



*NATIONAL SCOUT & GUIDE FELLOWSHIP
AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER
Autumn – Winter 2019*

Hello Members

It is time to put “pen to paper” with all the happenings around our World! The executive have held two very busy and stimulating meetings this year. The first in February and just recently in

early May. There is always much discussion about the various issues on the Agenda. This is a good sign that plenty is happening around the Organisations.

One of the most important discussions revolves around membership, the ageing of our members and what can be done to address the issue of decreasing numbers. All members need to be concerned about this as it is not just a singular Guild affected, but across Australia.

As Trefoil Guild Adviser for Victoria, we as a Team have been working hard to assist the Guilds, were possible to embrace change and reach out into our communities. A warm welcome to our new members who joined within the few months!

NEW ZEALAND and SRI LANKA



We join with our fellow Guides and Scouts around the world in condemning the dreadful atrocities against innocent people and mourn with them the loss of lives which occurred recently in their Countries.



It is beyond comprehension.

Sadly we lost two members in SRI LANKA. Our deepest sympathy to our fellow KIWIS in New Zealand. Your pain is our pain.



On my SOAPBOX NOW!!

It is my firm belief we as an Organisation, both Scouting and Guiding still have much to offer, not only to our Youth but the Adult Movement in general.

We have in our hands through the Vision of our Founders the perfect programme designed over many years of personal experiences the means by which we can encourage the development of future Leaders and People of vision who are prepared to think outside the square.

It is up to each of us to be proactive towards making it happen!

Things to Ponder

You're like a teabag –not worth much till you've been through some hot water

Nothing dies quicker than a new idea in a closed mind

Some people stay so far in the past that the future is gone before they get there !!!!!



NSGFA News

To Greg Davies and Brian Jackson as **they** continue to do a wonderful service for Australia as our representatives on the World Stage in their chosen roles. See attached reports



International Secretary's Report National Scout and Guide Fellowship of Australia

Quarter 2 - 2019 Highlights:

The year has continued in a fairly quiet fashion. The National Annual Report / Census for the period ending 31-Dec-2018 was submitted. Acknowledgement was received from the World Bureau on 01-Apr-2019. The 3rd ISGF AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2019 in GHANA, Africa has just concluded and I am looking forward to receiving some information on the outcomes from the event. A twinning between CAS TER-RAS Baden-Powell Scout Guild and FOFSAG group in Malaysia (Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides Malaysia) has been requested.

A reminder that the new Secretary General is

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Correspondence

2019-03-18 - New Zealand ISGF Newsletter - "Te Pukapuka"

2019-04-01 - Annual Census form sent to World Bureau.

2019-04-01 - Acknowledgement was received from the World Bureau for the submission.

Upcoming Events

10th European ISGF Conference- Germany - 21st - 25th August 2019

2nd ISGF Western Hemisphere - New York USA - 16th - 20th September 2019

The 2nd Western Hemisphere Regional Conference 16-20 Sept 2019

SET YOUR SAT-NAV TO SWANWICK

for the

2019 TREFOIL GATHERING

4 October - 7 October 2019

at the Hayes Conference Centre at Swanwick in the beautiful county of Derbyshire. Modern ensuite rooms, good food, a bar and extensive grounds.

Full board and ensuite accommodation inclusive of Friday evening meal to Monday breakfast is £285 - plus activities and outings of your choice.

The gathering is open to ALL Trefoil members; new and not so new, young and not so young.

Make your pick from:

- Coach trips to interesting places in the Peak District
- Learning new skills from experts
- A host of indoor activities and crafts to try your hand at
- A range of outdoor activities and challenges
- Entertainment by interesting speakers
- Learning new ideas to take back to your guild
- Exploring the new programme
- Finding out more about TOPAZ

Perhaps best of all meet, make friends, and enjoy the fellowship of other Trefoil members.

An application form will be included on the carrier sheet of your September issue of *The Trefoil* magazine, but book the date in your diary now.



