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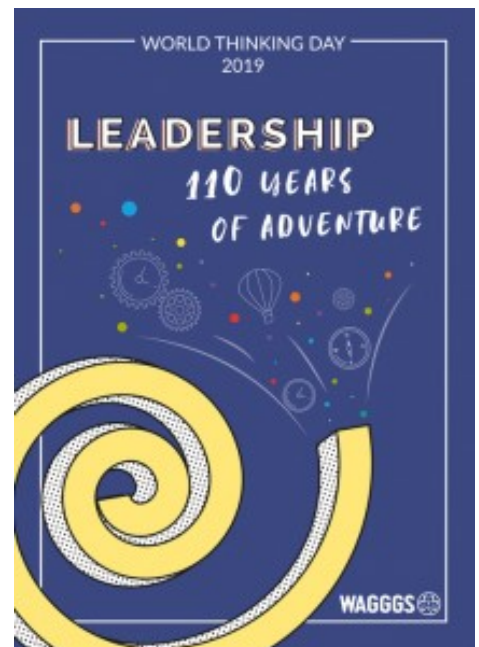
Greetings everyone,

WOW! Doesn't time fly when you are having fun! I have now been ATGA for 6 months and am really enjoying my time in the role.

The major event at the beginning of the year is, of course, Thinking Day. This year the theme was 110 Leadership with a program of activities to go with it for all age groups.

There were some very interesting facts to be shared. For example,

- The idea for the World Thinking Day Fund came from a Belgian girl, who wrote to Lady Baden-Powell. She said if World Thinking Day was on the founders' birthday, surely it must also be an occasion for presents.
- The first World Flag, with a gold trefoil on a bright blue background, was designed by a guide from Norway and adopted in 1930, and
- In the 1970s Girl Guides in New Zealand used to fundraise with egg drives. Girls went doorknocking on Saturday mornings, asking each house to either donate or buy an egg.



Around Australia Thinking Day this year has been celebrated in various ways.

In Western Australia Trefoil Guilds gathered and celebrated one of the best Thinking Days they have ever had.

In Tasmania Trefoil Guild members were able to take part in a Thinking Day Breakfast at Jam Packed Restaurant with members of Girl Guides Tasmania and the International Group.

And of course there was our 'Thinking Day At Sea' Cruise to New Zealand and Tasmania aboard the 'Queen Elizabeth'.

The Adventures of the Australian Trefoil Guild 'Thinking Day at Sea 2019'

Report by Cruise Co-ordinator Barbara Fairbairn



Group on Grand Staircase

Our Trefoil Guild members came from every state: 3 QLD, 13 VIC, 3 TAS, 34 NSW/ACT, 2 SA and 5 WA (including 1 non TG member/carer for her mother) = 60. On 20th February, 42 intrepid Trefoil Guild members and several husbands, embarked on the beautiful cruise ship Queen Elizabeth at Circular Quay in Sydney. We sailed to and around New Zealand for 12 nights.

We held our 'Thinking Day Ceremony' on board on 22nd February. Our group's '**Trefoil Guild at Sea' T-Shirts**, were fantastic PR for Guiding and encouraged some overseas passengers to join us for Thinking Day too!

Port Chalmers was our first Port of Call where four of us met with the New Zealand Trefoil Guild Co-ordinator, Sally Mason who lives in Dunedin.

Nine TG members (including 1 husband) performed in the Passenger Choir and wore their navy and red Thinking Day at Sea T-Shirts.

We returned to Sydney on 4th March, 34 of our Group disembarked sadly to return home.



Nine members in the Passenger Choir



Eight of our group remained on board Queen Elizabeth and a further 18 Trefoil Guild members and several husbands joined us in Sydney to sail down to Hobart and Port Arthur. On 5th March, we held another Thinking Day at Sea Ceremony on our way to Hobart. Tasmanian Trefoil Guild members greeted us in Hobart to show us around their beautiful city. After a most successful and exciting adventure of cruising around the Tasman Sea, we disembarked when we returned to Sydney on 9th



Captain Simon Love joined our Thinking Day Ceremony

March all safe and sound.

We collected \$355 at both Thinking Day Ceremonies for the WAGGGS Thinking Day Fund.



