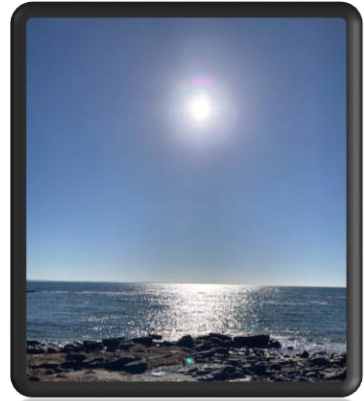




Wendy's Writings July 2024



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

Technology allows young children to engage and explore. When used appropriately, it allows them to participate actively in their education through playing and problem-solving. <https://mybrightwheel.com/blog/technology-in-early-childhood-education>

Dear members and friends,

It has been a relatively quiet past month for Mothers Union on a Diocesan level, following a very busy start to our year. As I mentioned in my last newsletter Ian, Dusty and I took the opportunity to have a short period of time away at the beginning of June, visiting three beautiful camping sites in the Murchison (along the Mullewa to Gascoyne Junction road).

I look forward to seeing as many of you as are able to travel to Boyup Brook at our Friendship Day on Tuesday 9th July. I remind you all that our day commences with morning tea at 9.45am in the Boyup Brook Club Function Room, cnr Railway Parade and Dickson Street. Dickson Street allows for level entry. Railway Parade access includes stairs. Please bring your own lunch and your AMUA Service and Prayer Book, along with your mobile phone/and or tablet device if you have either. Don't forget to wear warm clothes.

Please RSVP branch numbers to me by the end of this week.

Diocesan Executive will meet the day before and our agenda includes the following items:

1. Country Rally Friday Oct. 18th 2024, Albany
2. Caravan update
3. New Diocesan banner
4. State Gathering report
5. AMUA Australia Council report
6. Beyond 2024. State gatherings and committee
7. MU in our diocese – Visibility, Articulation, Relevance

If you would like to share your thoughts on any of these, or would like executive to consider any other matter, please send me a message. We will give a preliminary report of our discussions at Friendship Day and I will provide a full report of decisions made in my August newsletter.

Liz Byleveld is due to return home this week from Kenya and will be sharing her experiences as a volunteer with Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Kapsabet during her visits to the following branches and parishes:

July:

Thursday 11th – Dunsborough

Wednesday 17th – Albany, 1pm for 1.30pm, Dorothy Wood Hall, St John's Albany

Thurs 18th – Busselton, 1.30pm, St Mary's Busselton

Friday 26th – Mandurah, 10am, Christ's Church Mandurah

August:

Thursday 1st – Bunbury, 9.30am, St Boniface Cathedral Bunbury

There continues to be difficulties with the delivery of the Mia Mia from our printer in Toowoomba to varying dioceses. In our case the Winter 2024 edition will be sent to us all by Beth Wootton this week. Box one (with some 20 only copies) arrived a number of weeks ago but box 2 with the bulk of our copies only arrived at the end of last week. The Mustard Tree, put together by Priscilla for us in mid-May, will be delivered with the Mia Mia.

After a steep learning curve and some initial teething problems the Mount Barker branch in the Diocese of the Murray in South Australia has now begun to distribute audio copies of the Mia Mia via C.D. While to our children and grandchildren this may seem to be old technology, for members who are unable to read a print version of our national magazine it is a vital method of communication. The audio copy can also be listened to via the AMUA website.

Annie from Busselton has received the Mia Mia this way for many years, with the audio copies previously being produced by a member of the Coffs Harbour branch in the Diocese of Grafton. While at Australian Council at the end of May I arranged for a former member in our diocese to receive the Mia Mia this way. This week she shared with me the joy of having been able to listen to the Winter edition and I know that over time she is hoping to rejoin her local branch.

If you know of anyone who is unable to read the printed version of the Mia Mia and would like to receive an audio copy, please let me know.

Every blessing

Wendy Mabey

President

AMUA Diocese of Bunbury



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Supporting family life
Advocating for social justice*