



## *Celebrating 75 years of Australian Trefoil Guilds*

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

Greetings everyone,

I do hope you are all keeping well and warm in this wintry season. I have been heartened by the connectivity maintained by Trefoil Guilds around Australia as evidenced in the State newsletters I have received.



I was inspired by this photo from Tasmania featuring the Light from MONA that is shone every Saturday night and can be seen up to 100 kms away. I agree with Bev Brooke ( STGA ) that it is indeed a “Guiding Light”.

### **Girl Guides Australia Bushfire Fund**

There has been some misinformation about how the money donated to the Girl Guides Australia Bushfire Fund will be used. Please read the following message from **Chief Commissioner, Rosemary Derwin:**

I am sure you appreciate with recent media stories we need to be very careful what we say regarding how the funds will be used. **The funds** donated to the Girl Guides Australia Bushfire Fund **will be used:**

- **To support Guides affected by the fires; and/or**
- **To fund Girl Guide programs supporting communities to rebuild after the bushfires**

This is a legal requirement.

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**ANZAC Day** was celebrated very differently this year as we were not allowed to march as we would normally do. This is how some Trefoil Guild members did it in Queensland.



## Annual General Meetings

I have recently been able to Zoom into the Annual General Meetings of Girl Guides NSW, ACT and NT and Girl Guides Australia. These were very interesting meetings and it was wonderful to be able to see and hear people talking about the achievements of Guiding at both State and National level. I would urge you to accept these kinds of invitations if you get the chance because your horizons will definitely expand. Visit the websites to read the Annual Reports so that you can be aware of the directions in which Guiding is travelling.

## STGA Handover in South Australia

I was able to Zoom into Adelaide for the AGM and STGA Handover recently. A big welcome to Lee Camburn and heartfelt thanks to Helen Pointon for a job well done.



**Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser's Report. South Australia 28 June, 2020**

*I thank the South Australian Trefoil Guild for the invitation to be present at the Annual General Meeting for 2020 and it is my pleasure to present this report.*

*The year began well with Trefoil Guilds all around the country celebrating Thinking Day. I was very fortunate indeed to take part in the Church Service in Adelaide with South Australia's Guilds followed by fun, food and fellowship.*

*There were quite a few Annual General Meetings taking place in early March and I was able to attend some of them. I find these to be a great networking opportunity and a source of continued admiration for all that Trefoil Guilds do for both Guiding and the wider community. They invariably engage in a wide range of activities and have very interesting and informative guest speakers at their meetings. Currently most AGMs are being held via Zoom, it is great to be able to see everyone's smiling faces.*

*The Australian Good Turn for 2020 is Caring and Sharing in the Community and I am sure that this has happened many times this year with our natural disasters of Bushfires and Floods and, of course, the COVID19 pandemic descending upon us.*

*Our Challenge this year has been COVID19 and we have had to adapt to the situation of not being able to meet in traditional ways. I think we are very lucky to be living in the technological era that we are because we can Zoom all around the place. It is comforting to be able to see people rather than just being able to hear them.*

*We welcome Margaret Priestley from South Australia to the position of Dark Horse Venture Coordinator and for those who are involved with the Southern Cross Challenge we have a new booklet for you.*

*Unfortunately the 75th Anniversary Campfire has not been able to be held in real time in May due to Government restrictions. I was looking forward to being with you all for the Campfire at Douglas Scrub. When conditions are right The Campfires can be held as a celebration of our return to face to face meetings. I remind you that there is a great Cloth Badge available for your Camp Blanket as a souvenir of the occasion.*

*Bravo and well done to the production team for the "History of Trefoil Guilds in South Australia". It is such an interesting and informative volume and a very worthwhile addition to the South Australian Trefoil Guild Library – indeed to the Guiding History of the State. BRAVO to you both. I will finish by saying that I hope you all enjoy lots of FLUFF – that is – friendship, laughter, unity, fun and food - throughout the remainder of 2020 in various ways as Trefoil Guilds are celebrating their 75th Anniversary.*

*Marcia Andrews ATGA.*



From the GGA Annual Report:

# TREFOIL GUILD



**Trefoil Guilds around Australia continue to be active socially as well as supporting Guiding and the community. There are 160 Trefoil Guilds with 1821 members and 46 "Honorary" members across Australia, making a total of 1867 members.**

## TREFOIL GUILD AND THE COMMUNITY

The Guilds raised and donated \$42,000 to Australian and International Guiding and raised and donated \$38,000 to Australian and International Communities. The Good Turn for 2019 was "Care Packs for Refugees", with all states contributing to support local communities.

