



TREFOIL GUILD VICTORIA

Annual Report

for the year

2010 / 2011

It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report for the Trefoil Guilds of Victoria for the year 2010 – 2011. We have had a slight increase in membership which is always pleasing.

The year started off with a most successful AGM at the South Melbourne Community Centre. We greatly enjoyed hearing about the Baden-Powell family from one of their own family members - Wendy Baden-Powell. Brenda Price then demonstrated flower arranging and made it look so easy to produce most attractive arrangements.

State Projects

In 2010 we completed some of our State projects.

- The Quilts

The quilts were completed and after they had travelled the State including visiting the Art Gallery at Hamilton, an exhibition in Bendigo and the Rotary Quilt Show in Hawthorn (Melbourne) they were presented to three campsites for safekeeping. They have been placed as wall hangings at Iluka, Britannia Park and Lingbogol where members will be able to see them when they visit the sites.

- Knitting

Another project that had an overwhelming response was the knitting of scarves and bedsocks for the 2012 Gathering. Rae's spare bedroom is full to the ceiling. Waminda TG members are going to pack them into bags at their August meeting.

- Donations for the Campsites

Thank you to the Guilds who donated money to enable fabric to be purchased to make new curtains at Britannia Park and Iluka. This has started and will be an ongoing project.

2012 Gathering

Planning for the Gathering is well under way. The small committee is working hard and is getting positive responses from anyone whom they ask to help. Thank you to Dot Wiltshire who has made 350 serviettes and placemats in a lovely golden colour. Jill Johnstone and Jane have visited various locations to find the best places to visit for the day tours. This has included testing out many small cafes and coffee shops when they have visited Daylesford and Ballarat!! The application forms and information booklets are ready to go at the start of August. Information I have received would indicate that we will have a good response.

Lectern Banner

Thank you to the very talented ladies in Wangaratta who made a lovely lectern banner for Girl Guides Victoria to mark the Centenary of Guiding in Victoria. This has hung proudly on many lecterns starting off at Girls Rock.

Donations

As usual Guilds have been working hard to support both Guiding and the wider community with both financial and physical help. Through Guide Centre they have helped the Thinking Day Fund, Irene Fairbairn Fund, Blackburn Fund, Amy Bush Fund, Britannia Park, the Disaster Fund, Margaret Shaw Fund, TC Lothian Fund and Iluka. Many Guilds have sent money and goods directly to the projects that they wish to support. Many have been very generous to those affected by floods.

Travelling

I have once again been busy travelling throughout the State visiting many of the Guilds. The welcome given to Rae and me from happy members is great as we have travelled far and near in the car. The train to Melbourne is most convenient, especially if I am going to the Guide Centre as it entails just a short tram ride from Southern Cross station and times work well as I can manage most times to travel off peak. This makes a difference to the number of people on the train and the cost of tickets.

Functions

I have attended many State functions to represent Trefoil Guild in the 100th year of Guiding and the 100th year of Guiding in Victoria. I attended State Council meetings, the AGM of Girl Guides Victoria followed by the Centenary Dinner and the AGM of Girl Guides Australia, which was held in Victoria this year.

Flying the Flag in October 2010 was a very special occasion where members came together to renew their Promise at 10am, which was a moving experience.

Girls Rock in January was a highlight when the Premier Ted Baillieu dropped in to say Happy Birthday to Girl Guides Victoria. I was able to have my photo taken with him!!

Newsletter

The newsletter still seems to prove popular. The recipes are looked for eagerly by some people, in fact there seems to be some husbands out there testing their cooking skills. People are also interested in the Guide Centre page that Jane adds at the end. We try to advertise all functions we are asked to but sometimes we have to cut back the size of the ad for publishing purposes.

Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser

In April Wendy Smibert resigned as Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser and we thank Wendy for all she did. I was asked to be Acting Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser until a new Adviser is appointed. Quite a large but interesting task especially as I continued with my Victorian appointment. I would like to thank all members who have been supportive of me during this time. People have understood when I couldn't quite meet planned deadlines. Once again Jane has got me through.

The position has been advertised. Interviews will take place and the new Adviser will take over in either September or October.

The Dark Horse Venture Co-ordinator position became vacant when Patsy Hughes finished her term. Mrs June Conen has been appointed to the position. We wish her well as she commences her new task.

As part of the Australian Advisers job I have visited South Australia for their State Gathering. It was great when getting on the train to find some pink collars waving to me. There were some Geelong girls going too. We had a great time at their lovely campsite at Douglas Scrub. While there I was able to visit the site for the 2016 Gathering – a long way away but they need to make bookings for accommodation.

Thanks

I have enjoyed this past year but would not have been able to do so without the help of many people.

Jill Harvey who keeps our finances in order, Rae who acts as taxi driver, Wendy Lewis and her team at Guide Centre, Margaret Devlin and Helen Geard (Chief Commissioner) for their sound advice, Jane who gives advice, keeps me in order and does lots of secretarial work for us (She is always there to help). And of course all the members of the Trefoil Guilds who are most supportive.

*“Count your garden by the flowers,
Never by the leaves that fall.
Count your days by golden hours,
Don't remember clouds at all.*

*Count your night by stars not shadows,
Count your life with smiles not tears.
And with joy, through all your lifetime, Count your age by friends not years.”*

Thank you one and all.

Jan Allitt
Trefoil Guild Adviser, Victoria

Financial Statement for Trefoil Guilds of Victoria 2010 – 2011.

Income

Subscriptions	35441.96
Interest	41.78
Donations	568.00
Cents	280.00
Merchandise	366.05
Total	36697.79

Expenses

Donations	4090.50
Advisers Expenses	7594.82
Subscriptions	16145.55
Merchandise	651.55
Total	29696.40

Please note:

The Adviser's expenses include payment of \$2940.56 for Australian Advisers meeting in Melbourne in April 2011. This amount has since been returned to the Victorian Account.

Balance brought forward	13451.42
Income	36697.79
Expenses	29696.40
Balance	20452.81
Bank Statement	20452.81

I have examined the books and financial statements of Trefoil Guilds of Guides Victoria from 2010 to 2011 and in my opinion present a fair and true view of the financial position of the Trefoil Guilds of Guides Victoria.

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