Trefoil members from NSW Vic & TAS arrived in Hobart on board the "Queen Elizabeth and were met at the cruise ship terminal by Gaylene Palmer, Nancy Woodward and Bev Brooke. Some members went on organised tours, others were met by family members and the rest did a walking tour with Nancy, Gaylene & Bev around the docks to Salamanca, up Kelly Steps to Battery Point & Arthur Circus.



Tasmanian Trefoil Guild members
greeting the travellers

Reading from 'Thinking Day at Sea'

The Best Day of My Life - by Gregory M. Lousig-Nont. Ph.D.

Today, when I woke, I suddenly realised that this is the best day of my life, ever! There were times when I wondered if I would make it to today; but I did! And because I did I'm going to celebrate!

Today, I'm going to celebrate what an unbelievable life I have had so far: the accomplishments, the many blessings, and, yes, even the hardships because they have served to make me stronger.

I will go through this day, with my head held high, and a happy heart. I will marvel at God's seemingly simple gifts: the morning dew, the sun, the clouds, the trees, the flowers, the birds. Today, none of these miraculous creations will escape my notice.

Today, I will share my excitement for life with other people. I'll make someone smile. I'll go out of my way to perform an unexpected act of kindness for someone I don't even know.

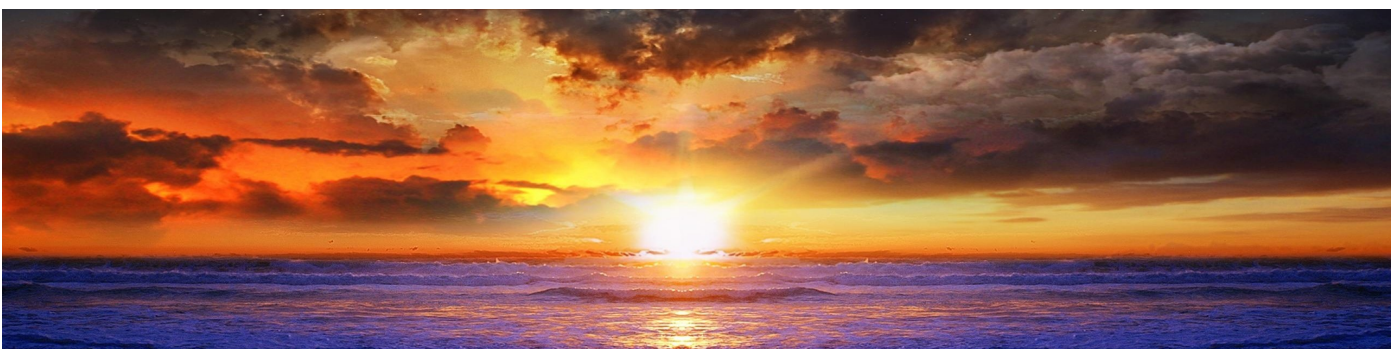
Today, I'll give a sincere compliment to someone who seems down. I'll tell a child how special he is, and I'll tell someone I love just how deeply I care for them and how much they mean to me.

Today is the day I quit worrying about what I don't have and start being grateful for all the wonderful things God has already given me.

I'll remember that to worry is just a waste of time because my faith in God and his Divine Plan ensures everything will be just fine.

And tonight, before I go to bed, I'll go outside and raise my eyes to the heavens. I will stand in awe at the beauty of the stars and moon, and I will praise God for these magnificent treasures.

As the day ends and I lay my head down on my pillow, I will thank the Almighty for the best day of my life. And I will sleep the sleep of a contented child, excited with expectation because I know tomorrow is going to be the best day of my life ever!



From the WA State Trefoil Newsletter

Over the next three years Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will follow a journey through our World Thinking Day themes.

2019 : LEADERSHIP Guides and Girl Scouts are leaders. In 2019, learn the different ways to be a leader and develop the power you want to bring to see the change in the world.

2020 : DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION It's important that Guiding and Scouting is an inclusive space for all to take part. In 2020, understand the concepts of diversity, equity and inclusion and what that means for your community.

2021 : PEACEBUILDING Use the knowledge and experience you've gained in 2019-2020 to take action and change your world. Choose to build peace, be a leader and create environments that include everyone.



Lord & Lady B-P. (Lorraine Pittaway and Gloria Burrows,
in their 1920's uniform

All Guilds are on a roster to organise Thinking Day. This year, Burswood/Bentley Guilds were the hosts of our Thinking Day celebrations, and what a celebration it was, even Lord and Lady B-P were present ! The hall was beautifully decorated as befitting a birthday party and Lord and Lady B-P dutifully cut their birthday cake together and shared a kiss to cement their long relationship!