Trefoil Guild News

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 –



75 YEARS

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! -----

Victorian Trefoil Guild

Gathering and Annual General Meeting 2019

Victorian Trefoil Guild
2019
Celebrating Into The
FUTURE



APPLICATION FORM

1 EVENT DETAILS

Date of Event:	9 – 11 August 2019
Location of Event:	Ibis Hotel, 297 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Cnr Bogong Avenue and Kingsway, Glen Waverley
Website:	www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6413-ibis-melbourne-glen-waverley

2 COST OF EVENT

FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Accommodation	Friday and Saturday nights OR Saturday night only and breakfast in a single or twin share room
Saturday	AGM and Gathering activities

HAPPY FOUNDERS DAY AND WORLD THINKING DAY 22 FEBRUARY 2019

This year Trefoil Guild Australia celebrated just a bit differently and what a fantastic time it was on the THINKING DAY AT SEA CRUISE.....

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

Report by Cruise Co-ordinator Barbara Fairbairn



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.

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 March all safe and sound.



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

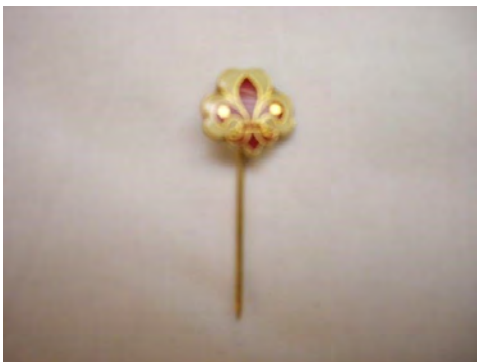
Captain Simon Love joined our Thinking Day Ceremony on the Tasmanian trip

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.

NSGFA BADGES



Did you know you can purchase these NSGFA Badges?
These pictures are not as clear as the real thing but they give you an idea of what's available. There is also a metal green Australia badge like the patch above. Coming soon a Polo Shirt and a Fleecy jacket so watch this space

Baden Powell Guild Australia

report –

Although individual branches at the local level have been quite active, there has been quiet few months at the national level.

Challenges that the national executive are facing over next several months include looking at the finances (less income / higher expenses trend over several years), national website has had no progress, who will step forward in relation to next 2020-23 term, the upcoming annual census documentation.

We would like to congratulate John Booth, St Georges Guild and also dual NSW BP Guild member, on recently been awarded his 70 years service award from the NSW State Commissioner of Scouting.

AsPac ISGF

report –

The annual meeting was held last month in Bangkok, Thailand, and was chaired by Brian Jackson (NSW BP Guild member). This was the first meeting of the new region committee so it included informative updates and explanations for all, as well as administrative issues. Opening address was delivered by Ahmad Rusdi, Chairman, AsPac Region, WOSM (also the current Indonesian Ambassador to Thailand). All countries provided reports covering recent activities, whilst Greg Davies (Australian delegate) delivered the Australian update report as part of a photo slide show prepared by Richard Stuart Smith (our International Commissioner).

There was an updated report in relation to the '2024 Vision' which covered membership growth and development throughout the AsPac region. Currently Australian membership numbers are in excess of 40% covering the whole AsPac ISGF region, which is why Australia is looked at for continued input and contributions, and also why we need to assist in the development and growth within the Fellowship throughout the AsPac region. Greg Davies who helped establish the 'Vision 2024' team back in 2015 has stepped down (to concentrate more on ISGF AsPac Treasurer role), so we are now looking for another representative from Australia to join this team and continue the development work.

The main highlights of the meeting was the evening river dinner cruise through the Bangkok central areas, the opening address and input from Ahmad Rusdi (and commitment to assist with formation of Thailand ISGF team), along with the ongoing international fellowship experience of catching up with our overseas guiding / scouting friends.



Next year's meeting will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The next AsPac regional gathering will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in August 2021.

Photos – participants at Bangkok ISGF AsPac meeting, March 2019

Western Australian News

Lots of awards and the unveiling of the Memorial Plaque.
Check out the attachment to find out "Who's Who"



Queensland Trefoil News

Years of Membership: It is wonderful to see there are lots of applications. Please have them in by the 25th of the month which is Yo M checking date! For your information the numerals are \$7.50 and the bar, which replaces the oval brooch is \$8.95. Recycle your old numerals, which are in good condition, within your Guild or with other Guilds. This will help your Guilds keep costs down. Postage is quite high, so if you can get someone to pick them up from Guide Supplies, that's another saving. Trefoil Dress reminder: Badge tab should be worn on the left and name bar and service awards on the right in Trefoil Dress. You may keep wearing your blue or red oval brooch with the numeral!

