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Moving Forward
Together



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my first report for 2019 and I would like to wish all Mothers' Union members a very happy and safe New Year. Let this year be a year where we achieve much, try new things, and bring new members into our branches. Our theme for this year is “Moving Forward Together” and our hymn is “Because He Lives”.

Christmas is but a past memory and Easter Buns are in the shops. It is a reminder that life moves on and we must do the same. MULOA is our new project for the coming years and we must all get behind this to ensure its success. Eleanor Lewin has been in Brisbane learning how others have approached the challenge and how we can do the same here in Bunbury. Watch this space.

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than the people.

Colossians 3: 2-3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR 2019

Eleanor Lewin and I will be providing another session on MULOA in Albany on Wednesday 6th of March. Every member is invited to participate. Eleanor will be bringing back from Brisbane update information for you to share.

Lady Day will be in Bunbury on Tuesday March 26th, the Venerable Julie Baker will be our celebrant in the Cathedral. Lunch is at last year's venue which proved to be a good choice. We hope to bring you information from the diocesan visit to Kapsabet after the lunch.

The Country Rally is in Albany and will be combined with our AGM on the 22nd of October. The reason we are combining both functions is to reduce the number of events and the amount of time you spend travelling to MU events.

As this is my last year as your president I would ask each and every one of you to look



and see if you have the calling to take over my role as president. I will give you all the help I can, as will the Lord. He walks beside me in all I do for MU. Without the Lord I can achieve nothing, He is my strength and guidance, as He will be for you. Do not be afraid to take on the role if you hear His call. This year I am hoping to visit as many branches as possible before I resign from this position.

“I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

Philippians 4 1-3

Recently St John's Church in Pinjarra was decommissioned at a ceremony in the church grounds by Bishop Ian Coutts. The church was handed over to Pinjarra Heritage Precinct's committee together with the friends of St John's which is yet to be formed. Six past ministers who served at St John's attended the service, as did the descendants of the builder of the church and many other people with a special bond with the church. The key to the church was handed to the Shire President. The church altar will not be removed as is customary because the church will be used for weddings etc. The parish centre will become the Church of St Francis of Assisi and is to be commissioned by the Bishop early in March.



May the feet of God go with you.

May the feet of God walk with you

And his hand hold you tight.

May the eye of God rest on you

And his ear hear your cry.

May the smile of God be for you?

And his breath give you life.

May the child of God grow in you.

And his love bring you home.

Words by Aubrey Podlich

Blessings to you all, Jean Beard, President Bunbury MU

The Mary Sumner Prayer Written in 1876 by our Mothers' Union founder, Mary Sumner.

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by the Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Service of Thanksgiving for our new MU Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, was held at St George's Cathedral, Georgetown, Guyana. The Right Rev Charles Davidson (Bishop of Guyana) led the service and preached. Past President, Sheila George, and Sheran's husband, Roger, did the readings. The Cathedral was full of members and clergy from the diocese as they celebrated Sheran's new role and prayed for her and the work of Mothers' Union going forward.



ALBANY BRANCH'S QUIET DAY (Submitted by Pauline Tutt)

Late last year Albany Branch held a Quiet Day. It was held out at the Gilmoor Scout Camp Site, which is set on the banks of the river in a beautiful bush setting.

Rev. Tina conducted the Eucharist, using the bible reading from Matthew 5 13-16 and Mary Sumner's Prayer as part of the service.

After the service was a quiet time when each person went out to enjoy the very relaxing area. Using the bible reading and Mary Sumner's prayer, those present reflected on "through the word I speak" "the prayer I breathe" and "the life I live"

During lunchtime Rev. Tina read to us while we ate lunch. Later we spoke on our thoughts for the day and how we felt Mary Sumner's prayer spoke to each of us, after which we held our AGM meeting and the day concluded at 3pm. Each person I am sure left feeling the time out of our busy lives was worth every minute.

Those who attended, as per the group photo are left to right: Colleen Brooks, Pauline Tutt, Jenny Moran, Rev. Tina, Rae Dainton and Charlotte Steele.

Nicola Steele was unable to join us in the morning and arrived for lunch.



