



DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

2026

ANNUAL REPORT

Theme:

***“Encouraging Families
Through Faith”***

DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

MU Executive—2026

President	Karen Hayden
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MU Chaplain	Rev'd Anne Kennedy

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Overseas & Northern Outreach & Links Co-ordinator	Margaret Goode
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Lady Day Convener	Lynette Oates
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	Margaret Dunbar
	/Rev Anne Kennedy
Social Issues & Action Co-ordinator	Carole Martin

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Beth Hookey, Elaine Longford, Rev'd Anne Kennedy, Joy Venville

Affiliated Organization's Representatives

National Council of Women of Victoria	Rev'd Anne Kennedy
World Day of Prayer	Rosemary Hicks
Holding the Light	Elaine Longford



**AMUA Melbourne Diocesan Combined AGM
and General Council Meeting
11.00am Saturday 18th October 2025**

Barbara Darling Room St Paul's Cathedral and ZOOM

MINUTES

1. **Welcome:** Kären Hayden, Diocesan President – announced that the meeting would be recorded.
2. **Prayers:** Kären led the Prayers before a Council Meeting.
3. **a] Attendees:** Kären and Martin Hayden, St Aidan's Parkdale; Elaine Longford, St Paul's Ringwood; Margaret Goode, Nola Guest and Julie Denyer, St Michael's Beaumaris; Susanne Baxter-Smith and Bev Cottell, St Mary's Sunbury; Rosemary Simpson, St Peter's Box Hill; Carole Young and Rosemary Hicks, St Dunstan's Camberwell; Lyn McDonald, Jan Lee and Sandra Hansen, St Eanswythes Altona; Merran Overend and Sandra Andrzejewski, St James, Ivanhoe; Robin Hickson, St Barnabas Glen Waverley; Elizabeth Woods and Irene Donohue Clyne, St Stephen and St Mary, Mt Waverley; Margaret Dunbar, St Peter's Murrumbeena; Annette and Kevin Hill, St Paul's Boronia and our guest speaker Kerryn Lewis ADOM, PVAW.

on Zoom: Jillian Tong, Trish Fearnley, Diocesan Members; Jennifer Pugsley, St Peter's Murrumbeena; Kaylene Vlasveld, St Paul's Frankston; Carole Martin, St Andrew's Corio/Norlane, Joan West, Gloria Smith, St Stephen and Mary, Mt Waverley.

b] Apologies: Anne Kennedy, St Peter's Box Hill; Zelma Miller and Sue Whitehead St Luke's Frankston, Sally Petty, Diocesan Members; Mauelle Thompson; Carol Baxter and Jill Carroll, St Paul's Ringwood; Joy Tate, Gill Palliser and Jen Backhouse, St Michael's Beaumaris; Winnie Rodriguez, St Dunstan's Camberwell; Beryl Brown, Ros Mitchell and Frances von Valm St Eanswythes, Altona; Frances Whitehurst and Lynn Pryor, St Barnabas Glen Waverley.
4. **Guest Speaker Prevention of Violence Against Women Program Melbourne Diocese Mrs Kerryn Lewis. Karen Training/Translation Project.**
Background: MU Melbourne received a Bequest of \$10,000 through the will of a former Diocesan President, Althea Dunn. After much deliberation it was decided to put this money towards the above program.

Kerryn:
In June this year, Mother's Union generously agreed to exploring the possibility of contributing \$10,000 to work with Melbourne Anglican Karen congregations as part of the Safe and Thriving CALD Anglican's project. This would involve working with Karen church leaders to develop culturally appropriate, in language training and resources to address the issue of violence against women and family violence for this community.

The following project plan outlines the strategies Anglican Diocese of Melbourne's Prevention of Violence Against Women team will use to do this work, how we will aim to spend the Mothers' Union donation and some indicative timelines for the project. Noting that the timelines are only indicative, as the work will be community led as it is important that we are flexible and move at the pace of the community, rather than impose our own timelines.

Aim: To develop culturally appropriate training and resources aimed to assist with both responding to and preventing violence against women and family violence for the Karen Anglican community.
Strategies:

- Collaborate with Mothers' Union to build relationships and trust with the Karen community
- Co-design culturally appropriate PVAW training materials supported by the expertise of Kulturbrille
- Work with Ethnolink in consultation with community leaders to translate training materials
- Provide training to a Karen speaking trainer so they are resourced to deliver the sessions
- Deliver a series of training sessions in language for the Karen community
- Document community needs and learnings based on training conversations with the Karen community
- Use learnings identified in community conversations to identify next steps.

The Karen project has been planned based on our tested formula of combining PVAW theory and practice, with Christian teachings, in a culturally appropriate way to deliver best practice PVAW training and resources to the CALD community. This project will be developed through a co-design process with faith leaders from the Karen community and drawing upon the expertise of organisations such as Kulturbrille and Ethnolink who are leaders in this field. We are grateful to Mothers' Union for offering the funding to deliver this work.

Kären thanked Kerry for her detailed outline of the process of implementing this program and we look forward to working together in the future.

5. Minutes of AGM and Council Meeting Combined held Saturday 26th October 2024 Circulated via the AGM 2025 Report

Moved: Elizabeth Woods **Seconded:** Margaret Goode **Carried.**

6. Business Arising:

150th Celebrations:

9th August 2026 – Mary Sumner Day service at the Cathedral

Ann has been formulating an event - afternoon tea at either Government House or Bishops court. Irene Donohue-Clyne suggested a tour of the cathedral – many MU items of interest.

Kaylene: a history of MU Melbourne for the Website is in progress. Irene to collaborate with Kaylene re the MU items in the Cathedral.

7. President's Report: Circulated in AGM Report.

Kären spoke to her report – particularly mentioning the closer relationship within the Diocese, the Precentor, Bp Kate Prowd and Cathedral staff. Speaking with the Australian President regarding Parenting Seminars [MSH funding available]. Clusters still a work in progress.

8. Correspondence: many emails in and out – including to and from Abp elect Ric Thorp outlining MU's involvement in the Diocese.

9. Treasurer's Report: Circulated in AGM Report

Rosemary spoke to her report: distribution of bequeathed funds of \$10,000 for the Karen Domestic Violence translation - Executive Committee decided that this is within the MU guidelines.

Karen Nursery School monies [\$5800] to be distributed in the next month. They have a New treasurer – school year finishing June or August..

that the Treasurers report be received:

moved: Rosemary Simpson seconded: Margaret Goode .. **CARRIED**

10. **Department Reports included in Annual Report:** O&ONO / Link, IPC, Publications, MU Virtual Office, Website, Social Issues & Action, Lady Day, Holding the Light.
11. **Affiliated Organisation Reports:** Australian Council Women, World Day Prayer. Rosemary Hicks suggested that we need more MU reps at meetings

That all Reports be received: Moved: Martin Hayden **Seconded:** Sandra Hansen **Carried.**

12. **New Business:**
Election of Executive Committee
President: Kären Hayden - continuing
Treasurer: Rosemary Simpson - continuing
Secretary: Elaine Longford - continuing
Clusters: role description available.
ONO/Link: Margaret Goode – willing to do one more year – with mentoring a new person to take on the role.
IPC: Lynette Oates continuing but would like to have an assistant
Publications: trading table: Margaret Dunbar - continuing
MU virtual office: Kären, Rosemary Simpson, Elaine Longford
Website: Kaylene Vlasveld - continuing
Social Issues & Action: Carole Martin willing to continue but needs contact with local branches. [Kären to follow up]
Lady Day: Rev Anne Kennedy - continuing
Holding the Light: Elaine Longford - continuing
13. **General Business:**
Australian Council Meeting 27-30 October 2025 Elaine, Ann, Rob and Kären attending at Baulkham Hills, Sydney.
Publications: re St Peters book shop – wait until we find out who the new MU coordinator is - to find out whether this is still viable
Saturday Council meetings to be changed to weekdays. More likely to have staff to join us for meetings. Guest speakers not always happy to attend on weekends. [Liaising with Nathaniel – from Cathedral – to find an appropriate date]
14. **Midday Prayers:** Margaret Goode
15. **Meeting Closed:** 12.30pm

Next Meeting: April 2026 Date to be confirmed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

MU President Melbourne Diocese Report Council/AGM Meeting 22 Oct 2026

Well, it has been a busy year, and we have marked a few milestones!

New Chaplain.

Anne Kennedy has been our MU Chaplain for the last 3 years. At the beginning of this year, Anne asked to stand down as our Chaplain, and I have been seeking interest in the role from that time.

