

Dear MU members and friends,
Some years ago, on my way to Parachilna, in the Flinders Ranges in SA, I stopped to take photograph of this unique advertising sign which provided me with a preview of the menu at the Prairie Hotel. What a choice! As a matter of



principle, I would never eat animals appearing on the Australian Coat of Arms and bush camel was likely to be too tough! It was a difficult choice to make but for patriotic and personal reasons, I choose roast lamb. No, it wasn't on the menu, but all country pubs can rustle up roast lamb! In this saltbush country, they thrive and have a distinctive delicious taste. It's not that I lacked courage to try a new form of food, after all, unless you are a vegetarian, all animals are theoretically edible and it's not that I had a personal relationship with any of the menu animals. In the end it came down to what would I prefer. The hotel staff were not in the least offended that I turned down their unique cuisine. It was my choice.

In our modern lives we have an enormous number of choices we can make. If you have ever been into a Starbucks Coffee Cafe, the menu of coffee blends, flavours, sizes, additions and milks covers a wall. Best choice in my opinion is hot chocolate.

The important issue, however, is that you can choose, even if all the alternatives are confronting. Our next MU meeting is about the choices, you need to make. At our age making our own choices is very important. Come along to learn how to make the best choices for you... roast lamb, not camel!

Love and peace, Irene

Our next Mothers' Union meeting is on:
Monday April 26th 2-4pm in the Parish Centre.
Please note this is NOT the ANZAC DAY holiday!

Diana Cerini will present on...
AGEING WELL, AGEING WISELY

Diana is a Client Adviser for Uniting Agewell, and she will discuss important matters for us to consider as we age.
What choices do we need to make, for our future life and death?
What information does your family need to know?
There will be time for your questions.
Afternoon Tea will be served.



A gold coin donation please, to cover the cost of printing the presentation packs.
MU members who missed the opportunity to sign up are still welcome to come.



If you fancy a trip to the movies? The latest Mothers' Union movie is free on YouTube, so click on the link below, which will open on YouTube. Bring your own popcorn & drinks!
<https://youtu.be/kERCG7y52mc>

MU Positive Parenting Program Update



Papua-New Guinea is suffering from a massive problem with Corovid 19 infections, especially in the crowded urban areas such as Pt Moresby where many people share accommodation with their *Wantoks* (people from the same tribe or language group). Therefore, limiting social interaction as a means of preventing transmission is very difficult. Health infrastructure in this extremely poor nation is at breaking point. Generous donations of vaccines will be needed to stop the progress of the disease. Needless to say our project is in the early stages of planning with little action yet. Our group made its first to support Positive Parenting, this month.

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If you missed the last MU meeting, you may have not received the latest issue of the Mothers' Union magazine. Please collect this from Irene at our next meeting.



April Birthday Greetings
Marg Taylor 4th.
Elizabeth Woods 11th.
Corry Leaver 21st.
Ros Sahar 24th.
Pam Knight 28th.

Best wishes for a happy birthday and blessings for the coming year.

When you pray, please remember that we are part of a complex and troubled world. Pray for:

The people of Myanmar (formerly Burma) where ethnic groups such as the Karen whom we have supported in the past, and young educated people seeking a just and free society are being killed by the military government. We have many refugees from Myanmar living in Australia who must be very anxious about this situation.

The Indigenous people of this land seeking a voice to express their needs and beliefs. Remember those families who still grieve for the loss of their children and relatives, who died in custody. Since 1991 over 400 individuals have died, 400 people who were unsafe in this land.

Pray for our MU members and their families

Briony Mainwearing returning home after many weeks in hospital and rehabilitation,

Pat Crossley home after a spell in hospital

Celia Gant suffering pain and limitations of movement.

A prayer at Easter ...The Power of Your New Life

Risen Lord,

be with me in the power of your new life.

Open me that I may grow in the Spirit

in love and understanding,

in knowledge and self-giving.

Let me receive your strength

that I may accept your trials

which I must endure with you.

Help me to treasure the revelations you bring

of the presence and power

of God.

Give the refreshment

of a new beginning

in his joy and glory.

Paul Iles in *A World of Blessings* (2000)