



# SU NATIONAL: FEBRUARY 2021 UPDATE

This year will be a significant season in the life of SU Victoria. In early May\*, SU Victoria, along with six other state and territory SU movements and ChildSafe, will have a members meeting to vote to merge and launch a new national SU entity.

## VISION AND MISSION IMPERATIVE

Our vision is that every child, young person and family in Australia has opportunities of transforming experiences with Jesus and a life-long journey of discipleship and service. We want to make God's Good News known and see lives changed in households and communities across our vast and diverse country. This change has been worked on by all SU states and territories for several years and is driven by a strong mission imperative and a continued desire to grow grassroots ministry and local partnerships. We are now ready to move ahead with the formal beginning of a new SU Australia.

SU movements around Australia have been blessed with passionate and energetic staff and volunteers and effective ministries. However, we are currently reaching less than 10% of Australia's young people and our capacity to build and expand is limited with our current state structure. Alongside this, many churches are struggling to engage children, young people and families, and help them grow towards resilient faith.

We believe by becoming a national movement, our people, ministry programs and resources will work with greater effectiveness and impact. Fit-for-purpose systems and streamlined processes will better support staff, volunteers and teams. Program innovation, creativity and specialist expertise will strengthen local ministry teams.

## SU VICTORIA

Our mission and our movement in Victoria is healthy but we know we must keep innovating, growing and adapting to continue fulfilling our mission.

Here in Victoria we had already begun moving to a new ministry model and this transition positions us well to join a national entity. Strengthening and growing grassroots ministry was key in the decision we made last year to transition to a regional whole of mission ministry model, better integrating existing local ministries in missions, camps, schools and communities. In the national merger, existing grassroots ministries – SUFM, Theos, KidsGames, CHAT Sport Camps, holiday camps, Coolamatong schools camps, brekky clubs, mentoring, Chaplaincy and volunteer schools programs, and SOAR Adventures – will continue to operate in similar ways.



In the months ahead we will progressively adapt our overall leadership structures and strategies, our branding and our systems in order to grow together nationally. Our staff are collaborating with colleagues from around the country to collate, develop and make resources available for engaging young people, equipping volunteers, supporting chaplaincy and providing life-changing experiences through camps and mission activities. It's a time of great energy and expectancy!

## JOIN WITH US

As a movement each one of us is part of God's work of transformation in the lives of children, young peoples and families through SU. Over the coming months we will provide regular updates on our new national journey via the SU website ([www.su vic.org.au](http://www.su vic.org.au)) and invite you to journey with us. If you have any questions, please contact us by email [su@suvic.org.au](mailto:su@suvic.org.au) or call (03) 9482 5700.

As you read this, the story of our new national movement is only beginning. We come together with a strong Kingdom vision, a shared heart and ministry culture, and with excitement for mission growth. We strongly believe that together we can increase the opportunity for children, young people and families to encounter Jesus in life-transforming ways.

Please join us in praying for this transition and for God's purposes through SU for young Australians. Every Thursday, SU Staff, volunteers and prayer partners from around Australia meet together online 12pm – 1pm to open the Bible and pray together. If you would like to pray with us, please let us know and we'll send the link for these gatherings.

Thanks for being part of Scripture Union!

God bless you.



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Board Chair



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*On behalf of the SU Vic Board and Leadership Team*



*\*The member vote date has been deferred to May due to court delay.*