

Wendy's Writings

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HOPE25

*Forward into the future:
with hope and love*



Encouraging Families Through Faith in Action 2026 AMUA Theme

Dear members and friends

As I reread the opening lines of my November newsletter, the phrase 'what a difference a day makes' came to mind, but in my circumstance, it was more in line with 'what a difference a few hours make'. For, only a few hours after I emailed out my November newsletter Ian had another stroke and was once again admitted to hospital. He is home now, going through a much slower recovery.

As a consequence, I have not been able to give Mothers Union the time and energy I would have liked in the final months of my leadership in the diocese. Plans to attend branch end of year gatherings have had to be set aside and I apologise to members for not being able to spend time with them.

The Summer MiaMia and the 2026 Prayer Diary are on their way from the printer in Queensland and, along with The Mustard Tree, should be posted to you in the not too distant future. With the support of branches providing up-to-date membership information, my review of our membership database is almost complete and will be handed over to Dunsborough Branch in time for them to undertake their first distribution.

I sincerely thank Beth Wootton, and those who have assisted her, for the ministry she has undertaken in managing the distribution of our magazines during my time as Diocesan President.

I also give my heartfelt thanks to all members of our diocesan leadership team, those who have served on the executive, and those who have undertaken responsibilities in a non-executive role over the past six years. As I said in my address at Country Rally, and as you will read in The Mustard Tree, we have each, to the best of our abilities, fulfilled the roles to which we were elected or appointed. As a person who believes very strongly in the model of servant leadership, for me this is reward enough. No further acknowledgement is needed.

At the top of this newsletter I have shared with you the Australian Mothers Union theme for 2026. Following some brainstorming at Australian Council in late October, all members were invited to take part in a postal vote as to which of the shortlisted themes should be

adopted. 'Encouraging Families Through Faith in Action' is the theme favoured by the majority of those who responded. As we embrace this theme in our activities we will continue to function within the AMUA framework of being inwardly nurturing to be outwardly focused, keeping our God as central to our lives as we reflect the AMUA aims and objectives in all that we do.

And so, I come to the end of my time writing to you. Over 6 years there have been 72 Wendy's Writings, 23 Mustard Tree Messages, 6 Synod reports, 6 annual reports and 6 Presidential Addresses, in addition to articles on behalf of our diocesan MU in other publications.

It has been a honour and a privilege to serve as Diocesan President and I thank you for the opportunity to serve. I wish you all a happy and holy Advent Season and Christmas. May you lives be filled with the hope, peace, joy and love that is gifted to us by God through Jesus Christ our Lord.



*Day is done
Gone the sun
From the seas, from the hills, from the sky.
All is well
safely rest
God is nigh.*

Every blessing

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