

# National Newsletter

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## *From the President*

**Valma Ivory**

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*Luke 10:8-8*, Our Lord is telling us to love and serve right where we are, to be present and loving right where we are. Most of us are experiencing Winter with all its changes in temperature, storms, rainfall, calving, lambing, seeding, weeding and fires burning to warm the home. Winter is a cleansing season with rain washing away the dust and the sunshine revealing sparkling jewels hanging from the laden branches and glistening webs announcing their existence. In my neck of the woods, water tanks are full and the ground is soaked leaving puddles for creatures to use. Unfortunately, there are still places around Australia that are still praying for rain and we should not forget these rural communities. Our prayers and support must continue for rural areas of southeast Queensland, across New South Wales and south-eastern parts of Western Australia.



In December 2018, the Prime Minister and Attorney General responded to the Ruddock review on Religious Freedom saying that it *"is acting to protect religious freedom in Australia and to protect the rights of Australians to be themselves. (It) is about protecting every Australian from discrimination."* It accepted 14 of the recommendations. Currently the Attorney General, Hon Christian Porter is in direct consultation with members of parliament, states and other stake holders on the 5 recommendations that were not agreed to, prior to the election. My prayer is for a positive outcome for religious freedom, harmony and good will.

Across Australia, there has been a call for improved palliative care facilities, trained professionals and improved support for those caring for a loved one at home. Many of our members have spoken to select committees about their own experiences. We need to hold state and federal Governments to account on their commitments made to increase funding in the health area.

The opportunity to tune in to the recent WUCWO Board Meeting in Rome via video link was interesting. I was unable to do this live, but took the time to view the recordings on the website later - Cardinal Tagle's "spiritual moment" and Fr Gerard and Maribeth's presentation "a healthy planet depends on us." I recommend setting aside some time to view these, if you have not already done so.

I am looking forward to welcoming members from around Australia to our National Council Meeting and Biennial Conference in Bunbury from 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September. Circulars have been sent to all State bodies to distribute to the membership and I hope the information has helped with your planning and decision to attend.

***Nothing today, tomorrow, or to come is outside of Our Lord's mercy, love and compassion.***

# **WUCWO**

**Catherine McGrath**

**WUCWO BOARD MEMBER AUSTRALIA**

It is a little while since I have written to you all via the CWLA Newsletter. I hope you are all taking time to read it, as there are some very interesting articles.

I have been to Rome to attend the first Board Meeting since the General Assembly, held in October 2018 in Dakar, Senegal. There are fourteen new members on this Board, so therefore it was good to meet with them again and form a stronger bond than we had time to do in Dakar.

We have all been assigned our new jobs for this Board. I have one new job as convenor of the Working Group for Resolution 2 - 'Let's take care of the family especially its most vulnerable members'. I do hope you have familiarised yourselves with the resolutions as we in Asia Pacific Region have chosen the fourth resolution 'Call to Holiness' as our priority for the period of this Board.

In relation to Committees, I remain in Finance, so I am always interested to hear of any new fund raising ideas, but not to take away from your own CWL fund raising. We are also looking for new organisations to join WUCWO, so if you have any ideas in that department I am always willing to listen, but usually it is easier to use email.

I have some interesting news. CWL have been successful in securing the WUCWO Asia Pacific Regional Conference. CWLA-NSW is the hosting Member Organisation, but we will need all of you to attend to make it a brilliant success.

There will be more information regarding dates, venues and all the other things that go with hosting a Conference. Meetings have been held in Sydney just in preparation but there will be more!

I look forward to meeting a lot of you at the CWLA National Conference to be held in Bunbury in September. It is always great to be together at the Conferences.

Thank you for your prayerful support. I really do appreciate your prayers.

May Our Lady Queen of Peace be with us always.

## ***Cardinal Ouellet's Homily***

During WUCWO's 2019 Board meeting in Rome, board members had the honour of celebrating mass at the Tomb of Saint Peter, in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, with Cardinal Marc Ouellet.

Below you can find Cardinal Ouellet's homily.

*"Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead to enter into his glory"*

Dear friends,

We come on pilgrimage to St. Peter's tomb to be confirmed in our faith and strengthened in our Christian testimony. In the context of Peter's martyrdom, we are also strengthened by the teaching of his successor, Pope Francis. We welcome the grace of this meeting in Rome and give thanks for the gift of faith in these difficult times in the world and in the Church. "Do not let your hearts be troubled or cowed," Jesus tells us in the Gospel: "Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you." This peace of Jesus Christ goes far beyond the relative peace we can experience in the world. It is the free gift of our reconciliation with God and among ourselves through the work of his death and resurrection.

I have sometimes asked Pope Francis how did he live the moments of great tension that the media sometimes reflect. He repeated to me several times: "You know, on the day of my election, a peace entered my soul and never abandoned me." This is the charism of Peter's successor. That is why he remains serene in all circumstances and does not allow himself to be disturbed by contradictions and criticisms. His rock is Christ crucified and risen, the conqueror of death.



Dear friends, you come here on pilgrimage with your intentions, needs and struggles. And you are open to what Rome can offer you in terms of support and encouragement. I am pleased to accompany you in this Eucharist and to express my appreciation for your commitment to the cause of women in the world and in the Church. I do not have the pleasure of knowing you very well, but the President knows that your mission is dear to me and that I share many of your aspirations so that the contribution of women may be more recognised and promoted in families, in the workplace and in leisure environments, as well as in the exercise of public responsibilities.

We have a delay, which we have to make up in the Church about the recognition and integration of the charisms of women in the promotion of Christian communities and in the government of dioceses. The skills of listening, compassion and service that are natural for women are resources too often neglected and relegated to second place in a world

dominated by power struggles between men. A more significant female presence is lacking in councils, synods, diocesan or Roman curia, as well as in the pastoral work in the field. This presence would help to cleanse the environment in situations of conflict and to create an atmosphere of mutual welcome, respect for others and sensitivity towards the most disadvantaged.

The Holy Father's call for true synodality in the Church at all levels implies listening to women and paying greater attention to their intuitions and abilities. We are still far from reaching the goal of transforming ecclesial culture and allowing it to be permeated with the feminine values of compassion, mercy and tenderness, thus making the evangelisation by attraction which our world needs more successful. The apostle Paul had to struggle and suffer much for the creation of Christian communities among the Gentiles; we too must continue the struggle and strengthen our testimony so that prejudices and discrimination against women are overcome, and women can contribute more to evangelisation and communion in the Church.

It is not about women taking the place of men in their specific position and competing with them in terms of influence. It is about women being women and their innate values being affirmed, so that a culture of communion can supplant the spirit of rivalry and the greed of power for power. It is love that moves the Church forward and allows women and men to develop. Let us pray that our way of promoting women everywhere will be inspired by love and will bear fruits of peace.

As disciples of Christ and missionaries of his Gospel, our first responsibility is always communion, the testimony of fraternal love, patience and forgiveness, as in the days of the first Christian communities that founded the Church of Rome.

Dear friends, I welcome your intentions and needs in the offering of the Lord's Paschal Sacrifice, source of our peace. Let us not neglect prayer, because women are naturally contemplative, open to the Holy Spirit and, therefore, capable of prophecy and hope at the service of the Kingdom. May the Virgin Mary accompany each one of you on this pilgrimage to the sources of faith and obtain for you, with the consolation of the Holy Spirit, the courage to advance with perseverance in promoting the cause of women and in building a true civilisation of love.

*Sharing this beautiful reflection from the WUCWO website as there is a message there for all of us.(Ed)*

# *Social Issues-* CATHOLIC SOCIALTEACHING

The permanent principles of the Church's social doctrine ... are: the **dignity of the human person**, the **common good**, **subsidiarity** and **solidarity**. These principles, the expression of the whole truth about the human person known by reason and faith, are born of "the encounter of the Gospel message and of its demands summarised in the supreme commandment of love of God and neighbour in justice with the problems emanating from the life of society" (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, #160).

## THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMANPERSON

- Recognises the sacredness of life and the dignity of each individual human person as inviolable
- Ensures that every person, especially the most disadvantaged and marginalised, has reasonable access to more than just the basic necessities of life
- Promotes the human rights especially of those who lack access to services, or who may not have the opportunity to participate in significant community activities and discussions
- Brings with it natural rights and duties

## SUBSIDIARITY

- Enables participation of and among those who make up the community or organisation
- Fosters life within the group, without undue social control and unwarranted interference
- Ensures participation in decision-making processes affecting personal and organisational life
- Promotes decision-making that is empowering of those involved in and affected by the process
- Ensures that decision-making processes include consultation with those who will be most affected by them

## THE COMMON GOOD

- Actively seeks conditions that enhance the good of all and contributes to the achievement of a common life
- Requires that the poor and marginalised should be the focus of particular concern
- Ensures a response to injustice at local and global levels
- Takes the issue of poverty beyond charitable acts and into the questioning and challenging of social values and structures
- Fosters collaboration rather than hierarchical management, ensuring a cohesive engagement of all involved
- Takes responsibility for the environment

## SOLIDARITY

- Acknowledges that our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, cultural, economic and ideological differences
- Respects and promotes personal, social, economic, cultural and political rights
- Presents a spiritual and material solidarity with all people, especially those who are marginalised, vulnerable or distressed, giving priority to those in greatest need

Courtesy of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

# *Social Issues*

**Anne-Marie Ferry - Convenor**

We need to keep these in mind when considering current issues. We support changes or object on principle, not because we don't like it. Here are a few recent examples to illustrate how the social justice principles apply.

**INCREASE TO THE MINIMUM WAGE:** The campaign to raise the minimum wage achieved some success and this was important because we believe in **the dignity of the human person**, and that every person should have access to more than just the basic necessities of life.

**PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:** Hearings of the Royal Commission into the care of people with disabilities are due to start, and we care about this because of our concern for **the common good**.

If some people are not being treated fairly in housing or not getting access to the mental health services they need, these are social justice issues.

We have been looking at the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, because it is designed to foster the participation and inclusion of people with disabilities in the community. Cuts to services, reduced funding, or gaps in service provision affect people with disabilities adversely.

**CAMPAIGN FOR REPRESENTATION OF FIRST PEOPLE:** The principle of **subsidiarity** means that those who are affected by decisions should have been consulted and engaged in the process, and this seems relevant to recent debate about how the views of indigenous Australians can be taken into consideration in decision-making.

**AGED CARE ROYAL COMMISSION:** Hearings into instances of neglect and abuse of the aged are continuing and we are acting here in **solidarity** with those who are marginalized, vulnerable or distressed, giving priority to those in greatest need.

I hope you find this article useful.



*Pope Francis greets Board Members of WUCWO at the time of their Board Meeting held in Rome from 16th to the 22nd of May*

# South Australia

Cecilia Quigley

Last Wednesday, I attended a Regional CWL meeting in Murray Bridge. Four CWL branches are part of this Region – Stirling, Birdwood, Lameroo and Murray Bridge. About 28 members were present for the morning meeting.

I am always delighted to hear about the amazing and tireless work that takes place by Catholic women for their communities. Some of these branches have few active members, but are able to call on others to help when the need is there.

Lameroo has three active members and can call on two others for support. They are responsible for the Op Shop once a month, church services for the residents of the Lameroo Hospital and Kyeema, a Nursing Home, stalls for the Hospital Fete and preparing a Christmas Tree for the CWA Christmas display. There are many other services in which our country members are active participants.

Stirling branch has fifteen members – they can call on parishioners at any time to assist with catering and helping. Stirling is twinned with an SA Country Branch - Kadina, a town that is part of the Copper Coast area. They meet at Virginia Nursery once a year for morning tea, shopping for plants and then lunch at the Café. They have been meeting as 'twins' for many years. In May, they organise catering for an Ecumenical Luncheon at St Catherine's School Hall. This year their Guest Speaker was Lainie Anderson, who had just published her new book – "Long Flight Home." This text is about the Smith Brothers who flew from Australia to the UK in the early 1900s. An amazing feat!



Murray Bridge hosted this Regional meeting. They had a large collection of toiletries, rugs, quilts, beanies, scarves and baby clothes for our Hutt St Centre, a Catholic charity that provides strong support for the homeless. Fr John Herd attends these meetings when available. He was able to celebrate Mass with us before lunch on this meeting day.

I'm sorry I'm unable to share Birdwood's news as the report was unavailable at the time of writing this news.

