

RURAL TASK FORCE ANNUAL REPORT 2005

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The Rural Task Force is a support group for religious engaged in rural ministry to some of the poorest groups in NSW. As the animator of the **Rural Task Force I** maintain loose communication with Task Force members throughout the year.

Our major activity is the organization of a rural ministry weekend held in a country town every two years. In 2002 *The Year of the Outback* our very first gathering was held in Carcoar –an opportunity for religious and their lay associates to gather, share and be enriched to continue their challenging and rewarding ministry. On the last weekend in October 2004 we again gathered at the Shalom House of Prayer in Carcoar.

Gathering of Rural Religious and Co-Workers

In planning in 2004 for the Gathering in 2006 we realised that

- a larger venue with single bedrooms was required;
- a date earlier in the year would be preferable;
- we had found our theme in *Nurturing the Seeds*.

Volunteers Joanna Healy osu and Ann McRae pbvm are organizing the 2006 Gathering, to be held at St Clement's, Galong on May 19-21, 2006. For those of us in the country, the dynamism and enthusiasm of the weekend is enriching, energising, challenging and thought provoking and provides us with a great opportunity for networking.

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