

## "So much more than cups of tea"

St Andrew's Mothers' Union (MU) members have been willing and active supporters of Thread Together at Indooroopilly from its very early days.

MU is a network of some 4 million Anglicans worldwide, with a shared passion for grassroots social justice. Despite their name, members internationally are women and men, single and married, grandparents and younger adults,

At St Andrew's, MU comprises a special group of women who bring their time, energy, skills and focus to supporting others through Thread Together and many other community activities.

For one of the group, Marjorie Gough, this is part of a century-old family tradition of service. Marjorie's mother was a member of MU in Belfast for more than 50 years, and Marjorie herself has been a member since the 1970s in locations across Queensland from Cairns and Mt Isa and now in Brisbane.



"It's a privilege to work with these women", says Marjorie (pictured left in the hub),

Local MU President Helen Zappala agrees.

"MU is about growing loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships, and helping out where families are struggling," says Helen.

As a [recent article](#) noted - MU is so much more than cups of tea. Our Thread Together team is all the richer because of that.



## Congratulations Kate!

A huge congratulations to Kate on her success at the recent Anglicare Staff Excellence Awards. Kate won a well deserved Individual Achievement Award against some very tight competition. (Kate is pictured left with Anglicare Australia Executive Director, Kasy Chambers.)

### MU in action



## The hub hard at work *a note from Kate*

The Thread Together hub has certainly launched with a 'bang'. We have been running for three weeks now and have so far had 47 customers referred.

The response to the service is increasing and we are now opening on Wednesdays as well as Mondays to accommodate the growing number of referrals.

It is a respectful and dignified experience to watch people take their time selecting and trying on their new clothing, often coming out of the dressing rooms to check with the volunteers regarding the style or colour choice.



A participant in Communitify's ART SPACE class was inspired to create this wonderful image of the Thread Together van. Many thanks for sharing with us!

### *An invitation to you*

It's been a big year with much to celebrate! **Please join us for pre-Christmas cake and conversation** on Wed 7 Dec. at 10:30am at St Andrew's – no formalities, just a chance to enjoy each other's company in our lovely hub. Please RSVP to Kate by Monday 5 Dec.



**Thank you**



Many thanks to our local Member of Parliament, Michael Berkman MP, for supporting Thread Together through our successful application to the Maiwar Community Grants fund. The \$1078 grant will fund boxes and labels for children's boxed sets of clothing, to help us maximise the range of sizes and quantity of clothing we can stock in the space we have available. Each boxed set will contain a mini wardrobe of items for each age group, presented as a gift box (complete with Australian animal stickers) that we hope will be a delight for our younger customers.

## Become a partner

Our usual reminder that if you work with people who are doing it tough (in metro, regional or remote areas of Queensland), you can also apply to become a Thread Together partner. This enables you to place orders for new clothing directly on the Thread Together online portal, and have items delivered for free to your door. Contact Kate for help (klittmannkelly@anglicaresq.org.au) or apply quickly and easily at the onboarding form on the Thread Together website, at [www.threadtogether.org/apply-charity-partner-online](http://www.threadtogether.org/apply-charity-partner-online)

## Clothing hub bookings



Hub bookings are now available. Please go to our [booking page](http://anglicaresq.org.au/thread-together-brisbane-clothing-hub) [anglicaresq.org.au/thread-together-brisbane-clothing-hub] to refer your clients for a Thread Together clothing hub appointment.

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