



Melbourne Diocesan Newsletter June 2018
Theme for 2018: *Walking in Mary Sumner's Footsteps*

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The year has gone quickly!!!
The new Christmas Cards are in
Small and large 2019 Diaries are also in stock.

Same prices as last year.

Call in at the Office - use the travelling suitcase -
or have the stock posted out to you.

Please support the MU shop as you have in the past - we are arranging for the travelling suitcase to be available for each region especially for the areas who find it difficult to get to Frankston.

Make a day of it and take a packed lunch - there is a kitchen so you can have a cuppa, parking available - and the beach is a stone's throw away!

Arrange to have your branch meeting at the Vicarage — note: the rooms are **NOT** available on Monday or Tuesday mornings as the parish have playgroups meeting there — please contact the office to book your time! There is a new sign board advertising MU being erected out the front of the vicarage [at no cost to us].

Are you available on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday to help out in the MU Shop?

Florence is in the office on Monday and Tuesday and Margaret Dunbar is usually in the office on Fridays. [A current Working with Children check linked to Mothers' Union is required by the Parish]

Make a new group of friends and help MU at the same time!!

Contact Margaret or Florence as soon as possible.

Sharing
Christ's
love
by
encouraging,
strengthening
and
supporting
marriage
and
family
Life

From the President



Bev Cottell and I attended the **MULO [Mothers Union Listening, Observing, Acting] Zone Conference** in Auckland in August. This was organised by MSH and also included MU members from Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.



MULO Principles:

Mothers' Union:
Listening:
to God,
to each other,
to the marginalized,
to external learning,
creating safe space.
Observing:
identifying and celebrating what we have - looking to the future.

Acting: - taking responsibility - feeding back honestly.

Some of the core questions we had to answer:
WHO? Whose lives are [or could we] be touching?
WHAT? What difference are we [or could we be] making?
HOW? How do [or could we] effectively make a difference?

MULO Prayer

May God enable us to become the people God calls us to be, and, in everything we do, may our lives honour the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God inspire and move us to action so that we fulfil God's will in response to God's amazing grace, so freely give to the

From the President - continued



Four of the PNG members performing - each province had to give a presentation on the final night!

Australian members sang "We are Australian" and "Waltzing Matilda!" some of us had Football scarves and a couple of footballs!

Melanesian members with Jeanette Lawrence from MSH.



Two attendees were admitted by Libbie Crossman as members of MU during the conference. They had come as observers! It is planned that there will be a follow up meeting in Brisbane early next year.

Unfortunately, our Australian President Anne Kennedy was unwell and unable to be with us in Auckland. Please keep Anne in your prayers at this time.

On a wider note - the World Wide President, Lynne Temby finishes her term this year. Three nominations are in for the position and the voting is underway. You will be advised when the new President is announced. Lynne will be a hard act to follow!



Every blessing and thanks for all you do for AMUA, *Elaine*

Melbourne MU Disaster fund

At our last Executive meeting we voted to allocate some of our funds from our Disaster Fund account to assist in supporting the drought relief in New South Wales. On speaking with Diocesan representatives in the area, it was decided to send \$6,000 to the Newcastle area where they have been using their funds for this relief and the President Denise Brown was very pleased to receive further help for the farmers and others in the affected area. Much better that we distribute the money when it is needed - so if you have funds to disperse, please remember the Melbourne MU Disaster fund - we always need to have funds on hand for a disaster or emergency.

FOR YOUR DIARY

The AMUA Melbourne Diocesan AGM and Council Meeting will be held on Monday 29th October—9.30am for 10.00am At St Peter's Eastern Hill, 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne.

Our Lady Day Service next year is at the Cathedral 2.30pm Sunday 24th March..



Theme for 2019 – Listen, observe, act – in step with God

Find resources at <https://www.mothersunion.org/resources/2019-theme-listen-observe-act-step-with-god>