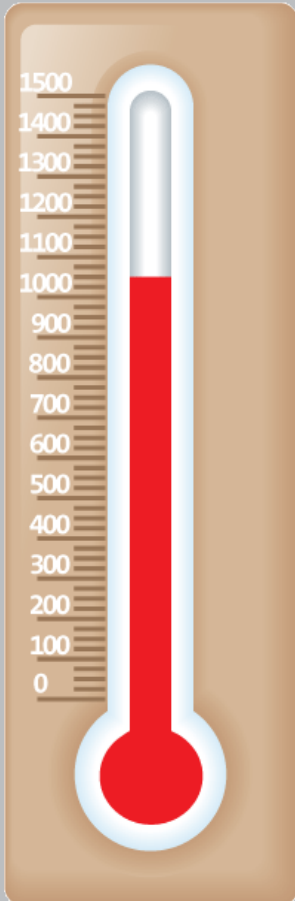


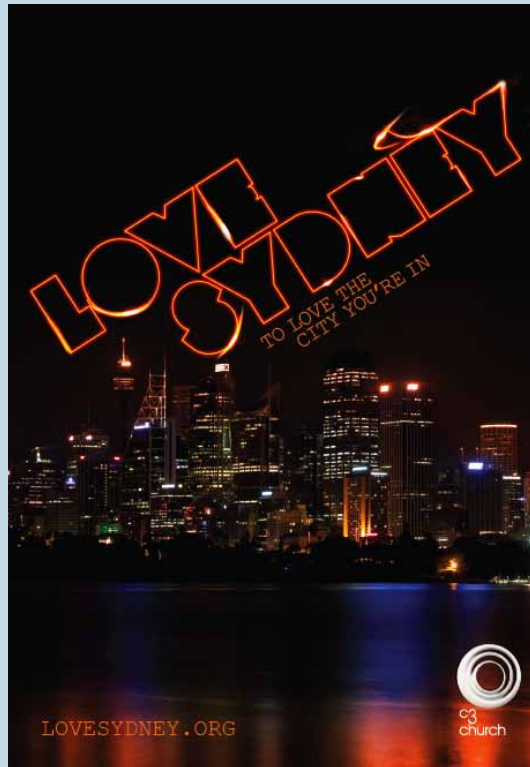
# Praise·Rejoice·Inspire

## CHURCH COUNTER



1054 churches have now registered for JAAL!

## Get ready to love the city you're in!



*C3 Churches across Sydney are planning an amazing "Love Sydney" event for 10 September, at The Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre. The event will be a co-branded Jesus. All about life (JAAL) event.*

Organiser Mary Simpson says the event is a show of love for Sydney the city, her people and the God that created her. "Love Sydney is open to everyone, of all ages, from all denominations. We want everyone to unite in a night of fun and inspiration, to support Sydney and let her know she is loved," said Mary.

The event will be addressed by Pastor Phil Pringle, with fantastic music from the C3 Band. An exciting line-up of guest presenters, including some big-name entertainers, will be doing what they do best. Stay tuned for further details as the date draws nearer.

Entry to this groundbreaking event is free! All monies raised will be presented to a worthy Sydney-based charity. The recipient is yet to be announced, but rest-assured, those in great need will also benefit from the Love Sydney event.

Be a part of Love Sydney – feel the pace of our city's heart and love it while helping a great cause.

For more information, go to [www.lovesydney.org](http://www.lovesydney.org)

## Jesus Racing Team Hits the South Coast

*The Jesus Racing Team has linked arms with the Illawarra radio station 94.1FM, taking the Jesus Ute into local schools for a series of 'Outside Broadcasts'.*

The 'travelling Jesus Ute show' has been to Nowra Christian School, Illawarra Christian School and the Adventist School in Corrimal, as well as Smith's Hill High. Andrew joined in the fun with a school visit and an on-air chat with Breakfast announcer and motor racing fan, Shannon.

