

THE
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With another twelve months behind us, a time of service, challenge, friendship and fellowship, I have the honour of presenting to you, the 38th Annual Report of the Victorian Trefoil Guild.

With a few periods of concern leading up to the presentation of our Victorian history, these were overcome and the book was revealed for the first time at a special launch on the 25th August 1990. We have been the first State to produce such a history, and I know it has enthused at least one other State Adviser to begin collecting information from her Guilds. It was a memorable day for all of us, but especially for Marjory Grigg (former Victorian Adviser) the originator, and Doris Spratling the author, who was presented with a 'once off' memento, ORDER OF THE SCRIBE. Thankyou to every Guild who provided the necessary information for this history.

Other important events during 1990/91 were the 9th National Gathering of Trefoil Guilds held at Queensland University with thirty nine from Victoria attending, also a very successful 24 hour Gathering held at The Basin which was organized and hosted by Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild. Members attended the State All Adult Gathering, annual meeting and dinner at the Sailing Centre, annual meeting of the Girl Guides Association of Victoria, Founders Day/Thinking Day at Riddells Creek, Thinking Day service and luncheon at headquarters and helped with staffing in the hospital and fellowship tent at both Jamborella 4 and the World Moot. Guide and training calendars were packed at headquarters, World Day of Prayer kits at Bible House and members continued to assist the training department by making and serving teas/coffees to trainees.

The activities of the individual Guilds are too numerous to list in detail, so I would suggest that you take time to read through the annual report book and I know you will agree with me that the Trefoil Guilds can accept a challenge, and giving of time and financial assistance, members provide wonderful support to Guiding and their local communities. Reading the report could also give you inspiration if you are looking for ideas for service.

On a State wide involvement, the Guilds help stock and staff the trading tables for the Lady Murray Bowls Day and the Lady Delacombe Golf Day, as well we have members playing in the tournaments also participating in the Jean McCaughey Tennis Day.

To date, all the grants for assistance for former members of Guiding and Scouting from the Robert & Olave Baden-Powell Trust Fund have gone to Trefoil Guild members, thankyou to the Guilds who have seen a need and applied on members behalf. If you should know of former members of Scouting who you think the Trust Fund could assist, would you please let me know.

In my August 1991 newsletter was another challenge for every Guild. 1990/91 saw the smallest growth in Victoria's membership for many years, there were many reasons for this, one notable area was a decrease in associate members which was really disappointing. This link with the uniformed section of Guiding keeps Guild members aware of what is happening in their own Region and State and gives the associate member the opportunity to let the Guild know of any area where they could assist by providing personnel for a special event, working bee, or the need for financial assistance. If each Guild were to increase their membership by three extra to their annual report figures for 1990/91, this would raise our numbers by approximately two hundred and fifty. Do remember you can include associate members and female members of the Scout Movement in this membership drive.

Six members have returned to active Guiding during the year.

Guilds have once again financially supported funds within Guiding and community organizations, some donations have been given directly through headquarters or to guest speakers who have been invited to annual meetings or other events, the following amounts have come in with annual reports, or I have been notified that these payments have been made.

Community organizations	\$1280.00	
Appeals within Guiding	3969.49	
Victorian administration	<u>675.00</u>	\$5924.49

The Trefoil Guilds have supported girls and leaders for camps, trainings and overseas events. They have raised money for campsite buildings and equipment. A wheelchair was purchased for a hospital's childrens ward, electrical appliances, floor coverings, furniture, honour boards, cupboards and window replacements were given to Guide halls, as well as regular donations to Girl Guide Support Groups.

Thankyou to the Guilds who have contributed to Victorian administration, these donations, plus the 40 cents per member, and profit from the sale of cards, is what we rely on to cover our expenses each year. Producing the newsletter four times per year and postage are our major costs. I am able to use the Church photocopier, paying for the paper and a small charge per page, this has helped keep costs down considering what would have to be paid out with eleven hundred to twelve hundred pages each newsletter and other information sent to you regularly, imagine what this would amount to if I had to use for example, the photocopier at a public library.

The International aspect of Guiding continues on into the Trefoil Guild with members having the opportunity to attend General Assemblies every two years, the most recent in Greece (29th September - 5th October) and alternate years an Asia/Pacific Gathering. Members who are fortunate to travel overseas are invited to share their experiences, especially when they have visited Guiding centres during their holidays. Visiting overseas Trefoilers usually make contact when coming to Victoria, and every effort is made to include them in a mini gathering in the area where they are staying or to join a Guild for their meeting.

Congratulations to members who have received Civic and Community awards, also to all who have received Guiding long service awards and to the many Guilds who have celebrated special anniversaries during the past year - BRAVO!

At the Advisers meeting in September 1990 prior to the 9th National Gathering, the New South Wales Adviser introduced us to the pattern for caps and booties for premature babies. Each Guild received a copy of this pattern and since then I have been receiving regular parcels from every corner of the State. These articles have been given to a number of hospitals who have appreciated our support in the care of these tiny babies. Thankyou to 'Eumemmerring' member, Joan Foster who has undertaken the task of delivering them for me on your behalf.

