

how the numbers stack up

In 2010-2011, your support helped SU WA make great strides in outreach while others have had to cut back. Donations from supporters – including you – provide the largest share of our ministry income by far, and we continue to rely on your support. Financial pressures and a move to our new office financed without using credit meant our expenses were more than our income, so we'd appreciate your help to help close the gap and move forward!

finances 2010/11

Financial performance

income		
Team Support	\$	288,922
Donations	\$	414,025
Grants	\$	101,995
Other (GST, rent, interest)	\$	51,101
Ministry income	\$	595,151
Total	\$	1,451,194

expenditure

Staff costs	\$	839,969
Ministry field	\$	256,606
Admin	\$	362,353
Non Operational (interest payments, deposit fund transfers and depreciation)	\$	69,572
Total	\$	1,528,500

Surplus

	\$	-77,306
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Financial position at 30 June 2011

Current Assets	\$	240,286
Total Assets	\$	1,336,016

Current Liabilities	\$	55,547
Total Liabilities	\$	194,424

Equity

	\$	1,141,592
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ministry info

schools ministry

	Programs	Participants
CHIC	23	414
Blokes	16	375
SUPA	15	240
Mentoring	7	50
Fine Edge	53	5,106
Warriuka	22	836
DARE School	7	72
Total	143	7,093

community

Holiday Camps	22	485
Family Missions	9	2,500
SUNO	6	255
DARE Respite	17	200
Total	54	3,440

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a message from the chair

By Robert Greig

This ministry has been powerfully blessed through your support this year. Just seeing children, young people, families and communities interact with Jesus through Scripture Union has confirmed the valuable role you help us play in lives across Western Australia.

Everyone's favourite SU activities returned in 2010-2011, but we also expanded programs for at-risk young people, respite for kids and families in DCP care and our Blokes and CHIC programs for school-age girls and boys. And ministries continued to be blessed by talented staff and volunteers who stepped in even when we were short of key workers.

Our outreach will benefit from our move to a better, more suitable, building and we are ending this financial year on several positive notes: SU remains financially stable; we are able to pay off some long-term expenses rather than use credit; and we have finally retained the Busselton Campsite with a new 21-year lease, allowing us to focus on future ministry at Camp Geographe.

I sincerely want to thank you for your continued prayers and support towards future success in reaching young lives for Jesus.

ministry snapshots

Volunteers	790
Members (including financial supporters and active volunteers)	1,210
Total Programs	197
Total Participants	10,533

what are we doing here?

A CLOSER LOOK AT VISION, STORY AND MISSION

We use every gift you give to support our aim of introducing young Australians to Jesus, the Bible and their local church.

You're an essential part of our mission

Working within local churches, Scripture Union aims to:

- make God's Good News known to children, young people and families.
- encourage people of all ages to meet God daily through the Bible and prayer so that they may come to personal faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, grow in Christian maturity and become both committed church members and servants of a world in need.

You're working with us towards our vision

At SU WA we put our beliefs into action. We are all about connecting with Australia's young people and their families, to ultimately connect them to a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Your support helps fulfil how we do it our method

Through residential and non-residential primary and secondary schools programs, adventure camping, school holiday camping family festivals, neighbourhood outreach programs and performing arts programs, we come alongside and meet them where they're at. We're real. And through relationship, we're actively seeing lives transformed. It's because at SU WA, we're into all things life. And in everything we do, we live it with SPIRIT.

your partnership helps us tell

our story

Across our diverse programs there is a common story of what makes SU unique and what keeps people coming back for more.

Doing God's work and seeing results

Being SU WA is more about ministry than meetings. We understand that it is God's work and we see the need to connect with God through the Bible and prayer if we are to work well — we strive for excellence but not perfection.

Being together; working in teams

A hallmark of SU WA is the use of ministering communities that bring people together, to work together — people with a variety of gifts.

Being together; investing in people's lives

We follow in the footsteps of Jesus in building purposeful relationships that are aimed at

developing the potential of others — maybe even taking risks with some who are entrusted with leadership.

Being together; enjoying each other

We value friendships for their own sakes. These relationships cross the boundaries of age, gender, church, denomination and are the 'glue' of SU.

Sustained adaptability

We remain committed to the long haul and seeing God at work over time. As we do this, we highly value time for reflection, continually using processes to review and reflect. Both individually and corporately, we read the winds of change and then adapt accordingly.

Structural support of people in ministry

The structures of SU are focused on supporting people in a ministry to which they sense that they are called by God.

Discovery, exploration, challenge

We observe that being in SU brings personal growth for us and others as we minister. We find regular opportunities to step out, to be stretched and learn in a supportive environment.

Having good fun

We sometimes describe ourselves as "life affirming". We believe that alongside the serious, the sad and the struggles of life, needs to sit a balance of fun and enjoyment.

thinking about monthly support?

