

DAYS FOR GIRLS TASMANIA

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For information about starting a group/team

Please contact the State Coordinator.

A Special Welcome to Gloria Buttsworth, DFG Australia National Coordinator!

Gloria arrives at lunchtime on Thursday, 30 March.

This is Gloria's first visit to Tasmania, and our DFG Team Leaders & Sewing Group Leaders from around the state are joining me for Afternoon Tea on Thursday, from 1.30 p.m., to welcome her. She will be travelling with Arthur & me to Smithton for the Rotary District 9830 (Tasmania) Conference from Friday to Sunday. Gloria will be speaking at the conference on Sunday morning. She will also be a guest on our Awareness Stand.

An invitation to a "Bring & Share" Morning Tea on Monday, 3 April, at 22A Goderich St, Longford, has been extended, statewide, to all our wonderful, amazing volunteers and supporters to meet Gloria & be further enthused by this amazing woman and each other! If you have not already got an invitation, please regard this as your special welcome! The venue is the Launceston Team's usual Sewing Venue, St Augustine's Parish House. Travel along Wellington St to Smith St. turn towards the Northern Midlands Council Chambers, through the roundabout to the next intersection. The church is on the corner. Turn right & the Parish House is next door. Signs will be up!

Please phone me if you need further help!

Denise

Tas. State Coordinator

HOBART TEAM/KINGSTON SEWING GROUP

The following are dates booked for days for girls Kingston group.

Mondays, 10th April, 15th May, 12th June (provisional date only)

The venue is St Clements Church Hall, Corner Beach St and Channel Highway, Kingston, from 10 am until about 2.30 or 3.00 pm.

Susan spoke to members of Richmond Branch of the Catholic Women's League at their March meeting. They have raised some funds for DFG!

We have 29 kits in Melbourne, awaiting transport down to Bairnsdale to the East Gippsland team for the container going to Kiribati in July/Aug. Susan is hoping to take more to Melbourne next week, to add to the 29. Great effort, Southern Volunteers!

An over-locker has been donated to the Hobart team. This will be a great asset! Thank you to the generous donor!

**If you have anything to contribute to
this newsletter, please email articles
& photos to
Denise
by the 20th of each month.**

**Please send as docx file for easier
copying into Newsletter format**

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MEANDER VALLEY TEAM:

News from Lois Beckwith

2 volunteers Pat and Nan in Hobart that take all our scrap material and make small quilts for the orphans in Nepal.

Lois & Christina took these to Nepal in November. More will be taken on other trips.



150 full kits and 20 half kits were taken to Nepal. Due to weight restrictions, the part - women in Nepal completed kits. It was a great way for them to learn to sew.

Through our fundraising 10 Nepali sewers now have jobs in making kits. Our first order of 100 kits helped these ladies learn the process and prove they could operate a business.

The Rotary Club of Deloraine has decided to undertake a large building program in Kathmandu. With the Deloraine Rotary Club, we were able to launch a special project to help DFG Nepal establish a Centre and a sewing enterprise. Our funding had a huge impact in Nepal .

In February, the first training course for village women to learn to make kits and run a business was planned. We will be sponsoring 4 women in this course and we intend to visit them regularly to support them.

The Team's next Sewing Day is 31st March, followed by a break until Friday, 5th May.

DEVONPORT TEAM/PORT SORELL SEWING GROUP:

From Team Leader, Gill Buxton:

At our March sewing days, we packed the 100 kits for my May visit to Nepal – 50 at Devonport and 50 at Port Sorell. Both teams enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing the final products of their hard work. The 100 kits for Zambia are almost completed and ready for final packing!

The April sewing Days are: Port Sorell – Friday, 7th April
Devonport - Saturday, 8th April

Gill's newsletter to her team members will be sent next week.

GREAT NEWS!

**OUR DAYS FOR GIRLS AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL COORDINATOR,
GLORIA BUTTSWORTH IS COMING TO VISIT US
FROM 30TH MARCH TO 3RD APRIL!**

Gloria arrives at Launceston Airport at lunchtime on Thursday and as Host State Coordinator, I have invited Team Leaders, Co-Leaders, Sewing Group Leaders & Janelle Howell, as State Sewing Specialist Advisor, to share the afternoon with Gloria at my home in Perth – 1.30 – 4.00 p.m.

On Monday, 3rd April, prior to her midday flight, volunteers from ALL our teams are invited to a Morning Tea & Chat with Gloria at St Augustine's Parish House, 22A Goderich St, Longford, 9.30 – 11.00. All are invited, if you wish, to stay & share lunch (BYO) before travelling home! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

LAUNCESTON TEAM/COSGROVE PARK GROUP/WYNYARD GROUP

Our Sewing Days, this year, have been changed slightly due to Toosey Aged Care hiring the house two days per week. We will continue with the second Saturday of each month, but our week days, for the time being, will be the **following** Monday & Tuesday.

Our next Sewing Day on Saturday, 8 April, 9.30 – 2.00 p.m. & Monday the 10th & Tuesday the 11th April – 9.30 – Noon both days

Much was achieved at our March sewing days with shields completed. This enabled us to pack nearly 100 kits, which will be sent to Ann Tomas in Manila for distribution through the Philippines DFG Centre. We hope to pack at least 120 kits and possibly some spare components, as soon as we get our special carton.

