

Wendy's Writings June 2025



*Forward into the future:
with hope and love*



Service is what prayer looks like when we get up off our knees and walk around the world– Michael, J Graham, S.J.

Dear members and friends

The Winter MiaMia is on its way from the printer so hopefully it will not be too long until it and The Mustard Tree arrive at your postal address. This year our national magazine is once again providing spotlight opportunities to each of the dioceses to share a little about themselves. It is the Diocese of Bunbury's turn in the Spring edition, and I need to have sent in an article by 22nd June. If you have any suggestions as to what I might include about Mothers Union in our diocese in the article, please forward your thoughts to me as soon as possible.

I have recently sent information to diocesan executive members and branch contacts regarding the AMAU elections for the 2026-28 triennium. Nominations close in early August and elections will be held at the AMUA Australian Council meeting in Sydney at the end of October.

Your diocesan executive has been giving consideration to executive position descriptions in preparation for our own elections. Details regarding positions and the nominations and election process will be made available as soon as possible.

As of 31 May, our financial membership is at 126 members, which includes 9 friends. From our 117 full financial members we are praying for a group of 5 – 12 who will accept a role on executive and lead us forward into 2026 and beyond so that we can maintain Mothers Union in the Diocese of Bunbury. With our own AGM being held in mid-October, there is a two month hand over period available between the existing and the new executive to ensure a smooth transition.

During May I was able to attend the Mandurah Branch meeting at which Anglicare WA presented the Standing Together workshop. As well as members of the branch, several parish clergy from both Mandurah and a neighbouring parish were present, as were church wardens and other parishioners.

The workshop presented an overview of the many different forms of domestic and family violence, how it can be recognised, and how we can respond and support those who have been abused. Feedback from those present suggested that it was very well received and new information was learnt. I am aware that at least three parishes in dioceses have presentations coming up in the next few months. Please let me know if your branch is involved in any of these.

I also ask you to let me know of the Links you have with other branches, 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.

Details regarding location and timing for our Friendship Day on Friday 11th July in Boyanup have been included in the upcoming edition of The Mustard Tree. A separate flyer with further details will be sent to everyone in the near future.

With Pentecost being celebrated on the 8th of June, our season of Hope25 is drawing to a close. However, this does not mean there is an end to the work that parishes and church organisations, including Mothers Union, should be doing in sharing the Hope we have in Jesus with others. We will be continuing to move forward into the future with hope and love.

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*