

Wendy's Writings

September 2025



*Forward into the future:
with hope and love*



"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." – Henry Ford

Dear members and friends

Ian, Dusty and I are back home after our time away in the Diocese of North West Australia. We combined our annual holidays with my attendance at nine events in seven different parishes in NWA to support their diocesan president as she shared information about Mothers Union. My role was to share how AMUA operates missionally through our Overseas and Northern Outreach department in funding projects in the three northern dioceses of Australia and in our region through the Overseas Target Fund. Many people had not heard of Mothers Union, with it currently only having branches in two of the communities we visited. We spoke at Bible study groups, at Sunday services, and at a family games afternoon. We also attended a pre-school music and play group.

Over the next six weeks in our own diocese we will be making preparations for our Country Rally and Annual Meeting. As of the end of August, we have only received nominations for the following diocesan positions for the 2026-28 triennium:

Vice-President
Prayer and Spirituality Co-ordinator
Editor, Mustard Tree

Essential roles which will need to be filled at our Annual Meeting to allow Mothers Union to have a leadership team moving into 2026 are that of:

President
Treasurer
Publications Officer

Please prayerfully consider how we might move forward as an organisation within our diocese and how you and your branch may be able to contribute to this.

Don't forget that branch reports are due to our secretary Jan Ritson and need to be submitted shortly so that they can be included in our annual report booklet.

There have been a number of newsletters and articles forwarded to branch contacts over the past month and I hope that these have all been shared with you. Newsletters from Overseas and Norther Outreach and from Social Issues and Action have been received. There have been Prayer and Spirituality Resources sent out. The Bishop's September newsletter has a number of articles that a particularly relevant to us. The MiaMia and Mustard Tree should be with you very shortly if you haven't already received them. Perhaps some of the articles may be starters for discussion points at your next branch meeting. Some will be suitable for reflection. Some may give you ideas for future program planning or for new projects to undertake.

From our international website:

Celebrating 150 Years of Mothers' Union

Join Us, Join In! Lighting the Way for Generations to Come.

As we look ahead to celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union in 2026, we invite you to be part of it. Whether you're passionate about social justice, prayer, community outreach, or simply want to connect with people who care, there will be a way for you to join us and join in!

key anniversary events

- **150th Celebratory Service** - St Paul's Cathedral, London. 10th June 2026 at 5:00 PM
- **Annual Gathering** - The Emmanuel Centre (next to Mary Sumner House). 11th June 2026, 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM

A link to tickets and more information will be available by the end of September 2025.

Global Gathering – South Africa, October 2026

We're planning a powerful international gathering to mark this historic milestone -and you could be there! In early October 2026, we will come together in South Africa for the Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary Global Gathering.

This will be more than a celebration - it will be a sacred space for gratitude, growth, and global fellowship taking place over three days.

Confirmation on exact dates, more information and link to tickets will be available shortly.

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*