



*Celebrating 75 years of Australian Trefoil Guilds*

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

WOW! What amazing times we are living in! It seems so long ago that the bushfires were raging and causing such havoc followed by the flooding rains, all while many parts of the country were still experiencing severe drought. And now we are surrounded by a virus, the likes of which have never been seen before and this is really a global situation.



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We are reminded to stay well by social distancing and remaining at home. Because face to face Trefoil Guild activities are no longer allowed, we can be inventive about how we maintain our Guiding Spirit and contact with each other. Aren't we lucky to be living in this electronic age where we can connect with our smart phones, Skype, Zoom, etc and we could even write a letter or two!! And, of course, in these difficult times we can always sing and smile!

Our Guiding year starts with Thinking Day and I was fortunate to attend a Thinking Day Service in St Columba's in Adelaide. Guides carried in the banners which were paced at the front of the church and a moving service was held. Afterwards, in the courtyard under the grapevine we made a toast to trefoil Guilds in this 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. This was followed by more fellowship over lunch in the church hall. I thank all the Guild members who made this day such a memorable one and South Australia for the invitation.

*Banner parade for Thinking Day Service in St Columba's, Adelaide*







I was also fortunate enough to attend four Annual General Meetings, including that of my own Trefoil Guild. It is always inspiring to hear about the numerous activities that Guilds take part in and how they support their Guiding communities as well as the wider community. Guest Speakers give enthusiastic presentations on a wide variety of topics including local charities such as the County Women’s Association and personal interest ones such as the Royal Horticultural Society.



*Brindabella (NSW) AGM, March 2020*

While you are not distracted by regular Trefoil Guild activities now is a good time to take on challenges such as those offered by the Dark Horse Venture. On Thinking Day I had the pleasure of meeting our new DHV Coordinator, Margaret Priestley who is a member of Entente Trefoil Guild in South Australia and has also gained the Dark Horse Venture Gold Award herself. Her appointment commenced on the 1st February, 2020 and already there are two new participants. Her email address is:

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**DARK  
HORSE  
VENTURE**



*Dark Horse Venture . . .  
. . . a goal in later life*



Faye Croft remains the Southern Cross Challenge Coordinator and can be contacted by email on: [southerncross@girlguides.org.au](mailto:southerncross@girlguides.org.au)

She would love to hear from younger members who would like to challenge themselves.



Queensland has a new State Trefoil Guild Adviser in Margie Reid. The Handover from Joan Gleeson to Margie occurred electronically by Zoom – a very different experience – as Guides Queensland had already suspended face to face meetings. It was unfortunate that I was not able to hand each of them my bunch of Roses (chocolates) to celebrate this occasion. A Bravo to Joan for a job well done and welcome to Margie to enjoy the challenges and rewards that being an Adviser will bring.

A big welcome to Lee Camburn who is the State Trefoil Guild Adviser elect for South Australia. The Handover Ceremony was to be held at the Campfire in May so this is now a challenge in itself.

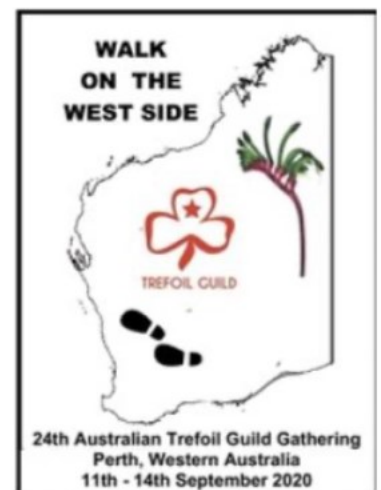
Please enjoy the newsletters that your states send out to you because it is a great way of hearing how other Guilds operate and often there are ideas for activities, crafts, guest speakers and so on that can be incorporated into your own meetings. I love reading about what people are doing and where they are going and because the photos always have smiling faces in them fun is obviously being had.



