

**Diocese of The Murray, South Australia.**

**THE MURRAY  
CON-TRIBUTARY  
NEWSLETTER**



## Transformation - Now!

June 2022

Dear Members, It is lovely to be able to start a newsletter with really exciting news and this time I have some for you. Our Chaplain Daniel and Jasamine have welcomed into the world a son, Connor. He was born on 8th March and was baptised in Murray Bridge recently.

Lady Day was an enjoyable day at McLaren Vale with a service, lunch and Transformation - Now activities.

The Mothers Union Prayer Diary has just had a section on Peacemakers in all its forms and worldwide necessities and I found this very useful and hope that you did too. As we commenced a Peacewise program within and for our Diocese this year it was very timely. Locally or overseas such as in The Ukraine we have much to pray for. There are prayers available on the AMUA website should you need help. Prayers for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations are also there.

This cold weather is keeping me inside more but it is a time to sort out things to donate or make for those who have no nice warm home like I have. The response from the recipients of places like AC Care and Quickest Warmth is heartwarming but heartbreaking too to hear of so much need.

love and blessings for the coming months.

Jocelyn

Caroline has advised us of more details obtained regarding the Overseas Target Fund Project.....After negotiate between MSH and AMUA the project is Disaster and Climate Change Management in the Pacific. This project is particularly topical given the recent underwater volcano which spilled a shower of ash over Tonga. Clean up is including activities such as re-establishing water and supplies, food gardens and savings groups. Mothers Union is involved with discussions and teaching amongst the churches in the Pacific around the Theology of disaster resistance. The Anglican Diocese of Polynesia has set up church and community disaster resistance projects which equip and empowers youth to prepare their communities to be safer, better prepared and able to respond in times of adversity

This year is election year for our Executive committee. Please think about and give prayerful consideration to volunteering for a role or talking to someone and nominating them. None of the positions are too involved and the sharing of the commitments between us soon lightens the job. Contact Jocelyn or Ronda with any queries or nominations.

Mothers Union in Australia is to celebrate 130 years in 2022. A good excuse for a special afternoon/morning Tea!!?? Invite others!

**Recent Branch Happenings:-** After reading an article in the Spring 2020 Mia Mia, Jan at Naracoorte organised a speaker from the local community to talk about the use of Mobile Phone and to help members to understand and use them better. It was opened to the parish and approx 20 people attended and it was such a success that a follow up is to be held soon with hopefully more one-on-one attention. They have also had a wonderful Quiet Day recently conducted by the Assistant Bishop of Adelaide, Bishop Denise Ferguson.

Yankalilla branch has closed with 2 members transferring to another branch and one became a Diocesan Member.

Goolwa branch will close and they plan to have parish morning teas on their original Mothers Union meeting days.

Mount Gambier has changed format and although some people remain AMUA members their gatherings will be less formal with prayers and discussions and open to the whole parish. Murray Bridge have been using this format for a few years in private homes.

Some branches are close enough to visit each other for lunch.

Strathalbyn organised a speaker to tell them about all the local help and Government assistance available in their own town.

Of course all meetings are open to others and something interesting should especially be advertised widely to show others what Mothers members across the world can achieve. I was recently asked to reply to a survey of AMUA in rural areas and once I had collected my thoughts we certainly came up with many things to list. Don't ever underestimate the power of Mothers Union. The 'tea and biscuit' image of the past is gone and transformation away from the formal minutes, treasurers report, correspondence etc is being replaced by more prayer and discussions.

Southern Vales have held meetings for a few months in the Visitor Centre of McLaren Vale which made their presence in the town more obvious although just now the new wine tasting room and noisier dining room may mean re-locating again.

### **Diary Dates:-**

August 9th May Sumner Day.... A celebration service will be held at Christ Church Strathalbyn at 11am. This will be followed by lunch and our AGM in the hall. By holding our AGM on the same day saves us driving to another meeting in a few weeks time. This year is election year as mentioned above. Don't forget to let your president know if you are due for a badge and it can be presented at Mary Sumner Day.

BYO savoury lunch and this will be supplemented by a Birthday cake to enjoy with your tea/coffee to celebrate 130 years of Mothers Union in Australia in 2022.

Sept 12th executive meeting... 10.30am at Jocelyn's home.