



December 2018

## THE BRIDGE

linking members, mission and events

### Diary Dates

#### 2018

##### December

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| 7     | Market Day Stall<br>Town Hall Square, Sydney   | 7:30am to 2:30pm  |
| 17-24 | Christmas Wrapping<br>Town Hall Square, Sydney | 10:00am to 3:00pm |
| 24    | Shop & Office close                            | 4:00pm            |

#### 2019

##### January

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| 10 | Shop & Office open | 9:00am |
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##### February

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| 22 | Seminar<br>St Andrew's Cathedral | 10:00am to 1:30pm |
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##### April

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| 5-7 | NSW State Conference<br>Armidale          |         |
| 12  | Festival Service<br>St Andrew's Cathedral | 10:30am |
| 12  | Annual General Meeting                    | 12:30pm |

**Please pay all monies into the shop by  
Monday 17 December 2018**

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

## Thank You to All Our Volunteers

MU Sydney runs on volunteer power, so we took the opportunity to say thank you to ALL our volunteers by holding a Thank You Morning Tea on 2 November in the CMS room in Sydney. We know that everyone who helps us can't get to the city and any day we choose will be bad for some, but our thank you was sincere and meant for those who weren't able to be there as well as those who were.



On the day we shared a delicious Morning Tea and our President, Wendy Mayer, thanked our volunteers borrowing Paul's words from Philippians 1:3-6



*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* And then prayed using verses 9-11.

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God."*

We finished the morning by dividing up into our volunteer groups of Court ministry, Hospital Visiting and Shop Volunteers and constructing diagrams of all the people we are contacting through our different areas of service. Sometimes we underestimate the effect our once a month trip to a court, hospital or the shop has on other people, and each group was greatly encouraged to see just how many different people come into contact with MU through these important ministries.



## A Family History of Faithful Service

This year our Diocesan President, Wendy, had the privilege of presenting Helen Cooney with her 50 year membership badge at St Thomas' Enfield.



A 50 year badge is always a remarkable achievement as it celebrates the commitment of the recipient to MU over many years of faithful service, however this presentation had a very special significance.

Helen's mother, Betty Weeding, and her grandmother, Alice Morrill had both been presented with 50 year badges at the same church, St Thomas' Enfield.

We congratulate Helen and thank God for her family's commitment to MU, with 150 years of service between them.

## Jitegemee Tailoring Centre Project

The aim of this project is to educate teenage girls to provide them with skills and prevent their early marriage. To date MU Sydney members and friends have donated over \$13,000 to support this project.



Eddie Ozols of Anglican Aid has recently visited this

centre in Musoma, Tanzania. He has reported that while the centre is functioning well, he is concerned about the safety, health and welfare of the girls attending. He has suggested that to ensure the success

of the project that an old building beside the MU building be replaced with a new kitchen, laundry and



water supply for the bathrooms and toilet block and a wall outside the hostel for privacy. Executive members have agreed to support this development which means extending the project for another two years.

## 2019 Already!

It is the end of the year and many branches have already planned their 2019 program; they have leaders, people and lots of resources in place to make for a smooth year ahead BUT what if your branch has some leadership issues, key members are unwell or just doesn't have a clear way to move forward?

**WE CAN HELP.....**Please don't suffer or worry in silence, members of Executive, the Vice Presidents and Area Presidents are here to help you and your branch enjoy all that MU offers.

It might be that it's time to change your leadership model, it might be that you need extra help with the bible studies or simply planning the program.

Make contact, don't wait , we are here to help....

Pauline Burdon , Vice President, Southern Region

Joan Tasker, Vice President, Wollongong Region

Glenda McSorley, Vice President, Northern Region

Suzanne Reimer, Area President, Western Region

Elizabeth Lowe, Area President, Southern Highlands

## MU Sydney Seminar 2019 - Everyone welcome!

Please promote this seminar in your Parish.

Fliers and posters are available from the MU Sydney Office.



**Between a Rock and a Hard Place**

**Bible Talk** - Dr Chase Kuhn

**Resilience in Family Life**  
Psychologist Kirsty Bueknehl

**Growing Up Online:  
Cyber Challenges Today**  
Author Simone Boswell

**Friday 22nd February**  
**St Andrew's Cathedral**  
**10am-1.30pm (followed by lunch)**

No charge but bookings essential  
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or via phone on 8030 8970

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