

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

YOUNG CAMPERS IMPACTED BY JESUS' LOVE –

THANKS TO YOU!

YOU'LL BE EXCITED TO HEAR HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPED MANY YOUNG PEOPLE FIND HOPE AND JOY THROUGH SU'S WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS IN JULY!

Thanks to your gifts and prayers, 22 kids had loads of fun and learned about Jesus through our SUPA South Camp for grades 4–6 in Roches Beach from July 7–10. These tweenaged campers enjoyed playing games, making fish-tank dioramas and visiting an oyster farm. But the real 'pearls' came as they asked their leaders some big questions. As one SU camp leader reports:

"Campers were encouraged to think about Jesus and His life on earth, and how that relates to us now. It was wonderful to hear their enthusiasm during discussion times, but I was most excited when campers asked [deeply] curious questions."

"For example, one night over dinner, a grade 6 boy asked me: 'How was it that you decided God was real?'"

You're helping many kids like this young man find hope as they discover that God is real – and you're helping campers like Rachel reach out to her friends. As Rachel's parents said:

"Just wanted to say a huge thanks again for providing yet another super SUPA Camp!... [Rachel] took three friends last year, and brought eight friends this time... The girls couldn't stop talking about it all the way back and said they enjoyed it very much!"

You also helped impact 30 young high schoolers through SU's Element Camp at our Liffey campsite from July 12–16.

Our Element Camp attracts many teenagers who often know very little about God. With your help, we meet them where they're at – just as Jesus did – by providing a safe and welcoming 'family' atmosphere where they can find fun, real friendship and the freedom to share their thoughts and experiences.

Along with the fun – like dance parties where everyone felt free to get up and dance – campers heard their leaders share from their hearts about their...

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... own experiences and how God has impacted their lives.

As one Element camper, Shannon, says:

"I liked the way we could express our feelings to people without being judged. The leaders were a big help to me... I felt welcomed, warm, comfortable. Thank you for letting me come!"

Dana, who also came to Element Camp, says:

"It was so nice to meet new people and... to be outside and playing games rather than being antisocial on phones and the internet. It was such a special experience for me!"

You also helped over a dozen teenagers get together at dcypther South and find out that there are more important

things in life than computer games! They realised they actually liked going outside and playing games that don't involve computers and screens.

Together with you, we're also working to develop young people to help serve our world in need – so we've been training a team of junior leaders who'll be swinging into action at our SUPA North Camp for grades 4–6 from September 24–27 at Paper Beach.

You can volunteer to help, or register your kids for this and other camps, by emailing us at enquiries@sutas.org.au.

YOU CAN HAVE FUN AND BRING HOPE AS A VOLUNTEER – LIKE ZAC!

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN VOLUNTEER WITH SU TASMANIA – AND HELP CHANGE LIVES FOREVER

We'd love you to join our team of over 700 volunteers who are helping to bring the hope of Jesus to many children, young people and families all across our state.

Zac was prompted to volunteer with SU Tasmania. "I had been asking God what He wanted me to do... Then He introduced me to a guy [who] was talking about the plans and ideas that God had given him for the youth of Tasmania... While he was talking, God was prompting me saying, 'That's it. I want you to go and work with the youth and get behind this.'"

So, here's how you can help spread the Good News as a volunteer.

YOU CAN BECOME AN SU ADVOCATE:

Be the face and voice of SU Tasmania in your local church or other community group. Help promote upcoming events such as camps, Chaplaincy Week, and the distribution of our newsletter.

Zac, 21, began serving as a volunteer with SU Tas at our Element Camp this year and says: "It was an awesome camp, full of great people and so much fun!"



YOU CAN HELP IMPACT KIDS FOR CHRIST THROUGH SU TASMANIA'S PROGRAMS AS A:

- Camp Leader or Junior Leader
- Camp Cook
- Summer Beach Missions' volunteer
- School Holiday Program volunteer
- Volunteer in the office

OR AT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL AS A:

- School Chaplaincy Committee member
- Local Chaplain supporter.

Find out how you can volunteer by emailing enquiries@sutas.org.au for more information, or visit sutas.org.au/volunteer to sign up today.

WE VALUE YOUR PRAYERS!

PLEASE PRAY as we bring the hope of the gospel to hundreds of students and teachers in 84 schools statewide and to dozens more young people and families through our other ministries.

PRAISE GOD for our chaplains and how they're impacting so many people through our local schools and communities – thanks to your support!

PRAY that together we'll be able to reach many more children, young people and their families with the Good News, so they can come to know Jesus personally and grow to serve others.

PRAY for the physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of our volunteers and chaplains, and for all the people they're serving.

PRAY that God would give our chaplains great discernment when faced with complicated situations in their school community.

PRAY for more opportunities for SU ministry to serve and impact your local community, to see more lives changed by Jesus' love in action.

PRAY for growing support from local churches.

PRAY our volunteers would be richly blessed as they help bring hope for the future to many kids, young people and families.

