

Wendy's Writings July 2025



*Forward into the future:
with hope and love*



“Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It’s about impact, influence, and inspiration.” – Robin S. Sharma, leadership expert and author

Dear members and friends

Friendship Day is almost here. We have 20 members planning to come together in Boyanup on Friday 11th July. If you receive my newsletter before our day and have not yet indicated your attendance, please know that you are welcome. Those coming are also welcome to bring a friend whom you would like to share the day with. Just send me a short message by phone or email to let me know. I look forward to welcoming members and guests to Boyanup.

Sadly, we will not be joined by members from Busselton and Dunsborough as many will be attending the funeral of Joy Poustie, a member who recently died. Busselton are also mourning the death of member Grace Lee, who joined MU in 1959, is being farewelled by members at her funeral which is taking place as I write to you all.

On 19th June I, and several other members of MU, attended the funeral of Doreen Hall, former Diocesan President. Two members have shared their memories of Doreen with me:

Sorry to hear of the passing of Doreen Hall, I have fond memories of Doreen and her gracious and gentle leadership of M.U. as Diocesan President. When she was social Responsibilities Co-ordinator she worked very hard to get M.U. members to adopt the yellow ribbon project promoting safe houses for children, unfortunately the programme did not get enough promotion from the wider community which was a disappointment. Doreen always expressed the thought that we had to constantly invite members to join MU and not just wait for them to express an interest.

Melva Browne

I knew Kevin and Doreen from their time in Narrogin. While I was Diocesan President I met them both again, at this time they were at Collie. I was searching for executive members so invited Doreen to join Mothers Union. She accepted and joined the Collie branch. Doreen being an ex-teacher had skills which would be beneficial to MU. She and Kevin both joined MU and both supported and encouraged areas of wider activities of MU, holding various positions on the Diocesan executive until she became diocesan president. Jane Sattler

Can I ask that you please uphold in prayer Sylvia and Tom Spicer, members of our executive. Tom is currently experiencing a period of ill health.

I ask the same for myself and Ian, as Ian is currently on unexpected sick leave due to illness. All being well, we will be taking holidays during the month of August while I undertake a tour of the Diocese of North West Australia with their diocesan president and her husband, sharing about Mothers Union at gatherings in Broome, Port Hedland, Karratha, Exmouth, Carnarvon, Geraldton and Dongara.

In exciting news, I have taken possession of our new diocesan banner. It is refreshingly contemporary in design and fabric, beautiful in its simplicity. The intention is that the banner will be presented to members and blessed by Bishop Ian at our Country Rally this year and then presented to the Dean to be hung in the Cathedral at Lady Day 2026.

I am awaiting costings for the display case that will protect our old banner when it is hung in its new location within the Cathedral. I am hopeful that I will receive the costings in the coming week. The company I am working with, which built a similar case for the Perth banner about four years ago, is delighted to be undertaking this project for us.

I am seeking photos of MU activities from this year for use in our annual report and for our diocesan article in the MiaMia which, as per the original national timetable, should be printed in the Summer edition.

The latest newsletter from Mary Sumner House contains the following opportunity for us all. As you can see in the information, registrations of interest in participating in this special project are required by Tuesday 15th July.

150 prayers for 150 years

To celebrate 150 years of faith and transformation in 2026, we are creating a special prayer book featuring 150 prayers across 15 inspiring themes - and we invite you to be part of it!

This is a unique opportunity to share your voice, your faith, and your heart through prayer. Your contribution could uplift and inspire our global community for generations to come. Join us in shaping a legacy of prayer to mark this historic milestone.

Please take time to [fill out the form](#) to register your interest before 15 July 2025.

Details regarding positions and the nominations and election process for our Diocesan MU for the 2026 – 28 triennium have been forwarded to all executive members and branch contacts. So far the conversations I have had with branch presidents have not been very encouraging regarding the willingness of members to offer themselves to undertake the roles we need to fill. If you would like to know more about how our Diocese is run and what you can do to contribute, please feel free to talk to any executive member or members of your branch.

I have not had any responses from branches regarding links that they have with Branches in other places, whether they be in WA, interstate or overseas. All diocesan presidents and O&NO coordinators are being asked to compile a list to submit for the National Overseas and Northern Outreach records.

I recently met with members of the Mandurah Branch to receive an update on planning for our 2025 Country Rally and AGM which will be held on Thursday 16th October. Further details will be available at our Friendship Day and will be forwarded to branch contacts.

Can I ask that members are diligent in using the mubunburypres@gmail.com address when sending me messages relating to MU matters. I am planning to rely less and less on my current westnet account and will be migrating away from its use to a different personal address over a period of time. I value your communications and don't want to miss any of them.

Every blessing
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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*