I can now announce that Revd. Heidin Kunoo has graciously agreed to be MU Chaplain. Heidin will be able to attend our AGM where, in case you haven't already, you will be to meet her. Heidin will be commissioned at the Lady Day Service next year. I would like to give a special thank you to Bishop Paul for his guidance and input in assisting me to connect with Heidin.

Disaster Relief Fund.

At the last AGM we decided to disburse a donation from the Disaster Relief Fund to the most affected area of the latest fires though Victoria. After member input, and with the assistance of Bendigo Diocesan President Jennifer Devlin, the Harcourt community house was identified.

On behalf of Mothers Union Executive Committee, I drafted a letter introducing MU and asking that funds be utilised where most needed. The only specification I requested was that we are informed when the money has been directed. Jennifer personally delivered a letter to the Managers of the Community house, and \$1.300.00 was duly credited.

I have been in touch with the Community House and will advise members when and how the funds are utilised.

150 Years of MU Celebration.

Mary Sumner Day, Sunday the 9th of August 2026 was MU Melbourne's 'official' day of celebrating 150 years of Mothers Union! With great thanks to Fr Michael Bowie and St Peter's Church Eastern Hill, we shared a wonderful afternoon tea. Robin Ray, our Australian MU president, was able to attend, and gave a heartfelt address on the day, highlighting MU Melbourne's contribution to MU of our support of Karen Nursery Schools, and the Prevention of Violence Against Women project we are undertaking.

Many of us were able to stay and attend St Peter's Evensong that evening. Fr Michael ensured there was special inclusion of Mothers Union, and the prayers and intercessions were dedicated to the work and ministry of MU.

On September 30th, Mothers Union Worldwide Gathering, a 4 day conference commenced. A regular event hosted throughout different countries, this year's gathering celebrated our 150 years of MU in Durban, South Africa. Sixteen delegates attended from Australia, 6 from Victoria, with all 5 Victoria Dioceses being represented.

The event was extraordinary, from the initial registration procedure, until it drew to a close 4 days later. Our Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow opened proceedings with a stirring address. There were acknowledgments of past Presidents and addresses from Bishops and Priests from the South African province. The following days were filled with different speakers, with the last day closing with The Most Revd. and Rt Hon, Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, celebrating our closing Eucharist. She was accompanied by The Rt Revd. Dr Thabo Magkaba, Archbishop of Southern Africa.

I especially thank all who supported me in contributions, and prayers. I aim to create a photo book to commemorate this event.

Synod Address.

Melbourne Synod sat the following day of my return from the Worldwide Gathering. I submitted a motion “***That this Synod recognises Anglican Mothers Union Australia as integral to the mission and outreach of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Melbourne***”, to enable me to speak on behalf of MU. There was discussion, which was, I believe, a God Incident, as it put MU ‘on the map’ in the Diocese, with 600 plus Synod members.

The Motion was overwhelmingly supported and carried. I would like to show my appreciation to both Bishop Paul and CEO Matthew Crichton for their support and guidance.

The Mothers Union/Prevention of Violence against Women project, “Translating PVAW Training into Karen Language

The project MU and PVAW (Prevention of Violence Against Women), whilst more time intensive than first envisaged, has progressed. The Karen Community at St Stephens Werribee has been selected in this first instance as we have a firm connection with Christina George. With Christina’s translation skills, help and guidance, we have been able to navigate community/cultural dynamics – a pilot program to enable further roll-out of the translation program.

Oliver Ephraim, the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Program Manager within PVAW is introducing the program as “Thriving Karen Families”. She has continued meeting with St Stephens and is building meaningful connections.

The funding designated for this project is yet to be drawn, as the project has not yet progressed to the implementation stage. The funds will be drawn down on a needs basis as costs of translation and implementation progress.

Clusters.

Clusters were formally introduced in April this year. These Clusters of branches were linked together with respect to their geographical position. These groupings are not ‘set in stone’. The idea of these groupings was to engender support and communication between the branches. If they are not logical, if it is thought a different grouping is more plausible for your branch, please let your Cluster leader know how it would be more beneficial for the branch to be attached to another Cluster.

Publications.

