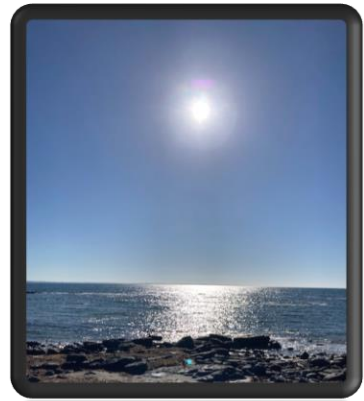




Wendy's Writings September 2024



We are stronger together. Kathleen Snow, new WW President

Dear members and friends,

There is much news to share this month, and I have done so in a series of short statements below:

It has been announced that Kathleen Snow, from Canada, has been elected as our new Worldwide President. In her nomination video, Kathleen said that we are stronger together:

- As a global movement as we uphold our vision, mission and objectives
- As we work on the ground at the grassroots level
- In our relationships amongst our members and our communities
- In our listening, observing, and acting (our MULO principles)
- In our prayer life and our walk with our heavenly Father.

The new Zone C trustee who will represent us on the board of Mothers' Union is Dorothy Siep from Papua New Guinea.

We will no doubt hear more about these two ladies in the near future as they take up their roles.

In further news, the Mothers Union caravan that we have had at the Anglican Campsite in Busselton has now been sold. Diane Hill and I will shortly be meeting with our Diocesan Registrar Fr Nick Freeland to discuss the future of a caravan at the campsite.

Members of Australia Council have recently adopted the new AMUA handbook. I will circulate an electronic copy to all branches and will have printed copies available for executive members and branches at our AGM in Albany in October. I will talk about the updates to the Handbook at the AGM.

At the end of August, I chaired a meeting of our WA State Council where we reviewed the visit of Dr Robin Ray to each of the three WA dioceses and the visit of Sheran Harper and Jeanette Lawrence to the state. We also discussed what might be next for us.

In 2026 the worldwide organisation will be celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union. It has been decided that a one day state gathering, of a similar nature to the May 13th gathering this year, will be held in the spring time (possibly September). We will be talking more about this at the next State Council meeting in six months.

Our old banner is currently undergoing restoration work at the hands of Rinske Car, a fabric conservator who lives in Denmark. Rinske has spent 60 years undertaking this work both here and in her native Netherlands. She has previously done work for St Georges Cathedral and the monastery at New Norcia.

Jillian Green, an artist from Walpole who expresses her Christian faith through her work, is undertaking design work on a new banner for us. She is incorporating all of the design elements identified by members as being important aspects of our banner and will present her ideas to the next meeting of executive which will be held in Albany the day before Country Rally and the AGM.

Executive members and branch representatives are now hopefully preparing their annual reports for inclusion in our report booklet. Jan Ritson has been reminding us of the date these are all due.

Jan has also been reminding us of the details of Country Rally. Please assist the Albany Branch by getting your numbers to them in a timely manner. Don't forget to advise of any dietary requirements. I hope as many members as possible will make the journey to Albany to meet together, to share worship and a meal, participate in our AGM and enjoy all that Albany has to offer.

Finally, but by no means the least important, it has been announced by the Board of Trustees that Mary Sumner House will be sold in the next three to five years. The reasons behind this can be read in my article in the Spring Mustard Tree where I outlined the need for difficult decisions to be made. The Trustees will be searching for a new location in London which better suits the needs of Mothers' Union to ensure that we can continue to live out our calling to prayer and action for the betterment of families around the world.

I remind you of our new executive email addresses:

Myself (president) – mubunburypres@gmail.com

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Ann (prayer and spirituality) – mubunburyps@gmail.com

Priscilla (The Mustard Tree) – mubunburymt@gmail.com

MU by Zoom has now had two meetings. This has been established for members who are no longer able to attend branch meetings due to ill health of themselves or their partners, who are at work during their local branch meeting times, and our members who no longer have a close branch to attend. Our next meeting is scheduled for mid September. We will share a service from the AMUA Prayer Book, have a short Bible Study, share prayer points of importance to us, and talk about our actions, however great or small, that we undertake as individuals which contribute to the mission of Mothers Union. If you are a member who would like to be involved in our Zoom meeting, or know of a member who may be interested, please make contact with me.

Every blessing

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