If you are already supporting SU WA, or one of our staff members, through monthly support, we want to say thank you. If you're not, you can find out here more about the impact you could have with an affordable regular gift.

SU WA's Monthly Partners send a monthly gift of any amount towards our ministries to Western Australia's communities and schools. As a Monthly Partner, not only will you sustain our valuable ongoing ministry, you'll help SU WA develop new initiatives to reach young people in the future.

PLEASE TICK THE BOX ON THE ENCLOSED REPLY CARD TO BECOME A MONTHLY PARTNER!



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SU news

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 2010-2011
 impact report



director's desk

You've shown what it means to live it with SPIRIT

Reflecting back on the last 12 months, I'm so thankful that you and others are helping more young people live their lives with spirit. Doing that has always been core to our efforts, but it was only a few months ago that we made 'live it with spirit' our key message. It reflects how we inspire people to live with adventure and energy, through the guiding of the Holy Spirit.

Looking forward from here, there are four words that are crucial to changing young people's lives, and I hope you can help us live them out in the coming year. These words are *passionate, real, hopeful* and *partnership*.

You know that people involved with SU are incredibly *passionate*, just as the young people we encounter are *passionate* about living their lives to the full. As they explore the many paths they can take at this...

SPIRIT

"As [young people] explore the many paths they can take at this decisive time in their lives, I count it a privilege to join you in guiding them towards a transforming relationship with Jesus."

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director's desk

You've shown what it means to live it with

Spirit

...decisive time in their lives, I count it a privilege to join you in guiding them towards a transforming relationship with Jesus.

Along with passion, you help us through your support to keep it *real*. Having plenty of well-trained staff and volunteers gives us time to be transparent and develop trusted, lasting relationships. The young people we encounter tell us all the good and bad aspects of their lives and, through your support, our being *real* creates a space where we see young lives turning around.

I also want you to share our *hope* that we will find new ways to connect with young people in 2012, and bring everlasting hope into their lives. This year has been one of listening to people across WA, sharpening our focus for the next five to 10 years, and communicating the Good News of Jesus in the amazingly varied contexts we've encountered in our state.

The only way that can happen is through our continued *partnership* with you and our other supporters, but also with the young people, communities, schools and churches who think like you do – and share our vision of seeing more young people live it with spirit far into the future.

Peter Barney
State Director

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Q&A

Volunteer Bethany Cunningham answers your questions

WHAT ARE YOUR EARLIEST MEMORIES OF SU MINISTRY?

I watched my brothers join a Family Mission team when I was a girl and it looked like an exciting and casual way to start conversations with people about Christian faith.

AND WHEN DID YOU FIRST GET INVOLVED?

When I was 13, my parents and I joined my other brother on a team that needed people. We ended up in Augusta that year and I guess I just fell in love with the place and SU's approach to family ministry.

SO WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

Funily enough, I'm now on the Executive Leadership Team at Augusta! Over the years I gradually took on more and more responsibility and have led the teen's program for the last four years. Being on the Augusta team, I felt nurtured. I had space to challenge my faith, gain a sense of community and what it means to be part of bringing the Kingdom.

IS AUGUSTA THE ONLY MINISTRY YOU'RE INVOLVED WITH?

Not at all! I've been on Warriuka Adventure Camps and the Leavers camp, and have really been shaped by two other ministries of SU WA called LEAD and Transform.

AND WHAT IS THE RESULT OF INVOLVEMENT WITH SU IN YOUR LIFE TODAY?

The experience has challenged me about living out my faith in more of my life, beyond the time I spend at Augusta every year. It has already shaped many of my choices in life and I'm continuing to consider how I can further embody what I've learned in my everyday life.



your support of diverse programs

The transforming work you've supported over the last 12 months has inspired over 8,400 young people to *live it with spirit*, and relied on the dedication of over 790 volunteers. So as we present this summary of each of our ministries to you, we want you to know that we're only able to give you a small glimpse of the huge success you've helped achieve!

engaging students in schools

schools

making clubs supa

During lunchtimes or after school, Scripture Union Primary Age (SUPA) Clubs give children an opportunity to learn about Jesus in a fun and friendly atmosphere. They come to play games, learn from the Bible and build relationships that can last a lifetime.

One leader said of 2011, "SUPA Clubs give us the freedom to get involved in all aspects of school life, including support and encouragement for isolated families and children struggling to make friendships." And School Coordinator, Amber Flynn, reported how the enthusiasm of 2011 intern, Josh Cook, dramatically increased attendance and earned high praise from teachers and administrators at the club where he served.

blokes standing strong

Like CHIC groups, Blokes groups use fun activities, discussion and teaching to challenge and mentor boys, and help them develop skills for life. Talks focus on conflict resolution, relationships, social justice, decision-making, identity and self-esteem.