Hopefully members are aware now, that there have been a few changes to publications. Mia Mia distribution is now organised by Anne Kennedy, with able assistance from Rosemary Simpson (Melb Treasurer). Margaret Dunbar is unable to distribute MU items as she has in past years. Australian Publications coordinator, as at this year is Mrs. Lindy Driver. Lindy is Diocesan President Gippsland (Bairnsdale) email publication@muaustralia.org.au or contact me for Lindy’s mobile. At the moment, should branches/individual members need items, they will need to order from Lindy directly, and have the items posted.

I understand that this is not as convenient as when Margaret was able to fully support distribution of MU items, however this is what we need to work with now. I encourage you to organise within your own branch, and with fellow cluster branches to place a bulk order with one delivery address. Items can then be distributed as needed.

Please be aware that Publication distribution is a considerable undertaking for Lindy and I ask for your gracious understanding when organising/placing orders. I believe we have been truly blessed with the service Margaret Dunbar has been able to provide us, and we should all be thankful for her long-standing service

In the future, we are looking at MU Altona Member, Frances Von Klam becoming the MU ‘shop depot’. There are some logistical issues that need to be addressed to ensure this is a viable option for all.

Karen Hayden Melbourne Diocesan Mothers Union President
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LINK REPORT

What an amazing year for MU as we have celebrated 150 Years of outreach! The conference in Durban has been a very tangible demonstration of the Links made throughout that time. Mary Sumner would be overwhelmed and certainly humbly thankful. God is great! The colour, energy and combined spirit of joy and happiness which reverberated through the Facebook posts each day of the conference has highlighted that the Links we make today are quite different from the letters which began this aspect of our MU family.

Sharing our different activities with another branch can be so enriching and encouraging. For those of you with active Links, I trust they will continue to flourish. Perhaps some of you will utilise the marvels of the internet to Link with another branch in new ways. Gill Palliser has developed a Link for our Melbourne Diocese with Kandy in Sri Lanka via the internet and here is her report.

Margaret Goode

The Link with Praemini started about a year ago. Her parish is St Paul's Anglican Church in Kandy, Sri Lanka. The church dates back to the 1800s. Their congregation has 500 people, including a Sunday School of 100 children. This year their Mothers' Union celebrated 118 years. They also celebrated Founders' Day, which is Mary Sumner day on August 2nd.

The Mothers' Union group consists of 20 people and they wear a sari as a uniform. They are a very active group. Following severe flooding a year ago the MU group collected clothes, food, bedding etc for the flood victims. They take part in other church activities, harvest festival food and craft displayed together. It is really astounding the amount of food these ladies manage to produce, used for socialising and fundraising. Their home for destitute girls is supported also.

They had a big celebration for Lady Day in May when Praemini had a beautiful banner made which was carried through the streets. Their 150th Anniversary service was at the Cathedral in Colombo where 550 attendees from all over Sri Lanka attended.

I really appreciate this link as Praemini and I have become good friends. I've learnt many interesting things about Sri Lanka and its culture, Kandy in particular with its history and significance today.

We communicate on WhatsApp and she's sent me literally dozens of photos.

Gill Palliser

MIA MIA DISTRIBUTION –

This has been quite successful on the first run without the skills of dear Margaret Dunbar. The second delivery was mostly by post due to the time between the arrival of the magazines and our departure on holidays interstate, and it was a practical decision. Future deliveries will resume with magazines being dispersed to Cluster Co-ordinators for delivery to branches. This will give an opportunity for CC's to interact more with branches.

As the next edition's arrival is imminent, expect to see more great information about MU activities, especially those celebrating our Worldwide 150th Celebrations this year!

