SU News

SUMMER EDITION 2026



Make known

HIS NAME

WELCOME FROM CEO

bold, loving & prayerful

As another summer of missions approaches, a thousand Scripture Union NSW volunteers are preparing to serve on beach and inland missions across NSW. It is a great privilege to see Christians of different ages, churches and backgrounds united by a desire to make Jesus known.

Whether you are going on mission or supporting our teams in prayer, I want to encourage you with three simple words: be bold, be loving and be prayerful.



Jim Wackett
SUNSW CEO

be BOLD

The apostle Paul was unashamed about the gospel: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). In Ephesians, he asks for prayer that he might "fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19). That is a good prayer for all of us this summer.

We can't assume people do not want to hear about Christian faith. Many are questioning whether our culture's promises about happiness, identity, success and fulfilment are enough. There is a growing search for deeper meaning, purpose and hope.

Perhaps we are no longer pushing against a closed door, but an open one. Let us have the courage to walk through it.

be LOVING

Our boldness must always be accompanied by love. Peter writes: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

We want to speak clearly about Jesus while listening carefully and treating every person with respect. Christian courage and gentleness are not opposites. Together they reflect Christ, who was full of grace and truth.

Compelling conversations often begin not with a polished answer, but with a sincere question, an act of kindness or a willingness to listen. Be interested in people's stories. Be ready to explain why Jesus matters to you, trusting the Holy Spirit to use simple words offered with humility and love.

The stories from last summer of people coming or returning to faith are a joy and encouragement. Some encountered Jesus for the first time; others discovered afresh that the hope they had set aside was still open to them. They remind us that God is already at work. Our privilege is to join him, faithfully sowing and watering while trusting him to give the growth.

be PRAYERFUL

Let everything we do be underpinned by prayer. Prayer is not just preparation for mission; it is an essential part of mission. Pray for your team, for the communities you will serve, and for opportunities to speak about Jesus. Pray for courage when you feel hesitant, wisdom when conversations are complex, and gentleness in every encounter.

And dwell deeply in God's Word. Before we can speak words of hope to others, we need to be nourished by that hope ourselves.

So, as we enter this summer mission season, be bold, be loving and be constant in prayer. The door may be more open than we think. May God give us the faith to step through it, and may he use our missions to help many people discover the lasting hope found in Jesus Christ.



JOIN US AT

DARE 2B DIFFERENT

Dare 2B Different (D2BD) is a five-day camp (**28th Dec-1st Jan**), for all high schoolers — those with additional needs and those without. Get ready for unforgettable camp activities, games, singing, making new friends and learning about God.



SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP NOW!







MISSION SEASON

where we're going



From 26th of December to 23rd January, our teams head out across NSW to run kids' clubs, youth programs and family events at beaches and inland!

Location	Dates	Directors	
Byron Bay	2/1/27-6/1/27	Grace, Josh, Charlotte & Sam	FAR NORTH COAST
Evans Head	27/12/26-6/1/27	Sarah & Nathan	
Yamba Maclean	8/1/2-15/1/27	Ross & Jasmin	
Brooms Head	27/12/26-6/1/27	Holly & Kelly-Ann	
Coffs Harbour	26/12/26-5/1/27	Samuel & Zoe	NORTH COAST
Urunga	28/12/26-5/1/27	Sam, Sarah, Alice & Jason	
Port Macquarie	28/12/26-3/1/27	Ethan & Emily	
Tanilba Bay	27/12/26-2/1/27	Caitlin & Georgia	MID NORTH COAST
Canton Beach	27/12/26-6/1/27	Pierre, Erin, Jing & Jessica	
Stockton	1/1/27-5/1/27	Lily & Connor	
Harrington	2/1/27-9/1/27	Timothy & Charlotte	
Bulli	26/12/26-6/1/27	Will, Amy, Josh & Lachlan	ILLAWARRA
Corrimal	28/12/26-5/1/27	Jon & Louise	
Albion Park	2/1/27-10/1/27	Elise & Joshua	
Kiama	27/12/26-6/1/27	Ryan & Emily	
Gerroa	27/12/26-5/1/27	Tom, Sarah, Hannah & Aaron	SHOALHAVEN
Shoalhaven Heads	27/12/26-3/1/27	Robert & Nada	
Culburra Beach	27/12/26-6/1/26	Greg & Britney	
Currarong	27/12/26-6/1/27	Chi Chi, Jesse, Erick & Harry	



