

**TREFOIL GUILD  
VICTORIA**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2012 - 2013**



It is with pleasure that I present my first Annual Report for the Trefoil Guilds of Victoria.

On your behalf, I would like to thank Jan Allitt for all her service to Victorian Trefoil Guilds during her term as Adviser. She devoted a great deal of time and energy to this position and we are very grateful for all she did for the Victorian Trefoil Guilds and especially for her work in organising the National Gathering in Ballarat, her home city where we were made very welcome.

The Changeover of Advisers took place during the Trefoil Guild AGM in August 2012, a very happy gathering of Trefoil Guild members at the South Melbourne Community Centre. We were fortunate to have Barbara Dean, the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser attend and preside over the changing of Advisers.

This year we welcomed two new Guilds –Springbacks and Yarra Valley Trefoil Guild. We farewelled members of Wannon River (Hamilton) Trefoil Guild thanking them for their many years of service to Girl Guides.

As I travelled around the State I saw many Trefoil Guilds in action – supporting - Girl Guides, our communities and each other. Reading your annual reports while compiling the Victorian report, the picture I got, was of Guilds having fun, doing an amazing variety of activities with great energy and enthusiasm.

Guilds support Girl Guides Victoria and Australia by maintaining campsites, funding Guides and Leaders, enabling them to attend camps –at home and overseas, funding the purchase of the new handbooks and assisting at Guiding events. Our units and regions are enriched by Trefoil Guild members sharing their time, talents and knowledge while thoroughly enjoying themselves.

There are some Guilds who specialise in catering and have given sterling service to GGV by willingly catering for the GGV AGM, State Council meeting, Queen's Guide luncheon and GGA Board meeting. Guild members have also come in to Guide Centre to assist with mailouts and two members have recently spent countless hours redoing the Historic Uniform collection. Another member has been in charge of the International Uniform collection for many years. GGV is very grateful for this ongoing support.

Trefoil Guild members were out and about at GGV events including Girls Rock at the start of 2013 and the Open Day at Britannia Park in March where many members assisted with the running of activities, opening the Museum, serving food and supervising girls.

Trefoil Guild members also assisted on the GGV stand at the Royal Melbourne Show. Some members developed strong arm muscles after making hundreds of badges using the badge machine!!

Our State Good Turn –Come for a Walk with Us activity, raised money to support the Guiding Light Fund to enable Guides ‘to develop and implement projects that benefit their communities.’ Thank you to the Guilds and supporters who participated in this project. We were blessed with beautiful weather for our walks.

Our second Good Turn was to support KOGO (Knit One Give One) with their efforts to provide knitted items for a large number of community organisations. My local pharmacy staff got to know me, as Trefoil Guilds I visited gave me bags and bags and bags of squares, beanies etc. - beautifully knitted, to drop off. Whenever I went into Guide Centre I would also find bags of knitted items waiting for me. Thank you for your generous support. Many thanks to Vicki Callaway from Kinta Trefoil Guild who co-ordinated this activity. I hope many of you, like me, will continue to support KOGO.

The community organisations that Guilds support are many and varied, from overseas charities, such as the Mercy ships, to local families who also need a helping hand.

‘Once a Girl Guide always a Girl Guide’. When I attended the Friendship Day at Euston (on the NSW /Victorian border) a 90 year old member who joined Girl Guides as a Local Association member at Robinvale said to me “I didn’t realise when I joined that belonging would become a way of life.’ As I enjoy the company of Trefoil Guild members, I observe the loving support they give each other in good times and at those difficult times we all experience.

The monthly Trefoil Newsletter continues to inform members of activities and opportunities. Thank you to the Guild members who email me photos of activities which help to make a colourful newsletter.

Having surveyed the Trefoil Guilds, as to their wish to receive the NSGFA newsletter, decided that the response for information warranted all Trefoil Guilds receiving this newsletter. The NSGFA committee meets in Melbourne at present. Yvonne James and Ann Taylor represent us on that committee. Thank you ladies. Thank you to members of Callemondah, Kinta and a friend (ex TG member) of Trefoil Guild from Barwon area for making our quota of calico bags for the ISGF World Conference to be held in Sydney October 2014. Guilds also find attached to the newsletter, news from the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser and Dark Horse Venture Co-ordinator.

From January 2014 all members can access the newsletter by email or mail. I have started a Link (email) Trefoil Guild. This is not a Lones Group. Its purpose is to link women who are interested in joining Trefoil Guild, via the new Australian Trefoil Guild brochure and Victoria TG newsletter to Trefoil Guilds in their areas.

Each Guild has received free of charge the new Handbook and book of Prayers and Thoughts.

I will also supply (free of charge), the attractive Australian Trefoil Guild Membership card for new members, on receipt of a stamped self-addressed envelope from Guild Secretaries.

The new Australian Trefoil Brochure is also available free of charge. Our challenge for 2014 is for members to place these brochures on community noticeboards – libraries, schools, kindergartens. Anywhere people look for information.

Black Forest Trefoil Guild took on the challenge of this, our first Saturday Annual General Meeting. Many thanks to Edith Langshaw (President) for liaising with local people and to the members for agreeing to support us.

Many Trefoil Guild members received Long Service Awards and I greatly appreciated the opportunity to present many of these certificates to very well deserving members. One member, who received a 60 year Long Service Award, from her Region Manager had her photo on the front page of her local paper - what an honour.

Sadly some of our Trefoil Guild members went home during the year and our sympathy goes out to their families and loved ones.

My grateful thanks go to Margaret Smith, our Treasurer, who is always up for a challenge and Jill Johnstone, our event resource person, for their support and words of wisdom to me over this past year.

To Wendy Lewis and the staff at Guide Centre, Sheila, Kerrie and Denise and especially 'our Jane', thank you for your courtesy and patience with the 'new kid on the block'. Without your support the Victorian Trefoil Guild would not function as efficiently as it does.

To Trefoil Guilds, both large and small, it has been a pleasure to be invited to your meetings and functions, to meet you and to present long service certificates for so many years of service. I hope to meet with more Trefoil Guild members in 2014.

It has been a great privilege to represent you at Guiding functions and in the wider community.

Alma Brand  
Victorian State Trefoil Guild Adviser  
July 2013

**GIRL GUIDES VICTORIA – TREFOIL GUILD**

**Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period ended 30 June 2013**

**Income**

Balance received from Previous Team		11402.19	
Guides Victoria Subs		5632.00	
Events			
Come Walk with Us	547.00		
Annual Meeting	<u>280.00</u>	827.00	
Merchandise		<u>264.80</u>	
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>			18125.99

**Less Expenses**

Administration		1211.71	
Travel		1653.74	
Events		575.00	
Merchandise		<u>1028.20</u>	
<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>			<u>4468.65</u>
<b><u>Balance at Bank 30/6/13</u></b>			\$13657.34

<b><u>Add</u></b> Unpresented Cheque	<u>338.45</u>
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<b><u>Balance at Bank per Bank Statement 30/6/2013</u></b>	\$13995.79
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