94.1FM also hosted a free community BBQ at Wollongong's Lighthouse Church- all while flying the JAAL flag! 94.1FM is a fantastic supporter of Jesus Racing and JAAL. The on-air boys smiled like Cheshire Cats as they drove the Jesus Ute around the Illawarra for the week!





# Church Spotlight

*This issue, JAAL is spotlighting St Anne's Ryde Anglican Church!*



As an evangelical Anglican Church, St Anne's strives to live and proclaim the good news of Jesus. With a strong focus on the Bible and Jesus, St Anne's is excited about leveraging the JAAL campaign to help demonstrate God's love for His people through word and action.

The church registered for the JAAL campaign in July 2008. Senior Minister, Greg Burke said "JAAL focuses on a message we are keen to promote – what Jesus says makes sense of life. While people are naturally sceptical of 'religion', we think that Jesus is attractive, challenging and in the best sense of the word, 'disturbing'. He disturbs our complacency and forces us to take a fresh look at life and our assumptions and values. At St. Anne's, we promote Jesus, NOT religion. The JAAL campaign helps us do this. It also gives us the chance to link with other churches and show that Christians are united in our central goal."

Since registering, St. Anne's has initiated training sessions to help its members seize conversation opportunities JAAL provides. The JAAL campaign is also serving to help the Diocese develop its 'Connect 09' program initiatives. Coming up, the Diocese is planning two Christianity Explored courses and Open Church Sundays with themes and activities designed to help its members invite friends to hear about Jesus in a comfortable and enjoyable environment.

## Christians Against Poverty – Unsung Heroes

*Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a unique national debt counseling charity that works through a network of local church-based centres to help struggling families gain control of their financial affairs. CAP offers hope and a solution to anyone in debt through debt counseling, advice and practical help. The charity aims to show God's love in action by providing sustainable poverty relief.*



According to Alison Buttenshaw, Partnership Director, CAP, by the end of this year, more than 3,500 people will have been empowered to enjoy a better financial future thanks to the CAP program. "We ask churches to identify the poorest of the poor in their area, then train church representatives, who in turn train these families in cash-based money management, to break the cycle of debt," said Alison.

Representatives from 43 churches are already trained in the CAP program, with 22 more about to start. "This is a hands-on ministry that is of great benefit to the community. Our goal is for churches in every town and suburb in Australia to be fully equipped with a CAP program to help eliminate the cycle of debt that is virtually imprisoning so many families," said Alison.

For more information or to donate, please go to [www.capaust.org](http://www.capaust.org)

## PRAYER

Praise God for the cooperation between all denominations as they plan together to present a united voice for the JAAL campaign. Pray for all those involved in preparing the TV ads and other promotional material for the JAAL campaign. May they be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and to the minds and hearts of the people in the communities across the state.





# Wesley Mission – full-steam ahead!

*Wesley Mission has had a long-standing commitment to minister to a community with real needs. Based in the city, the congregation's community includes the vulnerable, marginalized, lonely, fragile, homeless, mentally ill, aged, disabled, unemployed and spiritually lost. Through witness, commitment and the help of supporters, Wesley Mission works to turn lives around for good.*

As one of the very first churches to sign up to the JAAL campaign in early 2008, Wesley Mission is moving full-steam ahead with its promotion and planning for JAAL. Based in Piccadilly Court, Wesley Mission came up with an ingenious way to display its JAAL banners, as regulations prevented them being placed on the building exterior. If you drive down Pitt Street in Sydney, you will not be able to miss the four rotating electronic signs the congregation has employed to solve this unique problem. We're so excited to have Wesley Mission spreading the word of JAAL in such a prominent location!



