



ANGLICAN  
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Christian Care for Families

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*From the President's Desk*

Dear Diocesan Presidents,

I hope your Diocese is beginning or continuing to 'transform' from being in a Covid cocoon to being one that is spreading your wings as God's new creation! Our Theme for 2022 is "Transformation – Now!" and I encourage you to use the logo from our website on your communications this year.

**2022 marks 130 years** since Mothers' Union was founded in our country – it seems hard to believe it was five years ago since we met in Launceston for our 125<sup>th</sup> Conference! There were plans to have another gathering, but these didn't go ahead because of Covid. How will you celebrate?



**Zone C meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.** We are trying a new time format, which means that Jeanette in England will log-in at 7pm, 28<sup>th</sup> February, and our Worldwide President Sheran in Guyana will log-in at 3pm, 28<sup>th</sup> February. This means most of our Zone C members, Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, Melanesia and Papua New Guinea will have an early meeting, instead of late night meeting! Please encourage members to log-in and share this special time.

Australian Times (with Daylight Saving for southern States) will mean we log-in at

6am – New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania,

5.30am – South Australia,

5am – Queensland,

4.30am – Northern Territory

3am – Western Australia

**PLEASE NOTE: AMENDED TIMES**

The Zoom meeting will be recorded, so will be available to replay if you can't make that time. Jeanette has asked everyone to *"think of something they would like to share on the call – it could be MU work, a member's story, prayer request. It would be great to be able to support and share across the zone. I spoke with Sheran yesterday and we are both very much looking forward to meeting with everyone."*

Please invite **all members** to this virtual gathering. I'll send log-in details when I receive them. It's a great opportunity for each of us to learn about and support each other.



**Our Overseas Target Project** for the next two years is raising funds for Disaster Management and Climate Change in the Pacific. We hope this will assist our neighbours in this region as they deal with changes to their environment due to increasing disruption due to weather incidents. There will be more information when details become available.

The question about **Fundraising in Branches/Groups** has been raised again. Our Anglican Mothers Union Australia By-Law 4 states: *The Association shall not be used as a channel for charitable appeals on behalf of other organisations without the consent of the Diocesan President and the Incumbent concerned.*

From time to time the financial support of AMUA is sought from other charitable causes. These might include various child sponsorship schemes, gifts or donations to other organisations supporting the family in some form, and fund raising for mission bodies. While these are all worthy causes we cannot contribute to them as AMUA branch or diocese nor should the association or its accounts be used as a channel for such donations. More detailed information is on page 37 of the Anglican Mothers Union Handbook 2018.

**The Five Marks of Mission** of the Anglican Communion includes the following aim: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. In this our 130<sup>th</sup> Year, AMUA is supporting those who are being impacted by climatic changes in the Pacific area through our Overseas Target Fund.



I would like to encourage each Branch/Group of AMUA to endeavour to **plant at least one tree**, or a significant plant, during the year as a sign of our commitment to repairing God's damaged world and leaving it a better place for the generations of children who follow us. It may be in your Church property, a local park (seek permission), or in your own garden. Check for suitable species for your area with local Councils. Don't forget to take a photo for the website!

Attached is a message from our **Website Administrator**, Kaylene. Please read it carefully, as it has some very important information for those contributing Newsletters and other material to our Website. Please pass on a copy to your Newsletter Editor, and to anyone who publishes AMUA material.

**Warm Congratulations** to Joy Freier, Associate President of MU Melbourne, and wife of Archbishop Philip Freier, who was awarded an OAM in the 2022 Australia Day honours for services both to the Anglican Church of Australia and to education.

Love and peace,

*Anne*

Rev'd. Anne Kennedy  
Provincial President  
Anglican Mothers Union Australia



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## **SPECIAL NOTE**

### **To: Newsletter Editors and Website Administrators.**

This note is in regards to the problem of personal contact details being displayed in Newsletters that are intended for uploading to the website

If we allow personal information on the worldwide website, there is the possibility of your details getting into the wrong hands.

We have had problems in the past with several members whose phone numbers were in a Newsletter being harassed for money.

The other issue is that with an address and dates of meetings and Services, it does not take long for some-one with criminal intent to put 2 and 2 together and realize that there is a fair chance that there will be nobody home on that day and time.

This is what we suggest you do as the Editor:

1. After you have completed your Newsletter, for local distribution, please make a '**Web-version**'. This involves removing all personal contact details.
2. Where you need contact details in your Newsletter for RSVP purposes, replies or sending in items to the editor, you are welcome to use the special email [newsletter@muaustralia.org.au](mailto:newsletter@muaustralia.org.au)
3. This email comes into a central AMUA area which I monitor and I will then forward emails to the designated Diocesan editor.
4. Send your finished web-version of your Diocesan Newsletter to AMUA for uploading to the website. [webadministrator@muaustralia.org.au](mailto:webadministrator@muaustralia.org.au)

Thank you for helping us to keep MU members safe from online trolls.