Naturally the Campfire Chain around Australia can't be happening on 16<sup>th</sup> May. However, it is really only on the backburner until we are able to gather again. What a way to reunite and start the next chapter in our Guiding lives!

You will have all received my Memo about the cancellation of the Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering in September of this year. It was a very difficult decision to make as I know all of you will appreciate.

The Committee, ably led by Jan Rose, have all worked tirelessly over the past three years and I know that you will all give them a huge Bravo for their efforts. I am sure we were all looking forward to Walking on the West Side.



## Snippets from the States

### NSW, ACT & NT

#### News from Glenbrook Gourmet Trefoil Guild—Thank you Susan Wakehurst

Members baked up a storm in late December to stock the pantry at Mt Riverview Rural Fire Service HQ. The Guild provided three homemade banana loaves, homemade fruit cakes and multiple cans of baked beans and canned fruit. The canned goods might seem like a strange item to provide and the Guild members were surprised when that was the request. We expected to be asked for lollies, water and perhaps fruit. The idea behind the small cans of baked beans and the fruit, is that they are easy to open and consume on the fire ground without utensils etc. Personally, I cannot imagine eating cold bake beans but in



the midst of fighting these horrendous fires anything is better than nothing. The Guild will restock as needed as this emergency sadly continues. The R.F.S Brigade at Mt Riverview is just one of four brigades in the Glenbrook village area.

Well done! Glenbrook Gourmet ladies!!! ...living up to your 'Gourmet' TG name!

Brindabella Trefoil Guild AGM welcomed the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser who presented Lyn Hanley with a Dark Horse Certificate.

Well done Lyn!







Barbara Fairbairn – Pennant Hills Trefoil Guild meet up with Marg Rudwick from Northern Australian Trefoil Guild when visiting Darwin in late February 2020

## QUEENSLAND

Toowoomba — Freda Garrett

Happy New Year to everyone, and may we all enjoy a happy, healthy, trouble free year as we celebrate the year 2020. A great day was enjoyed at Picnic Point, Toowoomba for Australia Day, especially seeing our Toowoomba Trefoil President, Estelle Dempster was presented with the Citizen of the Year award. Truly deserved and great for Guiding. Also our cuppa sales were well supported, and the Guides did a great job handing out the lamington cake for us. The planning meeting held in January was to organise our events calendar for 2020, starting with the first official meeting on Thursday Feb 6th, where we will organise ourselves for our Annual meeting on 5th March. We welcome sister Guilds and friends to attend and hear our report, and offer congratulations to our President on her award.



*Estelle Dempster, Citizen of the Year*

### Poem from Everton Park

This is a Challenge from the WAAAGS Handbook for Thinking Day 2020. For an Acrostic poem you can write just one word for each letter or a phrase as Everton Park Guild has done.

#### Thinking Day

Threads of friendship

Help us all

Interact with others.

Never say we can't

Keep in touch

In times of

Need and trouble.

Guiding teaches us to

Do our best

And always

Yearn to excel.



**VICTORIA**

**Mullana Trefoil Guild**

Jan and I (Sue Viney) visited Mullana Trefoil Guild for their AGM on 12 February, in Shepparton. Thelma O’Keefe had made and then presented the Guild with their new Banner which was very well received. Thanks and Congratulations to Thelma on a job well done.



A nice snip-it from Billee – Editor of the Whitehorse Trefoil Guild’s newsletter:



I thought you might be interested to see a photo of a bedhead, which has been turned into an Honour Board. Lady Baden-Powell slept in this bed in 1947 when she fell ill and needed to recuperate at Warrnambool. Nobody wanted the bedhead so Croydon West Guides jumped at the chance of having it. It is to be mounted up on the wall in its entirety.



