Hello Trefoil Guild members,

Welcome to our beautiful Tasmanian Autumn, we are so lucky to experience such a distinct change in seasons. Let us hope that by the time our Australian Gathering is here in 2016 we will have a nice calm May, just a bit fresh in the mornings and evenings, does that sound reasonable?

Following the Tasmanian Gathering in March, I received a letter from Denise Talbot, our guest speaker from “Days for Girls”, expressing thanks for the $100 donation, which we gave her. They have already purchased flannelette fabric and waterproof liner. As you know Australia has chosen this organisation as our “good turn for 2016” and they would appreciate donations of practical items like underwear, wash cloths or money for purchasing fabrics. If you would like to sew some of the liners a pattern can be provided. Address for donations is Denise Talbot, 11a Arthur Street, Perth, Tasmania 7300

N.B. Our donations can make a difference and influence social change in these impoverished communities where girls are ostracised, miss school/work and endure days of isolation during menstruation.

I spent a couple of hours at Guide House last week and updated the membership for 2016, so that you are all now financial. Should you change your email address, it is your responsibility to let them know at Guide House, or you may not receive your copy of Platypus. This is included with your membership if it can be sent electronically, otherwise, because of printing and postage the cost is $20 per annum.

News from the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser

Shortly we will receive a banner, which can be used at Trefoil Guild functions, so watch this space.

Nothing else really. Barbara has been travelling to other state Annual General Meetings and has also had an interview with the Chronical, a local publication, during which she talked about Trefoil and also our involvement with Guides and the fact that we are all volunteers.

You should all have made your final payment to Adelaide for the 22nd Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering by now and had it confirmed.

Barbara has announced the new West Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser, her name is Kay Arrantash, we congratulate her.
News from the Guilds

Belated thanks to King Island Trefoil Guild

I know that King Island closed as a Guild last year but they have had a presence, because they were all attached to Eastern Shore Trefoil Guild. This was not working for them, so they have all resigned, except for Judy Knowles. I would like to acknowledge the great contribution to Guiding these women have made, holding it all together until the last Girl Guide on King Island moved to Launceston. Between them a total of 225 years, a big Bravo to you all!

Boronia Trefoil Guild

April has been a busy month for Boronia Trefoil Guild, several members attended the opening of the Boronia District new Ranger Guide building on 11th April. The building is really nice and the Unit are in the process of getting equipment. Afternoon tea was served by the Ranger Guides.

Boronia Trefoil Guild meeting was also held that night at The Channel Men’s Shed where the usual delicious roast dinner was served. On the 20th March the Governor (she must have heard about those roasts) visited the Men’s Shed and the Trefoil Guild was invited. Elaine Nichols and Audrey Wells went for the visit and morning tea.

Audrey also attended High tea at Hadley’s with The Olaves.

Glenorchy Trefoil Guild

Glenorchy Trefoil Guild attended the Annual General Meeting of Girl Guides Tasmania at the Claremont Guide Hall and did the catering for supper. Well done Trefoil Guild ladies, I have heard several accolades!

Glenorchy and Eastern Shore members at the State Gathering in Campbell Town with Barbara Fairbairn, centre, the Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser.
Midland/Heritage Trefoil Guild

Had a meeting with McIntyre Trefoil Guild regarding the 23rd Gathering in Hobart in 2018, more later. One of their members, Sandra Burn, when she is not playing bowls or going to Trefoil Guild meetings drives for the Campbell Town Community Centre, as a volunteer. In this capacity she drives patients to appointments in Launceston. She also drives the Cancer Car for people who need chemotherapy. Well done Sandra, pleased to see you are wearing your Trefoil Guild shirt.

Eastern Shore Trefoil Guild

Eastern Shore Trefoil Guild welcomed a visitor, Judith Puttoc, from North Allerton Trefoil Guild in Yorkshire, United Kingdom. Judith is here to visit her son and is pictured at the rear on the left. The two Guilds have twinned together.

Plans have also been made for the Girl Guide Biscuit Campaign in May.

Eastern Shore Trefoil Guild

*invites you to a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon*

*For the Cancer Foundation “Big Cuppa”*

*Howrah Guide Hall*

*12.00pm on June 1st 2016*

*Hope to see you there*

*Contact Jenny Wiggins on 6243 4460 or Jane Hall on 6247 7361*
Important Notice

Are you a people person, with dedication to Guiding?
Can you accept a challenge?
Do you have computer skills?
Are you prepared to travel within Australia?
Do you believe in the principles of The Trefoil Guild?
This could be the position for you!

Brit’s position as State Trefoil Guild Adviser becomes vacant in March 2017

Please contact the State Trefoil Guild Adviser for Application papers! Closes July 31st 2017

Every flower is a soul blossoming in nature!

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