



SU NATIONAL: MAY 2021 UPDATE

JOINING SU AUSTRALIA

I'm excited let you know that SU Victoria is joining Scripture Union Australia! Last weekend SU Victoria Company Members met together and voted 'yes'. This means that from 1 June 2021, we will join into Scripture Union Australia.

Our vision as an Australia movement 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.

Working with churches, we will continue to help children, young people and families experience God's love and Good News through missions and camps, in schools, and in local communities. The ministry you have invested your time, prayer, and finances in is ongoing. We're so glad you're part of SU! We invite you to continue to serve, pray and give generously.

As you read this update, will you join me in praying for our future as a national movement and for children, young people, and families to experience God's love and Good News.

SCRIPTURE UNION AUSTRALIA GROUP CEO

Peter James has been appointed as Scripture Union Australia's first Group Chief Executive Officer. Peter loves the mission of Scripture Union! He was an SU camper and ISCF-er through school, and an SU camp leader and beach mission leader through his 20s. Since 1999, Peter has served as an SU volunteer, board member, and staff member.

"The mission God has given Scripture Union is life-transforming. It certainly transformed my life, and helped me learn to meet God daily through the Bible and prayer: something I still treasure every day."

Peter is first and foremost a spiritual leader with a heart after God, who encourages his staff to actively spend time daily in prayer and reflecting on the Scriptures. In addition to his wealth of experience in the not-for-profit, legal, and business sectors, Peter's passion for SU's ministry is so clear to see. This passion is demonstrated in years of experience and transformational results, including nine years as CEO for SU QLD. Peter led SU QLD as their CEO and in parallel has also led our national merger process to form Scripture Union Australia.



Peter James
Group CEO, SU Australia

SOUTH ZONE

From 1 June 2021 Victoria, along with the SU movements in ACT, South Australia, and Tasmania will come together as SU Australia's South Zone. The South Zone will be led by Ana Davy, as part of the SU Australia Executive Team. Ana fell in love with SU on her first camp, as she experienced the love and acceptance of Christian



*Ana Davy
Group Director, South Zone*

community. Since then she has been involved in SU for nearly 30 years as a participant, volunteer, and staff member serving in nearly every aspect of its ministry. Ana has a strong track record in SU leadership including 5 years as the SU ACT State Director and most recently as the Program Lead in the National Transition Management process. Ana has a deep sense of SU's ethos and a vision for mission growth.

Victoria will continue as a significant region within SU. As we implement our whole of mission focus, we continue to see growth and increasing diversity in our mission, camp and school programs. Camp Coolamatong remains a vital part SU's ministry in Victoria and within SU Australia.

Right now the SU Victoria staff team are finding their place within a new national structure, working collaboratively with like-minded colleagues from around the country, accessing new and innovative resources, and implementing effective improvements in systems and processes. Please pray for the staff team in this season of transition and change.

As SU Victoria supporters, volunteers, staff, and chaplains, please keep praying for God's Kingdom-building work through SU. Please pray for new opportunities to help children, young people, and families to encounter Jesus. Pray God will raise up people in communities all over Victoria, and across Australia, so many more young people will experience God's love and Good News.

We will keep you informed as we transition to SU Australia through updates on our website www.su.org.au. If you have any questions please contact us at su@su.org.au or call (03) 9482 5700.

God bless you

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Justin Simpson