## TASMANIA

### Glenorchy Trefoil Guild - Gaylene Palmer

Glenorchy held their first meeting for 2020 on the 17th February at the home of Bev Brooke and this was also the AGM. The Office bearers for 2020 are Gaylene Palmer – President and International Secretary; Lyn McCreary - Secretary, Heather Martin – Treasurer and Bev Brooke – Assistant Treasurer. Following the meeting, we all enjoyed lunch finishing with a cake celebration 75 years of Australian Trefoil Guilds.

Thinking Day greetings were sent to our Twinning Guilds in the UK and we received cards from both Allington and Orpington Trefoil Guilds.

Allington also sent us a parcel containing the UK Trefoil magazine, some badges and also “Spike” who is the mascot of the Maidstone Museum. Spike likes going on adventures and we will send photos of his travels back to Allington. We reciprocated by sending ‘Tazi” to Allington. We also went ‘Global’ with FaceTime on Thinking Day chatting to three members of Allington Trefoil Guild.



*Janette, Glenys & Celia with Tazi chatting with Heather, Gaylene & Bev with Spike by FaceTime*

**Boronia Trefoil Guild** - Vicki Norris

Many Boronia Trefoil members supported the Scout Guide Regatta in varying roles, making up the show bags, assisting at the registration desk, making the morning tea for the Governor and her entourage, preparing the rolls for the contingent on the Monday morning and manning one of the safety boats for the weekend. The weather wasn't all too kind for the water activities, but that didn't faze the kids at all.

Thanks to our other Trefoil friends for helping with the roll making on Saturday & Sunday. A great effort by all.



**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**WA Lone Trefoil Guild**

WALTG has not had a face to face meeting since the last State Trefoil meeting, however as there were 15 of us at the World Thinking Day service in Armadale on Feb. 22 we did manage to have a good catch up and discuss a few things in person. It was great to have so many of us there – apart from those members who live in and around Perth, we had members from Capel, Bridgetown, Manjimup, Boulder and Albany present. It was a great day and we found Janet Garcia-Webb's talk most interesting. Thank you to Dale TG for organizing the day, and to so many members of other Guilds for being present also.

We continue to support Esther House, with members who live in the hills volunteering to deliver goods collected by all Trefoil Guilds.

We are planning a weekend away in June at the Donnelly River Holiday Village, in the Manjimup/Bridgetown/Nannup area, with 11 members so far indicating they will attend. We have been there twice before, and have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together in a "bush" location, incorporating a "formal" meeting in the weekend as

well as a Guides Own and Singalong - and lots of laughter. We self-cater to save costs, and always eat extremely well!

We urge everyone to “keep washing your hands” and hope you all stay well during this Covid19 pandemic.

**Burswood/Bentley Trefoil Guild**—Lorraine Pittaway, President

- ◇ Five members attended World Thinking Day celebrations hosted by Dale Trefoil Guild held at the Girl Guide Hall Armadale
- ◇ Members are presently updating their records and profiles of their guiding life.
- ◇ 12 members from our Trefoil Guild will be attending the 24th Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering in September 2020
- ◇ Six ladies took part in the flag raising ceremony at the Bentley Park Estate on Australian Day.
- ◇ In accordance with the 75th badge and book our guild has made a combined effort to table 75 recipes which will be made into a recipe book.
- ◇ At a recent Branch AGM the following ladies were nominated: President Lorraine Pittaway, Secretary Jan Rose and Treasurer Judith Jowett
- ◇ A donation from the guild was given to the Bushfire Appeal.
- ◇ Our UK Trefoil link of Chelmsford North proved an interesting read on their activities.

## GONE HOME



It was with much sadness that I learnt of the passing of Kay Arrantash, immediate past State Trefoil Guild Adviser for Western Australia in March. She was a gentle soul and loved her Guiding and we enjoyed many a happy time over coffee and cake on my visits to the West. Rest in Peace, Kay.

I hope you have all enjoyed a peaceful Easter and may we all stay well and safe!

*Happy Trefoiling*  
*Marcia*