

# Wendy's Writings April 2025



*Forward into the future:  
with hope and love*



*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

Dear members and friends

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Marj Quartermaine who went to her eternal rest on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April. I presented Marj with a certificate in recognition of her 20 years of membership at the Bunbury Branch Christmas meeting last December. Marj was originally a member of our Williams branch. We will advise of funeral arrangements once they are known.



We had two wonderful Lady Day celebrations in Albany and Bunbury. I thank everyone who was involved in any way for their contribution and I give thanks to all our members and friends (both financial and otherwise) who attended our gatherings.

On both occasions Bishop Ian shared experiences from his recent visit to the Diocese of Kapsabet, particularly highlighting the role of Mothers' Union members in the life of the parishes within the diocese.

At our Bunbury celebration, our guest speaker Kelly, from Anglicare, shared details of the Standing Together workshop that is being offered to parishes in the dioceses of Bunbury and Perth to inform and educate on the issue of family and domestic violence and how as a community we can work together to end it. I shared aspects of this program to those present at our Albany gathering.

A copy of the Standing Together promotional flyer is attached. I encourage members to talk to the leadership of their parish about the possibility of inviting Anglicare to present this workshop to your parish and wider community. You may choose to arrange the workshop for one of your regular meetings and invite parishioners and community members to come along, or you may be able to support your parish in holding a workshop at some other time. Anglicare will be presenting these workshops between now and August 2026.



At our executive meeting held in Bunbury just before Lady Day, some time was spent discussing membership structure and fees and in considering what the makeup of the executive might look like from the beginning of 2026.

We will be taking the result of our deliberations with regard to membership to the AGM in October for consideration so that any changes that are agreed by members and adopted can be implemented from the beginning of the 2026 year.

You may recall that in my March newsletter I shared information from the new AMUA Handbook on the make up of diocesan executives. Your executive spent some time discussing this and what we feel is necessary for the good governance of Mothers Union in our diocese. The first part of the Handbook statement, on what is essential, mirrors our thoughts:

Diocesan Executive shall comprise at least 3 people including but not limited to:

**Diocesan President**

**Vice President**

**Diocesan Secretary\***

**Diocesan Treasurer\***

\* Please note in smaller dioceses the President cannot hold a dual role, but Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person.'

With regard to other possible positions within our diocese, the following is a summary of our current thoughts:

**Prayer and Spirituality** – an essential role in the diocese but, while desirable, the person filling this role does not need to be a member of executive

**Overseas and Northern Outreach** – this is not currently an active role and the distribution of information received from AMUA can be managed by the core executive members

**Promotion and Communication** – this is not currently an active role and the distribution of information received from AMUA can be managed by the core executive members

**Social Issues and Action** – in its current form, this role is not essential and the distribution of information received from AMUA can be managed by the core executive members

**Publication** – an essential role in the diocese but, while desirable, the person filling this role does not need to be a member of executive, as is currently the case

While it is highly desirable that we have an executive that is made up of more than three or four members (being the core office holders), having an executive at all to lead our diocese into 2026 and beyond will not be a reality unless we have people willing to offer themselves for positions.

I ask each member to prayerfully consider who they will encourage to nominate for a role on our 2026-28 executive. If there is not a member within your branch whom you feel able to encourage, is there someone you know who is not currently a member of Mothers Union whom you might talk to.

Your current executive is more than willing to answer any questions about how their roles are currently managed and we would welcome expressions of interest from people who may like to consider nominating for any role.



As we come to the end of Lent and prepare for the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day, we are also continuing our journey with Hope25. Along with many others I have been participating in two study groups who have been working through the Hope25 Lenten Study. I have been sent a Hope25 reflection prepared by Judy Lundie for the Dunsborough Branch which I am able to share with you in an attached document with Judy's permission. You may like to consider how you can use this at a branch meeting in the coming months.

A reminder that you have the opportunity to participate in the AMUA survey regarding the Northern Outreach grants given each year to the dioceses of Northern Territory, North Queensland and North West Australia. This is the link:

[https://qualtricsxmtt3xxm6cd.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3U9HINlgRptewLk](https://qualtricsxmtt3xxm6cd.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3U9HINlgRptewLk)

A printable copy can be provided for those who are unable to access the online version. The survey will close at Easter.

Do you have any comments or suggestions with regard to the MiaMia? Are there aspects that you really enjoy, ones that don't seem to have much relevance? Do you think an A5 version similar in size to the prayer diary would be OK? Are there other ways of presenting what we currently have in the MiaMia? I am currently compiling some thoughts to share with the editor Christine Brain and would be happy to include the thoughts of others.

I have attached to my newsletter the flyer for our new AMUA Overseas Target Project, Adult Literacy in Melanesia, which will see us fund Literacy Circles in three dioceses in the Solomon Islands. I commend this project to you. I would be happy to visit branches to give a presentation on Mothers Union literacy projects world wide and our target project in particular.

Every blessing

Wendy Mabey  
Bunbury Diocesan President,  
Anglican Mothers' Union of Australia  
mubunburypres@gmail.com



*God of Hope*

*you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;  
by your spirit awaken in us  
a true vision of your kingdom,  
a greater certainty of our salvation, and  
a deeper dedication to your service;  
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may  
bring many who are lost to be found,  
and for them to celebrate the hope  
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen*