



# ***SPEAKERS' CORNER***

...your internal newsletter for ABM happenings around the country

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are a wonderfully diverse group: in the length of our service; the ways we have served; the roles we have filled; and where we have served. For many the journey has been a multi-faceted one. I greatly value all your knowledge and wisdom. And so it is sad when we farewell people from their role as Diocesan Representatives.

Last month ABM accepted the retirement of 3 faithful ABM supporters as Dio Reps: Bill and Judy Howarth (Armidale) and Janet Mills (Riverina). Please join me in thanking them for their wonderful service to ABM as Dio Reps and for their ongoing support of ABM in unofficial ways in their home parishes. Janet enjoyed both her Auxiliary and Dio Rep roles and Bill says they'll miss the interaction and fellowship at the Conference – and we will miss them. May we join them in praying for a replacement eager to take up where they left off and continue to promote ABM within these 2 Dioceses. Likewise, please pray for Gippsland and Bathurst Dioceses who are currently without official Dio Reps.

This month, I hope you enjoy reading about Perth Diocese's recent activities. As always, there is lots happening around the Dioceses, but I'm sure there is more that I don't know about. So please, drop me a line to tell me what's going on!

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### **Speakers' Prayer**

*Almighty God, as we engage with our listeners around Australia, may the gifts that you have taught us give us the confidence to spread your word and bring the work of ABM into the hearts of all Australians. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

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## ***FOCUS ON – Perth Diocese***

In late May, the Perth ABM Committee was pleased to host **Clagel Nellas** - the Executive Director of the Independent Church of the Philippines' development arm (known as **VIMROD**) and ABM's Education Missioner Brad Chapman for 2 events to showcase VIMROD and promote ABM:

**Tuesday 29 May** Clagel addressed *62 guests* at a **Dinner Church** event hosted by St Andrews, Subaico, sharing her perspective on the importance of partnership and community development activities that transform livelihoods and overcome barriers to sustainable development. It was a huge success, and over *\$1000 was raised* for ABM to continue their partnership with VIMROD.

**Wednesday 30 May** Clagel and Brad attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Perth **WonTok Youth Poverty and Development Conference** at All Saints College Bull Creek. Previously organised by ABM and UnitingWorld staff, this year a small ecumenical group from WA took the challenge on. The event was attended by *88 students and 11 staff from 9 schools* and was well received with 97% of participants saying that they found it to be "Very Helpful" or "Helpful" in understanding challenges around global development and the Sustainable Development Goals. The Perth Committee say *"If you are interested in hosting an independently organised WonTok event, we can highly recommend it, and would be pleased to help answer any questions you might have around the process for doing so - just get in touch!"* Please contact Meagan if you are interested or would like more information.

## ***APPEALS UPDATE***

### **ABM Tax Appeal 2018**

Focusing on empowering women and girls in Kenya and Zambia through supporting 2 projects  
 Please see the [Tax Appeal website](#) for more information