***Editor's note: What a beautiful setting for a Quiet Day.
We are looking forward to visiting Albany for the Country Rally in October***

FROM THE ARCHIVES

THE CHAPEL OF ST PAUL AND ST DAVID

When you next visit the Cathedral, be sure to visit the Chapel of St Paul and St David.

Take a good look at the altar, the story of which follows. *(Found in the MU archives is this extract from a memory by Mrs A Kimber which she wrote in June 1937).*

The Altar

The Bunbury Branch here originated and started the memorial to Mrs Adams, which took the form of the beautiful altar in the Pro Cathedral. At the first meeting after Mrs Adams' death, in the absence of the Bishop and Mrs Wilson, who afterwards quite agreed with and helped, in November 1926 the Rev Napier held the service in the Church, Mrs Napier accompanied him.



After it was over the mothers had a little meeting in the vestry when the secretary put forward that we should raise funds for a memorial to be put in the Church to her loved memory for all she had done. All present agreed. Mrs Patterson suggested an Altar. When we came out, Mrs Napier, who was standing just outside the door said, "I am glad with what you suggest, I am sure it is just what the Canon will like." She opened her bag and gave me a note. "There", she said, "we have started". We were too small a body to carry on by ourselves, so a meeting was held at Mrs Spencer's and other Church workers took up the ideas enthusiastically. We thought at first to have a jarrah one and soon had the money. The Archdeacon wished for the metal work, which raised the cost very much and this the Guild of Women Workers defrayed.

Please forgive the defects of this little sketch (says Mrs Kimber). I had so few notes to work on and my memory is hazy as to dates. If I have omitted anything of importance, perhaps some kind friend will supply it.

God bless the MU and keep us all true to its ideals. Never has the home wanted greater watching than at present.

PS: Mrs Adams was the wife of Rev Henry Adams who had 'tramped' the parish inviting ladies to join MU and she is referred to as the 'mother of the movement' - the movement to get MU started in Bunbury. Mrs Adams died in 1926 and the altar was built and placed in the Pro Cathedral and it was moved to the Chapel of St Paul and St David in 1962

MY CHAPLAIN'S REPORT – Reverend Cathie Broome

Praise God for the wonderful ministry of MU within the Bunbury Diocese. It is with thanks that I Praise God for you all after surviving my first year as Chaplain and I write to you now with eager anticipation for the year ahead.

I had no idea how amazing, how incredible, the Mothers' Union movement is around the world until I went to the small Diocese of Kapsabet in January 2019 as part of the Bunbury Diocese Mission Team. I call it a small Diocese because compared to our Diocese it is. The size is only 2,884 square kilometres in comparison with the Bunbury Diocese which is 122,000 square kilometres in size.

Why am I mentioning this? Because I first thought the reason why I was seeing MU members in every inch of the Diocese at every school, church and community outreach that I visited was because things were close together. Well I was certainly wrong about that. The MU members were passionate, vibrant and hardworking, sharing God's word and ministering to others everywhere. Many women travelled large distances by foot over farm lands, dusty paths and rugged landscape. I was welcomed throughout the Diocese by a sea of blue and white, by joyous singing and warm friendly hugs.

At times it was overwhelming, and at other times it was inspirational, but it was always amazing, it was incredible and humbling to witness thousands of members living out the MU vision of "a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is not a vague hope, but a goal we actively pursue by praying, campaigning and enabling". The Kapsabet Diocese, led by Mumma Selline as the president, was living out this vision in their lives and community outreach.

On the 26th January two archdeaconries of MU members gathered for a rally. There were over 1,000 people present and I was asked to do a presentation about the MU ministry in the Bunbury Diocese. Thankfully, before I left Australia, I used a couple of life lines and reached out to many of the executive team members for some help. What I found was the typical MU helping spirit as multiple emails and resources came flooding into my inbox. I was even further blessed by the loan of a Bunbury Diocese MU scarf which I wore



proudly at the rally. I look forward to sharing photos and further experiences with you all at the Lady Day celebrations where I have been asked to share with you about the Kapsabet mission trip.