I know many of you receive direct appeals for assistance from the Guiding sections and departments, the first I may hear about it is when someone tells me what a wonderful job a certain Trefoil Guild did for them. Thankyou for you all you have done and will do in the future for Guiding.

In 1992 we can look forward to a 24 hour Gathering at Ocean Grove and the 10th national Gathering of Trefoil Guilds in South Australia, both wonderful opportunities to meet 'old' friends and make new ones.

When the annual reports were returned to me this year, the comments apart from Guild activities were, " The best thing about our Guild is the friendship and fun we have" - "Our members are a wonderful support to each other in times of illness and bereavement". Aren't we privileged to belong to this very special group within Guiding?

Thankyou to all of you for the warm welcome I always receive when I am invited to visit your Guild, your ready response to share in the many challenges and requests that I receive each year. I greatly appreciate the advice and support from our Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser (Marjory Grigg) and her assistant (Beryl Weaver), Victorian Trefoil Guild Treasurer (Irene Kerry) for administering our finances.

Thankyou to our State Commissioner (Dorothy Woolley), her three assistants, (Anne Scott, Glenda Culley and Ann McNamara) and State Executive Officer (Jill Johnstone) for their interest and support for the Trefoil Guild, also to all the headquarters staff for their advice and co-operation at all times. We have a wonderful group of Victorian Advisers and it is a pleasure to work with them and share their friendship.

June Selby
Trefoil Guild Adviser

MAROONDAH

Maroondah Region

Maroondah District

18 members

Fund raising film for contingent to Bangladesh due to a young speaker who attended a meeting. Talk by Elizabeth Turnbull re various Guide campsites. Meetings with guest speakers. Members help with Biala, counselling elderly people, care of environment, U3A helper (office duties) Box Hill Hospital auxilliary, hospital visiting, Friends of Sherbrooke Forest, volunteer for the blind, alzheimers day centre, C.A.B. course and help at Kevin Heinz centre. Visited Donvale campsite.

ACACIA Maroondah Region Mitcham/Numawading District
18 members 2 associates

Attended luncheons given by: Whitehorse, Callemondah, Ashglen, Friends of World Centres, Waverley. Attended 'the wheel thing'. Gave donations to: Lones section, Britannia Park, Chernobyl project, Nunawading Benevolent Society. Knitted 50 care bears for Royal Childrens Hospital and 28 pairs bootees, 7 pairs mittens, 10 hats, 11 jumpers and a cot blanket. Joined Whitehorse T.G. on a bus trip and helped Mitcham Support Group man the Lions Den opportunity shop.

AKOONA Ballarat Region Clunes District
10 members 2 associates

Attended annual meetings, organized the annual outdoor day, were represented at the Thinking Day luncheon and Founders Day/ Thinking Day at Riddells Creek. Members attended B-P presentations, Church Parade, Dedication Service, 9th National Gathering of Trefoil Guilds (Brisbane), Divisional gathering at Halls Hap and the Clunes Anti-cancer day. We are knitting for prem. babies, rugs for hospital and members help with meals on wheels, Red Cross transport and school day centres.

AMY BUSH Gippsland Region Bairnsdale District
6 members 4 associates

Held a display and sales of knitted garments at a morning coffee. Made 45 'dilly bags' for Brownie Guides. Knitted teddy bears and beanie caps for prem babies (given to local hospital). Collected used stamps and delivered to G.G. headquarters. Commissioner spoke on recent visit to Olave House and Our Chalet. Negotiated for refurbishing (shelves and cupboards) of Guiders store room and other small jobs at the Guide hall.

ARGANA West Metropolitan Region McKay Division
17 members 1 associate

Members made Brownie bags and helped pack World Day of Prayer kits. Community service has been given to the Health Centre, at the Salvation Army play group, driving for blind people. Members have supported local Guiding groups and attended B-P presentations. Joined with local Baden-Powell Scout Guild for combined activities and took part in a large number of Trefoil Guild activities during the year.

ARKANA Western Plains Region Mortlake District
13 members 1 associate

Catered for three Region Conference. Organized and held a street stall to supplement funds. Visited Camperdown to meet Ulster (Northern Ireland) Trefoil Guild County Chairman. Attended other Guilds' meetings and social events.

ASHGLEN East Metropolitan Region Ashburton District
23 members 1 associate

Gave picture of Queen to Guide hall. Ran three fund raising luncheons towards donations of \$300.00 (Cottage by the sea), B.A.C.H. \$200.00. Four members attended 9th National Gathering of T.G.'s in Brisbane. We have several members support Friends of World Centres. Five attended the 24 hour Gathering. Three of our members administrate Southern Cross (Lones) Trefoil Guild. Held a meeting at Camp Carnegie (Donvale) and learnt about The Earthkeepers Programme.