



TREFOIL GUILD

### FROM THE AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL GUILD ADVISOR, MARCIA ANDREWS

Greetings everyone,

I have been enjoying the many journeys that I have undertaken since my last newsletter in March, however short or long they were.

One of the shortest was my local Anzac Parade where I marched alongside my local Guide Group. How it brought back memories of my own time as a Guide and Ranger marching down the main street accompanied by the Pipe Band, other community groups and being inspired by the Service near the Memorial in the park!



My ATG Secretary, Sue, was fortunate enough to travel to ANZAC Cove for the Dawn Service there, but one of the highlights of her trip was meeting some Turkish Guides.



During May I had a very busy weekend which saw me attending the NSW&ACT Annual General Meeting and Gathering all day Saturday and then flying to Melbourne the next morning for the NSGFA meeting which was held in the Sunbury Scout Hall.



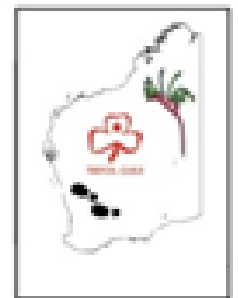
The NSW&ACT Gathering with the theme 'Trefoil Around the World' was well attended and a variety of activities were available for participation including Tai Chi and creating a new World Centre in groups –



some very inventive and imaginative people abound. I was privileged to give a talk on Twinning which is facilitated by the International Secretary of the NSGFA – Richard Stuart-Smith.



June was a busy month as I attended a series of meetings in Perth, including the Committee meeting for the ATG Gathering next year – from 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September. The 'Walk on the West Side' promises to be both enjoyable and interesting. The Committee are working very hard to ensure a quality experience for everyone. Room rates have been reduced so make sure you fill in your applications sooner rather than later.



I was also there to farewell outgoing WA State Trefoil Guild Adviser, Kay Arrantash, at the State Trefoil Guild Annual General Meeting. I presented her with a Silver membership of Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS on behalf of the Australian Trefoil Guild. Kay was also recognised by receiving the Wattle Award for her service to Guiding including Trefoil. This is richly deserved for all her efforts.



Kay Arrantash and Carmel Stefanoff



Carmel Stefanoff was welcomed as the new State Trefoil Guild Adviser for WA. I look forward to her participation in the State Advisers' Meeting to be held in NSW in September and working with her for the duration of my term.

I saw much needed rain in Adelaide while I was there for their State Trefoil Guild Annual General Meeting and Gathering. A very interesting talk about Domestic Violence tied in nicely with this year's ATG Good Turn of Care packages for Refuges. The statistics are frightening and it behoves all of us to be aware of what is happening around us. This talk was very similar to one I had been to at Pennant Hills Trefoil Guild where similar statistics were mentioned. It also showed that guilds need to contact the Refuges to see what kind of assistance is needed as some need goods and others prefer cash donations.



Marcia ATGA with SA SC Emma Gillett, Asst SC Kate Turner (guest speaker on Women and Children's services), SA TGA Helen Pointon

Once again in July I found myself in Laceby (near Wangaratta) for another NSGFA meeting where we were able to try on and wear new T- Shirts which will be available for sale soon. Keep checking out the Australian Trefoil Guild website for details. They do look smart.



**NSGFA** Committee L—R: Richard Stuart-Smith, Kaye Reeves, Marcia Andrews, Llewellyn Phillips, Greg Davies, Rhonda Wiedemann

## Asia Pacific Conference

This conference in August has been moved to Taiwan after the tragic events in Sri Lanka. A big **Thank You!** to all the Trefoil Guilds who were able to support this event by sending cash donations or goods to be sold on the Trading Table.

## DHV & SCC Report from Faye Croft, DHV and SCC Coordinator

A reminder that the 2019 admin fee was due on 1st Feb. If you have paid already thank you. If not, please send cheque made out to GGA Trefoil Guild Dark Horse Venture (for both DHV and SCC). If you prefer to direct credit the bank details are :

*BSB: 082 429, Acct #: 13108269, Account name as above.*

Please let me know via email when payment has been made.

**Position Vacant:** Yes, the position for Dark Horse Venture Co-ordinator is still vacant. My term ends at the end of July. I would love to continue but the term is only for four years.

### **DHV news:**

Congratulations to the 16 members who have gained category certificates in 2019. Two GOLD Awards gained so far in 2019 are Jenny Wiggins (Tasmania) and Susan Folpp (NSW&ACT). Congratulations ladies.

### **SCC News:**

Great news!! Congratulations to Dianne Hodgson (WA) who is the first to complete her Bronze and Bek Milne (NSW&ACT) not far behind Dianne. Lyn McGuckin (NSW&ACT) has also just completed her Bronze level. Well done ladies! Dianne and Bek are now working on their Silver Level. Sue Flopp has completed three of the six sections required. Well done Sue.

Bek Milne (on my behalf) has set up a SCC Group Facebook page to support SCC members. It is opened only to SCC registered members.

I know it has been sometime since I have inserted DHV and SCC info into newsletters. The past few months have been difficult since the death of my brother, Peter, in December. Thank you to everyone for your kind words, thoughts and prayers, and for your patience and understanding during this most difficult time.

