guild Advisers Meeting -2018:

was held at 'Orana' Guide Campsite near Hobart from 15th – 18th May prior to the 23rd Biennial Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering.

We welcomed Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser Elect – Marcia Andrews as well as the very new State Trefoil Guild Adviser NSW/ACT - Sharyn Smith-Anderson, Faye Croft (DHV & SCC Coordinator) and Barbara Dean (International Coordinator).

Discussion and decisions made:

We Formulated International Guidelines for International visitors to Australian TG Gatherings and Trefoil Guild members and Contingent Leaders for overseas events.

October 2018:

PR display of Australian Trefoil Guild at the Sydney Guide Jamboree:

We have Trefoil Guild volunteers (coordinated by Sally Thornton) to 'man the Trefoil Guild display': ATG Flag - ATG merchandise for sale - promote Trefoil Guild Membership with PR Brochures/Posters –brochures 'Friends of Asia Pacific Region WAGGGS' membership – brochures 'Olave Baden-Powell Society' membership – brochures 'Dark Horse Venture and Southern Cross Challenge' Badge and Certificates – copy of the ATG Handbook – Resource Book – promote future Biennial Australian Trefoil Guild Gatherings - International Events and opportunities – '2019 Thinking Day at Sea Cruise' February/March 2019 on board Queen Elizabeth (for 61 passengers from every state) in 2020 '75 years of Australian Trefoil Guild' Badge and Challenge/Activity – National Scout and Guide Fellowship – how Trefoil Guild assist and support Guiding AND Guidelines for ATG Thank You Badge & Certificate.

Australian Trefoil Guild Good Turn for 2019 – 'REFUGES'.

State Trefoil Guild Advisers and Trefoil Guilds can source local 'Refuges' for the most appropriate needs.

The appropriate goods will be donated in a 'Zip Lock Bag' within a draw string bag (draw string bags to be made by Trefoil Guild members with the label 'donated by Trefoil Guild' to be attached).

Pamper Packs goods for ladies, men and children:

e.g. socks, pants, underpants, soap, washer, hand lotion, face cream, tooth paste & brush, comb, mending kit, beanie, scarf, baseball cap, child's toy/activity book, coloured pencils and sharpener.

In 2020 – Celebrating 75 years of Trefoil Guilds in Australia.

An activity Booklet and quotes for Badges and will be sourced and ready for members to participate during our Diamond 75 year celebrations.

Preparation for 2020 – Trefoil Guilds can make and design a Banner for their Guild, which tells a story of their Guild history e.g. dates and members’ names can be placed on the reverse side of the banner - an Honour Board has similar records on display.

An updated Australian Trefoil Guild Brochure, to be designed for the future – a quote and printing to be sourced.

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23rd Biennial Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering Report:

The programme included something for everyone - 200 members from every state and New Zealand.

The most impressive ‘Opening Ceremony’ – I was given the privilege to Officially Open the Gathering. We welcomed the Governor of Tasmania Her Excellency Professor Kate Warner AC and Patron of Guides Tasmania, Girl Guides Australia Acting Chief Commissioner Rosemary Derwin, Girl Guides Tasmania State Commissioner Joanne Folder, Tasmania State Trefoil Guild Adviser Bev Brooke, who all addressed and welcomed the Trefoil Guild members to Hobart.

The Guest Speakers enthralled us – Dr Christina Henri (‘Roses from the Heart’ - Bonnets for Female Convicts), Nutritionist Ngaire Hobbins (Eating as we Age), Vicki Norris (Antarctic Experiences), David Hamilton (Tassie Devil’s Research ZooDoo), Faye Croft (Dark Horse Venture/Southern Cross Challenge Coordinator and Presentation of a Gold DHV Award) and Kaye Reeves and Jill Jeffery’s (presentation of ‘100 years – Singapore Building Bridges’ Event).

Sally Thornton was presented with an upgrade to Gold Membership of ‘Friends of Asia Pacific Region WAGGGS’ in recognition of her 3 years of superb work as the State Trefoil Guild Adviser NSW/ACT – a gift from Australian Trefoil Guild.