## WORLD THINKING DAY CRUISES

The Guild held successful "World Thinking Day at Sea" cruises in February/March 2019 with Special Thinking Day Services on each of the Sydney to New Zealand and Sydney to Hobart sectors.

## INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENTS

In 2019 two Contingents of Trefoil Guild Members attended International Trefoil Guild Gatherings. The first went to Sudbury, Ontario in Canada in June and the second went to Swanwick, Derbyshire in England in September.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Australia Trefoil Guild will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.

**TREFOIL GUILD  
DONATED  
\$38,000  
TO AUSTRALIAN +  
INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITIES**



## THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

In Western Australia Kay Arrantash handed over the role of State Trefoil Guild Adviser to Carmel Stefanoff in June while in August Rhonda Wiedemann handed over the role of State Trefoil Guild Adviser to Sue Viney in Victoria. Thanks and congratulations is extended to these Trefoil Guild members.

Trefoil Guilds provide a wonderful opportunity to continue Guiding friendships. Thankyou to all Trefoil Members for the support you provide Girl Guiding in Australia.

## Snippets from the States

All states have been adjusting to a different way of doing things.

### NSW, ACT & NT



*Have a look at our new State Banner !!*



*Clock Created by Doreen Edwards (Brisbane Water TG)*

*Eastern Creek Trefoil Guild enjoyed a 'virtual' ATG Campfire to celebrate 75 years of ATG*

### **Western Plains Trefoil Guild are cooking up a storm!**

The ladies from Western Plains are compiling a recipe book which they plan to publish. The recipes include dishes, cakes, slices and more, that have been handed down from mothers to daughters, from friends, and some of their own favourites! Good ol' country cooking! The recipe books will be available for purchase when completed.

**Pennant Hills Trefoil Guild** have added a few more pages of memories to their collection 'a decade at a time'. The ladies share memories and photos of toys, outings and life as young women. This forms part of the Guilds 75th ATG Challenges.





## Western Australia

### ALBANY – Sandra Swain

Members of Albany Trefoil Guild have been keeping themselves very busy during the lockdown period and report regularly to their Guild Newsletter which is circulated to all members. Some of the ways they have been occupying themselves are: making medical masks for a doctor in a rural community in Queensland, making bags for the Uthando project and beanies for the Missions to Seafarers. Lace making is another project being undertaken, in particular a beautiful Snowflake Mat. Many members are busy knitting jumpers for adults and children in preparation for the coming winter. Jean Thomson has been having respite care as and when needed but is still managing to have some time at home with her cat. Everyone has been spending long hours in their gardens.

### ANSON — Julienne van Noort

When you have a livewire like my sister you will always have assignments of jobs needing done: There was a busy bee at Judy's ( on February 7 before isolation was imposed) when Judy, Joelle, Jeanette, Wes and I filled lots and lots of little Teddy bears (knitted by some of Peta's friends) with stuffing, then embroidered faces on them. Joelle and I subsequently made little outfits for many of them to donate to PCH. Peta's friend also donated hundreds of tiny crocheted squares, and I do mean hundreds, and Jeanette is laboriously joining them together, 150 per quilt, to add to the other cuddle rugs we are donating to Ronald MacDonal House for cancer patient children who have come up from the country for treatment. Also keeping us busy is knitting beanies, jumpers and baby shawls for indigenous communities in the desert and Northwest. We were told the nights can be bitterly cold and babies and the elderly can suffer. Maureen is using her creativity to design fun beanies, knee rugs are made by Judy and Joelle for either Wheelchairs4Kids or Ronald MacDonal House.



## Tasmania

### ROLAND TREFOIL GUILD – Marie Dubbeld

Roland members have continued to be in contact with each other during lockdown and are managing to keep themselves busy with exercises, craftwork, knitting, walks on the beach, a bit of gardening etc.

Some members also stood outside on ANZAC Day morning, lighting a candle and listening to the Dawn Service and the Last Post on a portable radio.

On February 29th Roland hosted a group of UK Trefoil travellers who were touring around the State, at Bells Parade in Latrobeania.



