



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

Greetings everyone,

I have now completed the circuit of journeys in my first year as Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser. And how varied and interesting they have been!

Recently I was invited to a local high school to view the results of an interview I had given one of the local guides -Jess- about the history of Guiding in the Mona Vale District. And, of course, Trefoil Guild got a mention too! It was great to see the use of traditional and modern technology side by side and it is fun being on a loop!



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I was delighted to have been invited to and be present at the Opening of the Juliette Low Seminar Hub in Chatswood. What an occasion! To listen to Rachel Fife and musicians from the Northern Sydney Guide Region and to be inspired by the address given by Dr Kay Patterson, Age Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission – herself a Juliette Low Seminar participant in her youth – was a privilege. The presentation of flags by the participants from the sixteen countries represented summed up the theme of the Seminar – Leading Out Loud as the young women in their different uniforms demonstrated the connectivity that Guiding brings to the world.





August saw me travelling to Melbourne for the Victorian Trefoil Guild Annual General Meeting and Gathering. It was a very friendly and congenial weekend where Rhonda Wiedemann handed over the role of State Trefoil Guild Adviser to Sue Viney. Rhonda was congratulated on a job well done and this was recognised by the Emu Award being presented to her as well as the Asia Pacific Adult Leadership Award for her work with the NSGFA. The Australian Trefoil Guild also gave her a Silver membership to Asia Pacific WAGGGS. A big welcome to Sue as she explores Trefoil Guilding in Victoria.



Rhonda Wiedemann, Marcia Andrews and Sue Viney



Trefoil guild Advisers Annual Meeting at Camp Austral, Western Sydney. L-R: Sue Viney (Vic), Marcia Andrews (ATGA), Helen Poin-ton (SA), Ro Derwin (Australian Commissioner), Carmel Stefanoff (WA), Bev Brooke, Tas), Sharyn Anderson-Smith (NSW, ACT, NT), Joan Gleeson (Qld).

Again rain fell during the weekend that I was in Queensland for their Trefoil Guild Annual General Meeting and Gathering in early October. This was a relaxed occasion where we enjoyed Campfire singing, the local Member of Parliament ( a former Guide) being the Guest Speaker and for me, a cruise on the river as part of a very interesting program.

I can recommend Camp Austral in Western Sydney as a campsite to be experienced especially as this was the location for the State Trefoil Guild Advisers' Meeting in September. This meeting was a very productive and informative time where Carmel (WA) and Sue (Vic) met the other STGAs with fun, food and fellowship. Rosemary Derwin, Australian Chief Commissioner, was able to share time with us and Barbara Dean appeared via Skype for an International session.





Early November saw me in Victoria at Riddells Creek for the NSGFA Annual General Meeting weekend where a log fire was needed to keep us warm. There was lots of discussion about the way forward and how to celebrate 60 Years of ISGF in Australia in 2020.



**Back row :** Barb Saul, Leone Walbran, Greg Davies, Brian Jackson, Maxine Gibson, Roanne Stickland, Helen Saxby

**Front row:** Richard Stuart-Smith, Margaret Blake, Kaye Reeves, Marcia Andrews, Rhonda Wiedemann , Llewellyn Phillips

**Inspiration:**

**A Nudge**

Are you an active member?  
The kind that would be missed?  
Or, are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?  
Do you attend meetings  
And mingle with the flock?  
Or do you stay away  
And criticise and knock?  
Do you take an active part  
To help the show along?  
Or, are you satisfied to be  
The kind that just belongs?  
Do you ever go to visit  
Or ring a member who is sick?  
Or leave the work to just a few  
Then call them the clique?  
Think it over members  
You know the right from wrong.  
Be an active member  
And DO NOT just belong!

*Anon*

*Thanks to an active member*

November has seen the completion of the processes for the Northern Territory to become a region of NSW&ACT. There is a new state badge and we now become NSW, ACT & NT. A big Welcome to the Northern Australian Trefoil Guild on this transition.



**Stop Press: New QTGA**

A big welcome to Margie Reid who has been successful in becoming the Queensland State Trefoil Guild Adviser Elect. Congratulations and Bravo!





### 2020 – A Year of Celebrations

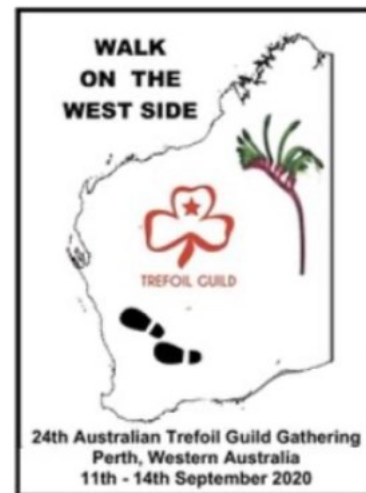
WOW! What a year of celebrations next year is going to be!