Centenary in the Sunshine: We have some early birds who have already applied to come to the Gathering 11-13 October.

Shirley Kerr (13.2.1933—1.3.19) Tarragindi Trefoil Guild member Shirley Kerr passed away

Dark Horse Venture: Australia Trefoil Guild are calling for nominations for a new Coordinator whose term ends 12 August 2019. If you are interested, and I hope lots of you are, let me know and I will send you the criteria.

The Veterans Tale

You don't remember long ago, The days before we were old,
But we haven't forgotten, we old Pre-Wars, And we think you ought to be told.
We wore somewhat peculiar uniforms And carried a mighty staff,
And we wore very large white chevrons, And the soldiers used to laugh
And shout out, "Hurry up, Corporal, Or you'll get three days' C.B."
But those were the days for me!
We learnt to cook in a billy-can
And make the most indigestible dampers
, But it paved the way to a later day
When we grew into ardent campers.
And we may have been slightly ridiculous,
We were rather small but terribly keen And we got so worried and hot,
But tired and bored we were not!
Like the poor White Knight we wished to be Prepared for what might befall,
So we carried a strange miscellany In case there should be a call
For a bridge, or a bed, or in case of fire,
Or if anyone wanted a drink,
Well, we were rather laden with all our goods, But at least we learned to think!
And when I remember the work we did
And the wonderful games we played, I think that some of you younger folk
Might have laughed at the shows displayed,
Well, some of our critics laughed at us then,
But I'm sure you'll agree it's true
That we learnt some very remarkable things
And we've handed them on to you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 30—July 6 - "Trail Blazers" - Qld State Centenary Camp.

July 15 (Mon.) SUN COASTLINERS T.G. AGM—at Boomjarril, Landsborough. Morning tea from 11am- meeting commences at 11.30am followed by lunch.

July 20 (Sat.) Hervey Bay Girl Guides—91 year celebratory dinner, at the Hervey Bay RSL Club. More details available by contacting Dot King on 0409 279 600

Oct. 11—13 - QLD TREFOIL GUILD GATHERING—"Centenary In the Sunshine" at Maroochy Water front Camping & Conference Centre. Oct. 19 - GIRL GUIDES QUEENSLAND CENTENARY DINNER - 'Royal on the Park', Alice Street, Brisbane. Cost \$75. The hotel has also offered a very good room rate for those who may wish to stay. They can book this through the hotel - just advise they are with GGQ. We are hoping, with support of Trefoil members, this very important event will be advertised to past Guiding members who are no longer involved but interested in the dinner. Expressions of Interest are now available at centenarydinner2019@guidesqld.org & use your membership number or from 'outside' the website. The EOI can also be accessed from 'outside' the website for those who are not financial members but past members who maybe be interested in attending the dinner.

A THOUGHT AND A QUESTION for you to solve. Where do these words come from.....?

Unselfishness

Self-sacrifice

Kindness

Generosity

Courtesy to women

Thanks!

Honour

Fair play

Honesty

Loyalty

Duty before all

Obedience and discipline

Humility

Courage

Fortitude

Good temper and Cheeriness, BUT wait there is more where that came from!!

Closing date for news articles for next NSGFA SPRING NEWSLETTER September 1st, 2019

Thank you to all who contributed to make this an interesting read! Please keep the articles coming as it is not Our Newsletter, but yours!

INTERNATIONAL

We wish our International Travellers. Safe Travels and great times as you attend the various Gatherings and Conferences around the World.

Bev Brooks [STA TAS] and her husband Phil are off to Swanwick England [see flyer]

Kaye Reeves, Joan Thom and Sharyn Smith Anderson who are representing Australian Trefoil Guild in Ontario, Canada in June.

Until next time

Yours in fellowship

Rhonda and Kaye