Fiona, from Second Chances, was the guest speaker after lunch. Second Chance provides support, camp opportunities, and birthday and Christmas presents for children with a parent in prison. We heard about the wonderful growth that some of these children have been successful with, particularly emotionally, and through some great peer support programs.

As you can read, this is only one Regional report and the work of these members is so worthwhile for so many. In Adelaide we have four Regional meetings, and in the Port Pirie Diocese there are four Vicariate regions. Numbers are dwindling in most groups but Loyalty, Work and Charity are alive and well in SA.

Peace to you all!



Marg Daly - Murray Bridge Pastoral Associate, Fiona MacFayden - Second Chances SA, Dianne Czechowski - CWL President/ Secretary Murray Bridge



# Tasmania

Deirdre Reid

Tasmania CWL's craftwork is awesome and CWL Tasmania's Craft Shop is legendary. Several members volunteer to organise and run the Craft Shop that is open to the public daily. The Craft Shop has recently undergone some changes and it now stocks 'up -market' pre loved clothing, as well as beautiful knitted items.

Foremost among these members is one special lady, Lola Phillips, a Life Member, who has directed this Hobart Craft Shop for over 30 years. Lola recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and, because of failing eyesight, she has announced her intention to retire.



Lovely Lola pictured here. Well done, Lola!



## *A Beautiful Message from Tasmania*

*If you are right, then there is no need to get angry  
and if you are wrong, then you don't have any right to get angry.*

*Patience with family is Love...*

*Patience with others is Respect.*

*Patience with self is Confidence and patience with God is Faith.*

*Never think hard about the past, it brings tears..*

*Don't think more about the future, it brings fear..*

*Live this moment with a smile, it brings cheer..*

*Every test in our life makes us bitter or better..*

*Every problem comes to make or break us!*

*The choice is ours whether we become victims or victorious.*

*Beautiful things are not always good, but good things are always beautiful.*



# *Western Australia*

Bev Macri

Here in the West we have had lots of beautiful rain! It was a blessing to farmers, as I noticed, on a recent trip down south, that the paddocks were so dry - no green grass to be seen; but the paddocks had been dry seeded in hope of rain. Another couple of weeks and things would have been terrible for farmers. Even our home gardens love a good wash.

The reason I travelled south was to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> celebration as a CWL branch for Albany! It was wonderful to catch up with all, by attending an afternoon tea on the Saturday and Mass on the Sunday, where CWLWA members and visitors attended. Fr. Chris celebrated Mass and gave all members from Albany and visitors a blessing at the end of Mass; this was followed by a lovely morning tea supplied by the Albany members. A big thank you to their hospitality.



I presented a Certificate to their branch as recognition of this event. Also 20yr certificates of membership to Jennifer Dul and Bett Slattery. Congratulations to them.

We had our CWLWA Teleconference/AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Thankfully with technology we were able to connect on line, because the weather would have been dreadful for anyone travelling. It was horrendous. It was wonderful that all branches participated. I thank all who participated, and especially those members who have taken on a role on State Council for 2020. We are still looking for a State Treasurer and Vice President. At National level, Pat Richards & myself recently represented CWLWA at the National CWLA teleconference/AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> May, on behalf of our WA Membership.

I am encouraging as many Western Australian CWL members as possible to attend the **CWLA National Biennial Conference to be held from the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at “The Best Western Hotel-Lord Forrest, Bunbury** in our beautiful southwest. As it's to be held in our own state, we have a bonus this time, as we don't have to travel interstate! The Registration forms have been sent out to branches and associate members. It is a wonderful experience for members that have never attended a National Conference before. You also get to see the bigger picture of what CWL is doing on a national level. It is always wonderful to renew old friendships and create new ones from meeting other members of CWL from other states.

We have invited our Notre Dame University Scholarship recipient for 2019, Claudia Spittle, to attend the Conference for a day. She has taken up the invitation and it will be lovely for her to meet other CWLWA members, and see what CWLA does nationally. Do introduce yourself.

Many of our crafty people have been active, producing items to be sold at the Trading Table at the conference. This has been somewhat of a tradition at most national conferences, and helps to offset incidental expenses incurred when holding this event. As well as that is the excitement of finding something that is very useful, a novel idea, or a present for a hard to buy for recipient.

