

JERVIS BAY BAPTIST CHURCH – VINCENTIA NSW

INFORMATION BROCHURE (JANUARY 2025)



GENERAL DETAILS Jervis Bay Baptist Church is located at Vincentia on the shores of Jervis Bay, NSW, 1.5 hours' drive south of Wollongong. The local area has shopping centres (which include Coles, Woolworths, and Aldi), primary and secondary schools, active churches, medical facilities (including GP centres, Pathology, and X-ray services), and so many attributes of God's amazing nature to appreciate such as beaches (including a world famous one – Hyams), Booderee National Park, bushland, nature trails, whale and dolphin watching tours. And then Nowra and Wollongong are within easy drives away, or you can drive further south to enjoy more of the beautiful NSW coast and towns.

MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS

Our Church is located at 1 St. George Avenue, Vincentia on a prominent 100m square corner block. It began in 1974 and from 1988 – 2014 also ran a Christian school – until increasing costs and reducing enrolments made it no longer viable. However, the school's legacy provided us with excellent facilities for Church functions and accommodating various Church and community-based groups and services.



Images of our former school's Administration and classroom buildings now available for Church functions and community-based groups and services.



Our Church is a member of the Baptist Churches of NSW & ACT (Baptist Association). As at January 2025 we have approximately 60 regular Church attendees, the large majority of whom are 'Members'. The average age is approximately 65.

Our Church has been blessed by a recent 'Church Health Assessment' carried out by a Baptist Churches consultancy team which made some constructive recommendations including implementing strategies in: connecting and engaging with both new retirees and younger families moving into our area; leveraging our 'Baptist Opportunity Shop' (BopShop mentioned below) for greater community presence and awareness; and the rotation of Church members through our various ministry teams' leadership positions.

We are currently awaiting notification by the Baptist 'Association' Ministry Standards Team as being an accredited 'Safe Church' – meeting the requirements for having procedures and processes in place for the protection of children, young adults and vulnerable people.

OUR CHURCH SERVICES



Our Church is set up for a contemporary style of service with a full band; lead singers (worship leaders); use of PowerPoint for songs, announcements, and Message slides; Zoom of the Service for those online; and recording of the Message for later transfer to YouTube. Consideration is currently being given to our live-streaming services.



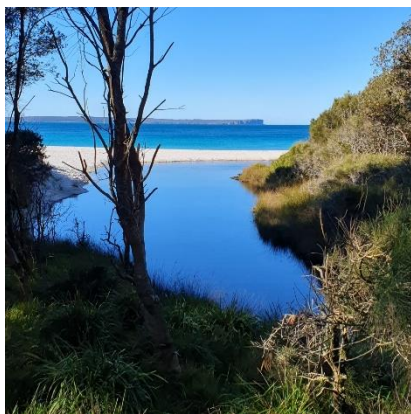
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FACILITIES



Reception area and offices (left). Meeting Room (right) for group meetings or Church Leadership Teams' meetings. (These teams being our **Administration Team, Ministry Mission Team, Care Team and Safe Church Team**).



FANCY A RELAXING WALK NEARBY TO OUR CHURCH?



Point Perpendicular viewed across Jervis Bay from Greenfield Beach (6 minutes drive from our Church) – view is from White Sands walking trail. One of many local places for quiet times, reflection and/or prayer.

OUR CHURCH 'BAPTIST OPPORTUNITY SHOP' (BOPSHOP)



Our Church 'Baptist Opportunity Shop' (BopShop) operates in one of the local shopping centres. Income from the shop has been incredibly important over many years in areas such as supporting both Missions (Australian missionaries) and 'Outreach' (local organizations, groups and services).

COMMITMENT TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Our Church is currently committed to serving our local Vincentia High School, with three of our members assisting in the lunch-time 'Chips-n-Chat' program. We are also strongly committed to supporting 'Three16 Shoalhaven' – a ministry financially supported by many local churches and individuals to provide and pay for 'Christian Education Teachers' being employed in our local public Secondary Schools.

OUR CHURCH UNDERCOVER AREA



Our moderately sized undercover area enables us to hold Church and Community events such as our annual BBQ and Carols evening (for Christmas); a Creative Showcase; seating overflow area for special services; or other needs as required.



OTHER CHURCHES IN OUR AREA

There are five other Churches in the Jervis Bay area: St. Georges Basin Baptist; Jervis Bay C3; Jervis Bay Anglican Church; Uniting Church; and Holy Spirit Catholic Church serving a population of approximately 20,000 people. There is a relatively large influx of tourists into our area during holiday periods, some of whom enjoy coming to our Church services.

THANK YOU

We thank you for viewing our Jervis Bay Baptist Church 'Information Brochure'. We leave you with two more images of our beautiful area. May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ richly bless you as only He can.



On our shore-line walking path at Collingwood Beach (this location is six minutes' walk from our Church). Smaller image is on Collingwood Beach – looking over to Point Perpendicular and Bowen Island across the bay. We pray that we may bring the light and life of Jesus to our community.

