



Come Play at the Bay

26th Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering 2024

13-16 September 2024
Novotel Hotel, Geelong Victoria



Invitation:

You are invited to gather in Geelong with us for the 26th Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering, to be held at the Novotel Geelong (the Novotel) on the waterfront at 10/14 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong VIC 3220.

Geelong is a bustling city offering a diversity of experiences both within the city itself and the surrounding areas.

Registration:

Complete and return your Registration Form online at:

<https://girlguidesaustralia.snapforms.com.au/form/australian-trefoil-gathering>

As places are limited, you are encouraged to register and pay (at least your deposit) prior to

30 September 2023 to secure your place.

Closing Date for applications and deposits is: 30 September 2023

Final date for full payment is: 29 February 2024

Venue:

The Novotel is right on the waterfront, with all rooms having a balcony. Many also have views across the bay. Breakfast is included in the room rate quoted on registration. All rooms are similar in their configuration with shared rooms having twin beds and double rooms a queen or two single beds.

The Novotel is brilliantly placed to provide access to the many local attractions within Geelong itself. Further information on each of these will be available shortly.

Program:

Friday 13 September 2024

Check in to the Novotel from 2:00pm. If you arrive earlier, the Concierge will keep your luggage secure until you are able to check in. The registration table will be set up from 2:00pm in the foyer.

Dinner Friday evening will be at your own expense and apart from the Novotel's Café there is a wealth of options existing along the water front and close to the hotel. The hotel bar will be open.

Saturday 14 September 2024

Registration will continue between 8:00 and 9:00am.

The Official Opening of the Gathering will take place in the Peninsula Room at 9:30am, followed by the Business Session, presentations and Guest Speaker. After morning tea, a forum of young Leaders who attended the Juliette Low Seminars will be held.

After lunch and photos, participants will be free to take a self-discovery tour around the beautiful City of Geelong.

Pre-dinner drinks in the Waterfront Bar at your own expense at 6:00pm will ensure you are ready to join us once again in the Peninsula Room for a jolly old time at our Pirate Themed Gala Dinner. Dress appropriately for the theme *me hearties!*

Sunday 15 September 2024

Six tours have been arranged that show case tourist attractions located in the greater Geelong area and south-western Victoria. Explore history, fauna, local produce and coastal areas. See below for brief description of the Sunday tours.

6:30pm Dinner and presentation from next Gathering State and Closing Ceremony in the Peninsula Room.

Monday 16 September 2024

10:00am Checkout.

Tours:

We have some fabulous tours to fill your day on Sunday.

- Travel to Sovereign Hill at Ballarat, which gives a fascinating insight into life in a 19th century gold mining town.
- For lovers of natural history, visit Werribee Open Range Zoo, which features animals from Africa and Australia in its important work to preserve species.
- Take a trip along one of Australia's most scenic routes, the Great Ocean Road. Visit the Great Ocean Road memorial, Lorne and the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery.
- Like a nice glass of something? Visit wineries and a cidery in the greater Geelong area.
- View the stunning scenery of The Twelve Apostles in south-western Victoria and visit Gorge Chocolates/Alpaca Farm and Apostles Whey Cheese.
- Visit the pretty town of Queenscliff, poke around the shops and visit the historic fort.

Tours cost between \$80 and \$145. An \$80 deposit has been included in the total deposit cost. The balance will be notified for payment prior to the date for final payment of the Gathering Fee. If you have chosen to pay the total cost including the tour up front, you will be notified if a further payment is required

Transport:

Transport to and from Geelong is a personal choice and all travel arrangements are to be made by you.

There are many options to travel to and from Geelong via air, sea, rail or road. It is suggested once you choose your mode of travel, then Google your choice to receive the up to date information you require.

Coming By Air

All domestic airlines fly in and out of Tullamarine Airport (Melbourne), one hour drive from Geelong. Some airlines also utilise Avalon Airport which is a 20 minute drive from Geelong. (Jetstar particularly from the East coast of Australia and Bonza from the Sunshine coast have flights to and from Avalon.) Jetstar flights to and from Tasmania at this stage only use Tullamarine Airport (Melbourne).

If flying into Tullamarine Airport, a Skybus is located outside the domestic terminal T3. This will take you to Southern Cross Railway Station, Spencer Street, Melbourne where you may catch a VLine train to Geelong Station. It is then a short 15-20min walk or taxi ride to the Novotel.

Gull Bus runs between Tullamarine and Geelong, one hour by road. It requires a booking. It drops off at the depot in McKillop Street, Geelong then it is a short taxi ride to the Novotel. Gull Bus also provides a VIP large sedan for small groups, with a door to door service.

My Bus is the company that runs a door to door shuttle bus to and from Avalon Airport. Bookings are required.

Coming by Sea

The Spirit of Tasmania docks in Geelong. It is a 15 min (approx) taxi ride to the Novotel.

Port Phillip Ferries run twice daily with early morning and evening departures only. Departing from the Harbour Esplanade Docklands Melbourne to Steam Packet Pier Geelong. The Novotel is opposite the Pier and only a short five minute walk away.

Coming by Road

Follow the M1 (Princes Highway) all the way to Geelong. Then follow the A10 to Geelong City Centre sign (*that is, do not follow the Great Ocean Road sign*). This is the most direct route to the Novotel.

Limited car parking is available through the Novotel for overnight guests at a cost of \$27 per day.

NOTE: PTV – Public Transport Victoria – may be Googled to find the most cost-effective way to utilise the public transport system in Victoria. MYKI card, pensioner concessions or, for Victorians, the Government free train travel, are options for the individual to consider.

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