



## WE DID IT!!

On Saturday, November 2nd the SUSA office moved to 14 Adele Avenue, Kidman Park!!

After 2 years of negotiating and praying it's happened! Why? We now have a property which is in much better condition and we're all under the same roof!

You can still contact us on 8371 0811. Our emails remain the same.

## Elevating Ministry

The biggest development in SUSA's High School's ministry over the last 3 months has been the introduction of the much anticipated 'Elevate' Framework.

The Elevate Framework has had a great track record in Victoria of growing the relationship between a local church and school to such a degree that people flow in both directions continuously. The beauty of Elevate is that it keeps people growing wherever they are in their faith journey – This is SU at its best!

So it was very encouraging to have 11 people at the pilot training day for Elevate October 10th. All going well, SUSA will offer Elevate training twice a year for churches wishing to utilise this framework.



## DO [Something] Great this Summer!!

There are two great things about SU Family Missions.

**1st** Hundreds of families—grandparents, parents, children and youth—are met on their own turf by Christians who want them to know the most important thing in the world.

This summer, at six locations around the state there will be SUFM teams engaging people in caravan parks and communities with the gospel.

Many of those they meet will not have any significant church contact or Christian friends. Through the relationships that grow they will meet Jesus for the first time.

**2nd** Members of mission teams come back home with a fire in the belly for the gospel to make its impact locally. They've had some "on the ground" experience in evangelism, and have a deeper confidence in God's desire to communicate Himself. They have been trained in skills and thinking for mission today. They come back ready to be a blessing in their churches.

All this happens every summer. Missions are exciting for these two reasons. You could actually still be part of mission this year. Teams could use more members.

Teams would love more people praying for them. And SU would greatly appreciate more financial support to enable us to support these teams well. If you take up any—or all three—of these options, you will do something great this summer!

Mission dates this summer are:

Port Elliot: 26th Dec - 1st Jan  
Victor Harbor: 26th Dec - 5th Jan  
Tumby Bay: 3rd-10th Jan  
Moonta: 4th-10th Jan  
Port Vincent: 4th-10th Jan  
and Port MacDonnell: 7th-10th Jan

Contact SUSA Missions (missions@sa.su.org.au) for more information about how you can do this.

**Andrew Klynsmith**  
| Outgoing Missions Director

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## "This is SU at its best!"





## From the Director

Dear friends,  
Since commencing with Scripture Union five months ago, the time has literally flown by! SUSAs has given me a lot to get my head around, all the while adjusting to the South Australian way of life.

Of course, I am not the only one doing some adjusting as with any change of leadership, structures and systems come under review. Accordingly, some remodeling has taken place where we now operate under the structure of 'Roles' rather than 'Regions'. This allows our coordinators to concentrate on a specific area of the ministry (e.g. primary, high schools, camps, missions, etc.). The restructure also simplifies our administration and finance procedures.

Adding to the restructure, I am pleased to announce that SUSAs has relocated from Keswick to Kidman Park. After many months of seeking God, negotiating price and amending contracts we finally got there (or here)!

Now that the above is finalized, my attention is divided between 1) ensuring that SUSAs is on track in light of proclaiming the gospel, and 2) raising the funds required to do so; hence the theme of this edition is 'Proclaim'.

Friends, our only reason for being is to enable children, young people and their families the opportunity to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ. To this end we need your help! Currently our records reflect a substantial deficit for this financial year. As such I am asking that you would prayerfully consider making a donation towards the work - there has never been a time greater than this where schools ministry needs to be supported and promoted - please give generously.

Thank you in advance for standing with us in prayer and with your financial support - for without YOU, we cannot do what we do.

Every blessing,  
**Marc Wheway** | Executive Director

## NAB Partnership



We are excited to announce a new, ongoing partnership with the National Australia Bank.

For every new home loan, re-finance and consolidation of SUSAs members and supporters, the NAB will pay a referral fee of 0.4% of the loan amount to SUSAs at no cost to the borrower. This is a great way to support the ministry and mission of SUSAs while potentially getting a better deal for yourself.

