

TREFOIL GUILD STATE PICNIC

Tara, Silverdale – 12 July



What started out to be a very frosty morning did not disappoint, with the day emerging as a lovely, sunny and fun-filled.

Eastern Creek and Nepean Valley Trefoil Guilds were the perfect hostesses, providing a scrumptious morning tea fit for a queen! (There was even enough for us to continue with the yummy goodies at lunch.) These kind hostesses also provided transport from the local railway station as required.

Judith Robertson (Bexley TG) was presented with her 35 years Chief Commissioner's Certificate, and Dulcie Osbourne (George Bass TG) with her certificate and Long Service Award for 60 years' service. Congratulations to both of these ladies ... and very well done!

We then got to sing 'Happy 70th Birthday' to Barbara Muscat (George Bass TG) and share two delicious cakes.

As if the beautiful weather wasn't enough to make it a perfect day for the 50 plus Guild members who attended, we were treated to a delightful guest speaker from Ronald McDonald House, Adrienne Pearson.

Adrienne explained how Ronald McDonald House operates. The logistics of feeding up to 50 people per evening with varying nutritional needs and likes is mind boggling. But, through a variety of ways, including corporate sponsors, parents and families are fed and cared for at this wonderful facility.

We were invited to share in the experience of Ronald McDonald House by visiting one day – perhaps for a morning/afternoon tea – and a chance to see firsthand the wonderful work that the House is able to do.

Lunchtime gave us an opportunity to catch up with friends and to make a few new ones. Then it was off for a walk around Tara, a trip to the Chapel, and finally a visit to the Hut.

By this stage – you guessed it – it was time for yet another 'cuppa' and a chance to sit outside and soak up that glorious sunshine that we had enjoyed all morning. Believe it or not, we then spent quite a while sitting about, once again catching up with more Guiding friends and telling tales (the recent Araluen mini-gathering was mentioned quite a few times!).

What a lovely way to spend a gloriously sunny Saturday – with all of those wonderful Trefoil Guild ladies.

Bev Wynne.