The Australian Trefoil Guild turns 75 and everyone should have a Booklet, a cloth badge and a metal badge to give them ideas for celebrating either individually or as a Trefoil Guild. An extra bonus is you can wear the metal badge on your tab for the year!!



On Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May let's light up the country with Celebratory Campfires to let everyone know about Trefoil Guilds. Invite your local Guide Units to join in the fun and buy a souvenir badge for your Camp Blanket! Details to come!

11-14<sup>th</sup> September – we are going for a Walk on the West Side in Perth at the 24<sup>th</sup> Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering. Have you booked your place yet?? There is still time to do so – deposit due by 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.



October will be the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the NSGFA – celebrations will be held in the Sydney area and we would like to see at least 60 people come and celebrate – More details to follow.





## Snippets from the States

All states have been having lots of fun as well as doing Good Deeds this year –

### NSW, ACT & NT

WELCOME – Northern Territory Trefoil Guild! We welcome our sisters in Guiding from the Northern Territory Trefoil Guild. Welcome to Margaret N, Veronica, Carrol, Lynne, Miriam and Margaret R. we look forward to you being part of our State Trefoil Guild family.

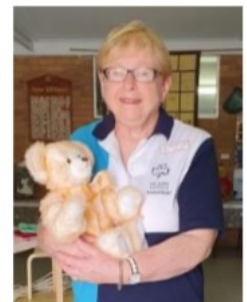
As the campfire song goes.....

I haven't met you personally,  
But one glance confirms a friend I see;  
For behind the trefoil and the smiles,  
Lies strong ideals linking hear

### LOWER HUNTER TREFOIL GUILD

A Teddy Bear and Doll Show was enjoyed by young and the young at heart, by bears of all descriptions and sizes by dolls dressed in national costumes and some very loved bear friends!

It was a busy afternoon.... Bear and Doll crafts to make, a Bear Hunt and a Tea Party! Guides from Maitland - Rutherford and East Maitland and their families joined in the fun



### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

All Guilds are meeting on a regular basis and are working hard to make sure that the Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering to be held in Perth next year will be a superb Walk on the West Side.

### TASMANIA

#### EASTERN SHORE TREFOIL GUILD – Leonie Howard

Eastern Shore had a break in the coldest month of Winter and had our regular meeting at The Sunshine Centre Guide Hall in September. At this meeting, we presented Jenny Whitty with her Dark Horse Award for People and Places where Jenny researched and learned about 147 different Countries. Congratulations Jenny.





**ROLAND TREFOIL GUILD - Marie Dubbeld**

Our Guild delivered the Care Packages to the East Devonport Child and Family Centre which was very much appreciated by the management there. Five of us travelled to Burnie and had a lovely Christmas lunch with the Burnie Guild.

At our monthly meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October, we had a lovely lunch to celebrate Mollie Hooper's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday finishing off with a cake.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Trefoil Guild members who helped at the Royal Adelaide Show Parcel Minding (and Biscuit sales) service this year reported that the number of parcels was again fairly low but we remain the best kept secret for those with larger trolleys to be stored during the day. Returns (several hundred dollars) contribute to the Outreach fund, as do our dried fruit and stamp sales.



Saturday dinner at the Royal Hotel



**VICTORIA**

**STRZELECKI BOOMERANG TREFOIL GUILD**

Several members of Strzelecki – Boomerang Trefoil Guild spent a pleasant couple of days staying at Mirrabooka Brownie Cottage in Ocean Grove. After lunch, we drove to Queenscliff and enjoyed a walk at the marina, while some also climbed the tower to see the view. That evening we joined with members of Barwon Trefoil Guild for a very pleasant dinner.

Next day saw us in Geelong where we visited the National Wool Museum and then walked along the waterfront admiring the bollards. An unexpected diversion was watching a vehicle being towed out of the sea. No, we don't know how it got there. Next morning we headed home via the Rose Garden at Werribee. It was too early in the season to see many flowers but it was pleasant walking round the gardens. It was all a most enjoyable mid-week break.

**QUEENSLAND**

**SOUTHERN BELLES Shirley Gow**

Southern Belles Trefoil Guild welcomed Rhelma to our August meeting to teach us how to make a table arrangement. Rhelma is a keen gardener and flower arranger and was happy to share her expertise with our members. We were all delighted with our final arrangements and grateful for the time Rhelma spent guiding us.



**FRASER COAST Sue Downey**

We have all been busy knitting and creating some very interesting little Santa Stockings to send over to our sister guild in Keynsham, England. They look so cute and I am sure they will be well appreciated. Some of our members are going to the Gathering in October and looking forward to a very full program. We are planning a few interesting activities to see our year out. A picnic at the beach in November plus a river cruise in December. We enjoy going out into the community and we often have questions about who we are.