Ann Kennedy

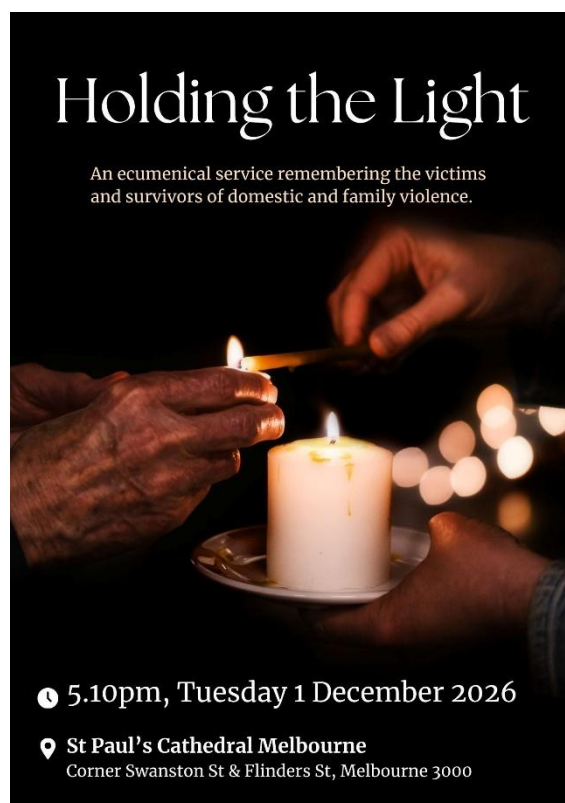
CLUSTERS

Currently branches are not meeting as a group, but generally inviting branches within the cluster to attend their meetings – especially if there is a guest speaker or special event. The coordinators keeping in touch with the branches – usually through the branch president.

HOLDING THE LIGHT

This year during the 16 days of activism Melbourne will again have an ecumenical service “Holding the Light”- 5.10pm Tuesday 1st December at St Paul’s Cathedral, Melbourne [this will be live streamed]. I am on the organising committee for this event and Melbourne Mothers’ Union members provide refreshments after the service. Next years’ service will be held at the Cathedral.

Elaine Longford



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer services are held on or close to the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian movement begun by women. The motto of World Day of Prayer is ‘Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action’. An international committee of delegates selects countries’ themes and Bible passages for the annual World Days of Prayer. Women from a particular country, representing different cultures and life styles, prayerfully plan a service around a theme, which covers the needs of different groups of people in their country. The service when shared with other groups in the world, encourages, informs people about the environment, history and cultures of the country, and invites unity and understanding. Over 150 nations take part. Services can take place in churches, schools, aged care homes, outside, within homes, wherever people will join in prayer.

This year, 2026, the service was written by Christian women of Nigeria, with the theme ‘I will give you rest: Come.’ Feedback to the W.D of P. Victorian committee, was that services were meaningful and enjoyable, with opportunity for fellowship and refreshment afterwards. The Bible Society is a partner with World Day of Prayer. and offers insights and resources which help achieve goals. An amount from financial contributions collected goes to help Bible Society projects in the countries. Many of our MU members attend a W.D of P. service, in their own or another church of a Christian denomination in a positive ecumenical spirit, and good friendships can be established at these services, which can be built on over the years.

2027 celebrates the Centenary of the World Day of Prayer, with the theme ‘United in Prayer, Justice and Peace.’ based on 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (Hannah’s Song) and Luke 1: 39 -55 (Mary’s Magnificat) Countries are invited to write their own prayer service. The Australian committee has prepared services and suggested resources, and each state will be passing on ideas and

resources, empathising Australia, sending out copies of the services, which includes a service for children. Ideas for special emphasis and mementoes for the Centenary have been discussed and planned. WDof P service booklets and other resources can be downloaded from the W.D.of P Australia website.

W.D.of P. Victoria had a committee meeting last Friday 16th October, followed by a Creative Workshop to which churches hosting next year's service, and other interested people, were invited, in person or online, and this workshop always provides interesting ideas, potential resources, activities, displays, the Bible Society video, music, which organisers could use. I find this workshop very enjoyable, informative and creative.

Meetings take place at Welsey Place in Lonsdale St. Melb . in February, May, July August (AGM), and October, (meeting & creative workshop). Members can attend in person or by zoom. I enjoy being part of the W.D.of P meetings, the friendship of other members and the values and vision of W.D.of P. If you have not yet been to a service, I encourage you to attend one, and if you go regularly, I hope you find it enjoyable, informative and uplifting.

Rosemary Hicks. (MU representative at W.D.of P. Vic. meetings).

