

**TREFOIL GUILD
VICTORIA**

**ANNUAL REPORT
2011 - 2012**



It is with pleasure that I present my fifth Annual Report for the Trefoil Guilds of Victoria covering the year 2011 - 2012.

What a busy year it has been.

The year commenced with a most successful AGM in Geelong where we all received a very warm welcome. We enjoyed hearing about the theatre and seeing some of the costumes and props used followed by the meeting. Thanks go to Barwon and Boorang Trefoil Guilds for their organisation of the day.

2011 State Gathering

Swan Hill hosted the 24 hour Gathering in 2011 and I do thank Swan Hill Trefoil Guild for the wonderful job they did.

I travelled by bus to Swan Hill, as Rae was not well. It was interesting to see the countryside from a different angle as I usually go by car or train. We were well looked after, as is usual at Trefoil functions. We had a ride on a paddleboat on the Murray and visited the Flying Boat museum and of course the food was great!!

Travel

I travelled many miles to visit Guilds during the year. We were always made most welcome. It is always good to visit the Region groups who get together yearly to meet with one another, exchange news and have fun. With the change of boundaries by Girl Guides Victoria some of the country regions will travel further but they are already planning next years events.

Donations

Thank you to those who spent many hours knitting bed socks and scarves for the Gathering participants. We received so many! The participants at the Gathering appreciated them. There were some over so we have sent them to the elderly church members at a local Uniting Church, the homeless who visit the soup bus, and the GFS for their help for the homeless. They were most appreciated by these people.

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.

Guilds also sent more than \$600 which assisted with purchasing fabric for new curtains for Broadhurst Lodge at Britannia Park.

Functions

Guild members attended many functions organised by Girl Guides Victoria including the Centenary Church Service at St Hilary's Church in Kew. This Church has a beautiful stained glass window dedicated to Guiding.

Some members attended Celebrate! at the Caulfield Race Course in October. What a wonderful way to conclude GGV's centenary year.

Welcome and Farewell

We welcomed two new Guilds this year - Wine-a-Lot and Yingani. I hope that members of these two Guilds enjoy their membership.

We farewelled two Guilds - Heatherdale and Bogong.

2012 Australian National Gathering

The Australian Gathering held in July was a great success. We had Advisers and participants from all States of Australia along with Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser, Mrs Barbara Dean, the Chief Commissioner, Ms Helen Geard and the State Commissioner, Mrs Robinette Emonson.

The State Advisers held a meeting prior to the Gathering. It was great to be able to take Alma Brand, our Adviser Elect, to the meeting with me. She now knows how Australia works and found it most interesting.

The Gathering started with a Civic Reception for 100 of our members given by the Mayor of Ballarat, this was followed on Friday night with the official opening. All the state banners were arranged on the stage as was a very large floral display donated by one of our Guilds. A spectacular evening.

Over the weekend we had guest speakers, a wide game – where the girls who helped their leader said the TG members weren't very good at tying slings properly. The girls also enjoyed showing the participants to their rooms.

We were fortunate to have Helen Geard with us when the new Promise and Law were made public as she could answer our questions.

Saturday we were visited by the Flying Doctor Service and their simulator. We were able to give them a donation of \$550 plus more than 1000 health packs. Thank you to all those who contributed to this activity in any way. Many of you who could not attend sent money or goods – thank you.

The final speaker was Wendy Lewis, CEO of Girl Guides Victoria, who sent us away full of enthusiasm. I would like to thank my hard working Gathering Committee – Jill Johnstone, Jill Harvey, Jane Pennington, Margaret Devlin and Alma Brand – without them the function would not have been as successful as it was.

Thanks

I have enjoyed my five years as your Adviser. Thank you to all the Guilds who have supported me during this time. Whatever I asked for you seemed to come up trumps – from making quilts, to donating towards curtains at Britannia Park and of course bed socks and scarves. I shall miss visiting you all but I'm sure I'll see many of you at future functions – after all “once a guide, always a guide”

I would like to thank you all but would like to specifically thank –
Rae for her long distance driving,
Jill Harvey for keeping me on the straight and narrow with money,
Wendy Lewis, Jane Pennington, Denise, Kerrie and all the staff at the Guide Centre for their help and encouragement.

I wish Alma and her team well and I'm sure you will support her much as you have supported me.

Best wishes,

Jan

*Friendship is a priceless gift, That cannot be bought or sold
But its value is far greater, Than a mountain made of gold.
Gold is cold and lifeless, It can neither see nor hear
And in the times of trouble, It is powerless to cheer
It has no ears to listen, No hearts to understand
It cannot bring you comfort, Or reach out helping hand
So when you ask God for a gift, Be thankful when he sends
No diamonds, pearls or riches. But the love of a real true friend.*

Thank you all my friends.

Financial Statement Girl Guides of Victoria, Trefoil Guilds 2011 - 2012

Receipts from 14th June 2011 to 15th June 2012

Subscriptions	748.00
Interest	46.08
Merchandise	560.90
Donations	400.65
Total	1755.63

Expenditure

Subscriptions	8058.20
Advisers Expenses	4421.85
Merchandise	2960.50
Total	15440.55

Bank reconciliation

Brought forward	20452.81
Receipts	1755.63
Total receipts	22208.44
Less expenditure	15440.55

Balance as per bank statement on 14th June
6767.89

Checked and found correct Ron Holmes 27/6/12