



NATIONAL SCOUT & GUIDE FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA NEWS Summer Edition 2018



Hello fellow members

Well it is that time of the year when we so often look back and wonder where did the year go!! This year has been no exception with such a busy time within our various Guilds and organisations. It has been very encouraging in our Victorian Trefoil Guild to receive enquires for Membership and at present we have the possibility of forming two new Trefoil Guilds.

I continually encourage members to promote our wonderful movement. We have such good times of fun and friendship and in this very technological world and therefore isolating world we live in there are many lonely people who would love to be a part of our fellowship, they only need to be asked.

As you will read in the attached Annual Report we have recently held the NSGFA AGM at Riddells Creek the Sheila Cameron Rotary Guide Camp, Minda Killara. Thank you to the Committee of management and manager Shane for your continued care of this Campsite, It is such a beautiful setting and the bird life is amazing!

Our Catering was great again this year and a big thank you to Debra for looking after us so well. It certainly contributes to the wonderful fellowship we enjoy over the weekend. BRAVO!

We farewelled retiring ATGA Barbara Fairbairn as our Chairperson and thanked her for her Leadership and contribution to NSGFA during her three year term. Barbara was recently awarded the Grey Kangaroo in recognition of her outstanding service and contribution to Guiding and the Trefoil Guild in Australia. BRAVO!

Barbara then handed over the Chairmanship to ATGA Marcia Andrews who was introduced at a previous meeting in Wangaratta. A warm NSGFA welcome is extended to Marcia as she leads us and endeavours to keep us on track for the future



THANK YOU to the NSGFA - FROM BARBARA FAIRBAIRN!

When I was appointed to the position of the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser in September 2015, at the same time, I was appointed to the position of Vice Chairman of the National Scout and Guide Fellowship Australia Executive Committee in Queensland. I was subsequently appointed to the position as the Chairman when the NSGFA Executive Committee moved on to Victoria.

In September 2018, I completed my 3 year Term as the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser. Marcia Andrews was appointed as my successor, to the position of the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser and Chairman of the NSGFA. I have every confidence that Marcia and the Executive Committee will go from strength to strength to make the NSGFA a strong and relevant group for Guiding and Scouting in the Asia Pacific Region.

The very successful NSGFA 2018 Annual General Meeting was held at Riddells Creek in Victoria on Sunday 18th November 2018. During the weekend at Riddells Creek, the committee held productive meetings to benefit the NSGFA members and they have plans to significantly increase the membership.

At the conclusion of the 2018 AGM, to my great surprise, I was presented with a *'THANK YOU and FAREWELL CARD and GIFT'* of a bottle of Sparkling Wine! It has been my absolute pleasure and a privilege to Chair the NSGFA Executive Committee in Victoria. I sincerely thank you all for your friendship and I wish you every success in the future and for the benefit of the NSGFA membership.

Yours in Fellowship from Barbara Fairbairn





Ovens Valley Trefoil Guild

Our members have participated in and enjoyed many activities since the last report.

For the July meeting we welcomed Constable Surrey Hunter from Community Policing who spoke about keeping safe at home and in the community. He had lots of good advice for us older ladies on how to survive and be safe in an ever-changing technical world.



Our members attended the Victorian TG Annual meeting held in August in Shepparton. Well done to the organising team for another great day.

Our usual Spring lunch gathering was held in September at Watt's Cafe Bundalong. Twenty ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch and great fellowship. Everyone had brought a pot plant, a cutting or packet of seeds to swap. Some of these were of unknown variety so it was great fun trying to decide what to take home, nurture and discover the surprise.

Another enjoyable time was held in October when eleven of us travelled to the Winton Wetlands Cafe at Chesney Vale. The day started by meeting at the Tungamah silos, then moving on to Devenish and finally Goorambat. The silo paintings were spectacular and we wondered how the individual artists managed to paint them in perspective and how lifelike they turned out to be.

We viewed the Sofia painting at the Goorambat Uniting church and after negotiating a country road with a farmer, his dogs and a mob of sheep we reached the cafe where lunch was delicious (of course!).

There have been some special celebrations also. Big "0" birthdays were celebrated by Pat Webb and Melda Lewis and Long Service awards were presented to Rhonda Weidemann 20 years and Mary Broz 50 years. Bravo!



Our last meeting for the year had a Christmas theme where we all shared something that

was special for us at Christmas. Kaye, Joan and Rhonda are looking forward to the Australian Trefoil Guild cruise departing from Sydney on February 20th next year and spending Thinking Day at sea whilst sailing around New Zealand with sixty other TG members.

Another activity to look forward to is a visit to Britannia Park in March when we will check out the new stoves that we contributed to as part of our service to Guiding in 2018. We continue to support the "Hand in Hand" project for guiding in schools and multi cultural communities.