The Two Nursery of KAMB Mothers' Union, Incomes and Expenses of 2025 (Jan- Dec)

Karen Anglican Missionary at the Border, Diocese of Hpa-an

No	Description	Incomes	No	Description	Expenses
1.	40% project contribution of Local MU	12,600	1.	Five Teachers Subsidy (2024 Mar -2025 Jan)	81,400
2.	From Local MU for Two Nursery	14,000	2.	Committee Transportation	5,255
3.	St.Mary Day's Church Holy Communion Collections for Two Nursery	9457	3.	Expenses of the Two Nursery's Closing Ceremony	4,000
4.	Mary Sumner Day's Church Holy Communion Collections for Two Nursery	7403	4.	Helping for the Teachers' Health Care	7,500
5.	Special Donation	1,000	5.	General	184
6.	From AUS, Epipne MU	12,000			
7.	Withdraw from bank	20,000			
8.	From AUS, Melbourne MU	84,450			
9.					
	Total Incomes of 2025	160,910		Total Expenses of 2024	98,339
	Balance from 2024	41,726		Balance in Hand	20,031
	Balance in Bank 2024	94,964		Balance in Bank	179,230
	Grand Total	297,600		Grand Total	297,600

Signed by

Naw San San Win (MU Treasurer)

Naw Pree Kee (MU Auditor)

Naw Moo Baw (MU Chair Woman)

Prepared by Naw Eh Jue Lin – Mary (MU CDC)

Karen Anglican Missionary at the Border

The Two Nursery of KAMB Mothers' Union, the Estimation Budget for 2026-2027 Academic Year

Karen Anglican Missionary at the Border, Diocese of Hpa-an

No	Support From	Estimated Income	No	Description of Expenditure	Balance
1.	St.Mary's Day Church Holy Communion Collections for Two Nursery Schools	5,000	1.	Five Teachers' Subsidy (2026June -2027May)	88,800
2.	From Local MU for Two Nusery Schools	9,000	2.	The Cost of Opening Ceremony	4,000
3.	Mary Sumner's Day Church Communion Collections for Two Nursery Schools	5,000	3.	2026 December Gifts for the Teachers and Students	9,000
4.	40% project contribution of Local MU	10,000	4.	Committee Transportation	5,000
5.	Lunch's Transportation	12,000	5.	Lunch's Transportation	10,000
6.	Special Donations	5,000	6.	The Cost of Closing Ceremony	5,000
			7.	Schools Supplies for the Two Nursery Schools	10,000
			8.	The cost of Teachers and Parents Training	4,000
			9.	Helping for Teachers' Health Care	5,000
	Total Esimated Incomes	46,000		Total Esimated Expenses	140,800
				Deficits	-94,800

A budget deficit is 94,800 Baht. So, the estimation budget request to MU in Australia, Melbourne Diocese is 94,800 Baht.

Prepared by

Naw Eh Jue Lin - Mary (MU CDC)

Mothers' Union

Karen Anglican Missionary at the Border

2024 – 2025 Academic Year, KAMB Mothers' Union, the Two Nursery Schools Report

2026-2027 Academic Year, KAMB Mothers' Union, the Two Nursery Schools Report

Karen Anglican Mission at the border, Hpa-an Diocese

Submitted to: The Mothers of the Melbourne Congregation

1. Introduction

By the grace of God, we are thankful to Him for granting us the opportunity to begin another academic year. With respect and gratitude, we would like to present this report to the mothers of the Melbourne Congregation, who have faithfully supported the salaries of our nursery school teachers. We sincerely appreciate your continued generosity and commitment to the education and well-being of the children in our community.

2. Objectives

The main objectives of our nursery school project are:

- To ensure the continued operation of the nursery schools and provide educational opportunities for young children.
- To support parents by providing a safe and nurturing environment for their children while they attend school.
- To provide financial assistance to the teachers who dedicate themselves to supporting the first steps of the children's educational journey.

3. Activities and Achievements

Through your generous financial support and the coordination of the Mothers' Union groups in this area, our nursery schools have continued to operate regularly and bear fruit in the lives of the children and their families.

In June 2026, both nursery schools successfully opened for the new academic year. The project continues to have five teachers, as in the previous year.

During the 2026–2027 academic year, the number of children attending the schools is as follows:

- **Thay Maw Ku Nursery School:** 35 children
- **Htee Ka Haw Nursery School:** 23 children

A total of **58 children** are currently benefiting from the nursery school project.

We are grateful that, through your support and the cooperation of the local Mothers' Union groups, the schools have been able to continue providing early childhood education to children in the community.

4. School Schedule and Meals

The nursery schools operate five days a week, from Monday to Friday. The regular school hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lunch is provided for the children during the school day. Porridge is served three days a week, while the children bring their own lunch from home on the other two days.

This arrangement helps provide daily care for the children and supports parents in managing their household and other daily responsibilities.