# AROUND THE TRAPS\*

<b>DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS</b>		
Diocese	Upcoming	Reports*
<i>* Reports only cover previous 2 month period</i>		
<b>Adelaide</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	<b>22/7</b> Meagan Schwarz speaking at St Richard's Lockleys <b>29/7</b> John Deane speaking at St Peter's Cathedral <b>3/8</b> Auxiliary Lamington Drive <b>2/9 Martyrs Day / Coaldrake Award</b> Event details TBC <b>Late Sept</b> Auxiliary fundraiser morning tea/lunch <b>8/11</b> Thanksgiving Day	2/5 Auxiliary Film Morning fundraiser at Capri Theatre "Finding Your Feet" Mar – \$2650 raised from 8830 palm crosses made and distributed to parishes across Adelaide and other Dioceses. Mar – \$680 raised from sale of spring bulbs and palm crosses 16/3 Auxiliary AGM, St Saviour's Glen Osmond
<b>Armidale</b>	Nothing scheduled	29/3 16 people attended the Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, followed by a celebration of the Last Supper with the stripping of the alter. \$165 raised.
<b>Ballarat</b>	Nothing scheduled	14/5 AWG & ABM Annual Conference Christ Church Warrnambool 14/4 Ordination of 4 Deacons, stoles and info packs presented
<b>Bathurst</b>	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> <b>July</b> Speaking Engagement at Cowra AWA Fellowship Group	14/4 50 people attended 50th Anniversary of AWA. A "placemat" promoted the ABM Auxiliary Project for 2018 giving information about the project and PNG. Retiring collection of \$300 donated to 2018 Project
<b>Bendigo</b>	Nothing scheduled	25-26 May Synod – mouse mats and other items distributed
<b>Brisbane (Southern QLD)</b>	<b>3/6</b> Ken Spreadborough speaking at Rosewood and Marburg Parish <b>10/6 Maryborough Auxiliary</b> Centenary Service Celebration, with John Deane <b>13/6</b> Lynette Keys speaking at MU Gold Coast South <b>15/6</b> ABM Auxiliary Missionary Lunch, Bishop-elect John Roundhill guest speaker <b>July</b> Arthur to speak at Buderim Parish <b>Aug</b> Greg Henderson speaking at Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell <b>5-7/10</b> Synod <b>TBC</b> ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston	27/5 Ken presented Coaldrake Award to Canon Brian and Margaret Lynes at Tamborine Parish 25/5 Bishop Jeremy Greaves presented Coaldrake Award to Monty Morris at Buderim Parish 6/5 Coaldrake Award presentation and speaking engagement, Booval Parish 18/4 Ken spoke to 20 MU members at Palm Beach 15/4 Coaldrake Award Presentation St John's Cathedral, Brisbane 14/4 Consecration Most Rev John Roundhill 14/4 25 people attended Mission Support Breakfast, St Andrew's Lutwyche. \$600 raised.

## DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports*
	<b>Committee meetings</b> 9/5, 13/6, 11/7, 8/12, 12/9, 10/10, 14/11, 12/12 <b>Auxiliary meetings</b> 18/5, 15/6, 20/7, 17/8, 21/9, 19/10, 16/11	11/3 Greg H spoke to 85 parishioners at Kawana Waters, \$1500 pledged 7/3 Installation at St Mark's Buderim – stole jointly presented by Grafton and SQ Dio Reps <i>Committee meetings:</i> 9/5, 11/4, 14/3 <i>Auxiliary meetings:</i> 18/5, 20/4, 16/3
<b>Bunbury</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Canberra &amp; Goulburn</b>	<b>1/7</b> Bishop Sarah Macneil speaking at St Albans Woden <b>23/9</b> Bishop Saran speaking at St John's Wagga Wagga	No news
<b>Gippsland</b>	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Grafton</b>	<b>15-17/6 Synod</b> display table and materials to be organised	17/5 Janice spoke to 17 people at Mission & Ministry Region South meeting, Macksville 26/5 70 people attended Fundraising Lunch and listened to +Cam Venables speak and sing. \$1200 raised
<b>Melbourne</b>	<b>17/6</b> Brett Collins Speaking engagement, St Margaret's Eltham <b>Committee meetings:</b> 25/6, 6/8, 3/9, 22/10, 3/12	7/5 Committee Meeting 6/5 John Deane preached at St John's Camberwell
<b>Newcastle</b>	Nothing scheduled	10/5 Stoles presented to newly consecrated Assistant Bishops
<b>North Queensland</b>	<b>9-10 June</b> Synod	No news
<b>North West Australia</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Perth</b>	<b>17/6</b> Rev'd Lionel Snell speaking at Nedlands Parish	30/5 Wontok Conference, All Saints, Bull Creek 29/5 62 people attended Dinner Church with guest speaker Clagel Nellas, IFI-VIMROD, raising \$1065 for ABM's work in the Philippines 18/3 Ven Lionel Snell spoke to 65 parishioners at St Andrews Anglican parish, Riverton – Shelley
<b>Riverina</b>	<b>16-17 June</b> Synod	No news
<b>Rockhampton (Central QLD)</b>	Nothing scheduled	18-20 May Synod – motion passed, ABM speaker and documentary shown, mouse-mats distributed with other items on display table
<b>Sydney</b>	<b>24/6</b> John Deane preaching at St Peter's Cremorne	31/5 Coaldrake Award presentation at Associates AGM 23/5 Auxiliary meeting