For a free consultation, please contact NAB mobile lender, **Anara Muggleton**: on 0457 505 849 or [anara.x.muggleton@nab.com.au](mailto:anara.x.muggleton@nab.com.au)

**It is important that you let Anara know that you were referred to her by SUSAs in order for us to receive payment.**



## Partnership of Hope

Joy Quin, a member of the combined churches prayer group in Port Pirie writes;

"Amazing things are happening in Port Pirie, with grateful thanks to an amazing God. A group of people have been praying for almost two years for a new Christian bookshop and cafe, and for a youth drop-in centre.

The new bookshop is finally open, and the cafe is a work-in-progress. The youth centre should eventuate within a few months. All this is possible because of a newly formed partnership between all the churches of Port Pirie. It's called the 'Hope Partnership'.

Out of this union the Catholic Bishop of Port Pirie Diocese provided a very large building as a venue for the youth centre. A time of prayer was held in this building by an eager group of Christian youth, who want other young people of this city to know the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ."

God is greatly blessing this exciting new concept with many monetary and practical donations pouring in from all the churches. It is overwhelming to see so many prayers answered, but we ask for continued prayer that the gospel will impact many lives through the bookshop, cafe and youth centre.

**Jenny Lanyon** | Rural Development Coordinator



## Parting is...

At the end of July we said good-bye to one of our key staff-workers, Karen Ames.

In the time she was with us Karen gave herself whole-heartedly to God's people in the Western suburbs as she supported ministry, listened to and encouraged pastors and schools ministry volunteers. Her caring, godly character touched many and we pray she will be greatly blessed as she continues to impact others lives with God's love.



## The Changing Face of SUSAs

2013 has seen many staffing changes at SUSAs. These are the highlights:

In June Marc Wheway commenced as the new Director of SUSAs. Until then, Les Dennis was serving as interim Executive Director. Les continues with us, working with Prison Fellowship to support our PF-SU camps, and as SU Projects Manager, sourcing much needed funding through grants.

We welcome our new Administrative Assistant; Leanne Wissell (pictured), who will be working alongside Lisel How. Anita Mahood now works as both Field Ministry Assistant and Finance Assistant. Jenni Forder is now our Training Coordinator and has relinquished her Admin role;



Andrew Klynsmith has been working as Missions Coordinator this year but finishes in his role in December. Applications to fill this position are open;

Our regional and primary staff-worker roles have changed substantially:-

Lochy Cupit is now focusing on high school ministry, in addition to oversight of the PF-SU camps.

Chris Batistuzzi joins the SU staff as the Assistant Primary Coordinator. Karen Ames has left the staff team - It was a sad day.

Arthur Economides has moved out of his role as the Eastern & Southern Regional Coordinator, and is now focusing on promotion, fund-raising & marketing of SU;

Jenny Lanyon continues in her role as Rural Development Coordinator and maintains oversight of the primary work;

Glenys Tiller and Trish Hooper continue in their country regional roles;

Hamilton McNicol continues in his role as Youth Projects Coordinator including the junior and youth camps run in conjunction with Christian Endeavour;

Suzanne Conniff continues as Business Manager (Finance);

These staff role changes will affect our team supporters. If you have been a regular giver, please let us know if you'd like to change your support and who you would like to support in the changed staff set-up.

## SU/PF Camps



SU Prison Fellowship Camps have been through the wringer in the last few weeks, with sudden timing clashes and the sad withdrawal of one of our directors only a month before their camp was due to run. But it's clear that God hasn't given up on these kids - even when so many others have!

Some good organisation, tireless dedication, and just a little selfless heroism from our faithful volunteers has meant a successful Camp 4 Kids (with 19 campers), in late September, and Teen Girls and Younger Teen Boys are solidly on track to go ahead in November. Praise God!

**Lochy Cupit** | Highschool & Camps Coordinator





## From the Chair

The move of SU House from Keswick to Kidman Park has finally come. We hope you will be able to visit the new building soon! Normally there's nostalgia associated with a move like this, but the condition of the Keswick premises makes it hard to feel too upset(!).

The new building brings our staff together under one roof in a more modern and pleasant working environment. It also allows us to reduce our building mortgage. That's important, because our finances are under increasing pressure.