### **Canadian National Trefoil Guild Gathering**

The Canadian National Trefoil Guild Gathering was attended by Sharyn Smith-Anderson -STGA NSW&ACT, Kaye Reeves and Joan Thom - both from Victoria. A great time was had by all!

#### ***From Sharon's posts:***

***Day 2 Canadian TG Gathering:*** Activities and Campfire. Many activities to choose from today: Paddle making and wood crafts, patchwork, Tia Chi, Self Defence, Chair Yoga, Geocaching, Planetarium Astronomy, Sights or Sudbury, Belly Dancing, Line Dancing  
WOW....exhausting !





**Day 3. Canadian TG National Gathering:** Today was an adventure day! We all headed out to the far reaches of The Sudbury area.....Kaye, Joan and I chose to explore North Bay...we travelled by coach to Nth Bay and cruised the Bay, visited museums, rode trains and a carousel! Arrived back for Dinner tired and happy. Others went exploring art galleries, museums ending the day with crafts.....tomorrow is another day.

**Day 5 Canadian TG Gathering.....Last Day!** The Gathering Closing today included a trip down Memory Lane, and a pictorial presentation of the last few days of the Gathering.....lots of laughs. The Gathering Committee all wore aprons to be easily recognised....and at the closing the aprons were auctioned off....money going to The World Guide Friendship Fund. Lots more laughs as each member tried to out do each other, modelling and offering extras plus the apron....\$850.00 was raised.



The next National Canadian TG Gathering to be held 2022 was announced (drum roll.....) Winnipeg, Manitoba. So, start saving.... I can guarantee a fabulous experience will be had, full of Fun and Friendship.

## Snippets from the States

### Tasmania

**Eastern Shore Trefoil Guild - Leonie Howard**

Several of us joined Glenorchy Trefoil Guild at Succulent Tearooms at The Royal Botanical Gardens to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A pleasant time was had by all and a bonus was that our King Island member, Judy Knowles, was able to join us. Some of us helped set up



Marilyn Dobbie, Leonie Howard & Cheryl Wilson.

for the Queens Guide and Scout Awards at the Sunshine Centre on 17th May and we also helped with catering for the LINK Leaders weekend at Orana which looked to be very interesting and well attended. It is always nice to catch up with the people who are directly involved with the girls.

### Northern Territory

The Northern Australia Trefoil Guild, along with the rest of Guiding in the Northern Territory, is going to be part of NSW&ACT from August.

The Guild challenged themselves by making Kokedamas – looks like a fun activity. Trefoil Guild members gave Carrol Lynch a Kokedama for her golden wedding anniversary so after some investigation into how they are made, the ladies tackled making their own. They have mastered the rudiments of the "how to" but still need to perfect the string pattern on the outside. The type of string used is important because ordinary string rots out very quickly.



Northern Australia Trefoil Guild members making Kokedamas.

Kokedamas need to be dunked in water once or twice a week depending on where the plant is kept and they are meant to last up to a couple of years before they need to be replanted. They make a lovely gift and almost any plant can be used.

## Queensland

### DIAMOND JUBILEE LONES - Elaine Britton

Longreach turned on almost perfect weather for the eight visiting members to help the local Guides celebrate 100 years of Guiding in Queensland. They came by car, plane and train. The Council was generous in sponsoring a BBQ which was well attended. At this event, a beautifully decorated cake was cut and of course, sampled.



Some of the ladies spent a week in Longreach. During this time, Margaret Blake, our President presented awards to several members. Jill Williams from Barcaldine received a 50 year number for her long, dedicated and outstanding service to Guiding. Congratulations Jill.

A day trip to Winton to visit the Age of Dinosaurs and the new, recently opened Waltzing Matilda Centre was most enjoyable. It is very different from the old one which burned down several years ago. The Stockman's Hall of Fame, QANTAS Founders Museum and river cruise were also on the agenda. Well, not exactly the cruise, as we, 'the missed the bus crowd', took advantage of the situation, as latecomers, to chat to the entertainer while we waited for the boat to return as to why we were in Longreach, and he promoted the Guides during the dinner.

The wearing of our Guide shirts attracted attention from many and we were able to promote our wonderful Movement over and over. The Uniting Church was excited to have the ladies for worship on Sunday. Fun, food and friendship (our motto) were a predominant feature of the week. Some of the ladies will meet again at the Gathering in October.



Left: Apsley Trefoil Guild's longest serving member, Lois Roberts with their newest member, Dot Stephens, cutting their 36th Birthday Cake.



Right: Cheryl Pattermore (Keppel Coast TG) met with the Exeter Trefoil Guild. In the UK and some of the badges she returned with.





## Victoria

A big welcome to Sue Viney who will be the new State Trefoil Guild Adviser for Victoria after the Handover at the Annual General Meeting and Gathering to be held in early August. I am looking forward to meeting her.

## Badges for Sale

This large (12 cm diameter) Trefoil Guild badge is available from ATG Merchandise Manager, Julie Minici, email [julieminici13@gmail.com](mailto:julieminici13@gmail.com) for \$4.50, plus postage.



Enjoy the rest of Winter and keep warm.

Happy Trefoiling!

*Marcia*