Rosemary Cottrell, Executive Officer, Community Partnerships, Wesley Mission, is also working hard towards the JAAL launch in September. "We're very excited to have Trevor Hudson coming all the way from South Africa to join us during the JAAL campaign launch," said Rosemary. Trevor is a gifted and sought after speaker who has led missions, workshops and retreats for laity and clergy across a wide range of denominations internationally. "During his time with us, Trevor will be doing a number of talks at a number of events and services, interviewing Christians on their faith, conducting a youth event and more."

Why not use these great ideas to help inspire your JAAL events?

## TIPS

### Have you submitted your church's bio to JAAL?

There are still a number of registered churches that have not submitted a biography to be included on the JAAL website. It is important to obtain a bio from all registered churches especially in the lead up to the campaign launch. The community will then have access to a useful online resource about the local churches involved and the events taking place.

Here are some tips on how to write your bio:

- Include some historical details about your church, when it was founded, by whom etc.
- Discuss your church's mission and any local initiatives your church is involved in
- Mention when your church registered for the JAAL campaign
- Explain why you wanted to be part of the JAAL campaign and the impact you believe it will make
- Share what events you have planned for the JAAL campaign



Here are some more tips to help you get the most out of the JAAL campaign and in turn, spread the word:

- Place the JAAL logo on your website with a link to [www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au](http://www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au)
- Make sure you register your upcoming events online. This online tool is a great way to find out what other churches are doing for the JAAL campaign and to know when other churches in your area are hosting events. We encourage you to work together to make all local events a great success!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JAAL Information & Training Nights

Learn more about the JAAL campaign and how your church and community can be involved! These evenings focus on 'training for mission' and will cover ways for you to share your faith through the JAAL campaign. Each session will include a panel of three different people including ministers, ambassadors and representatives from the Bible Society. These evenings will also provide you with a great opportunity to network with other churches in your local area and help you work together to host events during the JAAL campaign.

There are four dates and venues to choose from:

**Event I: 28 July 2009, 7pm – 8:30pm, Penshurst Anglican Church, 2 Carrington Street, Penshurst**

**Event II: 29 July 2009, 7pm – 8:30pm, St John's Cathedral Parramatta, 187 Church Street, Parramatta**

**Event III: 5 August 2009, 7pm – 8:30pm, St John the Evangelist, 754 Pacific Highway, Gordon**

**Event IV: 6 August 2009, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, Wesley Institute, 220 Pitt Street, Sydney**

## City2surf

**9 August** will be here before you know it! Our target is 2,000 Christians running! Andrew Fisher from Jesus Racing will be swapping his treads for trainers in support of the cause. Although he's been in training, Andrew encourages everyone to take part as it's not a race and you don't have to be an athlete to take part in this incredible community event. Make sure you register to take him on at:

[www.city2surf.com.au](http://www.city2surf.com.au)

## Power of a Seed

We are calling for all Gen X and Y professionals to take part in this great event concept kicking off with a breakfast on **27 August** at the stunning Ivy Room. Hop onto [www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au](http://www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au) or contact Nikki James at the Bible Society on 0404 018 608 to find out more and purchase tickets. You can also visit the Power of a Seed facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=92790366789](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=92790366789)



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**A sneak peek into the new JAAL campaign**

*As you know, the JAAL campaign will launch in September. In order to ensure we arrived at the best possible campaign for NSW and WA, the Bible Society undertook rigorous research to get to the bottom of Christianity and its place in these states. If you've been following us on facebook, you will have seen some of these research findings.*

It was found that Jesus resonated with Christians and non-Christians more than Christianity, Religion, the Bible and the Church. For this reason the JAAL campaign in NSW and WA will focus on Jesus, His teachings and His relevance in today's society.

The campaign's aim is to raise awareness of the person of Jesus, to get people talking about Jesus and to encourage participation and involvement in events happening in your churches across these states. In coming editions we will keep you informed with how the campaign will roll out, the media we will be targeting and sneak peeks into what the new advertisements look like.

The success of the campaign rests with all of us. If your church isn't registered, please ask them to do so! Lets band together to make the JAAL campaign an unprecedented success!