I also presented the Australian Trefoil Guild Team with a ‘Trefoil Guild Thank You Badge and Certificate of Appreciation’ to:
Treasurer - Heather Baker, Minute Secretary - Julia Morgan, Merchandise Coordinator - Lorraine Buchanan and International Coordinator - Barbara Dean.

The Optional Day Tours were:
Tahune Airwalk, Port Arthur, Richmond & MONA and City Tour & River Cruise.

The equally impressive ‘Closing Ceremony’ – included the Guides Own, as well as the Presentation by the 24th Gathering in Perth 11th – 14th September 2020. I Officially Closed the 23rd Biennial Gathering and was time to ‘Go Well and Go Safely’ for the return trip home!

The 23rd Biennial Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering 18th – 21st May 2018.

23rd Australian Biennial Trefoil Guild Gathering held in Hobart from 18th – 21st May 2018:

On behalf of the 200 Australian and New Zealand Trefoil Guild participants who came to Tasmania to 'Have a Devil of a Time in Tassie', THANK YOU TASSIE!

A very special 'THANK YOU' to the Host State Organising Committee and every Trefoil Guild across Tasmania, for all of your wonderful efforts since 2015, with the planning and preparation for our very successful Gathering. The Gathering had lots of Fun, lots of Fellowship, lots of Food, a selection of 4 Day Tours, Entertainers, a fabulous variety of Guest Speakers and activities galore and the very special Hotel staff who provided the most amazing Staff to prepare and serve our Dinners and *'fixed all situations which arose'!*

A special THANKS must go to:

Chairman - Leonie (Brit) Howard - what a fantastic team leader who led an amazing and successful team and produced a great programme. Brit was State Trefoil Guild Adviser till 2017 and remained as the Committee Chairman and was a great MC for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. WOW!

Treasurer - Bev Brooke – proved to be a most successful Treasurer and Budget Coordinator. Since 2017, she has been the State Trefoil Guild Adviser! WOW! The Accounts are ready for audit and will be finalised very soon.

Secretary - Denise Leake - what a most diligent secretary and kept the Minutes immaculately from 2015 till 2018! WOW!

Registrar - Gaylene Palmer - did the most amazing job while keeping up with all registrations, alterations and payments. *Did you notice the dinner mats with quirky town names? We all have a lot to be amazed about and thanks for your untiring efforts. WOW!*

Other Committee members who regularly met, planned and organised the programme over the past 3 years, also deserve our 'very special THANKS':

Jillian Alderson, Kath Fox, Jill Davis, Nancy Woodward, Lesley Jackson, Lorraine Molden, Margaret Bishop, Jan Main, Betty Lee, Fay Fowler, Vicki Norris and Lillian Dazeley.

All of the 81 Trefoil Guild members across Tasmania contributed their time and their talents to the success of the Gathering 'THANK YOU' all so very much to:

Shirley Hingston, Denise Artis, Roani Bester, Jenny Wiggins, Tammy Woolley, Dianna Baker, Pat Chugg, Marilyn Dobbie and Robin Cornelius.

As you can see, the Gathering just doesn't happen by itself and is not just the organising committee, but includes many talented and wonderful Trefoil Guild members from across the state, who gave of their time and talents to enable the success of the Gathering, so we could all enjoy our trip to Tasmania and 'Have a Devil of a Time in Tassie!'

CONGRATULATIONS TASSIE - you did it!



The 24th Biennial Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering will be held in Perth from 11th – 14th September 2020 at the Pan Pacific Perth Hotel.

Start saving now so you don't miss this fantastic Biennial Event in the gorgeous city of Perth in Western Australia.

We can all 'Walk on the Westside' together for more Trefoil Guild Fun, Fellowship and Friendship!

I plan to see you all in Perth in 2020! Don't miss this next Gathering!

Best Wishes from Barbara Fairbairn

Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser.

I sincerely thank you for your support over the past 3 years.

**I know you will support Marcia Andrews and her Team,
as they commence their journey of leading the
Australian Trefoil Guild and will continue to make it
just as successful and exciting as it has always been!**

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NSGFA Executive Committee 2017

NATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA

NSGFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

**WILL BE HELD AT ROWALLAN ROTARY SHEILA CAMERON CAMPSITE,
KENT RD, RIDDELLS CREEK, VICTORIA (03) 5766 2322**

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2018

AND YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US THERE!