5. Subjects and Learning Activities

The teachers follow the monthly curriculum prepared for the children. The learning activities are designed to develop their basic knowledge, communication skills, creativity, and spiritual growth.

The main subjects and activities include:

- Greetings and basic communication
- Counting numbers
- Learning the alphabet
- Language learning in Karen, Myanmar, and English
- Singing songs and reciting poems
- Storytelling
- Memorizing and reciting Bible verses

Through these activities, the children have opportunities to develop their language abilities, early literacy and numeracy skills, confidence, creativity, and understanding of Christian values.

We hope that these learning experiences will provide a strong foundation for their future education and personal development.

6. Activities of the Nursery School Committees

The nursery school committees have planned to hold regular meetings twice a year. In addition to these scheduled meetings, they also arrange other meetings whenever necessary to discuss specific activities and make plans. For example, they meet to discuss how to celebrate Christmas and where to take the children for educational outings.

Both nursery schools usually take the children to a small local waterfall for their annual outing, as it is a convenient and familiar place for the children to visit. They have not yet organized outings to other locations.

7. Activities of the Local Mothers' Union

The local Mothers' Union does not usually intervene directly in the daily management of the nursery schools. Instead, we encourage the school committees to manage their schools independently and carry out their own plans and activities. Our role is mainly to support them in finding financial resources to meet some of their needs. One example is writing letters to you to request financial support for the teachers' salaries.

In 2026, we also organized a special activity for the two nursery schools. From May 15 to 17, we conducted a three-day entrepreneurship training program to help the mothers develop their business skills. Following the training, we provided 5,000 baht in start-up capital to help students parent group, establish a small business.

The purpose of this initiative was to enable the mothers to generate a small income to help cover the children's lunch expenses and essential kitchen costs, such as cooking oil, fuel, salt, and other basic cooking supplies.

Although this was a small initiative, we consider it a meaningful achievement. We hope that this activity will help the mothers become more self-reliant and contribute to the sustainability of the nursery schools.

8. Reflection and Challenges

Our community is not lacking in human resources or a spirit of unity. The main challenge we face is financial hardship, which is largely a result of poverty. Since poverty is a widespread problem throughout the country, it is extremely difficult for our community to overcome these challenges through our own resources alone. As a result, we continue to depend on your generous support.

Whenever we look back on the many years you have supported our nursery schools, we feel both deeply humbled and profoundly grateful. It is difficult to find words to express how much we appreciate your kindness and faithfulness.

Thank you so much for not overlooking these two small nursery schools in our poor and often overlooked community. Your continued support has made a meaningful difference in the lives of our children, their families, and our teachers. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to stand with us throughout these years.

9. Financial Report

The detailed financial report for the 2026–2027 academic year is provided in a separate document.

10. Conclusion and Appreciation

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to work together with you in this ministry. Through your generosity, we have experienced and enjoyed God's blessings, and we are thankful to God for allowing us to see His love through you.

It is our sincere hope that we can continue working together for many more years, until one day Myanmar becomes a peaceful and prosperous country where our children and communities can live with greater hope and opportunities.

May God continue to use you as His instrument of love and blessing, and may He richly bless you in all that you do.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,

The Local Mothers' Union



DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

2026

FINANCIAL REPORT

Profit and loss report
Anglican Mothers Union Melbourne
01 Jul 2025 - 30 Jun 2026

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Income			
Membership Income			
MU Membership Fees	14,925	18,180	
Caritas Membership Fees	1,710	495	
Branch Affiliation Fees	870	960	
Total Membership Income	17,505	19,635	
Donations			
National Projects	9,380	10,889	
Local Projects	5,024	7,060	
MU Work	0	290	
Total Donations	14,404	18,239	
General Income			
General Bank Interest	264	158	
Legacy - Interest	765	811	
Total General Income	1,029	970	
Book of Remembrance			
Capital - Donations	50	415	
Capital - Interest	3,965	3,387	
Total Book of Remembrance	4,015	3,802	
Shop Sales			
Travelling Suitcase	1,548	1,610	
Stock Purchases	0	-286	
Total Shop Sales	1,548	1,324	
Total Income	38,501	43,970	

