

## FOR YOUR DIARY

The Lay retreat will be held at The Haven on the 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact the Registry for details. Phone 49279142

## LINKS

Peggy Rees writes letters to members of the MU in other parts of the world. These include Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies, Ekita West in Nigeria, Lweru in Tanzania, Akure in Nigeria, Sodor and Man and Norwich in the UK and to individuals in Canada and South Africa. As Peggy says in her annual report "the rewards for a little effort are great" and Peggy welcomes contact from anyone who would like to write a letter to any of these links.

## NEW RESOURCES

- Baptism Kit: It is hoped that a new kit will be available in 2010.
- A new Marriage Resource will be available from the Publication Department in 2010. The kit *As You Marry* is a book and DVD which can be used as a basis for discussion or as a gift for those who are to be married. It will cost about \$15.

**DIOCESAN WEBSITE:** Have you visited it yet? Follow the links to MU

[www.anglicanrock.org.au](http://www.anglicanrock.org.au)

Sin of omission: From the last newsletter I forgot to include [Nell Hoffman as Historian in the Diocesan Contacts](#)  
Gillian Whittall (editor)



**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

## DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

### Newsletter

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From the President,  
Greetings to all our MU members in the Rockhampton Diocese. Diocesan presidents and Australian executive members met in early May at Palotti College, Millgrove, which is north east of Melbourne. The theme of the meeting was *Challenge, Change and Relationships*.

Noelle Frazer our Diocesan Secretary accompanied me as an observer. She has put together a very detailed powerpoint presentation and many of you will have the opportunity to view this presentation. Mr Reg Bailey, CEO of MU worldwide was our guest at Australia Council and spoke on International Relationships. Mrs Penny Mulvey led workshops on different aspects or working with the media.

We commenced the meeting with a eucharist celebrated by the Rev'd Libbie Crossman and concluded with a eucharist celebrated by Bishop Stephen Hale, the Bishop of East Melbourne.

During the meeting our new MU Australian Worship and Prayer Book was launched. We used the services of forms 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the Candle Service. It is hoped that we will have the book by Mary Sumner Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Detailed reports were given by the heads of all our departments. Please remember that they are available to visit us - we only have to ask.

Australian Council meets every eighteen months with the next meeting scheduled for the 21<sup>ST</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup> October 2010

Lurline Jones  
Diocesan President

## MU Vision

**Vision:** Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships.

**Aim & Purpose:** To demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

### Mission:

- To promote and support **married** life
- To encourage **parents** in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide **fellowship** of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to **stable family life** and the **protection** of children
- To help those whose family life has met with **adversity**

**Values:** Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos. Its governance, leadership, and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members around the world as they respond to God's call to faith and action.

**Beliefs:** We believe in the value of each individual and their unique qualities

- We believe in the value of relationships. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself."
- We believe in the value of the family in its many forms as a source of love and support for individuals and the basis for a caring community

It is recommended that branches say the 5 mission aims once a year.

## NOTES FROM DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009

- Members from each branch donated toiletry bags to the Women's Shelter. In 2008 over 100 bags were made up.
- From 2010 annual diocesan reports will be due in December. This will make it uniform across all dioceses.
- Our Diocese has 78 members, 24 lone members and 18 fellowship members.
- In 2008 our members contributed \$890 to the Mission work of MU Australia and \$171 to the Fire Appeal.
- Many parishes sell MU publications and orders can be sent to Bronwyn Fryar through the diocesan website intranet.
- Please contact Sandra Barnbaum if you have any interesting news for *MiaMia*.
- During 2008 members Isabel Willie, Florence McKean, Beryl Wright, Betty Mackay and Rita Hourigan passed away.

## NEW PRAYER BOOK

The new *Worship and Prayer Book for MU Australia* will soon be distributed to all members. It has been produced by the Prayer and Spirituality Department and Bronwyn Fryar has had a significant role in compiling this new resource. There are new liturgies and prayers for use on different occasions. The cost at \$5.00 has been kept low for all members.

## REACHING OUT

Each community has issues that effect families. Your **branch might like to have a brainstorming session on what** effects families in your community and discuss how you can offer support and encouragement.