It's sometimes hard to get boisterous guys to have a serious talk but Schools Worker, Stuart Hight, describes working with his group until he found that media was the lynchpin that opened wide-ranging discussion. CHIC and Blokes Coordinator, Sheryn Hack, writes, "It's been amazing to hear how Stuart found ways of engaging the boys through media and his own story."



time just for chics

One leader said, "Encouraging them in their own self-image, teaching them about the world around... I can see how the program is going to have life-long benefits." CHIC discussion groups for girls mostly in Years 7-9 gather during health periods, lunchtimes or after school.

Coordinator, Sheryn Hack, described how Schools Worker, Joyce Arnott, encourages girls to stop taking drugs and make healthier choices. "She provides an alternative for girls who want to change and recently took one to a Friday night youth group instead of a party. She's a role model and mother figure for girls who often have nobody else."

mentoring for maturity

Imagine what one-to-one interaction with a wise and understanding adult can mean to a young person who is searching for purpose in life. Through SU's Mentoring program, church members keen to serve in their community make themselves available to schools. Students needing or seeking regular advice, coordinate weekly or fortnightly mentoring sessions organised by their school.

One Year 4 student recently asked their mentor, "Will you come to my graduation?" Their graduation won't be for another three years! This is a testament of how committed the mentors are, and how much this means to the students they meet.

"[The show] was very pertinent and addressed real issues. Each time that your group visits the underlying message is relevant to our students." Jill Anderson
Deputy Principal Dalwallinu DHS.

the wonder of warriuka

How can you go to school and camp in the same week? Warriuka makes it happen by taking students off campus and putting them in an outdoor classroom for a week of adventure and discussions about how it all relates to life. Warriuka works directly with schools to meet their goals for the students they're teaching.

Warriuka Coordinator, Keith Smith, describes how Warriuka School Adventure Camp helped college students bond as a group and gave them a memorable chance to reflect on a life lived with spirit. One student said, "It was so inspirational, especially how deep people went. It was the most amazing experience."

dare to be different

Students who are at risk of quitting school know they need to make a change, but often don't know what to do. Using many of the same adventure camping techniques that work so well in Warriuka, DARE school gives them a chance to step back from daily concerns, reflect and gain more perspective on their lives and futures.

DARE School Coordinator, Will Veldman, says that through his involvement with DARE, "I see a redirection of the camper's world view. In these kid's lives, where so much goes wrong, we get the opportunity to do something right for them."

walking the fine edge

What is theatre-in-education? It's quite simply a way of reaching 130,000 students over the last 13 years with inspiring messages about making wise choices. Our top-notch Fine Edge Theatre Company teaches the values curriculum from a Christian perspective in a fresh, sensitive and culturally savvy way.

Theo Messenger, the Fine Edge Theatre Coordinator says, "We've become really good at rural touring, continuing to reach parts of our state that other arts programs are cutting back on. We're also finding out about other young Christian artists who are keen to get involved and using their talents to help young people and build a better world."

challenging the

community

making holistic holidays

Your support helped our Holiday Camps team launch a family survival week – Camp vs Wild – and it's already proven to be our most popular winter camp!

A key area of investment for Holiday Camps was to increase our focus on training Team Leaders, letting them share experiences and learn techniques to make every aspect of Holiday Camps more likely to make a lasting difference in people's lives.

Team Leader, Jodie Smith, wrote, "Over the week we shared with campers how to survive the crazy adventure that is life. It was such a blessing to be a part of this camp and see the way that God brought about amazing change in hearts."

fun with families

The Family Missions team uses your support to influence communities with the Good News, running activities in holiday spots like Brookton, Jurien Bay, Cervantes, Comet Bay, Denmark, Cheynes Beach, Bremer Bay and two caravan parks in Augusta. And we're always talking with communities to spread our life-changing programs into new areas.

Community Missions' Coordinator, Barb Totterdell, says, "The new mission in Brookton was warmly received by the town. It's really rewarding to see a mission begun by a group of people who are branching out from another strong location – and this team is already planning expansion to a second Brookton location."

get to know suno

With multifaceted ministry behind the scenes, SU Neighbourhood Outreach (SUNO) not only supports SUNO across the state, but the team also works to coordinate other ministries. This is even truer once we learnt that people feel a greater impact for the Kingdom when they enjoy multiple encounters with different SU ministries.

Barb Totterdell says, "SUNO continues to help programs including Family Missions, as well as local SUPA clubs, link together various types of SU presence and ministry in people's local communities."

caring dare respite

Running 10 camps in 2011, the DARE Respite team is thankful for your support in helping out children and families in touch with the Department of Child Protection (DCP).

Camp Leader Alissa Mack says, "Kids come on camp knowing our names and asking if other specific leaders are here. We are no longer 'camp leaders' from one camp in their life; for some of them we are friends they get to see every few weeks or months. It's exciting to see that our ministry is not only to these kids but also that Christ's love is being shown through us to the people in DCP."