Looking to the year ahead, personally I look forward to growing into the MU chaplain role, to continuing to learn about the ministry of MU and to exploring together how we can encourage young people into this inspiring ministry.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

MOTHERS' UNION ADMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS

The work of the **Mothers' Union** in reconciliation and peace building has been recognised by the Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN).

The CCN is part of the work of Coventry Cathedral's international reconciliation team. The Community, which has more than 200 members, is inspired by Coventry's story of destruction, rebuilding and renewal.

Coventry Cathedral was destroyed in a German bombing raid on 14 November 1940 in an attack that

lasted more than 10 hours and left more than two thirds of the city's buildings destroyed or damaged. In the days that followed, two enduring symbols emerged from the rubble: two charred roof-beams which had fallen in the shape of a cross were bound and placed at the site of the ruined altar, and three medieval roof nails which were also formed into a cross, which became the original Cross of Nails.

The original Cross of Nails is located at the High Altar in the new Cathedral. Archbishop Justin Welby wears a pectoral cross in the shape of the cross of nails.

Recently, at Mary Sumner House in Westminster, London, Mothers' Union the 143-year-old mission agency, was admitted as a partner to The Community of the Cross of Nails and a replica Cross of Nails was presented to the MU Worldwide President, Lynne Temby. (*Mrs Temby finished her position of MU Worldwide President in December 2018*)

"It is a great honour to receive the Cross of Nails and to be partners in a worldwide network of peace builders," Mrs Temby said. "Being a part of the Community of the Cross of Nails affirms who we are at our core—a movement of men and women contributing to peace and reconciliation at all levels. From the fellowship of friendship over a cup of tea to conflict zones, Mothers' Union members embody the spirit of what the Cross of Nails is all about".

The cross is made up of three large nails and at its base is written "Father Forgive".

Rev Canon Sarah said, "Your members are on the frontline of peace-making. The work you do is about peace. It is your work and we thank you".

The Mothers' Union is active around the world and is particularly engaged in peace and reconciliation work in many areas of the world.



Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Lynne Temby, receives the Cross of Nails from the Revd Canon Sarah Hills.



ANNIE'S STORY

Annie is a member of the Busselton Branch of MU and she is visually impaired. This makes it extremely difficult for her to read the Mia Mia.

When Annie and her friend, Eleanor, were in Launceston in September 2017 for the MU 125th Anniversary of MU Australia, Annie made her first contact with Sandra Chambers who is the producer of the Mia Mia on a CD.

In 2018 Annie received the Spring and Summer editions of the Mia Mia on CD. Annie was "delighted, over the moon". Now she could listen to all the articles and readings and even the songs which were sung and played on the CD.

So for the first time in years Annie now had access to the Mia Mia from the front cover to the back page.

Prior to that, Annie had a reading machine which magnified the written word on to a screen but it wasn't effective. In fact it was quite unsatisfactory.

Annie is so happy with the Mia Mia CD—she said it was the best gift she had ever received. In her own words, "she is one ecstatic MU member".

If you need further information, refer to page 20 of the Summer edition of the Mia Mia. This will give you all the information you need to assist any member who is visually impaired, or legally blind.



LYNNE TEMBEY IS AWARDED AN OBE

The former Worldwide President of the Mothers' Union, Lynne Tembey, was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE). The award is part of Britain's system of honours and is presented by the Queen or a senior member of the royal family acting in her place. The announcement of the award was one of a number made as part of the annual New Year's Honours list published by the UK government. Last year, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, honoured Lynne Tembey with the Cross of St Augustine . .

The award of the OBE has been made in recognition of her "services to Mothers' Union, women and families", the official awards list said.

"When I learned that I was to be awarded with the OBE, I was filled with amazement", Lynne Tembey said. "I feel truly privileged. I have greatly loved my time as Worldwide President. Our members are incredible in all they strive to achieve, changing hearts, minds and lives in wonderful ways".

Lynne Tembey has been involved with Mothers' Union for almost 40 years. She has served in leadership roles locally as branch leader and deanery leader and regionally as Vice President of the Diocese of Carlisle and Provincial President of York. For the past six years she has served as the Worldwide President.



