



## NSW/ACT Trefoil Guild Newsletter

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DEAR MEMBERS,

Congratulations to Bev Wynne as the 2008 'Woman of the Year for the Londonderry Electorate'. The theme for 2008 is 100 Years of Active Women in Paid and Unpaid Work. Bev has been a hard working and dedicated member of the Girl Guide Association of NSW for more than 20 years, Bev is Liaison Officer for the Greater Rivers Region and a member of Nepean Valley T G. Johanna Siebels of Wagga T G belongs to a patchwork group which entered Margies Quilts of Hope competition. Her group has won it three times in a row. They do not enter to win, but believe in the cause, as all money raised goes to breast cancer research. Three in the group are breast cancer survivors. Well done girls!

Awareness Month – November. Is your Guild taking part in a Unit Meeting during the month? Have you been invited to attend and make the leaders and girls aware that Trefoil Guilds are a part of the Girl Guide Association?

October 1<sup>st</sup>, I drove to Canberra and had a meeting with Belconnen T G and Brindabella T G, regarding the 19<sup>th</sup> National Gathering. I stayed overnight with Joyce Griffin, who looked after me and gave me quite a few ideas. Merrell Davis also has many ideas and I am sure we will be able to use most of them.

### General

The Trefoil Guild members never cease to amaze me! Helen Badrick and Bev Wynne of Nepean Valley T G – have been circularising their Newsletter, "All the Rivers Run", for their 7 Guilds in their new boundary. If you require a copy please contact Bev Wynne phone 9673 1732, or go to their new website [www.trefoilguilds.com](http://www.trefoilguilds.com) this very interesting. Well done girls!

### Liaison Officer

Billie Green of Tharawal T G has accepted the appointment as Liaison Officer for Sydney Southern Rivers Region. Phone number is 9523 3891

Joan Scott has accepted the appointment as Liaison Officer for Cumberland Plains Region. Phone 4646 1041. Thank you members.

We still need to have appointments for:

North West Inland Region  
Twin Rivers Region  
North Pacific Coast Region  
Central West Region  
ACT and South East Region  
Northern Sydney Region

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### **Advisers' Meeting in York WA**

This was held at 'The Barn' in the historic town of York. We had a busy, productive and an enjoyable time. The Chief Commissioner Lynne Price and the State Commissioner Liz Butson, joined us on the last evening before the trip to Fremantle.

The meeting resulted in The State Adviser Administration Manual being updated and a few minor changes to the T G Handbook and Hints for T G. These changes will be circulated.

Yvonne James had returned from the World Conference in Vienna and her report was read at the National Gathering.

Other items discussed were:

The restriction of the number of badges T G members can wear on their tabs has been lifted. Only Girl Guide badges can be worn.

We are receiving a further \$7800 from the NJC. This will be placed in a special account to be used as a loan to the State organising the next National Gathering. This will help towards the high deposits required to secure bookings for the venue. At present NSW/ACT have to find \$10,000.00 to be paid in 4 bundles of \$2,500.00. The first instalment has already been paid, after borrowing \$2000.00 from the ATGA funds. A limit of \$5000.00 can be borrowed by any state. This has to be returned after the National Gathering.

It was agreed on what Trefoil Guilds would do during the centenary year. Every state will carry out what ever ideas their members suggested. As Australia we have 3 projects:

\* Trefoil Guilds are asked to give a 'birthday gift' to units, districts, regions or a campsite throughout Australia. E.g. a donation to a campsite or making afternoon tea for leaders meeting or any other idea you choose.

\*\* Trefoil Guilds to run activities which result in the making of quilts to be given to guiding centres in Australia.

\*\*\* A travelling Teddy Bear carrying a suitcase containing messages from T G's to visit each state, and finally visit the 19<sup>th</sup> National Gathering as part of the Girl Guide Celebrations. W.A. is going to try to get sponsorship from QANTAS so that Teddy can travel in style.

More details later.

This newsletter is always put onto the website, you can check it there.

### **Questions for Guilds**

\* Does every member in your Guild see the Newsletter?

\*\* Does every member in your Guild see the State magazine Waratah?

\*\*\* Has any member moved house recently – new address?

### **Membership Fees for 2009**

The membership fees will increase January 1, 2009.

The adult membership fees to Guide House will increase to \$60.00 (\$58.00 current until 31.12.2008)

The Trefoil membership fee to Guide House will increase to \$25.00 (\$23.00 current until 31.12.2008)

The Trefoil fee will not increase from \$10.00  
The Australian T G Adviser fee has increased from .50 cents to \$1.00. NSW Adviser increased to \$5.00 from \$4.50, AFOFSAG decreased to \$4.00.

### **NJC**

A very successful changeover from Queensland to NSW/ACT took place at Pennant Hills. The Pennant Hills T G stepped in and did the afternoon tea at a moments notice. The attendance was wonderful, a sea of white shirts were seen amongst the crowd. Thank you members for making the afternoon very successful.

It is of great concern that the organisation has been brushed aside by the Federal Government. Whilst similar organisations have been acknowledged in their Centenary year with considerable funding and recognition. To combat this we need to make a concerted effort on behalf of GGA to speak to your Federal Member. If unsure who your member is please visit this site:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/members/mi-state.asp>

## GONE HOME

Hilda Green, Bexley T G passed away aged 87 years.

Joan Burch, Bowral T G passed away after a long illness and 19/10/08

Our deepest sympathy to the families and members

Thank you to all the members who have supported me during my husband's recent illness. I have put a few invitations on hold at present.

## June Conen NSW/ACT Adviser

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking Mr Daryl Melham MP for the use of his photocopying, folding equipment and the paper on which these Newsletters are printed.

## NSW & ACT Trefoil Guild State Gathering 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009 GLENGARRY

2009 is the Year of Astronomy, and with that in mind – we will “Reach for the Stars”

This will be a FUN weekend – an opportunity to meet up with old friends and to make some new.

Make a note in your 2009 diary now – we know that you will have a wonderful time!.

(Application Form Attached)

There is an exciting program from Friday evening through to Sunday. Dress for Saturday evening will be appropriate to the theme – or Formal Guild Dress, so plan ahead, and don't miss a minute of this, our 23<sup>rd</sup> State Gathering.

Gathering Committee.

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Photographs of AFOFSAG AGM

# June's Girls

**AFOFSAG AGM**

**28-10-2008**