Thank you to Burswood/Bentley Guild for the superb organisation and program they provided.

Those hosting, the 2020 Thinking Day will find it a hard act to follow but nevertheless an interesting and diverse topic to present.

At the conclusion of Thinking Day, having made paper links, we all joined together to signify the importance of being linked together as Trefoil members in the Guide movement.

Again, thanks to Burswood/Bentley Guild.

Australian Good Turn for 2019

The Australian Good Turn for 2019 is putting together “Care Packs” for Adults and children. A suggestion is that these could be put together in handbags or backpacks.

These packages could contain items that would be needed if they were

fleeing their home to a refuge, for example, toiletries, such as hair brush, comb, face washer, small towel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand lotion etc. other items could include notebook, pen, tissues and items for children such as a colouring book and pencils, a small toy, games or anything else you might think of.

You would need to contact your local Council or church to find contacts within your local community where they are most needed.



WANTED!

Nominations for the Position of

Australian Trefoil Guild Dark Horse Venture Coordinator

The term of the current ATG DHC Coordinator will be completed on the 12th August 2019, and so nominations for this position are now being called.

Title of Job: Australian Trefoil Guild Dark Horse Venture Co-ordinator

Nominated by: Trefoil Guild member

Appointed by: Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser

Ratified by: Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser and State Trefoil Guild Adviser

Responsible to: Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser and Dark Horse Venture UK

Term: Up to three years with an option, if mutually agreed, for a further period of one year

Main purpose: Promote the DHV scheme to Trefoil Guild members.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Understand and accept the Dark Horse Venture scheme and its principles
2. Be familiar with all aspects of the scheme including categories, interpretation of challenge, and methods of assessment and award of certificates.
3. Take responsibility for the administration of the scheme by:

- Receiving applications.
 - Creating and maintaining a file for each applicant.
 - Supplying applicants with the DHV kit (information Booklet; Personal Journal; Activity and Assessment pages; and badge).
 - Ensuring correspondence is dealt with promptly and contact maintained.
 - Checking and organising the award of recognition certificates upon the completion of categories.
 - Providing a monthly report listing participants; categories being worked upon and those completed. Copy of the report to be sent to the DHV UK office, ATGA and STGAs.
4. Compile and circulate a six monthly newsletter for participants (copy to be sent to ATGA and STGAs).
 5. Keep financial records. Provide a monthly statement to ATGA. An annual audited statement to be presented to the ATGA at the end of each calendar year.
 6. Promote the DHV scheme to Trefoil Guild members. If practical, arrange a meeting for DHV participants and other interested TG members at the Australian TG Gatherings.

Personal Skills:

1. Demonstrate organisational and administrative skills.
2. Be able to relate to people. Help adapt their interests to the requirements of the DHV scheme.
3. Be able to communicate clearly by using all available technology.

If you have any queries please contact me via email or phone.

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WAGGGS NEWS

The 2019 Juliette Low Seminar (JLS)

The JLS has been bringing Girl Guides and Girl Scouts together since 1932. From 14th - 20th November 2019, 1,000 WAGGGS members aged 20-30 will share a unique international leadership adventure in 20 countries around the world. WAGGGS members from 150 countries will make new friends, get out of their comfort zone, connect with different cultures, exchange ideas on leadership and gender equality, and learn together.



For the 2019 JLS, we are piloting a new approach to this event. Instead of 60 participants (as in previous years), we are offering up to 1,000 spaces for WAGGGS members aged 20 – 30. The JLS programme will run in up to 20 hub locations at the same time, giving participants at each hub location a chance to connect across borders both face to face and through technology. Every JLS hub will be an international, cross-cultural leadership development adventure. We are taking the very best of JLS and making it bigger!

If you and/or your Trefoil Guild would like to donate some money to help girls from both Australia and the Asia Pacific Area to take part in this Seminar you can do it in the following ways:

Cheque: Please post cheques made payable to Girl Guides Australia to:
Suite 103, Level 1. 100 William Street, Woolloomooloo NSW 2011.

Bank Transfer: Account name: GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA
BSB: 032-022
Account Number: 41-0496
Description: "JLS {your last name}"

Credit Card <http://www.girlguides.org.au/>
Click the donate button



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Enjoy the upcoming Autumn months with lots of happy Trefoiling!

Cheers,

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