On Monday, 3 April, our team is hosting our DFG Bring & Share Morning Tea (9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.) to meet & greet our National Coordinator, Gloria before she flies home at midday.

Denise is looking forward to catching up with some of our Wynyard Group in Smithton
Our Cosgrove Park Group is back in the swing of things making liners & bags.



Pictures of concentration as the “Busy Fingers” Girls learn to sew DFG components!

STOP PRESS:

We now have a sewing group on the East Coast! Denise & Maureen travelled to Bicheno & spent the day with the “Busy Fingers Craft Group”. Denise started the day with a Power Point Presentation, followed by demonstrations of component making. The Ladies were then set to work and proved to be very quick learners & made some very accurate samples of work. We were treated to a beautiful lunch, provided by the members of the group.

We are looking forward to having this very enthusiastic group of experienced sewers & quilters volunteering with us and we can recommend to other women in the area to make contact with them if they would like to also participate. There are plenty of tasks for non - sewers too!



Thank you, Pamela for arranging our visit! We had such a happy day we are coming back soon!

“OUR FOCUS IS THE GIRLS WE SERVE”!

FROM THE STATE COORDINATOR:

To all our amazing volunteers, donors and supporters, let us give our National Coordinator, Gloria a warm welcome on Monday, 3 April at Longford!

Following on from last month, about Quality Control, I forgot to mention that I spent a lot of time in January putting together 20 Information Folders of all the updated **official** DFG International **instructions, patterns, guidelines etc.** I have laminated each sheet, for durability, as I hope all volunteers will take the time to familiarize themselves, particularly with sewing instructions.

I have numbered each kit to keep a record of who has them, so that I can send updates as I receive them. These folders cost \$10.00 and each team & sewing group will have at least one folder. Individual volunteers and new volunteers are welcome to purchase their own folder.

I have just had an email, from DGFJ Chapter Liaison.

“We are happy to announce new website updates!”

The included information is of particular interest to Team Leaders, who should have received the same email.

I am hoping to get Gloria to give us guidance on the new Heavy Flow shields and liners at the Morning Tea on Monday, 3rd April. If you have had a go at making them, would you please bring your samples with you? I know that Launceston area Team has not made any yet and haven't heard from other teams that they are doing any. Gloria has mentioned to me that it may become the norm in all kits in the not too distant future. So this is a great opportunity to learn from the expert!

I am looking forward to taking Gloria to the Rotary Conference in Smithton, where she will be a speaker on Sunday morning. Lois Beckwith, Co-Leader –Meander Valley Team, is also a member of the Deloraine Rotary Club and will also do a presentation on the RAWCS project that led her & Rotarian Christina to travel to Nepal in November. The Rotary Club of Deloraine has made a big commitment in Nepal, especially in supporting Days for Girls Enterprise Centre in Kathmandu. Lois & Christina also wore their DFG hats & took 150 kits with them!

Wishing you & your families all the special Easter Blessings of Love, Commitment & Hope. May we keep sharing our friendship & support as we work to provide hope, dignity and education to the girls we serve!

Denise

SEWING SESSIONS' MORNING TEAS/LUNCHES

As we are all aware, our Sewing Day Morning Teas are VERY important, not only to revive us as we work, but it is our precious SHARING time – a time of sharing, caring, friendships & laughter! and, of course, the food shared is also important!



I look forward to having recipes from your Sewing Day Morning Teas and/or Fundraiser Lunches etc. to share with everyone. (Please be aware of copyright rules.).....Maybe for next month!

UP COMING EVENTS:

BRING & SHARE MORNING TEA – MEET & GREET GLORIA:

Monday 3 April, 9.30a.m.

APRIL SEWING DAYS:

Meander Valley: 31st March

Devonport/ Port Sorell:

7th & 8th April

Launceston Area:

8th, 10th & 11th April

Hobart/Kingborough:

10th April

Launceston Area Team:

Mothers' Day Morning Tea:

Saturday, 12 May, 10.a.m.

Goderich St, Longford

3rd Anniversary Lunch:

Saturday, 8th July

Invitation for volunteers, statewide to attend.

PLEASE HELP!

Email your team/group news, & hopefully, some photos of your highlights & activities for each month and to advertise any functions, projects etc, so that all our teams and groups can support each other as well as avoiding clashes of dates....BY 20TH EACH MONTH!

I would also like to recognize, each month, our donors for their contributions – monetary or equipment etc.

So this month, I would like to acknowledge donations to Launceston Team so far in 2017:

Monetary donations - *Tamika Bannister (Spotted Quoll Studio, Design Centre L'ton), Menin Bhair, Quy Wrigley, Campania Colbrook Red Cross Society*

Over- Lockers: *Anonymous, Hobart,*

Sewing Machines: *Janet Balzer*

THANK YOU!

Sick Volunteers: Launceston Team - *Merilyn Bakes & also her husband , Doug is in hospital!*

Recently Bereaved:

Thinking of you and sending our love and support.

HAPPY VOLUNTEERING, amazing, wonderful people!

Denise