

SUSA NEWS

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Taking the good news of Jesus to a young generation



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Don't be Stupid!



Christians can get stuck in certain ways, traditions or methods of doing things. We can end up doing things in a way that is stupid. I wonder if this is why Jesus said; *"Be as wise as serpents and innocent as doves."* Matthew 10:16.

As I lead the ministry and mission of SUSAS I am acutely aware that we need to be wise and yet remain innocent in how we do things. The methods may change but the message never will - there is no compromising the message of the gospel!

Today we face increasing opposition to Christian and church involvement in schools. With less than 4% of South Australian children involved with a church, the need to be in the schools is greater than ever before.

We are working on new ideas, exploring new approaches, redeveloping existing materials and trying to be wise in how we continue to be active in schools.

For example, meet Adele and Dylan, who will be featuring in our new COP materials.

We are fighting a battle that is both spiritual and earthly. It is a battle to share the good news of Jesus, who is the "Only way, truth and life" (John 14:6).

All children need desperately to hear that news.

Please get behind the work of SUSAS like never before! Pray like never before, and give like never before!

I cannot thank you enough for your ongoing prayers, support and involvement with SUSAS. Together we will continue to see lives changed by the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Chris Battistuzzi | Executive Director



The Power of One!

Never underestimate the difference one person can make in the life of another. If you want to change the world, then think small, not big. Look around. Who do you see?

It starts with YOU. The power of ONE is the power of YOU. It begins with YOU. It also begins with ME. When you and me combine, it becomes WE.

That's the great thing about SUSAS! It's not just about the power of one. It's about the power of US! Together, WE ARE reaching more people with the good news of Jesus than we ever could alone.

So you see, it really does begin with you . . . Oh, and me too.

So . . . do you still want to change the world? Volunteer today to see how you can make a difference in the lives of young people.

It's your call . . . 8235 9500.

Arthur Economides | Marketing & Communications

Who could you bring?



In many parts of South Australia there are churches devoid of children and young people and we bemoan the fact. We are rightly concerned that these young people do not have, or take up, opportunities to hear the good news, but crucially, where are they

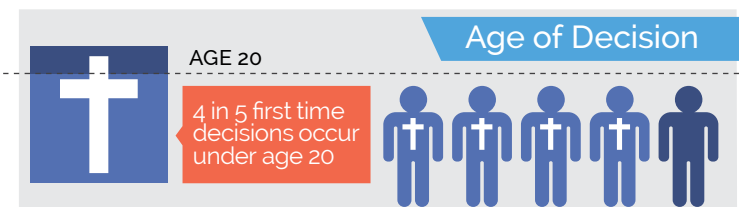
able to experience God and be part of a community of faith that envelops them and transforms their lives?

In a remote South Australian town, one Christian woman has been nurturing the faith of four teenage girls - three of them from non-church families. Looking to encourage their faith, she organised the girls to attend the SU Easter camp at Melrose. Fundraising by selling pens and car washing helped with the cost. After the long drive, the girls arrived at camp, not wanting to get out of the car, saying it was too scary and they didn't know anyone.

By the end of camp, WOW, what a difference! They were so excited and full of praise. "People are so friendly" they enthused; they loved the music, making friends and felt close to God in a way they hadn't before. Since returning home, they have continued friendships on Facebook with other campers and have asked to go again next year. Her response was to enlarge their vision by asking "...and who else could we bring?"

As we focus on schools ministry and outreach, please pray for SU programs, volunteers and for the young people. Pray that they too come to know God and join with us in sharing what is the essence of life - a living, loving relationship with Jesus.

Vivien Bleby | SUSAS Chairperson



The importance of gospel ministry to young people.

OVER 25,000 IN 2015!!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that SUSAS is a leading organisation in ministry and evangelism to young people in South Australia?

The statistics are in. In 2015 SUSAS staff and volunteers through school programs, camps and beach missions, shared the good news of Jesus with over 25,000 young people!

That's great news! But how many are yet to hear about Jesus? SUSAS is always on the lookout for passionate people who are willing to share the love of Jesus with young South Australians.

By supporting SUSAS either financially or by volunteering, YOU can help us reach even more young people in 2016.

Contact SUSAS today about how YOU can get involved.

Camps Rocket Ahead



SU SA has provided 42 camps in partnership with Second Chances since 2007. This partnership gives Prisoners Kids (PK's) an opportunity to experience God's love in a safe environment.

Les Dennis, SU's Missions Coordinator, is also the volunteer liaison between SUSA and Second Chances.

"Second Chances is the only organisation that specialises in activities for children of prisoners, but they didn't run camps. That's how SU got involved. It has been a real joy to see PK's hear the gospel story with trusting, loving and supportive volunteer SUSA leaders"

It's encouraging to see our volunteer leaders committed to ongoing leadership and building trust with vulnerable young people. Realising the importance of these camps, nine young campers have decided to become 'Leader's Helpers' with a view to providing future leadership.