REV CATHIE BROOME, OUR CHAPLAIN

Many of you will have met Rev Cathie who became our Chaplain last year (see her story on page 5)

Cathie would like to get to know you better and she extends an invitation to branches who might like her to visit so that she can meet our members who are scattered throughout our extensive diocese.

Bunbury Branch has had Cathie as a guest speaker and her story is very interesting.

So now it is up to the branches. Get those invitations rolling in!



And don't forget, Cathie will be the guest Rev Cathie becomes a MU member in 2018 speaker at our Lady Day luncheon.

BUNBURY BRANCH REPORT *(Contributed by Margaret Rennick)*

Looking back, we celebrated our Christmas lunch at the Cathedral with Lynne doing an excellent job of the catering.

It was also the day on which we disclosed our "secret" Prayer Partners and received our new partner for 2019. In place of giving our prayer partner a gift, we make a donation towards the Overseas and Northern Outreach funds.

All members donated items for a hamper (enough for two hampers!). One was delivered to a parishioner and the other was given to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Adriana, a very generous MU member, made a crocheted rug in the Christmas colours. We decided to raffle it and the funds raised will go towards a branch MU project. \$180.00 was raised in no time at all.

At our first meeting of the year, we welcomed Anne Coutts from Canberra together with Robin Boyle one of our local parishioners. We had a PowerPoint presentation showing how MU members are generous of their time and talents.

We are still meeting in the Cathedral and we look forward to having a home in our new hall once it is built (the planning stage is progressing!)



The Dean and June Francis display the rug

BOYANUP BRANCH REPORT *(Contributed by Kerry Tyrrell)*

Everyone at Boyanup Branch was excited to meet together for our first meeting of the year in the Boyanup church. What would we do without the MU Worship and Prayer Book? Afterwards we went for coffee to celebrate Mary Kitchen turning 90. We also reflected on the passing of Lorna Martin, 94, a long-time member in Manjimup and Boyanup. She had been at Wattle Hill Lodge for many years. Our group is the most motivated for several years. The Country Rally last year was a boost our group needed. Our time together in prayer is important to us all.

BUSSELTON BRANCH REPORT *(Contributed by Janet Yoxall)*

The 170th Anniversary of the consecration of St Mary's Church in Busselton took place on 4th November 2018, and members of Busselton MU took part in the celebrations. As you may know, St Mary's was the first stone Church in Western Australia (built in 1848), as well as the first major building in Busselton. Early settlers such as the Bussells and Molloyes were also involved, so it has been an extremely important part of the community for a very long time.

Our Parish anniversary events began with a Eucharist on All Souls Day, 2nd November, followed by a Long Table Anniversary Dinner on 3rd November, and a combined celebration Eucharist on 4th November conducted by returning Bishop, Tom Wilmot. Bishop Wilmot was previously parish priest of St Mary's, and was also instrumental in the establishment of Georgiana Molloy Anglican School. Much loved Reverend, June Smith, also attended the Eucharist (her last appearance before she sadly passed away), along with many other clergy from surrounding parishes. Also people who had a close connection to St Mary's with parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents baptised, married or buried at St Mary's.

Getting together with everyone in the Family Centre afterwards was very enjoyable, and also extremely interesting hearing about people's memories of days gone by. The Celebrations' Committee, including some of our MU members, is to be commended for their wonderful organisation of these events, and the 170 years of ministry by St Mary's Church to the people of Busselton will most definitely continue to be upheld by our MU Branch as the years go by.

MANDURAH BRANCH REPORT *(Contributed by Wendy Mabey)*

Mandurah branch finished its 2018 program with a bring-and-share Christmas luncheon in the grounds of the Rectory. There was abundance of food, abundance of good fellowship and abundance of Christmas spirit. Prior to the luncheon, an outdoor Eucharist was held, during which Bev Ross was welcomed as a member of Mothers' Union. We are delighted that, during the year, four new members joined our branch. During the Eucharist, Fr. Ian gave a thought-provoking sermon on our need to be accountable as a faith community.

