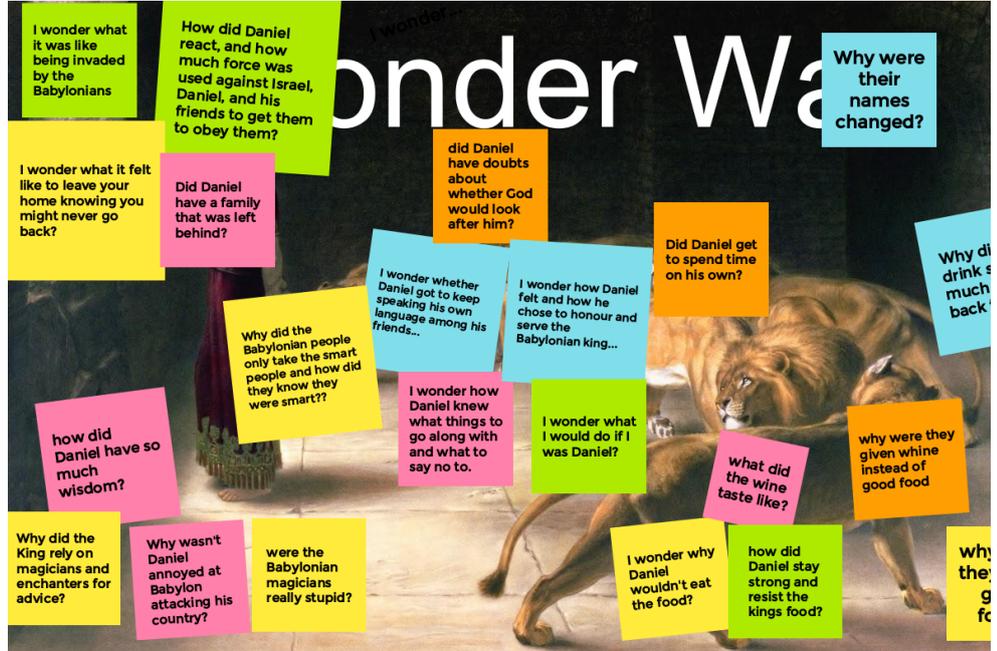




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## NOISY FOREST ONLINE

Every year, Noisy Forest gives high school-aged campers the opportunity to escape the rhythms of daily life and head into the bush to enjoy camping, activities and fellowship. But this year, lockdown presented a new challenge; **can a camp that is loved for being so low-tech become a high-tech online program?**

Thanks to a lot of prayer, our dedicated leaders, and a faithful God, the answer was yes! This September, Noisy Forest online was a great success! Through online platforms, Zoom and Discord, our leaders were able to preserve some of Noisy Forest's most loved traditions and create a space for each camper to connect and grow in their relationship with God.

Feast night was one tradition that made it online; campers took their screens to the kitchen to cook desserts with ingredients from their camp packs.

Campers didn't miss out on the classic Noisy Forest pizza night either; each camper had a pizza home-delivered so they could share the meal together virtually.

The online format also led the team to try new things, some of which were so successful they will be making an appearance again next year! One of these was the Wonder Wall, an online space for campers to anonymously share questions and musings they had about the book of Daniel. As camp continued, the Wonder Wall grew in momentum, and it was wonderful to see many campers investigating and wrestling with God's word.

Even in the midst of lockdown, young people are eager to get stuck into God's word and spend time in fellowship - so encouraging! **Thank you for supporting SU's ministries and for keeping God's mission alive during this challenging season!**

# A NOTE FROM PETER GROUP CEO, SU AUSTRALIA

*Peter James, began his journey with Scripture Union as a camper in Year 8, and has been involved with SU since then. He took on the role as CEO in June this year, after serving SU QLD as CEO for 8 years. He is excited about the opportunities which the national merger is creating to help more children and young people discover life in God's big story.*



There's something special and unique about how we serve God at Scripture Union. Our SU family are a wonderful mix of innovative and fun people, who love God and want to make His good news known to children, young people and their families.

In the ACT, we see this through our SUPA Clubs, camping ministry, and in January through our beach missions. It is through these amazing ministries that young people continue to come to faith and become part of a community that encourages them to thrive.

In June, our state and territory movements and ChildSafe merged. Since then, we've seen God provide new opportunities to reach even more children, young people and their families. In October we welcomed Generate into the SU Australia family. Generate is the largest provider of Special Religious Education teachers and school chaplains in New South Wales. Through God's provision, we can now deliver ministry in every Australian state and territory - what a blessing!