Fr. Laurence, our State Chaplain, will be going back to Ireland and New York on the 13<sup>th</sup> July to visit family, but God Willing he will be back to attend our National Conference. We wish him a happy time with family.

Hopefully, all members are keeping themselves informed about the “End of Life” portfolio that will be voted on in WA this year. I personally have written to 11 Parliamentarians in my area but I am disappointed that I have only received one reply. However, we keep putting forward our personal views; mine is the need for more Palliative care services, especially in rural areas. Many members were happy to see an article written by Palliative care Doctors in WA to The Saturday West Australian newspaper recently, with their views; that more thought be given to increasing Palliative Care services especially in the rural areas of WA.

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***New South Wales***  
**Anne Pereira**

As the year rushes by, we look back on our achievements and the wonderful women in our organisation:

A lady of 101 years who hosts branch meetings in her home; many ladies in their nineties as active members, some still holding executive positions; members who have been recognised for their works of service as life members of our organisation and the many and varied civil, community and church awards. What great ladies and what a depth of talent and experience we have at our figure tips.

Recently a member spoke of her wartime experience and her family fleeing their homeland. It was a shock to many who have known her for many years to think that she had been subjected to situations that “only happen to someone else”. How many other untapped stories are out there?



Each year we have the opportunity to recognise our nonagenarians. Joan, Marie and Anne from Broken Bay Diocese, travelled to Sydney with members of Anne’s family to attend the Jean Arnot luncheon. Each of these ladies was presented with a Certificate in recognition of their tireless work over many years in the community. It was a wonderful day with Marie being recognised by a Ukrainian lady, on another table, as being the teacher who taught her mother how to speak English many years ago at the Cowra Migrant Centre.

President of Wollongong Diocese, Jo Clark, has been travelling to visit all Branch members in her widespread Diocese, including a trip to Canberra, to meet some Diocesan members. She also met up with our National Research Officer, Sonia Di Mezza there. (from left), Cela Cooper, Pat Liddiard, Jo Clark, Sonia and Eileen Hogg.





Another member of Wollongong Diocese, Mariette Lewis, was recently commissioned as Diocesan Social Issues Officer. Mariette is a law student at Wollongong University.

We are pleased to see young ladies joining us as they have so much to share with us and bring a breath of fresh air, as well as providing a new perspective. Well done ladies!

Several members of the State Executive joined with Maitland Newcastle Diocese to celebrate WUCWO Day. Helene O'Neill, Parish-Family Liaison Officer, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, spoke to the No. 7 of the 10 suggestions for Living in Holiness from Pope Francis. *Let the Lord come and rouse us up!*

Helene shared some of her personal faith journey and some wonderful insights into holiness, from her childhood to her work in parishes today. She spoke movingly of her struggles with health problems and regaled us with stories from her day to day life in her parish communities. Helene sometimes puts on her backpack and walks between parishes in her pastoral region, sharing her faith commitment with all whom she meets.



Our wonderful women are there to support each other in times of sadness and in the good times. The friendship cannot be measured. Thank you for all that you do.

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# Queensland

Veronica Box

This year we have been involved in the Queensland State Inquiry into Aged Care, End-of-Life, Palliative Care and Voluntary Assisted Dying. Our National Research Officer, Sonia De Mezza wrote a submission for us, and then I, as signatory of the submission, was invited to speak to the Inquiry Committee at a public hearing. As

yet, there has not been a Bill proposed to legalise euthanasia in Queensland, but it will come, as it seems that a majority of Queenslanders, some say 80%, are in favour of it. So the core issue of my presentation was better access to palliative care, especially in country areas. I spoke from my experience of being involved in palliative care with my late husband, and my sister. I want to thank all those who gave me prayer support on the day. I knew that the Holy Spirit was with me. Since then I have been involved in another forum organised by the local Member of Parliament.

The Wide Bay Health and Hospital Response Group invited Sonia Jones, as President of Childers CWL, to join a workshop organised by the University of Technology Sydney on behalf of the Commonwealth Aged Care Royal Commission with a view to gaining insight into the aged care exposures in rural areas. Childers was one of 175 Australian rural towns to be canvassed. The input from those attending was recorded, and will be collated with the other towns' input. Those attending the workshop were from the medical, hospital, aged care, neighbourhood centre and dentist, as well as the Deputy Mayor. The exposures highlighted chiefly were transport and communication.