**GYMPIE Cassandra Treichel**

This month we had a very interesting power point presentation by Janine Quinn who is a Financial Information Service officer. She talked about pension rates, income testing, gifting and what is classed as an asset and also if you have someone going into aged care. Hats off to the organizers of this year's Gathering. What a fantastic weekend! I think the rain lifted the spirits of everyone just that little bit more on Saturday and, incredibly, the sun shone brightly on Sunday. How amazing is Mother Nature. The activities were so much fun and there is always so much food. Vonnie, Viv and I would like to thank everyone for their fun and fellowship. Catching up with old friends and making new, were the real highlights of the weekend. We will be seeing some of you at our AGM next month so, until then, please stay safe.



## Our Australian Trefoil Guild Good Turn for 2020 is Caring and Sharing in the Community.

Keep up your good works and let me know how you go.



## UK Trefoil Guild Gathering

Bev Brooke from Tasmania and Doreen Edwards from NSW&ACT had a great time in Swanwick, Derbyshire, UK in October where they made new friends and enjoyed different activities such as Well Dressing and making music with Hand Bells and Steel Drums, also Pyrography (Poker Work).

Please visit the ATG Website and read their very interesting reports. <https://www.girlguides.org.au/join-guides/trefoil-guild/events/>



## SCC and DHV Report

### SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE NEWS:

At the ATGA and State Adviser's meeting in Sydney in September 2019, it was recommended, discussed and voted on by the ATGA and STGAs that the SCC revert to the original planned format.

The original concept was to have five sections (the same as the UK Voyage Award that the SCC is based on) represented by the five stars of the Southern Cross. This was decided at the State Advisers meeting in Oct 2017. However, since that meeting another section was added making it six sections for each level.

The feedback I have received since the beginning of the SCC as to why there is two sections dealing with Environment. This is the reason why it was decided to remove the Nature's Elements/Our Environment from the challenge. All the activities from NE/OE can be used in Protecting Tomorrow. This change will be reflected in the new booklet which will be available from 1st February 2020. New members from now till 1st February 2020 will still receive the current booklet with NE/OE removed. SCC Certificates and 'mini' certificates will remain the same. SCC members who are working on the current system will be able to continue doing so or they may choose to remove the NE/OE from their challenge, if they haven't already commenced that section.

It was also recommended was that the total hours for the Silver is amended from 40 hours for each section to 30 hours for each section of each level. This will mean that Bronze level to take 20 hours per section (making a total of 100 hours), Silver level to take 30 hours per section (making a total of 150 hours) and Gold level to take 40 hours per section (making a total of 200 hours).

A precedent was set when Dark Horse Venture was first introduced it had only four categories and after some time it was amended to five categories and they all had name changes.



If any SCC members wish to continue with the six sections they commenced doing the SCC, there is no issue with that happening. They will receive the mini certificates after completion of each of the six sections.

**Competition: SCC needs to have a newsletter, which means it needs a name.**

So put on your thinking caps and suggest an appropriate name. Like the DHV newsletter (which by the way is called Links), it will go to members each six months, namely June and December. Winning name will be decided by ATGA and SCC Co. Sorry, no prize for winning name other than recognition in first newsletter. Email your suggestions to SCC email: [southerncross@girlguides.org.au](mailto:southerncross@girlguides.org.au) by end of December 2019.

**DARK HORSE VENTURE NEWS:**

Congratulations to Ann Miles (NSW/ACT) who gained her Gold Award in September and to Joy Millett (Qld) who has gained her Gold Award in November. Well done to both ladies.

Members continue to diligently work on their DHV challenges, and the activities are quite challenging for some, so keep up the great work you are doing.

The annual Admin fee is due 1st February 2020 for both SCC and DHV members. If you are not sure if you have paid the fee please contact me before making any payment. Some members have paid a couple of years in advance.

As the cost of postage will be going up as at 1st January 2020, (letters will now be \$1.10, and A4 and A5 envelopes will be \$2.20) this fee is vital for the administration costs, which covers the postage of certificates, phone, stationery costs and the internet. (For those of you that don't know, I don't have direct internet access. I only live 3 kms out of town and cannot get internet. (I use a mobile Wi-Fi, which I upload with credit every few months).

As this is the last newsletter for this year, I wish each and every one a Merry and Healthy Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay safe with whatever you do and enjoy Christmas with your family and friends.

Faye Croft, SCC Co & DHV (caretaker) Coordinator



*Wishing all members and your families a  
Happy Christmas and looking forward to  
another year of great Trefoiling in 2020.*

*Cheers,*

*Marcia*