



NSW/ACT Trefoil Guild Newsletter

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2009 International Year of Astronomy

2009 Chinese Year of the Ox

DEAR MEMBERS,

Happy New Year to everyone. I do hope you all had a wonderful Festive Season and holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking everyone for the cards and best wishes for my husband's recent illness. I am sure all the prayers and support you have given us is helping to speed his recovery. Thank you all so much.

2009 NZ Tour

Our A T G A, Wendy Smibert has been contacted regarding a NZ Tour designed for the Trefoil Guild age group. This Tour will be held November 2009, if anyone is interested please advise me and I will forward the forms.

Mongolia

An email was received from Marian Langdon c/- Guides Qld., P O Box 739 FortitudeValley Qld 4006 stating that Qld & NSW/ACT have supplied sufficient beanies for the moment. As an alternative Mongolia would like some craft type materials from which the girls can make items as 'souvenirs' to sell on stalls and raise some funds.

Last year an environmental program was initiated and also patches stating 'Girl Scouts help keep Mongolia Clean'. They now wish to broaden this program as the need of the people has become more environmentally aware. Mongolia is a country where winds are very strong and plastic carry bags are plentiful!! Please also notify Marian if you know of anyone travelling to Mongolia or planning to go on the Trans Siberian/Trans Mongolian Railway, who could perhaps help deliver some goods, as the freight company is unable to continue this service as the parcels being delivered were 'no value' and the Government received no taxes on these items. A system is being sought hoping to reinstate an alternative source of continuing assistance to GSAM.

General

Denise Brewer (Brisbane Water T G) has approached her Federal Member, Craig Thomson, member for Dobell, who is forwarding a proposal for The Centenary of Guiding to Kevin Rudd our Prime Minister.

Have we had any other members approach their Federal Member? The more we ask the more we could be successful!!

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The Hills Evening T G is supporting a local Arcadia lady who is sending shipping containers of donated goods to Swaziland to help HIV/AIDS orphans. Judy Teulon has arranged for three gardens at Mt Wilson to be opened April 19th 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. Admission to all three gardens \$20.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child, this includes complimentary morning tea in the grounds at Jalscene. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy it in the picnic area Waterfall Road, in the grounds of Bisley. Contact Judy Teulon Ph: 9652 1363 or mobile 0429 652 136 for a map and further details. All funds raised will be to aid the orphans of Swaziland through the Seeds of Hope Organisation (SOHO).

NSW/ACT State Gathering

It's a New Year clean out. Have you any pre-loved Guiding or Trefoil clothing or treasures? A table will be held in the Coffee Lounge at the State Gathering. If you have any memorabilia suitable for resale the committee would be grateful to have it. Also any items (pre priced please) for the State Trading Table would be greatly appreciated. The money raised from these sales will help towards the funding of the National Gathering in Canberra in 2010.

Have you decided what you are wearing to the formal dinner on the Saturday evening? The competition is usually fairly fierce! Start preparing now, it is quite a lot of fun. Of course if you prefer to wear Trefoil dress that is also acceptable. The application form is attached.
Send it now!

Introduction to Agnes Bear and her travels.

Agnes Bear in Trefoil Dress will leave WA the first week in April, with her suitcase, collecting messages from every state, on her way to the National Gathering in Canberra 2010. Her first stop will be South Australia. Arriving April/May Agnes will leave South Australia the last week in May on her way to Victoria.

She will then visit Victoria and leave there the last week in July on her way to Queensland. Agnes will then stay in Queensland until 2nd week in October before her journey to Tasmania. Agnes will stay in Tasmania over December and January 2010 and then she will head off to the National Gathering in Canberra. Agnes will travel QANTAS and perhaps some of the itinerary may have to be altered as she wants the discounted air fare. Bon voyage, Agnes!

Final Call for the Memories of Guiding Booklet

The closing date has been extended until March 31, 2009. Encouraging more entries in making it into the booklet. So far many wonderful stories have been received, but urgently need more stories and pictures. If you have not put pen to paper as yet, now is a good time! Entries are accepted in handwritten or typed form and photos will be returned. Please attach your contact details to all entries and post to: 'Memories of Guiding' P. O. Box 827, South Melbourne Vic. 3205.

Dark Horse Venture

Members became very interested in the DHV when at the Gathering in WA. Ten new members signed up, Australia wide. If you wish to join please contact Patsy Hughes, phone: 02 4883 7250 or email: pat.hughes@westnet.com.au

Awards

Mrs Barbara Dean, Queensland State Adviser was awarded the Emu for her services to Guiding. Mrs Ruth Ryan of The Hills T G was awarded the Banksia. Mrs Sandra Wilson-Tink of Western Plains T G was recognised by the Dubbo City Council for Community Service. BRAVO TO THOSE MEMBERS!

AFOFSAG

The website address with the latest Australian Fellowship news information from ISGF Brussels

<http://afofsag.weds.com> World Gazette: www.isgf.org

EVENTS February 22 Thinking Day March 1
Clean Up Australia April 10 Good Friday May 1 – 3
NSW/ACT State Gathering
at Glengarry

May 8 Jean Arnott Luncheon

(members 90 and over)

May 10 Mother's Day August 27 Lunch at
Parliament House

September 26 State Picnic at Random

Cottage

October 9 – 11 Biennial T G Conference to
celebrate the Centenary of Guiding Kindilan Qld.

**Apr 30 – May 3 2010 19th National T G
Gathering in Canberra**

State Gathering May 1-3, 2009 UPDATE

The committee had their 3rd meeting.

A raffle is to be held at \$1.00 per ticket, this will be drawn at the Gathering and the winning prizes will be by the winner's choice. Prizes are: A teddy bear which sings "Sunrise Sunset"; a beautiful handmade A4 wooden box with a wooden star on the inside lid; a single knitted bed rug; and a Christmas wall hanging.

Guilds are requested to supply a double A4 sheet of photos of Guild events/activities to put on a wall display of their Guild. These are to be handed to Mrs Judy Tofler on arrival. Please put your Guild's name and contact details on back.

We would be grateful if you could donate for the drought relief program pamper packs containing new toiletries — any of the following, e.g soap, toothpaste, tooth brush, face washer, deodorant, hand cream, shampoo, conditioner, moisturizer, make up, shaving cream, razors (men's bag) hair brush, comb, washing powder, toilet paper etc.

Guilds are requested to send, by April 9th to me, Trefoil related questions for the Forum section of the program and I will endeavour to answer these.

Any transport arrangements are to be made through Wendy Davidson Mobile 0410 604 029 or phone 02 9772 4062.

Program: Friday evening: Dinner and fun filled evening of star gazing and 'getting to know you'. A fun night full of stars.

Saturday a.m: Formal proceedings **Saturday p.m:** Laughter and Forum **Saturday eve:** Formal dinner and dress up, guest speaker from the Observatory and indoor campfire.

Sunday a.m: Guides' Own

All Day: Star activities, something for everyone – outdoor activities, crafts, archives, etc.

See you at the Gathering!

** Hope you can all assist with the raffle, tickets enclosed.

GONE HOME

* Mary Carter (Sutherland) aged 44 yrs passed away January 4th. Mary was a member of Brindabella T G, NSW Central T G and previously George Bass T G

* Mrs Gladys Higgins Jones, of Queensland, who was well known throughout Australian Trefoil Guild, passed away in December 2008

Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends. They will be sadly missed.

June Conen, NSW/ACT Adviser

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