On 29<sup>th</sup> May, Townsville Diocese took part in the Diocesan Mary Help of Christians Celebrations at which Guest Speaker, Sister Carmel Pattinson gave a very informative insight into the heartbreak of the Western Queensland floods; and also the resilience of the people of the west. She paid tribute to CWL throughout Queensland for their generosity in donating \$7000 to Mary MacKillop House in Richmond.

A recommendation was passed at the Rockhampton Diocese AGM and Conference which urged all branches to take part in a campaign to ensure that every doctor's surgery and hospital be provided with a leaflet containing the number of the 24 hour crisis line for women facing unplanned pregnancies or post-abortion grief. This recommendation is coming to fruition.



Co-ordinator, Bonnie Mulroney accepting Baby Bundles at Childers

Margaret Begg instituted the Nappy Account to which all archdiocesan branches donated. Bundles of towelling nappies (remember them?) were given to expectant mothers through Pregnancy Counselling which had an office in MacArthur Chambers. When that association changed its focus, CWL Brisbane decided to continue, but to expand to layettes for new babies. The Baby Bundles are always in demand with requests coming from associations like Pregnancy Help, St Vincent De Paul, hospitals and women's refuges. Recently, bundles were given to a young mother in a safe refuge; she has since given birth to twins.

Redcliffe City Branch held a morning tea and raised \$1,600 for Smart Pups, which trains and provides companion dogs for children with special needs such as restricted mobility, autism or aspergers, diabetes and limited vision. The companionship of the Smart Pup gives them independence, mobility and confidence. These amazing dogs can tell when the blood sugar of a diabetic child is low, and when a child is likely to experience a seizure.

So, lots of members are doing great things, following in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop: *Never see a need without doing something about it.*

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Bunbury. Love and blessings from the Sunshine State!

# Victoria and Wagga Wagga

Jane Munro

As you know, the leadership of the Catholic Women's League of Australia will rotate to CWL Victoria and Wagga Wagga for 2020 and 2021. At first it looked like an impossible task but through the generosity of many wonderful women we now have a National Executive-in-waiting. It has been a busy time but has already born much fruit, with a renewal of interest in the League and the investigation of new ways of 'being Catholic Women's League'.

Our Social Questions Committee joined many other concerned organisations in lobbying, praying and sending submissions to prevent the introduction of euthanasia into the State of Victoria. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful. To mark the sad occasion of its coming into effect, on 19<sup>th</sup> June, members joined in a Novena of prayer from the Feast of Mary Mother of the Universal Church, 10<sup>th</sup> June. We are grateful to interstate League members who joined us in prayer to limit the destructiveness of the Law.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has agreed to present the Second Mary Glowrey Lecture at Cathedral Hall, Fitzroy, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, at 7pm. The Theme chosen by the Archbishop is,

**"From common ground to conscientious objection: Catholic reflections on life and death in a context of state sponsored euthanasia".**

Given various happenings and that Voluntary Assisted Dying has come into effect, in Victoria, the topic alone has raised interest and discussion.



In keeping with the best efforts of the League over the last century, the Governing Body voted on a Project for this year. Assistance to Catholic Hospitals Association of India (CHAI) was chosen. We agreed that our choice should be something that other organisations would not support. CHAI announced a program called "Open My World – which aims to "Open the world of children with disabilities." CHAI point out that there are 25 million people living with disabilities in India, 50% of them are children and only 1% of these go to school. Since February 2020 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary Glowrey's departure from Australia, her family and much-loved friends, this choice for this year is apt.

The Governing Body has received notification that Sr Mary Karickakunnel CJMJ and Fr Cherian Thunduparampil CMI will be visiting Australia in late October and early November. Sr Mary is busy writing the Positio for Dr Sr Mary Glowrey. Fr Cherian was appointed the Postulator for the Roman phase of the Cause. They hope to access further information about Sr Mary Glowrey.

We are looking forward to catching up with friends at Bunbury. See you soon!

God bless!

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