As we move forward into this 2019 new year we are excited that, during September, our Branch will be celebrating 60 years of Mothers' Union in Mandurah. So while we are moving forward we will also be looking back, reminding ourselves of our history and our heritage that has brought us to where we are today as a branch. Our attendance book shows that 6 women were present at the first meeting on 3rd September 1959. A decade later there were 15 members. Six decades on we now have 28 members, and will be growing to 29 in the coming months.

On a practical note, a planning meeting was held in January and we now have a program for the year that we allow us as a branch to embrace both the Bunbury Diocesan theme for 2019 of Moving Forward Together and the international theme of Listen, Observe, Act – in step with God. We will be exploring two new projects this year to support, one international and one local. Guest speakers will share with us the impact of the Wheelchairs for Kids project (international) and the Angel Tree project (local and Australia wide). We will also be making good use of the 2019 program resources available on the national Mothers' Union website, with just one activity being a treasure hunt which will unlock the heritage of Anglican worship in Mandurah.

CAREY PARK REPORT *(Contributed by Lynda Howe)*

Carey Park had a guest speaker talking about the programmes that are available for young children and their parents here in the Carey Park/Withers/Usher area. My husband and I are thinking of volunteering some time to help out. I have been asked to help run a craft afternoon with parents (children will be in a free crèche) to get them talking about their situations.

Lynda has a new grandson, Rueben James. Now she and Maurice have two baby boys to play with .

ST MARY'S BUSSELTON BANNER



Members decided it was time to get a new banner as the previous one was 50 plus years old and getting frail with travel so, in January 2014, a banner committee was formed and in October 2014 our Busselton member, Ann Vaughan, drafted 3 designs one of which was chosen. It features embroidery and appliqué with a cream background with an outline of WA. In the centre are the letters MU and the edges display grapevines, kangaroo paws, wattle and arum lilies representing our region.

It was a long process having the banner approved by our Bishop, MU Executive and St Mary's Parish Council but, finally, on 16th October, 2014, it was deemed suitable and it was made in NSW.



It arrived in Busselton October 2015 and was dedicated and blessed in our church by our priest, Father Wayne Warfield, in November, 2015. Our beloved old banner has not been forgotten. It is now in an enclosed glass frame and placed on a wall in St Mary's Family Centre for all to see.

Thank you Busselton Branch for sending in this information.

Now we eagerly await news from other branches about the history of their banner/s.

FAMILIES WORLDWIDE

I like to spend time reading the articles in the magazine, *Families Worldwide*.

Here are some of the items which I found to be most interesting:

- In April 2018, MU members in **Ethiopia** undertook a Sharing and Learning visit to northern Uganda. This was the first time many of the women had left Ethiopia and the first opportunity for these two dioceses to share and learn from each other.
- The **Democratic Republic of the Congo** has 30,000 MU members. Most of the dioceses are suffering some form of violence.
- **Malawi** is the 6th poorest country globally. 70% of the population live below the international extreme poverty level on \$2 a day. 28,073 MU members.
- **South Sudan** is the world's newest country with a population of approx 13 million and MU members of around 3 thousand. In the Diocese of Lainya, things have been very bad. The Bishop and his wife face the challenges of women being killed and raped yet they continue to work.
- A major concern in **India** is the high prevalence of human trafficking with approximately 3 million women being trafficked each year, 40% of whom are minors. There are 1,900,000 MU members and they have three key visions: Education for all, food for all, health for all.
- Throughout **Europe** there are 200 members, a very diverse and scattered membership. Some of the MU members originate from places like Nigeria and South Sudan.

So I encourage you to read these MU stories.

How blessed we are!

FAREWELL SANDIE *(thank you to her family for these notes)*

Sandie was born in 1942 and her father's work took her to many places including Northam, Albany, Howatharra, Tenindewa, Bassendean and Esperance. Sandie enjoyed, and was skilled at, softball in her teenage years. Her early jobs included working at the Essington Guest House in Esperance, the Bassendean Hotel and nursing at Quairading Hospital.

