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through Faith
In Action”*

MU Newsletter January Update 2026

Dear MU Members,

February is here! I hope you were all able to enjoy a quiet January, and MU goes well for you this year.

More MU news since my last newsletter at the beginning of Jan, is the announcement that the vacant Australian Council Exec Positions have been filled. Bethany Mills – Sydney, will be taking over the reins as Mia Mia Editor, and Karen Hayden -Melbourne, yes this is me! will coordinate Promotions and Communications role. We will all be attending a Strategic and Planning Workshop in February, to reaffirm our vision for MU in 2026, and this triennium to 2028.

Presidents and secretaries of branches should have received copies of both the amended Constitution and the By-laws. If you have any questions/queries on MU matters, please refer to them (the leaders, and the manuals).

Christine Jensen has circulated 2026 prayers for Australian Council (for each day of the month) to be included in your prayers whether as a branch, or individually. Your branch leader should have one. As always, Christine also included these words:

“Prayer is a precious gift isn't it? We can bring all our requests to our Heavenly Father and he hears them. I love the Wave of Prayer as it widens our vision to pray for our Mothers Union members across the world. To think that there are 4 million members praying for us here in each of our dioceses is humbling.”

MU Calendar Dates MU Melbourne, and Executive office bearer list are available, as is the January 2026 Newsletter presented by our Australian President, Robin Ray. All can be obtained from your branch leader.

Mary Sumner House (MSH) has sent a 150-year prayer book “Lighting The Way” thank you. As you can imagine, from worldwide input, not all prayers could be used, however they do tell us to be reassured that the prayers not selected for publication will still be thoughtfully used and shared through the online platforms and other services, with proper acknowledgement wherever appropriate. The book can be purchased but, unfortunately, not available for postage to Australia (I tried).

We received correspondence from Mary, our Karen Nursery Schools (KAMB) contact. They send thanks for the funds recently received, and are ever thankful for our financial support, and in Mary's words “the way you value us”.

A Reminder that Fees/Subscriptions \$45.00 are due in February. For Treasurers; funds can be paid by Cheque, made out to Mothers Union Diocese of Melbourne and posted, along with corresponding forms to:

**PO BOX 7097
Wattle Park Vic 3128
or
Direct Credited to our Diocese ADF Account:
Mothers Union General Account
BSB: 703-122 Account No: 05000420**

If Direct Crediting, reference your ***name, 2026 subs, and branch*** if possible (we know space can be limited) so funds can be identified, and send us an email including the forms, or to advise forms have been sent separately: **office@mumelbourne.org.au** so we can update our records. Members can individually direct credit fees if more convenient than going through a branch - same procedure. ***Contact me if you are unsure.***

Dates of MU Happenings around Melbourne:

Wednesday 4th February 11am. Diocesan Members Meeting/Gathering. Canons Vestry St Paul's Cathedral.

Friday 6th March 10.30 am. World Day of Prayer. Topic is Nigeria "I will give you rest". St David's Uniting Church 128 Parkers Road Parkdale.

Lady Day Celebrations are being finalised and will be advised as soon as possible this month (Feb).

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT COMING UP. PLACING IT IN THE NEWSLETTER IS NOT JUST NOTIFYING THOSE WHO MIGHT LIKE TO ATTEND BUT LETS US ALL KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE MU MELBOURNE DIOCESE.

Wishing everybody a Safe and Peace-filled 2026,

Karen