SUSA continues to seek out capable men and women who can provide leadership on camps, and be strong role models for PK's. If this sounds like you, then please contact the SUSA office on 8235 9500.

Les Dennis | Missions Coordinator / Second Chances Liaison



Rocket-Man, Les Dennis, helps a camper put the finishing touches to his drink-bottle rocket.



SUPA Clubs Grow

It's great to see yet another SUPA Club begin to grow. Under the leadership of Glenys Sauturaga, a lunchtime group has taken root in the Tumbly Bay Area School.

"We used gardening as a way to illustrate the many verses that relate to seeds, planting, pruning, watering and growing. Each week students received a small tag to add to their key ring with a relevant verse from each session. The take home message is that 'God grows good things'".

Students were keen to learn and be involved in activities such as potting plants. These pot plants have been gifted to the school community from the SUPA Club, and are prominently placed along the entrance to the school office.

Term Two has begun and children are reading 'You Are Special' by Max Lucado. These children are discovering how God thinks about them, the world and others.

The SUPA Club is presented by volunteers from local churches with support from the Tumbly Bay Inter Church Council.

Glenys Sauturaga | SUPA Club Team Leader



30 First Time Decisions

Melrose Easter Camp was incredible. God touched and changed the lives of so many young people. There were over 20 first-time decisions for Christ, and at least 10 re-commitments! Many experienced the reality of God.

Stu and Kara from Youth For Christ, Darwin, were guest speakers. It was great to have both a male and a female presenter speaking at the same camp.

Next year, Nathanael and Natarnia Nieass will be taking over as Camp Leaders. Sarah and I will stay as mentors to help develop their leadership skills. We know they will do a great job.

Thank you to those who have supported us. God Bless.

Josh and Sarah Lines | Melrose Easter Camp Leaders

This year the South East Easter Camp moved away from Robe, to the community centre hub at Nangwarry.

Travis Johnson from 'Access the Story' led the spiritual input for the weekend. Many campers came to faith for the first time, while for others, the interactive experience brought some poorly understood aspects about the Old Testament to life.

A touching moment came when two boys carried a cross they had made for the Easter Sunday service.

Hamilton McNicol | SU Wired Youth and Camps Director

Introducing Cherith



We are very proud to present to you our new At-Risk Coordinator, Cherith Harvey. Cherith came to SU on placement from Flinders University as part of her Masters in Social Work.

She is passionate about working with young people, especially those who are at risk such as refugees, victims

of abuse, indigenous communities, and those who have experienced social and emotional trauma.

Cherith is a mother of two children, a qualified teacher, and she attends Parkside Baptist Church.

Please make her feel welcome.

Creative Arts Network



Those who know Lochy will agree that he's an out-of-the-box creative type. With Lochy in this new role, SU is exploring new possibilities for creative arts to be used in mission and ministry.

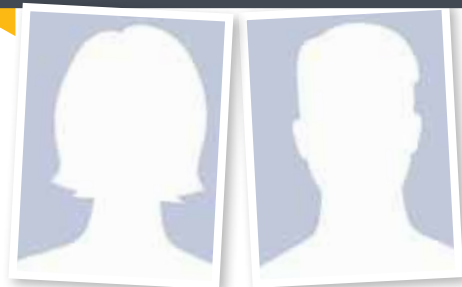
Areas such as school presentations, skits, drama, radio plays are on

the drawing board. If you are interested in Creative Arts Ministry, then please get in touch with Lochy:

lochy@susa.org.au or call the office on 8235 9500.

Lochy Cupit | Creative Arts Network

Positions Vacant



Does working with young people interest you? Are you looking for a way to combine your love for Jesus with your gifts and talents?

IF YOU answered 'YES' to any of the above, then read on!

SUSA is currently on the lookout for passionate people to be Volunteer Presenters. As a volunteer presenter, you'll be in a team of like minded, passionate people sharing the good news to children and young people in schools.

It's that simple. Volunteer today, and make a difference!

For more information contact SUSA Executive Director, Chris Battistuzzi, on 8235 9500.



AGM & Vision Day

Saturday August 6th

9:30am - 12:30pm

BCSA, 176 Wattle St Malvern, SA 5061

It will be a day for all ages. A children's program will be available, so bring the kids for a bunch of fun including a movie (G rated), games, colouring in and more.

Concludes with a light finger-food lunch.

Please RSVP to: 8235 9500 or info@susa.org.au

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Scripture Union South Australia



Youth & Children's Conference

Saturday 18th June, 2016.

Adelaide Christian Centre
27 Sturt Street, Adelaide CBD

What people said about YaCC 2015:

"It wasn't boring!" "NOT 'just another' conference!"
"Honest, raw & practical!" "You should've been there!"

For session details and online registration, scan the QR Code with your smart phone, or visit: www.susa.org.au/yacc



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