

# Empowering the Gospel from the ground up.

Empowered to be tomorrow's leaders Empowered to grow in Christian maturity Empowered to be creative on mission Empowered to meet God daily Empowered to serve a world in need Empowered to share the Good News of Jesus Empowered to go where the people are Empowered to share your story Empowered to imagine what's possible **Empowered to serve in community** Empowered to pray for big things

# Jesus said to his followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone."

**MARK 16:15 NIV** 

There is no way of measuring the contribution Scripture Union MSW has made to Australian Christian life."

JOHN AND MOYRA PRINCE, FROM "TUNED INTO CHANGE"





#### We've been empowering Christians for over 150 years.

Our roots go back to 1867, when a few faithful people began sharing the Gospel with children in England.

Scripture Union NSW exists to empower Christians to share the Gospel in our distinctive context of New South Wales.

We are a volunteer-based movement, driven forward by a small number of employed staff who recruit, motivate, train, equip and support the ministry.



FIRST "BEACH MISSION" **CSSM Beach Services** at Manly Beach



FIRST NSW CAMP Bayview camp for boys



1934

**FIRST ISCF GROUPS** Sydney High,

Fort Street, & Drummoyne High



1968

The SU Bookshop opens



1972

**FIRST NATIONAL ISCF CONFERENCE** 

1985

30 camps 59 family missions 40 ISCF school events

1996

**HSC STUDY CAMP** launched in Forster





*5000* NIV Bibles produced for clubs camps and mission



road to promote missions

# NSW needs a grassroots approach to evangelism.

64%
of students in
NSW attend a
public school.

54%
of young people in NSW
ranked school challenges
as their biggest personal
concern in 2023.

Why young people?

80%
of people start trusting
Jesus when they are
under 18 years of age.

voted #1

"Activities for young people" was voted as the top need by Australian communties in 2023.

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We have more than

1500 regional tow

regional towns in New South Wales.



92% of Australians do not attend church.

52%
of Australians
are open to
changing their
religious views.



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Australians say the greatest attraction to investigating spirituality and religion is observing people who live out a genuine faith.

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181
SU NSW volunteers in schools in 2023

2000+ School group participants



34 Camps in 2023

946 Young people nurtured



30
Missions
in 2023

10-15K Connections made











# Empowering people to Realise the potential

SU NSW empowers ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We come alongside individuals and churches to show them what's possible with a team of faithful people, some administrative support, and a vision to share the Gospel.

# Empowering people to Gowhere the people are

We seek out the places where communities naturally gather, and we mobilise God's people to be a presence there.

# Empowering people to Be creative on mission

We encourage Christians to look at what God has put in their hands and use it creatively to build His Kingdom.

# Empowering people to Move in from the margins

SU NSW ministries are full of opportunities to bring Christians to actively serve in their own church.

### Empowering people to Step into leadership

We must keep investing in the young people who will become tomorrow's leaders, pastors and evangelists.



# Our guiding princples.

# Grounded in proclaiming the Gospel

### Powered by prayer

#### United as Christians

Partnered with the church

Rooted in the Bible

# Witness God at work.

I was able to get ministry experience across every area that Scripture Union NSW supports. This experience has led me to pursue full time ministry.

JEREMEY KIDD - ISCF LEADER

I didn't know about Jesus before coming to Corrimal SUFM, and now I believe in Him.

PRIMARY AGED GIRL AT CORRIMAL SUFM 2023

Church is a little bit on the nose for many Australians. However, a movement like SU NSW has the capacity to surprise people because it's more nimble and flexible. And as people respond to it, SU NSW can then point back to the local church and say, actually, that's a beautiful thing over there.

**REV JOHN DICKSON - VOLUNTEER** 

IN MY ROLE AS A PASTOR, IT'S BEEN A
PRIVILEGE TO SAY THAT SERVING ON
MISSIONS IS A KEY PATHWAY WHERE WE
SEE KIDS GROW FROM OUR CHURCH.

**REV MARTIN KENNEDY - VOLUNTEER** 

I was invited to an SU NSW camp, and it was here that everything really clicked. I just knew that I had to have the Lord in my life and I had to be definite.

JANICE HALL - CAMP ATTENDEE

## Spending a week living in Christian community - it is a taste of heaven.

JENNY SPEER - LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE CAMP DIRECTOR

Taking an idea for a camp and making it a reality did not come without its challenges, but I reached out to Scripture Union NSW who shared my excitement and provided the practical support and logistics to bring it to life.

BEC EASTMENT - RIDE LIKE A GIRL CAMP DIRECTOR

WE WERE DOING SOMETHING THAT HADN'T BEEN DONE IN THIS TOWN FOR A VERY LONG TIME. WE WERE DOING IT WITH ONE MIND, UNIFIED UNDER THE GOSPEL.

**REV REBECCA CHOI - VOLUNTEER** 

The time I spent in my high school ISCF group and camps were so formative for my Christian growth. From deepening my understanding of the Scriptures, to providing opportunities of fellowship with other believers at my school, and ultimately shaping the trajectory of my life.

**LAURA YING BEE - ISCF LEADER** 

### I knew right away that this was a camp of loving Christians who do not walk away from a challenge.

**SPENCER - CAMP ATTENDEE** 

A TEENAGE GIRL, NEW TO KIAMA, WAS WALKING BY AND CAME ACROSS OUR SUMMERLIFE TENT AT THE LOCAL PARK. EMBRACED BY OUR LOVING CREW, SHE CONTINUED TO COME EVERY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT SESSION FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK. ON THE SECOND LAST EVENING SESSION, SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO CHRIST. WE GAVE HER A BIBLE AND HELPED HER MAKE A CONNECTION WITH A LOCAL CHURCH.

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### SUClubs & Groups

Christian

Teachers

Connect



#### Leadership Conference



#### Resources



# Parent prayer groups



#### Weekends away











#### Camps



Beach Missions

### Help us empower the Gospel from the ground up.

#### Help us with Resourcing

Empowering people takes time. Right now we have more opportunities than we can sustainably respond to.

Would you help us raise up more people to empower Christians for mission in NSW?

### Help us with Access

Christianity isn't welcome in the public sphere like it was back when Scripture Union NSW first began.

Will you help us keep finding innovative ways to reach people with the Gospel?

### Help us with Safeguarding

We take safeguarding and the well-being of our 20,000+ volunteers and participants seriously.

Will you support us, so we can support volunteers and participants in conducting safe ministry?











#### Give

Would you consider keeping the movement going by donating to our work?

sunsw.org.au/give/donate

#### Pray

We'd love you to become an SU NSW prayer partner. You will recieve updates and prayer points from us throughout the year.

sunsw.org.au/pray

#### Volunteer

Speak to us about opportunities to serve with SU NSW in your local area, or further afield.

sunsw.org.au/volunteer-with-su

## Opportunities to support.

Goal: \$160,000

(tax deductible)

#### Grow our school's team

Scripture Union NSW
School Workers are vital for launching, managing, and sustaining SU clubs in NSW schools. In collaboration with volunteers, they establish new groups, empower and equip leaders, and ensure the ongoing success of school ministry initiatives.

### Goal: \$200,000 Expanding Gospel Resources

We now seek support to create new Gospel resources, specifically geared towards young people.

Our vision includes broadening our Gospel reach to youth, and improving our social media presence for increased engagement.





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