

# Jamberoo: Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish to a parish

(A report of the Wollongong Regional Council.)

## Proposal

1. The proposal is to change the provisional parish of Jamberoo to the parish of Jamberoo with effect from 1 January 2022 [2023].

## Recommendation

2. The Wollongong Regional Council recommends that the provisional parish of Jamberoo be reclassified as a parish with effect from 1 January 2022 [2023].

## Support of the Wollongong Regional Council

3. On 22nd June 2021 the Wollongong Regional Council resolved to support the request that the Provisional Parish of Jamberoo be reclassified under the provisions of the *Parishes Ordinance 1979* to full parish status.

## Parish information

4. Jamberoo has been a parochial unit within the diocese since 1857 and birthed a number of the neighbouring parishes. It has been a provisional parish since 1976, but has in recent years received sufficient support and seen meaningful growth to a scale that warrants recognition as a full parish.

## Particulars of all church trust property

5. Details of property held by the Anglican Church Property Trust upon trust for Jamberoo are as follows, all of which are in good condition –

Property	Value
Land (45 Churchill St)	579,000
Church	1,276,429
Church Hall	754,450
Rectories	1,369,207
Land (20 Tate Pl)	492,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,471,086</b>

6. The old rectory, which shares the church site at Churchill Street, is rented externally, while the present rectory is at 20 Tate Place. Both dwellings meet diocesan standards.

## Estimate of Anglican Affiliation within the Parish

7. The Church of the Resurrection is based in the town of Jamberoo which had a population of 1636 people (2016 census), of which 25% claim an affiliation with the Anglican Church.
8. This population consists of 584 households: 452 families, 100 lone persons, and 32 group households.

### Estimate of Congregation Size

9. From 2015 to 2018, the rector of Oak Flats was also acting rector at Jamberoo. In 2019, the rector resigned his position at Oak Flats in order to concentrate on the ministry at Jamberoo and the parish has seen substantial growth.
10. The impact of COVID lockdowns makes it more difficult to gauge size. However, 2019 saw an average attendance of 68 per week; in February 2020 (pre-lockdown) the average was 81; in February 2021 the average was 125. There are approximately 200 members listed within the church database.
11. There are two congregations, one meeting on Saturday night and the other on Sunday morning. Both are of viable size.

### Summary of Financial Standing

12. A summary of the Statement of Comprehensive Income from the audited accounts for 2020:

	2019	2020
<b>Income</b>		
Offeratories	143,424	188,955
Other Income	72,235	67,028
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>215,659</b>	<b>255,983</b>

<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Ministry staff	126,916	121,325
PCR	22,590	19,945
Resources and Ministry	3,333	3,983
Parish Donations	11,242	13,066
Parish Administration	11,718	19,064
Ministry Property Expenses	40,058	72,519
Trading Activity Expenses	0	418
Other	100	226
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>215,957</b>	<b>250,546</b>
<b>Surplus / (Loss)</b>	<b>(298)</b>	<b>5,437</b>

13. A summary of the Statement of Financial Position from the 2020 audited accounts:

	2020
<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets	366,884
Non-current assets	5,133,165
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,500,049</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current liabilities	8,287
Non-current liabilities	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>8,287</b>

<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>5,491,762</b>
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14. The parish held a balance of \$41,771 in its bank account at the end of 2020, along with a provision for the balanced owed in MEA.
15. This year, the parish has taken out a loan for \$70,000 from the diocese to do renovations on the hall. They anticipate repaying this from general offertory over the next 5 years.

**Criteria for Parish Status (Section 6) as Stated in the *Parishes Ordinance of 1979***

16. In accordance with Section 6 of the *Parishes Ordinance 1979*, the wardens of the parish certify as follows, –
  - (a) Local revenue in 2020 exceeded minimum threshold.
  - (b) The Rector was paid the necessary stipends and allowances, and provided with a residence.
  - (c) All cost recovery charges were paid.
  - (d) A residence approved as suitable by the Archbishop is available for the Minister.
  - (e) There are buildings available in the parish for use by a congregation meeting for worship and other proposes.
  - (f) These buildings are in good condition and suitable for purpose, and title is vested in the ACPT.
  - (g) The parish is able to service all its debts.
  - (h) The parish is in a sound financial condition.

For and on behalf of the Wollongong Regional Council.

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**Bishop of Wollongong**

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