



**ENCOURAGING
FAMILIES
THROUGH
FAITH IN ACTION**

2. Leadership and Cultural Change

Commitment Two:
Our church leaders commit to ensure conditions that support the prevention of violence, a church culture that promotes equality, and support for those who experience violence.

Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia.

'Every older person has the right to safety, respect, and healthy relationships'
Relationships Australia

**CELEBRATING
150 YEARS OF
MOTHERS'
UNION**

**Join Us, Join In!
Lighting the way for
Generations to Come**

DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PORTFOLIO

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► **DID YOU KNOW?**

1 in 6 older people will experience some kind of elder abuse in their lifetime. The World Health Organisation defines elder abuse as 'a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person'. Framed another way, 'Elder abuse is any act that causes harm or distress to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust.' *Relationships Australia*.



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – 15 June

Elder Abuse is a recognised form of Family and Domestic Violence. Learning about and sharing information on Elder Abuse is a positive step that we as Mothers Union can undertake within our branches, our parishes and our communities.

- We can look out for forums that are hosted by agencies within our community and encourage members and/or parish leadership to attend, depending on the focus of the forum.
- We can invite a guest speaker to come to a branch, regional or diocesan occasion
- We can work with a local agency to host an information session for members of not only our branch, but also our parish and our community.
- We can become informed about the contact details of local agencies that can help us or others who may be experiencing or at threat of experiencing Elder Abuse.



**DAYS TO CELEBRATE
DAYS TO ADVOCATE
DAYS TO EDUCATE
DAYS TO REFLECT**

What kind of days will you have in your Diocese and Branch?