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	<b>4/7 Fundraising Lunch</b> , St John's Balmain, Robert McLean speaking <b>23/9</b> John Deane preaching at St Luke's Mosman <b>26/9 Auxiliary Annual Mission Morning Tea</b> , Christ Church St Laurence	6/5 John Deane preached at St James' King St 12/4 Committee Meeting 14/3 John D spoke at St James Institute
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>1-2 June</b> Synod	29/5 Committee meeting - \$80 collected from contributions to lunch
<b>The Murray</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing Scheduled <b>9/9 Anglican Expo</b> at Seacombe Churches' Centre	25-26 May Synod – mouse mats and other items distributed on display table
<b>The Northern Territory</b>	Nothing scheduled	29 May-1 June Diocesan Festival – ABM display table in Cathedral
<b>Wangaratta</b>	<b>22-23 June</b> Synod	No news
<b>Willochra</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	25-27 May – Synod, promotional items distributed at display table

<b>PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS</b>		
<b>Province</b>	<b>Upcoming</b>	<b>Reports*</b>
<b>New South Wales</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Queensland</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>27/7</b> SA Provincial Dinner (in conjunction with Dio Reps Conference) with guest speakers +Cam Venables and Rev Christy Capper	2/5 Provincial Committee Meeting
<b>Tasmania</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Victoria</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Western Australia</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news

<b>NATIONAL HAPPENINGS</b>
<p><u>Upcoming</u>  <b>ABM Board Meetings, Sydney: 2018</b> 1-2 Jun, 14-15 Sept, 30 Nov-1 Dec  <b>Diocesan Representatives Conference, Adelaide</b> 27-29 July  <b>National Auxiliary Council Meeting, Sydney</b> 12-13 September  <b>ABM Board Dinner, Sydney</b> 14 September  <b>ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney</b> 30 Nov</p> <p><u>Reports</u>  Associates AGM and Friends of ABM Function, Sydney 31 May  Transforming Service Conference, Melbourne 12 April. To learn more about this Conference, visit <a href="http://www.transformingservice.com/">http://www.transformingservice.com/</a>  ABM Board met on 9-10 March</p>

# **AT A GLANCE CALENDAR**

<b>June</b>	W/B 1 <sup>st</sup>	W/B 8 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 22 <sup>nd</sup>	W/B 29 <sup>th</sup>
Friday	<i>Nthn Territory</i> Dio Festival <i>Tasmania</i> Synod ABM Board Mtg		<i>Bne</i> Auxiliary Lunch <b>Synods</b> <i>Grafton,</i> <i>Riverina</i>	<i>Wangaratta</i> Synod ↓	
Saturday	<i>Tasmania</i> Synod ABM Board Mtg	<i>Nth Qld</i> Synod ↓			
Sunday	<i>Bne</i> Speaking Engagement	<i>Bne Dio</i> <i>Maryborough</i> <i>Auxiliary</i> 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<i>Melb, Perth</i> Speaking Engagement	<i>Syd</i> Speaking Engagement	
Monday				<i>Melb</i> C'ttee Mtg	
Tuesday					
Wednesday		<i>Bne</i> C'ttee Mtg, Speaking Engagement			
Thursday					
<b>July</b>	W/B 1 <sup>st</sup>	W/B 8 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 22 <sup>nd</sup>	W/B 29 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday	<i>Cbr&amp;Gbn</i> Speaking Engagement			<i>Adl</i> Speaking Engagement	<i>Adl</i> Speaking Engagement; <i>Diocesan Reps</i> <i>Conference</i>
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday	<i>Syd</i> St John's Balmain Fundraising Lunch	<i>Bne</i> C'ttee Mtg			
Thursday					
Friday			<i>Bne</i> Auxiliary Mtg	<i>Adl</i> Provincial Dinner <i>Diocesan Reps</i> <i>Conference</i> ↓	
Saturday					
<b>August</b>	W/B 1 <sup>st</sup>	W/B 8 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 22 <sup>nd</sup>	W/B 29 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday		<i>Bne</i> C'ttee Mtg			
Thursday					
Friday	<i>Adl</i> Auxiliary Lamington Drive		<i>Bne</i> Auxiliary Mtg		
Saturday					
Sunday					
Monday	<i>Melb</i> C'ttee Mtg				
Tuesday					

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