Our Annual meeting is planned for February 4th and we look forward to lots more fun, fellowship and sharing the spirit Guiding in 2019.

Queen's Scout presentation

By a select few Venturers, who are members of the Scouting movement attain the highest outdoor achievement, the Queen's Scout Award. Adam Morley from the First Yarrawonga Scout Group has done just that.

The Year 12 Sacred Heart College student and School Captain has enjoyed a rigorous outdoor curriculum with his Venturer after-school patrol.

The Queen's Scout Award represents hundreds of hours of dedicated development in outdoor service to community, leadership, personal growth and outdoor adventure.

The Venturers plan their own Queen's Scout program and receive supplementary skills, knowledge to use in the future. The award reflects initiative in tackling challenges, sustained effort, many sports and games, plus community service, teamwork and leadership.

Adam said that the journey to achieve his Queen's Scout Award has been a challenging one but incredibly rewarding.

"It has enabled me to participate in a variety of activities, grow as a person and experience possible vocations," Adam said.

"While the workload and commitment to completing school and Venturer was tough at times, I now feel like I can achieve anything I set out to do in the future."

"Overall, doing this award was one of the proudest things I've ever done and I'm extremely honoured with the achievement!" Adam, School Captain, Sacred Heart Venturer Leader.

presented that the Queen's Scout Award is a marker of future success in life.

"Only a small percentage of Scouts reach this level and many factors, external and internal, help a Scout reach their true potential," Adam said.

"Our scout members are well supported by their volunteer leaders, their families and all the other Scouts that surround the award to ensure it is a personal journey and often an indication of future success."

"It is an extraordinary achievement for those who have completed secondary education in their final years of school to achieve their Queen's Scout at the same time."

"We, the entire Victorian Scouting community, are extremely proud of these Victorian success in achieving their Queen's Scout award and we hope that today Adam Morley enjoys every moment of his well-deserved celebration."

Adam Morley is the son of Sherrice and Alan from the Central Mount Yarrawonga.

The Yarrawonga Venturer Unit meets Friday night between 7.30pm to 9.15pm at the Yarrawonga Scout Hall.



Local State Member of parliament, (bottom right) MP Mr. Tim McGowan congratulates Adam Morley as his Queen's Scout Award with Venturer Leader Julie Johnson.

The Yarrawonga Venturer Unit welcomes new active people between 14 - 18 years old who would like to see what venturing is all about.

Come along and try Venturing. For further information contact: Julie on 0418 268 395.



King Scout presentation

Adam Morley, as his first official duty as a Queen Scout, had the great pleasure and honour of presenting Mr. Raymond Hewat with The Scouts Victoria Ceremonial scarf. Ray, who attended Adam's ceremony as a friend, was one of the first King Scouts commissioned in 1949 at the 1st Richmond Scouts.

Ray was thrilled to receive this prestigious acknowledgement from Adam and said, "As I look back at my life, the values that were instilled in me from my time in scouts, has influenced me positively my whole life." Ray said.

"Adam is an outstanding young man, and I know as he looks forward the experiences and standards he has achieved as a Queen Scout will influence him greatly."



Queen's Scout recipient Adam Morley presents King Scout, Ray Hewat with his ceremonial scarf.



Found this in my local paper and thought it was a great article to be shared. My scanner was not working so had to take a photo and the quality is very poor. Probably need a magnifying glass. A reminder to all our scouting friends to send us some articles of special activities in your area

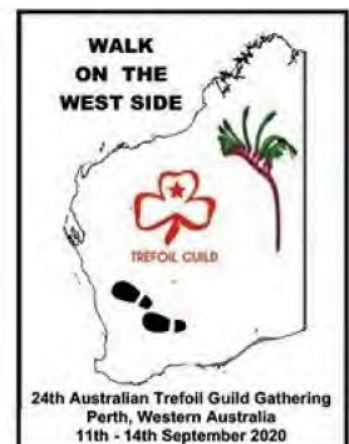


TREFOIL GUILD

The 24th AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL GUILD gathering will be held in Perth 11-14 September 2020

The theme is ...
WALK ON THE WEST SIDE!

We will be celebrating 75 years of Trefoil Guilds in Australia in 2020!





A special THANK YOU TO MELDA for her assistance to me with the NSGFA News over the challenging last 12 months during my husband's illness. He continues to improve. You are a Treasure!!



Thought
Friendship is like a boomerang:
You give out your friendship to
Another chap and then to more
And more of them and then they
Give you their friendship in return

B-P Scouting Round the World



If you are travelling during the Xmas New Year break, travel safely.

It just remains for us to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year in 2019

Yours in fellowship

Rhonda and Kaye