SOUTH COAST

Huskisson	27/12/26-5/1/27	Jessie & Josh
Conjola Entrance	26/12/26-6/1/27	Doug
Lake Tabourie	27/12/26-6/1/27	Jason & Sarah
Kiola	28/12/26-2/1/26	Simon & Talitha
Tamworth	19/1/27-23/1/27	Howard, Paul & Frank

SHARING JESUS 365 SUNSW EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR

Every summer, our mission teams step out in faith. But the preparation starts long before. Leaders are trained, prayers are prayed, and relationships are built all year round.

Our ministry works the same way. Schools, Camps, and Missions need support in every season, not just the busy ones.

That's why we're inviting you to become a 365 Partner. By giving monthly, you help us keep sharing Jesus every day of the year, from the first planning meeting to the last day of missions.

Will you partner with us for all 365 days?

Scan the QR code or visit sunsw.org.au/share-jesus-every-day-of-the-year/ to become a 365 Partner today

Want to pray with us this summer? Join the Praying for Missions WhatsApp group to stay updated on prayer needs from our beach and inland missions

SCAN ME!



ACROSS SUNSW - CAMPS

spring highlights



Spring is our biggest season for camps, with 10 held this year. Each camp has its own stories and lasting impact, and we were especially encouraged to see that **one group of women who attended Girls Ag together 30 years ago have stayed close ever since, with one child from each of their families at SUPAg this year.** Such long-term impact of a camp is seldom seen so clearly all at once.

God was at work across our other camps too. At Cricket Camp, nine campers said they wanted to become Christians after hearing the talks, and others said they wanted to take their faith more seriously.

At Girls Ag, one camper shared a new understanding of God calling her to forgive someone she doesn't get along, and leaders noted that the girls' questions showed they were thinking carefully about what they heard.





At Bike Camp, a camper who had never played a worship song brought his guitar, learned the songs, and was soon humming along around camp.

At REBOOT, campers grew in friendship year on year, and one said they would love to keep coming, even as a leader. At North Coast Junior Ag, leaders saw kids coming out of their shells and bonding with one another.

A Boys Ag leader said it is **"always encouraging seeing the boys take the studies so seriously."**

Thank you to every leader, cook and volunteer who served this spring. Please keep praying that the seeds planted at camp would keep growing.





PRIMARY SCHOOLS NETWORK COORDINATOR

Meet CAROL

Favourite lunchtime snack?

Fruit - mango or watermelon



Favourite Bible verse?

Proverbs 9:10a
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding

What are you looking forward to being part of SUNSW?

Supporting and encouraging SUPA leaders in sharing the good news of Jesus in schools



SECONDARY SCHOOLS NETWORK COORDINATOR

Meet ZECA

Tea or Coffee?

COFFEE!!!



Favourite Bible verse?

Romans 10:9
If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

What are you looking forward to being part of SUNSW?

I'm looking forward to seeing the name of Jesus be known in schools across our state

fresh starts, faithful work

This year has brought change to SU NSW Schools Ministry, and with it, new beginnings. We are grateful to Larissa, who joined as Schools Administrator at the end of 2025 and kept ministry operations running during a season without field staff. In June, Gilbert commenced as the Schools Ministry Director, and Zeca and Carol have joined the team from October. We thank God for each of them. Please join us in praying for them as they begin.

the GOOD news

Across NSW, 104 ISCF groups and 18 SUPA Clubs are running, and God is at work through faithful volunteers.

At a primary school, SUPA Club leader Dawn says, **"By God's grace, we've been getting around 20 students each week at Supa Club... at least 60% are from non-Christian homes."** She has also seen students praying together at lunchtime "entirely of their own accord."

In Griffith, high school teacher Luke has started a lunchtime Bible group from small beginnings. He says, **"I'm just thankful to God for all the discussions it has allowed in the school,"** and asks us to **"be praying for growth!"**

Even amid change, the heart of our ministry remains the same: giving children and young people the chance to explore faith at school.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE



$49

Provide Resources
Help make Bible-based resources available to children and young people



$134

Equip Volunteers
Help support volunteers sharing Jesus in communities across NSW



$376

Develop Leaders
Help strengthen the training and development of ministry leaders

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