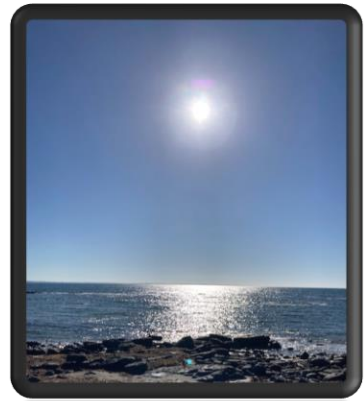




Wendy's Writings August 2024



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

*We are ambassadors of hope as we put our
faith into action every day.*

Lizzie Joyner, MSH

Dear members and friends,

It was a delight to see so many members gathered on a rather cold and wet day for our Friendship Day in Boyup Brook. I thank Rev Justine Richmond for her engaging and information workshop on Exploring God Through Technology. Following the positive response from those present I have asked Justine if she would be willing to share her presentation in other locations, and we are working towards possible presentations in Albany, Bunbury and Mandurah. We will share further information as details are finalised.

If you were not able to be present, you will be able to read about the day in both the August edition of To the People from Bishop Ian, and in the Spring Mia Mia. There may also be an article in our Spring Mustard Tree.

Also in To the People you can read about Liz Byleveld's presentations to branches and churches over the past month as she has shared her experience as a volunteer with Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Kapsabet. I thank Liz for her generosity in making herself available to travel around the diocese in the six weeks she is here between returning from Kenya and moving to live in Tasmania as she embarks on her next journey in answering God's call on her life.

You should receive a copy of Bishop Ian's newsletter from your parish. If this isn't the case, please let me know and I will forward a copy to you.

I have previously mentioned the session at Australian Council in May where we heard about the risks in cyber security and the challenges of those constantly seeking to scam us. This was also a point of spontaneous conversation at our Friendship Day. I, and several members of our executive, have now set up email addresses specific to our roles with the diocese.

Myself (president) – mubunburypres@gmail.com

Ann (prayer and spirituality) – mubunburyps@gmail.com

Priscilla (The Mustard Tree) – mubunburymt@gmail.com

We will endeavour to ensure we send all emails to you from these addresses. We ask that you also make every endeavour to use these addresses when writing to us. Please be mindful that if you type our name into your email 'to' line, you are likely to call up our personal addresses which your system will have remembered.

Executive met prior to Friendship Day and made a number of decisions:

- That we would not permit the hiring of our current caravan at the Anglican Campsite in Busselton. It is the opinion of the executive that the van has now deteriorated in its condition such that it is not appropriate for it to be in use. This was supported by members of Busselton Branch who had seen the van on a visit to the campsite
- That \$2000 would be donated to the AMUA Overseas Target Project in the Solomon Islands
- That \$2000 would be donated to the AMUA Northern Outreach Fund
- That the cost of the meal for members attending Country Rally in Albany in October would be subsidized such that members will be asked to pay \$30 each for their meal.
- That the separate account for publications operated by the Publications Officer will be closed and money transferred to the diocesan MU general account
- That in line with the policy of AMUA in regard to the Mia Mia, future editions of The Mustard Tree will require written consent from people whose photo is submitted for printing

The caravan is currently being prepared for sale, with minor works being undertaken. It will be sold as a 'renovators delight' and will hopefully go to market soon.

Our publications department will continue to operate as it has done, with the exception that instead of payments being made to and from an account operated by the Publications Officer, payments will now be made by our Treasurer from our general account and invoices for purchases will carry the relevant bank account details for this account.

I have commenced MU by Zoom for members who are no longer able to attend branch meetings due to ill health of themselves or their partners and our members who no longer have a close branch to attend. Our first meeting in mid-July allowed us to set parameters of what such meetings might look like in future. Our next meeting is scheduled for late August. We will share a service from the AMUA Prayer Book, have a short Bible Study, share prayer points of importance to us, and talk about our actions, however great or small, that we undertake as individuals which contribute to the mission of Mothers Union.

On 5th August I will be meeting with a textile conservator in Denmark to assess our banner and the steps (and costs) needed to undertake its restoration. I shall also be meeting with a textile artist to discuss the design and making of a new banner to hang in the Cathedral.

Every blessing

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