We need a significant boost in donations to continue to operate at our current level. Please be in prayer for our staff as they adjust to a new

environment. And pray, too, that God will continue to provide abundantly for our needs, as he has so graciously done in the past.

These endings and new beginnings at Scripture Union SA are a reminder of what God is doing in the world. Increasingly we live in a society without God and without hope. But there is hope! Not content with giving us life and breath, the Father sacrificed his Son to allow us to enter into new life, and into relationship with him. We bear good news. May God reinvigorate us all with a renewed sense of mission and calling and thrust us out into the world as agents of his reconciliation.

Regards,  
Allan Packer | Council Chairperson



## SU/Fiji Trip

For those of you who were not aware, each chapter of SU Australia provides support to specific Islands in the Pacific: Scripture Union SA has partnered with SU-Fiji.

Recently I visited our colleagues in Fiji to discuss the development of 14 acres of gifted land as a Youth Camp facility. The land is between Nadi and

Lautoka and has panoramic ocean views. Many matters were discussed including the establishment of a Board of Trustees to be responsible for the development of the campsite.

Stage one of the development is to build a kitchen, a meeting/dining hall, an ablutions block, and cabins. Contact with local builders and services was made with a view to procuring their assistance.

Fiji's economy is not good. Both SU-Fiji staff have had no income for at least a year and they rely on their partners earnings for survival. I made a commitment to assist wherever possible with the project. SUSA does not have the finances available to assist but will do all it can to generate local interest and support.

I plan to contact Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) for their help. In times past, RAWCS has worked alongside Rotary Fiji in the building of homes and community facilities.

Please pray for SU in Fiji as it continues to take the Great Commission to the children and youth of Fiji, pray for their finances, and for provision to pay staff and promote programs.

Les Dennis | Projects Manger



## UpsideDown Circus

Well, it's happened again: 21 churches, more than 250 volunteers and a couple of thousand kids (and their families), all coming together for the 'UpsideDown Circus'. This titanic event brings churches together all across the northern suburbs to show young people how Jesus puts our upside down world the right way up.

This year SU volunteers wrote and performed the kids' gospel drama in the main tent, helped out with the Junior Teen Zone, and (thanks to our Bible Society partnership) gave out hundreds of bibles and gospel resources. We also tested out our new partnership with Gloria Jeans with proceeds from the coffee cart going to support SU.

Lochy Cupit | SUSA rep, Northern Network



## \$ Finance

### What is your donation worth?

1) A tax-deductible donation of \$100 per month to schools ministry earns you a tax deduction of \$398 per year.

If you reinvest that tax deduction in addition to your regular monthly donation, your donation grows so that over the 12 years of a child's schooling you would have contributed \$14 400 to the Christian ministry of that child - and, what's more, the tax department will have contributed at least \$6 800 in tax refunds!

2) A donation of \$100 per month towards our mortgage reduces the life of the loan by 10 months, which means a saving of \$20 000.

A donation of \$200 per month translates into a loan life reduction of 1 year and 6 months, which saves us \$36 000.

A donation of \$300 per month reduces the life of the loan by 2 years and 2 months, which saves \$52 000 to be released back into for ministry to children, youth and families.

Every blessing,  
Suzanne Conniff | Finance Director

## SWOTTING? MADD?

SWOT and MADD Camps were a run with great success in the September school holidays.

SWOT was led for the first time by Steph Clapp, who had been a camper and then a leader stretching back over the last 6 years. Severe weather conditions didn't dampen activities in Halbury, and James Angove reported afterwards,

"Everyone is just so welcoming and that is exactly why so many of us regard it as one of our yearly highlights and not just 'a camp'. God tells us to show love, and that is exactly what we never fail to do at MADD Camp"

Steph Clapp | Camp Director



SWOT Camp was run for the first time since 2010. There was a great effort to promote and get the camp happening again by the whole team which resulted in a group of 24 people coming together at the Longwood campsite. Mike and Alex Newbury, first time camp leaders, did a great job as seen in the overwhelmingly positive feedback:

"This was a really great camp and helped me so much. It didn't just support me academically but also answered many of my faith questions and showed me how to involve God in everything I do."