In the accompanying letter from Frieda and Steve, you can see that the abundance of exciting opportunities in the ACT outweigh our resources - something I'm excited to see change. Please get behind the team to help raise the \$45,000 needed to support further ministry growth in the ACT. It will mean more young people will have the chance to discover life in God's big story.

I look forward to sharing more of the great things we have in store for 2022, including our new SU Australia brand launch - so keep an eye out for that.

This 'brand' is more than just a logo, it symbolises the culmination of years of hard work, relentless prayer, and the coming together of passionate, dedicated Christians who are mobilising across Australia to bring God's love, hope and good news to local communities.

Please join Steve, Frieda and I in praying for our ministries in the ACT and across Australia.

As a united, national movement I believe God has positioned us to serve him as he makes deep and lasting change in our communities.

Thank you for your prayers, your financial support, and advocacy for this vital work.

On behalf of your SU family around Australia I wish you and your loved ones a very blessed and merry Christmas.

Peter James,  
Group CEO, SU Australia.

# SU AUSTRALIA

*On the 1st of June, SU ACT joined other SU movements from across the country to merge into a new, national Scripture Union Australia. Read on to hear about some of the incredible ways that God has been at work through SU around the country!*

**PRAYER  
POINT!**

Pray that God would continue to grow SU as a national organisation



## ◀ COOLAMATONG, VIC

At the heart of all SU ministries around Australia you'll find a common thread that links them - fun, faith and community.

That was once again on full display at this year's SU Young Adults Camp, held at our Camp Coolamatong site in Victoria. Camp Director, Kyle Cozens, says the camp is one of the best he's ever been part of.

"There aren't many spaces like this for young adults. We had one young adult camper who hasn't been a part of a church. After camp, he's looking for ways to connect with other young adults throughout the year. He's even considering an internship at Coolamatong!" says Kyle.

In this age where many of our young people are constantly 'plugged in' to the digital world, ministries like Young Adults Camp are encouraging more of our young people to plug into a faith community and of course our Creator - all while enjoying His beautiful creation.



## ◀ SINGLETON, WA

Over the past 13 years, more than 300 children have had the opportunity to learn about Jesus and grow in their faith through SUPA Club in Singleton, Western Australia.

It's a ministry that's been made possible thanks to amazing team leaders like Anna-Marie. Recalling the highlights of her time in the program, Anna-Marie says her team members were constantly in awe over the deep questions children raised to further understand God and His love for them. Students who took part in SUPA Club also learned how to pray, which led to some heartwarming moments for the team leaders as well.

"We were thrilled to observe the development of their prayers into natural conversations with God, often expressing heartfelt prayers of care, concern, and thankfulness."

Thank you for supporting SU Australia, you enable servant-hearted team leaders like Anna-Marie to serve on the frontlines of local communities throughout Australia, showing the love of Jesus to the next generation.



Are you eager to serve God with SU? We're looking for SUPA Club leaders to join our team in 2022. Head to <https://suact.org.au/supa-club-volunteers/> to find out more.

## MEET MATT!

Matt first got involved with SU almost ten years ago, when a member of his church asked him to help with the SUPA club at Torrens Primary School. Ten years later he is still there, bringing the good news to primary schoolers every week.

*"I love seeing the reaction of kids who are hearing the story for the first time; it's one of my favourite parts of SUPA Club."*

Matt also shared the reason he keeps coming back to serve at Torrens is not just that it's such a privilege to tell kids how much Jesus loves them (and it is) but because he knows he is called to serve God in this way.

*"It says in the bible that so many of the things I could be putting effort into are just vanity and won't last, but our labour in the Lord will. When I put time and effort into these kids, there are eternal consequences for them and it's never in vain."*

## BEACH MISSION

Summer is on its way, and so is Beach Mission! We are so excited to be running two Beach Missions in January 2022.

God has faithfully answered our prayers for more volunteers; both Tomakin and Merry Beach Mission have full teams of over 30 enthusiastic volunteers. Please pray that God will be preparing the hearts of the teams, and those they will be serving at the coast. It's going to be a wonderful way to start 2022, and we cannot wait to see how God will work!



### PRAYER POINT!

Pray that preparations for beach mission 2022 will go smoothly

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

Save the date; our Regeneration Appeal Dinner will be on the **2nd March 2022!** It's always a wonderful opportunity to come together in fellowship and rejoice in the work God is doing through SU. We'd love to see you there, so stay tuned for more details

### Other Key Dates:

**27 Nov** SU Australia Celebration

**9-14 April** Wild Wee Jasper

**10-13 June** LEAD

**1-9 Jan** Beach Mission

**4-7 Oct** Zone 40 & Noisy Forest

**18-21 Jan** SUPA Sports