PRAY that God would raise up more volunteers so more young people can come to know Jesus, and grow in Him and serve others in our world of need.

Thank you for giving hope for the future to more young people across Tasmania by standing with us in prayer!



James
Regional Coordinator

NORTH WEST



Stephanie
Regional Coordinator

NORTH

- Primary School
- District/High School

YOU'RE HELPING TO CHANGE LIVES

ACROSS THE STATE



Jonathan
Regional Coordinator

SOUTH

MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HEARING THE GOSPEL, FINDING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE, AND GROWING CLOSER TO JESUS – THANKS TO YOUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS!

Here's a glimpse of what you're helping to make possible as we work together through our Regional Coordinators, volunteers and chaplains to impact kids and their families across Tasmania.

IN THE NORTH WEST

YOU'RE REACHING KIDS, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES through a range of activities and chaplaincy work including:

- Student-free-day programs to help working parents
- Sausage sizzles
- Building relationships with school staff
- Specialised group programs such as PEAC, CHIC, BLOKES and SUPA Clubs
- And much more!

IN THE NORTH

YOU'RE HELPING PEOPLE HIKE TASMANIA'S WILDERNESS WITH A DIVINE DIFFERENCE. People of all ages and from all walks of life are being drawn together through SU's Boots N' All bushwalking missions – designed to help people encounter God through His creation.

YOU'RE GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS through camps like our upcoming 'Taking on Goliath' bushwalking camp for students in grades 5–8. The camp will focus on overcoming obstacles, developing leadership skills and embracing life as a God-given adventure.

YOU'RE TEACHING KIDS ABOUT JESUS through our SUPA (Scripture Union Primary Age) Clubs, featuring stories, games, singing, drama, prayer and social events. At one school, where 22 students are attending our weekly SUPA Club, one boy requested another ad in the school's newsletter so more of his classmates would know about it!

IN THE SOUTH

YOU'RE BRINGING HOPE TO STRUGGLING KIDS through our chaplains. One principal commented that a particularly difficult child now looks forward to sports and activities with an SU chaplain each week – and that, as a result, his behaviour and academics have improved. Another creative chaplain has been doing woodwork with lads who have ADHD, which has given them a sense of success they don't often get and has opened up opportunities for them to talk about what is important in life.

YOU'RE HELPING DISCIPLE THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS. Enthusiastic campers at SUPA South became junior leaders and were helped to take on the responsibilities of leadership, which will serve them and their communities all their lives. And, looking forward, we are going to run a special leadership training camp for junior leaders from across the state.



Ruth Pinkerton

Director's Desk

Dear Friend,

I can't deny that planning a wedding on the other side of the world, buying a new house, getting married and moving into our new house together has been a

bit of a stretch – when added to what passes for “normal” for the CEO of SU Tas!

Isn't it great that God made us for relationships and to work in teams. I'm thrilled to be in a marriage relationship with Keith. Please pray for us as we set the course for our life together – so far so good!

I'm also delighted to be just a small part of the SU Tas team. Because of the amazing staff and volunteers of SU Tas, even when I was away in Scotland for a month, our ministry and planning was able to continue. Dozens of volunteers were preparing for the camps that ran in the July holidays (see page 2). Chaplains continued working hard to bless and serve their school communities, and the fundraising and planning efforts for events still to come were ongoing.

Praise God for the SU Tas team of which you are a part – none of us could do this alone and certainly nothing could be achieved without God's help and blessing. Psalm 127:1 has it just right. The Lord has to build the house or the builders (plural) build in vain.

Sincerely,

Ruth Pinkerton
SU Tas CEO

OCTOBER IS OUR SPECIAL MONTH OF PRAYER

In this our 50th anniversary year we'd love you and your church to get involved as SU Tas asks churches across Tasmania to help us make October a very special month of prayer. Our goal is to build deeper relationships with local churches like yours and encourage churches right across our state to earmark one Sunday in October to pray as we seek to bring the hope of Jesus to more young people together.

You can help by:

INVITING an SU Tas team member to come and speak at your church. Just email us at enquiries@sutas.org.au or call our office on (03) 6244 8422.

ENCOURAGING your local church to pray for SU Tas in October. Please pray that:

- The 64 children impacted by our recent Winter Camps would continue to grow closer to Jesus.
- God would strengthen our Regional Coordinators and open more doors of opportunity as they work with our chaplains to impact our local schools and communities with the love of Jesus.

REQUESTING an SU Sunday pack to share with your church family. Please email or phone our office to request one.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLYWEDS!

Our wonderful CEO has changed her title from Miss Ruth Pinkerton to Mrs Ruth Pinkerton!

We're sure you'd love to join us in congratulating our newlywed Ruth and her husband Keith Carroll as they begin their new life together.



SU Tas supporters Roz and Keith Skidmore were able to attend the wedding and commented, “The mix of Keith's Australian heritage and Ruth's Scottish roots was incorporated into the planning and execution of the day beautifully.”

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