### 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.



## Victoria

Some of us have been very creative: bonnets for preemie babies – well done Dawn Cantwell (Acacia) – all part of her 75 year challenge – Dawn is now thinking of making booties to match. Leanne from WEGGSS has knitted 11 Trauma Teddies and Jane P has managed 7 .



### **BED SOCKS—pattern originated in Queensland**

**1 X 50 gram ball 8 ply wool. 1 pr No 7 needles.**

Cast on 90 stitches. Knit 20 rows in garter stitch.

Using stocking stitch, knit 41, knit 2 tog, K4, sl.1 K1 pssso, K41.

Next row: Purl 40 stitches, P2 tog into back of stitches, P4, P2 tog, P40.

Continue decreasing every row, decreasing one stitch each side of instep until 48 stitches remain.

Then K1,\*make 1, K2 tog, K2\* repeat from \* to \* to end for eyelets.

Next row: Purl.

Then knit 12 rows K2, P2 rib and cast off in rib.

Sew up back seam and sole of foot using a flat seam. Make crochet cord or thread ribbon through eyelets.

## South Australia

Here now : New edition!

### **A Brief History of Trefoil Guilds in SA**

Our history booklet has been updated by Ann Lee and Cathie Scott to cover 1945-2020. We thank them so much for taking on this challenge for the 3rd edition, (now 40 pp.) celebrating our 75th birthday.

I was fortunate to receive one of these booklets and it is a great read!





### Years of Membership super-achievers

Congratulations to Audrey Fuhrer (Burnside TG) who has contributed to guiding for 70 years and to Ann deKoning (Blue G's TG) who has earned the substantial 55 Years of Membership numeral to enhance her tab. Well done, girls!!



*The handover from South Australian STGA Helen Pointon OAM to the new State Adviser Lee Camburn*

### Queensland

*Handover from Joan Gleeson to Margie before the virtual event*



### MACKAY TREFOIL GUILD — Robyn McCurry

In March we had a meeting and as an activity we started a painting organised by Desley Chase. All of our members completed part of the painting on the day. The painting has since been



completed over the Covid break and has been shown to members.

The painting is of Akora which was the Guide camping site at Rowellan Park owned by the Scouts. A lot of Queensland guides might have camped there or attended trainings. Mackay Trefoil has painted over 75 characters, and a lot of stories about camping at Akora were chatted about. We all agreed that it would be part of our things to do for the 75th Year Celebrations.



**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.

**Southern Cross Challenge News**

By now all registered Southern Cross Challenge members should have received the revised books. If you haven't received yours by now please let me know via SCC email. I do hope you like them and will continue to 'challenge' yourself.

All the STGA's should have received their little bundle by now as well.

Face-to-face meetings will be happening very soon, so the members who haven't been able to meet with their mentors/assessors up till now, will be able to do so sooner than previously anticipated.

**Newsletter name:** I am still looking for more suggestions for the name of SCC newsletter. (I had thought about "Aurora", which was a suggestion for the new award in the beginning but Southern Cross Challenge was the winner).

Reminders: (yes again)

Admin fee of \$5.00 was due on Feb 1st. Thank you if you have paid. For members who have not yet paid for 2020, the bank details are as follows:

Account name: GGA Trefoil Guild Dark Horse Venture

Account BSB: 082 429

Account Number: 131082691.

Reference: SCC & your name

(Yes, there is only one account for both DHV & SCC) or cheque made out to GGA Trefoil Guild Dark Horse Venture, PO Box 1287, Deniliquin, NSW 2710

Any enquiries re SCC, please use the email address... [southerncross@girlguides.org.au](mailto:southerncross@girlguides.org.au)

Faye Croft      Australian Trefoil Guild—Southern Cross Challenge Coordinator



## Dark Horse Venture News

Despite the unusual start to our year, or because of it, we have three new members so far this year. Welcome to Gaye Wilson (NSW), Wendy Scriven (NSW) and Dianne (Di) Bohmer (SA). I wish you good luck with your challenges, wherever they may take you.



*Congratulations to Joy Millett (Qld) being presented with her Gold Award by Marlene Rayner late in 2019*

Rita Williams and Robyn McCurry (Mackay Trefoil Guild) have both received their certificates for the Giving & Sharing category of the Dark Horse Venture.

*Hoping all members are keeping well and warm this winter.*

*Cheers,*

*Marcia*