



NATIONAL SCOUT & GUIDE FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA NEWS



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Welcome to the first newsletter for 2014. As Australia is part of the Asia Pacific Region the logo has been added to the masthead of this newsletter. Enjoy the interesting articles below and I would be very pleased if it could be forwarded on to all B-P Guilds, Trefoil Guilds and St. George Guild members in your State. If anyone would like to contribute articles to this publication please feel free to email them to the address at the end of this newsletter.

You will note the change of name of this newsletter. Following discussion at our February meeting it was decided to change the title of our newsletter from – “AFN” to “NSGFA News”.

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Audrey Williams from New South Wales a long time supporter of this organization serving on the committee several times. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family. Unfortunately a second loss has to be recorded and that is Colin Nelson from Queensland husband of Jenny Nelson. Jenny held positions on the National Scout & Guide Fellowship Australia over the past years. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

Welcome to Aram Joukadjian (current Victorian Baden Powell Guildmaster) who has joined the NSGFA Executive in the position of International Secretary.

The National Scout and Guide Fellowship of Australia will be hosting the 27th ISGF World Conference.

Where: Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, Australia.

When: Friday 10 October – Thursday 16 October 2014.

Theme: *Friendship – Beneath Southern Skies.*

You will find all paperwork concerning this Conference by clicking on the WConf logo on the ISGF homepage or from you state B P / T G/ St George Guild.

Full time - Registration fee: AUS \$ 650 (includes all plenary sessions, lunches, tea breaks and dinner for 4 nights (dinner on 10 and 15 October on your own expense). Also available is: attendance one day only or as a volunteer.

Accommodation: 4 hotels are offered with various prices including breakfast from AUS \$ 64 to AUS \$ 123 per person based on double occupancy. For distances from the hotels to the venue, see the registration form.

Excursions: (AUS \$ 80 inclusive of lunch) are offered on Wednesday 15 October 2014 and you need to make a selection for two excursions in order of your choice.

Transfer from/to airport: only on 10 October and back on only 16 October an additional AUS \$ 10 per transfer is required.

Important registration details:

Registration form must reach organizers not later than **30 April 2014**. Registration is valid upon receipt of 50% of the total amount before 30 April 2014. Full payment: should be received before **15 July 2014**.

Post Conference Tours: Two different tours will be organized on Thursday 16 October – ending late evening Wednesday 22 October provided that a minimum of 35 participants apply. See description of the tour on the registration form. The cost is AUS \$ 850 per person for Tour One and AUS \$ 790 per person for Tour Two based on double occupancy of a room.

Cancellation policy: We kindly request you to read the cancellation policy as described in the registration form.

For more information: Margaret Worthington margwort@bigpond.net.au. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or [Organising Committee World Conference, P.O. Box 1021, Wentworthville 2145, New South Wales, Australia.](#)

Some interesting financial facts for the 27th World Conference to be held in Sydney in October 2014, where all members of Trefoil Guilds, Baden Powell Guilds and St George Guilds are encouraged to attend. Application forms have been sent to all States to be forwarded on to all Guilds.

1. A Contract has been signed with the Sydney Showgrounds for the Conference Venue.
2. Schedule for payments as follows: \$5,150.00 (includes \$3,000.00 bond).
3. \$15,450.00 due 28th February 2014 (applications close 30th April 2014).
4. \$30,900.00 due 6th June 2014.
5. Final payment invoice due 5 working days before event.

Cancellation fees at time of notice prior to the event – Between 6-12 months, 30% of Occupation fee.
Between 3-6 months, 60% of the occupation fee.

NSGFA shop: 300 x 60th ISGF Anniversary metal and cloth badges are now in stock. These sell for \$12 per set and can be ordered from Richard Stuart-Smith email richss@hotmail.net.au



“**Our Kit**” (project of the World Committee to create a helpful collection of information about ISGF), this will be launched by World Committee at the 27th World Conference in Sydney.

“**Fellowship Toys**” This is a World Committee project in partnership with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees to collect and send toys to children in refugee camps. All NSGFs were asked to contact their UNHC office to arrange delivery arrangements. After many emails, letters and phone calls Barbara has eventually received a definite response. The Australian UNHCR has informed NSGFA that due to the logistics to send items overseas they cannot assist. Any Australian members who have already collected toys in anticipation of being part of the ISGF collection are advised to donate same to a suitable local agency.

NSGFA Annual General Meeting / Changeover Ceremony will be held on 2 November 2014 at Kindilan Outdoor Education Centre, Days Road, Redland Bay Queensland. BPG Guildmasters to arrive 31 October for their meetings. All Trefoil, Baden Powell and St. George Guild Members are welcome to attend this meeting/weekend.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

21 March International Day of Forests and the Tree <http://www.un.org/en/events/forestsday/>

22 March World Water Day <http://www.un.org/en/events/waterday/>

29 March Earth Hour <http://www.earthhour.org/> 8.30pm lights out until 9.30pm. Host a gathering/attend a gathering. Watch the Documentary on Channel 10 at 6pm re saving our reef

APRIL

22 April Earth day <http://www.earthday.org/>

22 April Mother Earth Day <http://www.un.org/en/events/motherearthday/>

MAY

18 May Million Paws Walk (RSPCA) <http://www.millionpawswalk.com.au/>

JUNE

5 June World Environment Day <http://www.thinkeatsave.org/> Also look for The World Environment Day Alphabet - <http://www.unep.org/wed/A-Z/>

8 June World Oceans Day <http://www.un.org/en/events/oceansday/>

29 June National Tree Day <http://treeday.planetark.org/>

AUGUST

25-31 Aug Keep Australia Beautiful Week <http://kab.org.au/keep-australia-beautiful-week/>

SEPTEMBER

1 – 30 September Save the Koala Month - September is Save the Koala month

<https://www.savethekoala.com/how-to-help/save-koala-month>

1 September – 16 October Night Stalk <http://www.perthzoo.wa.gov.au/act/twest-night-stalk/>

1 September Wattle Day <http://www.wattleday.asn.au/>

OCTOBER

4 October World Animal Day <http://www.worldanimalday.co.uk/>

20 – 26 October National Water Week <http://www.awa.asn.au/nationalwaterweek/> /

NOVEMBER

10 - 16 November National Recycling Week <http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/about/>

20 November Universal Children's Day (celebrates children just for being themselves)

<http://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/>

DECEMBER

1 -7 December National Coast Care Week <http://www.coastcare.com.au/>

This email received from the Asia Pacific International Scout & Guide Fellowship, although we are well into 2014 it was thought the good wishes should be shared with all readers.

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