



Anglican Mothers Union Australia
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News from the Provincial President April, 2018

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. I trust that you are all enjoying the Easter season, after experiencing the joy of the Resurrection! It was a very busy time of year for anyone involved in the church, whether it be as an Archbishop or as the flower arrangers, the catering preparers or as the removers of dust or the mowers of lawns. Thank you to those who participated in the celebrations, in every capacity.

As I write this letter, the Anglican Church worldwide is preparing to undertake a wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. This program is called "Thy Kingdom Come". To find out more about it, look up "Thy Kingdom Come" on the internet, and see how you and your AMUA groups can become involved. As we have had our Wave of Prayer since 1924, I'm sure we can all contribute to this initiative!

AMUA Treasurer

The Reverend Annette Bailey has taken over as Treasurer from Kath Glew. Annette is a Deacon in the Diocese of the Northern Territory, and Past President of the Darwin AMUA group. Annette has contacted all the Diocesan Treasurers, so please feel free to contact her regarding financial matters.

MULOA Mothers Union – Listening, Observing, Acting

A group of MU members are meeting at this time in New Brunswick, Canada, training to become MULOA Facilitators. **Mrs Tagolyn Kabekabe**, originally from the Solomon Islands, and currently working in Honiara, has lived in PNG for many years, and **The Reverend Bronwyn Pagram**, is a Deacon at Brisbane's St John's Cathedral, are the two people representing our Zone. These women were chosen for their skills in communication and we are delighted that both agreed to do the training in Canada.

Please keep Tagolyn and Bronwyn in your prayers, as well as the other facilitators in training, and the Team from Mary Sumner House who are leading them. They will return to our Zone, ready and able to conduct the MULOA workshops in August in New Zealand. Each DP and another rep from each Diocese is invited to join us and currently we have sixteen planning to go. If your Diocese hasn't nominated a rep, please contact me. Each Diocese is asked to pay for the airfares to NZ, but MSH will cover the cost of accommodation and meals. Just a reminder to those who are booking flights already – don't forget to take into account the time difference, as you might need to book for an extra night prior to the Workshops at your own expense.

Photos for the website

The wonderful photo of a family group that we have on our website needs replacing – why? Well, the young boy pictured is now 19! If you have any such family photos, and you have the permission of everyone in the family (and parents of children), we would love to include it. A group photo is great, as are photos of smaller families, grandparents and grandchildren, multi-generational groups, multi-cultural groups. Please send them electronically to the website at contact@muaustralia.org.au And DPs – have you looked at your photo on the website lately – is it time for an update????? Please contact Kaylene with your 'new look'. Also, is your Diocesan information current and up to date???

Australian Council Meeting

Things are well underway for the AC meeting in May. Please pray for the safe travel and smooth planning and running of the Meeting. We are trying a new venue this time, Holy Cross Centre, in Templestowe – the bus trip to Pallotti was considered too long for some, so this is half the distance from the airport. Views still good, but no lift to the upper level, but only 3 steps to the meeting room – ah, the life of compromise!

AMUA Directory

Our wonderful Secretary, Marilyn, has sent out the 2018 Directory, and you will see some changes. Please check your Diocese and make sure that the details are correct. If you are visiting Melbourne, you will see that the MU Shop has closed in the City (due to doubling of rent) and has reopened at Frankston – the contact details are in the Directory, and also online.

Mary Sumner House, London

Sadly for visitors, the MU Shop at Mary Sumner House has closed, although not much specific MU material was held there in recent years. There is an online catalogue at mothersunion.org. But 24 Tufton Street, London, remains the Headquarters, and you are welcome to visit. Visit there just before midday to join the Staff for Midday Prayers in the Chapel. You will run into many different people there – international visitors, UK members, Trustees, Worldwide President Lyn, CEO Bev – depending on the activities of the House.

One small warning – people from around the world visit MSH every day, and although this might be **our** first visit, after 26 hours in a plane, plus Tube travel in a strange place, and with a pilgrims mindset of arriving at this awesome centre of the MU universe, it doesn't always result in the huge welcome we might expect. This is a place of business, too, so enjoy the experience, pop downstairs to the toilets (noting the banner made from Mary Sumner's wedding dress on the landing) and see the huge meeting room further down. If you want to make an appointment to see one of the Department Heads, do this from Australia – they might be working out of the office/country if you just pop in!

Promoting AMUA

Two colourful brochures, one for AMUA promotion, and one from Overseas & Northern Outreach are now available, and are ideal to give to your friends and the wider community to tell them about our work locally and globally. You will receive details about them from Denise and Christine in the near future.

Well I hope your year has started well, and that you are all moving along "In Mary Sumner's Footsteps" in whatever you are doing. Let me know of any bright ideas that we can share as you plan your programs around the Theme – even little seeds of ideas can grow into great trees of experience with some nurturing and love.

Love and peace,

Anne

