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Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Church of the Week (for Prayer Support)

Jamberoo Abbey is located at 695 Jamberoo Mountain Road. The Abbey has been fund-raising to cover the cost of building maintenance and of the \$1m required, so far, they have raised \$849,551. Sr Mechtild emailed:

"We are an enclosed community of 18 nuns and hospitality is very important to us. Hospitality is one of our monastic values, as is prayer, work, silence and peace. On the front door of the Abbey you will see the word PAX, meaning peace. If you park your car in the carpark near our retreat cottages and take a leisurely stroll up the road towards the Abbey, the Church and the shop you will without a doubt get a sense of the peace and the silence of this ancient and sacred land that we share with the local wildlife. You are also able to drive up the road and park your car closer to the Abbey.

A visit to the Church will delight you with awe and the presence of God. Behind the sanctuary is a glass wall and the sights into the forest and paddocks are breath-taking. In the shop, we have a whole selection of our candles and crafts, made by the work of our hands. This is open Monday to Saturday from 9.30 to 3.30pm. We have retreat cottages also for individuals or a group wanting to have a place of silence for retreat.

Like so many people we are struggling financially to keep up with the cost of living and so we are engaged in fundraising – a very new experience for us. Maybe you would be able to assist us by going online to donate or to make a purchase from our beautiful range of candles or cards.

We are here not just for ourselves but to be women of prayer for you and for our world. With so much poverty, homelessness, injustice and war overwhelming humanity and the earth we take seriously our commitment as Benedictine monastic women committed to praying for our world. Come and see. Call in for a free cuppa."

Church of the Week (next week)

"**Woonona Presbyterian Community Church**, 7 Gray St, Woonona, holds services each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (traditional), 10:00 a.m. (contemporary family service), and 6:00 p.m. (contemporary Night Church followed by dinner). The Senior Minister is Ps. Dal Proudfoot, assisted by Ange Marrott (Kids & Families Worker), Johannes Breuninger (Student Minister studying at Morling College), Tom McLennan (Student Minister studying at SMBC), and John Rosenzweig (Communications).

The church runs a range of weekly ministries and activities, including a Mainly Music preschool program on Friday mornings, Kids Club on Friday afternoons, and the yConnect Youth Group on Friday nights. WPCC also has active men's and women's ministries throughout the year. Grow Groups meet throughout the week across the congregation, along with a number of KYB (Know Your Bible) groups. WPCC also hosts an Art Hub every Wednesday, providing a relaxed space to be creative and connect with others, as well as a fortnightly craft group. In addition, WPCC runs an Overcomers Outreach program each month for those struggling with addiction or supporting others impacted by addiction. The church has recently completed an Alpha course and plans to

run another in Term 4. WPCC is also in the process of a building project, which is expected to be completed in 2027.

We appreciate your prayers as we seek to reach the Northern Illawarra with the Good News of Jesus." Emailed by Ps. Dal Proudfoot.

News.

1. It is time for churches to sign up for the [2026 National Church Life Survey](#). The Catholic church last weekend completed its National Count of Attendance for Mass during May and they also will participate in the NCLS.
2. **Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Education Board** now functions as a subcommittee of [SU Australia](#) to provide Scripture teachers at Bulli, Woonona and Corrimal high schools.
3. **True Spirit Church** is temporarily meeting at 63-79 Benaud Crescent, Warilla.

Sicm News

The next edition of **Clearing the Way for Jesus** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 16th June 2026**. If you have any items or events to share with Christians of the Illawarra, just email me, advertising is free. To subscribe to this newsletter, or if your email address is changing, please [email me](#) or message me on Facebook.

God bless,
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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Illawarra Seniors Band rehearsals are on the first Tuesday of each month from 10.30 am at Shellharbour Salvation Army Corps, Cnr Ulster & Leawarra Ave, Barrack Heights.
Next Concert: 11:00 a.m. Wed 10th June Kiama Anglican Church, 2 Terralong St, Kiama

Saturday 13th June, Gong Men's Day 2026

Speaker: Mal York, Moore College. [Download flyer](#).
Details: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (register from 9 am) at Figtree Anglican Church.
Cost: \$55 / \$45 concession. Register by 31/5/26 at www.facebook.com/gongmensday

Sunday 14th June, [1851 Lecture Hall 175th Anniversary Celebration](#)

Kiama-Jamberoo Uniting Church is celebrating the history of "The Lecture Hall" building.
Details: 9:30 a.m. at 48 Manning St, Kiama

Saturday 20th June, Kiama Presbyterian Church Open Day

Aligning with **Kiama Winter Festival** - market stalls and games for kids.
Details: 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Kiama Presbyterian Church, Terralong St, Kiama.

Wednesday 24th June, Coffee and Dessert Night

Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Christian Education Board information night.
Details: 6:30 for 7 pm start, Northern Illawarra Uniting Church, Point St, Bulli.
Cost: \$15 adults, \$10 students, \$35 family. [Download flyer](#).

Saturday 25th July, Dapto Uniting Church, Christmas in July

Details: 12 noon, Dapto UC, 122 Princes Hwy, Dapto. [Download flyer](#).
Cost: \$40, book by contacting Janet on 0431 410 189 or by [email](#).

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