Sandie married Jim Wake in York in 1968 and lived in Quairading where the couple started their family, adopting David in 1970 and Gilleon in 1974. In 1993, Sandie married Ross Thomas at the Anglican Church in North Beach. They worked in country locations including time spent staffing the kitchen at the Loongana mine on the Nullabor and the roadhouse at Mt Magnet. The couple bought and ran the roadhouse at Broomehill for about five years, providing food and fuel for locals and travellers, before moving to Katanning.

Sylvia Spicer adds some of her memories of Sandie: *Sandie was not always able to come to church because of her health problems but she was always involved. She sewed the curtains for the little church of St Elizabeth in Broomehill and she helped look after the garden. When she was able, Sandie came to Lady Day and the Country Rally. Sandie always purchased a Lectionary so that she was able to do the readings for every day.*

When our MU branch decided to make toilet bags for the Katanning Regional Emergency Centre, Sandie made many of these and she also knitted beanies for the Mission to Seafarers.

Her funeral service was attended by folks from Broomehill and Katanning and beyond. Vale dear Sandie.



VALE THE REVEREND JUNE SMITH *(thank you to Eleanor Lewin for this contribution)*

The Reverend June Smith was known and loved by many. June was a Friend of MU and always liked to be kept up to date on what was happening within our Branch of Busselton and, indeed, the Diocese.

June always had time to listen, no matter what the subject or who the person was who needed to talk. These conversations could often be from her grandchildren, her children or a parishioner in need of some of June's "tender loving ear".

June's funeral was held at St Mary's in Busselton and was attended by her large family and many members of the clergy and her vast array of friends.



Her favourite hymns were sung: O Jesus I have Promised: Come as You Are and Praise my Soul the King of Heaven. When the cortege left the church and processed towards the Vasse River the beautiful sound of Hymne de l'enfant a son reveil (The Awakening Child's Hymn) was played by June's daughter, Faith.

June was born: 27th January 1929

Made Deacon: 10th February 2006

Ordained Priest: 11th November 2006

Entered into Eternal Life: 10th November 2018

"Rest Eternal, Grant unto June O Lord

And let Light Perpetual Shine upon Her...Amen"

MEETING MARGARET

When the State Conference was cancelled, one of the unfortunate results of that decision was that an MU member, Margaret Coombs, from the Brisbane area, had already booked her airline flight. Margaret decided to still make the trip to WA and she spent a couple of days in Perth and was able to include a trip to New Norcia. On the Sunday, Margaret came to Bunbury and a group of MU members from Busselton and Bunbury met her at the train station in Bunbury and, to make sure she knew there were people to meet her, our members greeted her with



Meeting Margaret Coombs

blue and white balloons. After enjoying lunch together, Margaret was taken to see some of the sights of Bunbury including a visit to the Cathedral. On Monday, three Bunbury members took Margaret to lunch at Stirling Cottage in Harvey, which is surrounded by beautiful gardens. The day ended with a trip to Gnomesville and a drive through the Ferguson Valley. Beth picked Margaret up at 5.30am on Tuesday morning as Margaret made her way back to Perth and the flight home. Two wonderful days!!

Just after writing the above article an email arrived from Margaret and here are some of her comments: *What wonderful hospitality you all afforded me on my trip to Bunbury. I really enjoyed the fun-filled company. Please know that if any of you or other members are in Brisbane, I (and my MU friends) would return the favours. Thank you so much Beth for your early morning start and taking me to the bus. I was disappointed not to have a train ride but the bus trip was really quite comfortable. I was very brave and caught a bus from the city to the airport and it only cost me \$2. What a bargain! I loved seeing your Cathedral and the beautiful tiled Reredos, Stirling Cottage and the gardens, and Gnomesville will stay in my memory forever.*

Important Dates for Mothers' Union in 2019

Executive meeting : Monday March 25

Lady Day: Tuesday March 26

Country Rally & AGM: Tuesday October 22

Don't forget to send me your snippets of information especially news from your branch.

Photos most welcome.

The closing date for the next edition of the Mustard Tree is

14th May

Send your contributions to:

Margaret Rennick

When sending information for The Mustard Tree, please send it as an attachment not imbedded in the email. When I do a copy and paste from the email it doesn't reproduce itself properly and I have to print it and re-write it which takes up a lot of unnecessary time. Many thanks, Margaret