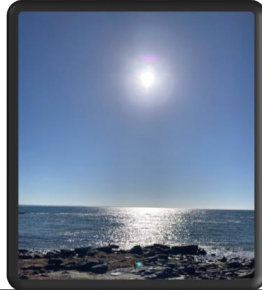




Wendy's Writings May 2024



**'Be salt and light:
Shine Brightly'**

Bless the members of Mothers' Union throughout the world, unite us in prayer and worship, in love and service, that, strengthened by your grace, we may seek to do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Dear members and friends,

At present we have 27 members who will be travelling to Perth to meet our World Wide President Sheran Harper and Jeannette Lawrence from Mary Sumner House on Monday 13th May. I have been advised that there are a few more tickets available so this number may increase by one or two by the close of bookings on Monday 6th May. Tickets and programs have been distributed to those attending.

I remind all who are travelling on the bus that these are the pick-up details:

- Depart Busselton St Mary's carpark at 5.30am
- Depart Bunbury Cathedral carpark at 6.30am
- Depart Mandurah Christ's Church carpark at 8.00am, this is allowing for a toilet stop
- Estimated time of arrival at Wollaston, Claremont, 9.15am.

Please bring your AMUA Prayer and Worship Book on the day so that you can participate in the opening service and Midday Prayers.

During the April school holidays executive sponsored a family who enjoyed a week in our van. Here is part of a message received from the family:

*It was so wonderful! We all had such a great time.
We cannot thank you enough for organising and supporting the holiday to occur.
We spent much time at the beach playing. Boys hired scooters and went into town for an adventure. B.. was able to do some of her filming for school. A.. happily rode his bike around camp with the other children. We played cards as a family.
Many blessings. M., A.. and family*

Following a visit to the Anglican Campsite the following week to inspect our caravan and meet with campsite manager Eric, Diane Hill and I recommended to our executive that we move to sell the current van and seek to purchase a replacement.

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The current van is a 1989 model which we purchased second-hand in 2013. It has had maintenance carried out over the years, the most notable of which was the replacement of the upper skirting in recent years.

The van has served MU and the wider community well and has many repeat customers who use it as a way to have an affordable holiday in Busselton. Sadly, it no longer presents in a good condition. While it is still serviceable, there is considerable wear and tear and I am not comfortable having the name of MU attached to a facility which is so obviously worn and in need of a high level of renovation and upgrade.

It is our hope that the van can be sold 'as is' to someone looking for a renovation project. If you know of anyone interested in purchasing a pop-top van, can I ask that they contact the Campsite and arrange with Eric for an inspection.

Executive has been putting money aside for this eventuality and so are in a good position to begin our search for a replacement van. Nevertheless, we will need to sell the existing van to raise what we consider to be a reasonable figure to be able to purchase an appropriate replacement. We are looking for a van with solid walls, rather than a pop-top. We would prefer to be able to find one which has some additional beds inside for family purposes but realise this may not be possible for the price we are able to pay. We are also intending to replace all the pots, pans, cutlery, crockery and other utensils with new purchases.

If members would like to make a financial contribution toward the purchase of the new van and/or its contents, you can make contact with Diane Hill to arrange your donation.

A reminder of our Friendship Day to be held in Boyup Brook on Tuesday 9th July. A copy of the program is attached with this newsletter. Our Friendship Day is for everyone, whether you used a mobile phone or electronic tablet or not. Please come and join us for a day of fellowship and learning.

I will be travelling to Sydney 20-23 May to represent you all at the Australian Council meeting. Members of Australian Executive, diocesan presidents, our Zone C Trustee Pamela Abana, Worldwide President Sheran Harper and MSH staff member Jeannette Lawrence, will all be present. We will consider motions to adopt a new AMUA Handbook and to undertake a review of the Northern Outreach Grant Program. We will take part in sessions on the foundations of AMUA, understanding AMUA finances, the AMUA framework, parenting in our dioceses, and engaging with the digital world, and we will hear reports from all the diocesan presidents on the activities of their members. I look forward to sharing what I learn with you all when I return.

Every blessing

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*Praying globally – serving locally
Supporting family life
Advocating for social justice*