Steph Wood | Camper





## SU Diary

Nov 2013 - Jan 2014

### NOVEMBER

2	SUSA moving to Kidman Park
6	COP at West Beach PS
7 & 14	COP at St Agnes PS
9 - 10	PF-SU Teen Boys Camp
23 - 24	PF-SU Teen Girls Camp
28	COP at Keithcot Farm PS
30	GENTS Leader's Training Day

### DECEMBER

5 & 12	COP at Keithcot Farm PS
13	Term 4 ends
18	SU Office closes
25	Christmas Day
26 - 1 Jan	Pt Elliot SUFM
26 - 5 Jan	Victor Harbor SUFM
29 - 2 Jan	CE Senior Camp
31 - 4 Jan	Moana SUFM

### JANUARY

1	New Years Day
3 - 10	Tumby Bay SUFM
4 - 8	CE-SU Camp Junior
4 - 10	Pt Vincent SUFM
4 - 10	Moonta SUFM
6	SU Office reopens
7 - 10	Port MacDonnell SUFM
20 - 24	GENTS Camp
26	Australia Day
28	Term 1 starts

## Blockes & Chic Reason to Ride



Blokes and CHIC continues to gain momentum in schools and has been used by over 20 schools around South Australia this year. Its success clearly is due to the increasing need for good role models who can help adolescents through this difficult stage in life.

But, what is the eternal value of the program?

Derek Schiller, Blokes leader and Waikerie Uniting church pastor, invited the local school principal to sit in on Blokes as he led it. Derek had already been developing a relationship with the school, like SU's new Elevate framework guides, but by involving the principal in Blokes, he said, "It was very easy to talk about deep issues of life".

At one point during the Blokes program, a boy shared of his anger with his father. Derek looked across to the principal and he saw a telling, hopeless, look on his face that said, "There's nothing we can do for you". Derek, however, saw this was a perfect opportunity to share the love of God. It was a key moment that showed the unique value that the local church, and faith in Jesus, can bring to the whole school community.

Following this, the principal told Derek he was returning to the Christian faith he had abandoned in his youth and was going to seek reconciliation with his estranged family. Derek has also been invited to share his faith with three other Riverland principals and many schools in the region have chosen Blokes and CHIC as part of their health curriculum every year with their grade 7s. This is great news!

Hamilton McNicol | Youth Coordinator



For my first time in my life I've decided to enter the SANTOS Tour Down Under, BUPA Challenge!! 154.5 Km's, stretching from Unley & winding it's way to the finishing line in Victor Harbour.

Just so you know, I've never ridden more than 107km's (in one day) in my life! Time to dust the cobwebs off my bike and start training!!

I think its a great opportunity to raise awareness and much needed funds for SUSA.

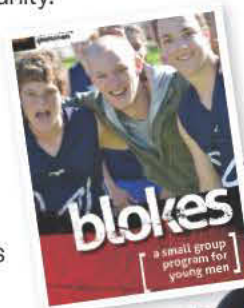
Interested in joining me? Well you can!

To cater for cyclists of varying levels of fitness the course has four different starting points; Unley (154.5 km's), Meadows (112.5 km's), Mount Compass (75.5 km's), and Yankalilla (33 km's).

I hope to raise at least \$5,000.00. Hopefully more! You can sponsor me by filling in the sponsorship form included with this edition of SU News OR you call SUSA office and make a donation.

For more information about the challenge, visit: <http://www.tourdownunder.com.au/bupa-challenge-tour-route-details.htm>

Every blessing,  
Arthur Economides | Promotions & Fundraising



## Camps Coming up!

Other Camps Coming up;

- CE Senior Camp (Dec 28th- Jan 2nd)
- CE Junior Camp (Jan 4th-8th)
- GENTS Camp (Jan 20th-24th)

While the SUSA website is under construction, more information can be found here about camps: <http://sa.su.org.au/wired/camps.html>

All SU camps will now be using the 'Go register' online registration system. Non-credit card payments are still possible by contacting the SUSA office.

