Greetings Trefoil Guild Members, hope you all had a Happy Easter and were able to enjoy the break and have some family time. We had a lovely Easter Sunday with the family coming to lunch, the children as usual were intent on trying to eat their entire body weight in chocolate.

Just prior to Easter I attended the Girl Guide Tasmania Annual General meeting at Orana. Several Trefoil Guild Members attended. It was great to see three Boronia Trefoil Guild Members receive awards. Lyn Muir received the Wattle Award and Sue Viney and Jenny Huntley also received awards. Our former Tasmanian and Australian Chief Commissioner, Helen Geard, was honoured with the Red Kangaroo and our previous State Commissioner, Jane Dent, with the Emu Award. Well done to them all.

Jane Dent sent thanks for her gift from the Tasmanian Trefoil Guilds, her words were, “How can I say thank the Tasmanian Trefoil Members. I am overwhelmed with their generosity and kindness. I did so enjoy sharing the Gathering with you again. I always return home with things to contemplate. Many thanks for your support and friendship. Yours in Guiding, Jane Dent”.

Chris Knight, from the Eastern Shore Trefoil Guild wearing her other hat as PR for the Tasmania Girl Guide Association, was ably assisted by Vicki Norris and Peggy Evans, from Boronia Trefoil Guild, promoting Guiding at the Botanical Gardens. The occasion was the Tread Lightly Harvest Festival. They made a colourful spectacle.

**News from the Australian Trefoil Adviser**

Barbara Dean was full of praise for us, on her visit to Tasmania, and enjoyed what she saw of our lovely State. The weather was obligingly, beautiful! Barbara is currently enjoying a holiday in New Zealand with her husband, Allen.

Please note there is no longer a waiting list for the 21st National Gathering in Toowoomba in September, if anyone else wishes to go. I have registration papers and this should be done as soon as possible.
From those attending I will need one member to carry the State Trefoil Banner and one other to fill a bearer or escort position. I will be in touch about this shortly.

**Dark Horse News**

June Conen is seeking an extension to her term as Adviser, so this is good news. Has everyone notified her about the status of their venture or if you have decided not to go on?

**News from the Guilds**

**Bellerive Trefoil Guild**

The March meeting was the AGM, during which the Committee was recycled. A Combined Long Service Award was presented to Lesley Alsop, and awarded at the State Gathering, for 45 years. The AGM in future will be held in February to make reporting easier. Lindisfarne Guide Hall is no longer available, so venues for the next 3 months were organised. Following that the meetings will be held at Guide House.

A Twinning has been arranged with “Seal Trefoil Guild” in Kent, U.K. to which Mary Coatman’s cousin belongs. Three members are familiar with that part of England, which adds an extra interest.

The 50 Mother’s Day Packs for the Women’s Prison are wrapped in Pink tissue paper with a greeting label and flower sticker on each.

**Boronia Trefoil Guild**

Boronia invited the new State Commissioner, Mary Laing, to attend their bi-monthly dinner meeting on the 7th of April at the Channel Men’s Shed. As usual the meal was delicious and a great night was had by all.

Mary presented Combined Long Service Awards to Audrey Wells, 40 years; Elaine Nichols, 30 years; Nola Burridge, 20 years and Marie McNamara 10 years. Members brought craft and home made goods for “Show and Tell”.

Our resident Men’s Shed Artist, Graeme Dazely, usually decorates the tables with flowers (his version not real ones). He surprised us with his illustration and accusation, of which members attended Hobart’s Sexpo, no-one owned up!

Peggy Evans and Vicki Norris helped at the Botanical Gardens in the PR tent at the Tread Lightly Harvest Festival. They had a busy time chatting to Mum’s and their daughters about the virtues of being a Girl Guide.

Lyn Muir, Sue Viney and Jenny Huntley attended the Annual General meeting of Girl Guides Tasmania at Orana.
**Burnie Trefoil Guild**

Tuesday meeting Guest Speaker was Rae Turner. Rae is one of our Guild Members who earlier this year went as a volunteer, to distribute Samaritan’s Purse boxes in Fiji. Rae was very impressed with the way it was all handled, and the most wonderful moments were when all the children opened their Gift Boxes together. It was quite overwhelming to see the pleasure the little ones had. I think it helps us to feel our efforts are really appreciated. Next Meeting 18th May.

**Eastern Shore Trefoil Guild**

Sick members Jenny Wiggins and Joy Smith were welcomed back to join us at our dinner meeting at the Shoreline Hotel. Several members attended the Girl Guides Tasmania Annual General meeting at Orana.

The Big Cuppa was organised to be held at Denise Leake’s home on June 4th, more details at the next meeting.

The roster was organised for biscuit selling at the Shoreline Shopping Centre.

Reminder about Glenorchy Trefoil Guild’s 40th Birthday and drawstring bags for the International Committee (the craft group has volunteered to do these).

A suggestion for a trip to the University’s Radio Telescope might be interesting. To be discussed later.

**Glenorchy Trefoil Guild**

Glenorchy are celebrating their 40th Birthday at the Claremont Guide Hall (opposite the Shopping Centre) on the 17th May. This will be an afternoon tea commencing at 2.00pm. All Guiding friends and past members are invited.

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**McIntyre Trefoil Guild**

The Guild is up and running, “early days”, four new members attended the first meeting and the good news is that there were several apologies. Marg and Jan are commencing the bank account this week, starting off with the $50 donated from the Gathering. We wait to hear more news!

**Roland Trefoil Guild**

Six members attended the April meeting where the Adviser’s News letter and the Gathering report were read. Long standing member Beryl Goodwin received her 45 year Combined Long Service Award. Members were told of the drawstring bags they are to make for the International Committee. These will be used as gift bags at the Asia Pacific Conference in Melbourne later in the year. A lovely afternoon tea followed where members enjoyed fruit buns and Anzac biscuits.
**Gone Home**

Eastern Shore Trefoil Guild is very sad to inform that our friend and member, Annette Foxton, has passed away suddenly. Annette started her Guiding with Lindisfarne Guides, she was later to become leader of Tranmere Guides. This role she carried out with great enthusiasm and will be fondly remembered by all of her former Guides. Annette has also been highly honoured for her work as a teacher and volunteer with St John’s Ambulance Association, over many years. Annette, with her friendly and caring nature, will be sadly missed by us all.

*Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass.*  
*It’s about learning to dance in the rain!*

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