Expenses			
Office and Administration			
Postage and Shipping	192	274	
Office expenses	86	0	
Total Office and Administration	278	274	
Membership Fees			
Membership Fees	5,220	5,805	
Other Affiliation Fees	25	0	
Total Membership Fees	5,245	5,805	
Utilities			
Telephone and Internet	3,461	2,417	
Total Utilities	3,461	2,417	
Wages & Salaries			
Wages and Superannuation	0	5,770	
Total Wages & Salaries	0	5,770	
Projects			
National Project transfers	9,380	10,889	
Local Project transfers	5,024	7,060	
Total Projects	14,404	17,949	
Other Expenses			
Conferences and Seminars	5,086	107	1
Other expenses	220	0	
Total Other Expenses	5,306	107	
Total Expenses	28,693	32,322	
Operating Profit	9,807	11,648	
Other Income			
Travel Fund	2,500	0	1
Total Other Income	2,500	0	
Net Profit	12,307	11,648	

NOTES

1 South African MU conference:

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- Expenses paid	4,396
- Donations received towards conference costs	2,500

Balance sheet report
Anglican Mothers Union Melbourne
30-Jun-26

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Assets		
General Accounts		
Cheque Account 6086	6,409	6,656
ADF At Call 05000420 (26643)	24,078	13,358
Petty Cash	75	75
Total General Accounts	30,563	20,089
Book of Remembrance		
CBA Reserve Cheque 6211	27	7
BOR Capital TF8635	79,752	76,539
Total Book of Remembrance	79,779	76,546
Special Purpose Accounts		
Legacy Investment TF8634	18,253	17,487
Travel Fund 05000419 (26642)	946	1,988
Total Special Purpose Accounts	19,199	19,475
Total Assets	129,541	116,110
Liabilities		
PAYG Payable	0	0
Donations - Local Projects		
Bushfire Disaster	3,097	967
IPC Fund	1,431	1,121
Karen Nursery Fund	4,359	5,825
MU Projects Fund	150	0
Total Donations - Local Projects	9,037	7,913
Total Liabilities	9,037	7,913
Net Assets	120,504	108,197
Equity		
Retained Earnings	108,196	96,549
Current Earnings	12,307	11,648
Total Equity	120,504	108,197

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PROJECTS STATUS REPORT AT 30 JUNE
2026

	Balance 1/07/2025		Contributions in		Payments Out		Balance 30/06/2026
National Projects							
End of Year balances paid in full to National MU							
Overseas Fund (Mary Sumner House)	0.00		130.00		-130.00		0.00
Indigenous Women Training Fund	0.00		520.00		-520.00		0.00
Australian Council Disaster Fund	0.00		280.00		-280.00		0.00
M Sanders Fund	0.00						0.00
Overseas Target Fund (MSH Project)	0.00		7,053.00		-7,053.00		0.00
Northern Outreach Fund	0.00		1,297.00		-1,297.00		0.00
Mary Sumner House	0.00		100.00		-100.00		0.00
Total National Projects	0.00		9,380.00		-9,380.00		0.00
Local Projects							
End of Year balances held awaiting future disbursements							
MU Melbourne Disaster Relief Fund (Bushfire)	967.40		2,130.00				3,097.40
Intercessory Prayer Cycle	1,120.80		310.00				1,430.80
Karen Nursery School	5,825.03		2,634.00		-4,100.00		4,359.03
MU Projects fund	0.00		150.00				150.00
Total Local Projects	7,913.23		5,224.00		-4,100.00		9,037.23
Total All Projects	7,913.23		14,604.00		-		9,037.23

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ANGLICAN MOTHERS
UNION AUSTRALIA – DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Audit Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying Financial Report, being a special purpose financial report of the Anglican Mothers Union Australia Diocese of Melbourne, which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2026, the Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended on that date and Notes to the Financial Report. The Financial Report is prepared specifically for the members of this unincorporated charity and for lodgement as required.

Responsible Entities' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation to the Financial Report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act)[and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control that the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the Financial Report based on my audit and if I have become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the Financial Report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and its performance for the year ended on that date, and complying with generally accepted Australian accounting principles and practices and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022* (ACNC Regulations).

The audit procedures were carried out on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the Financial Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

Conclusion

Based on my audit, I have not become aware of any matter that makes me to believe that the Financial Report of the Anglican Mothers Union Australia Diocese of Melbourne does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and that it is properly drawn up:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with generally accepted Australian accounting principles and practices, and with the legal requirements relating to the entity.



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Peter C Watson (CPA, retired)

15 September 2026

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