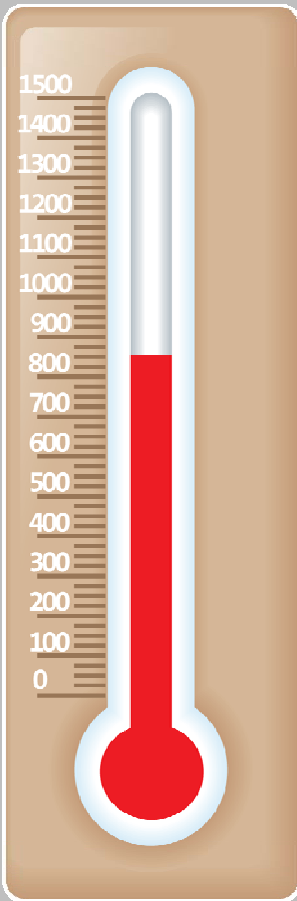




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CHURCH COUNTER



857 churches
have now
registered for
JAAL!

City to Surf – taking Jesus to the streets

Jesus. All About Life (JAAL) is going to be fitter than ever this August. The JAAL City to Surf team is aiming to involve 2,000 Christians. If you haven't already, it's not too late for you to register and join in! City to Surf is held on Sunday 9 August this year and we encourage all JAAL supporters to wear the name of Jesus and help raise funds.



We're providing free t-shirts to everyone who registers. T-shirts can be picked up at the Bible Society bookshop at 213 Clarence St Sydney or from the start-line on the day.

If you're organising a group of 10 or more, or if you want further information about how to be part of the JAAL City to Surf team, contact Karen Graham at the Bible Society NSW on 9870 5608.

Also, don't forget to sign up to become a 'Herald Hero' on the City to Surf website. Just make sure to select JAAL as your charity of choice and ask your friends and family to sponsor you. Even if you don't wish to participate in the 14km race, you can still join and sponsor a friend at www.city2surf.com.au

Help us spread the name of Jesus like never before by ensuring there's a sea of thousands of JAAL t-shirts on the day. Get your congregation or school involved and help us make the day a wonderful success.



JAAL gets creative!

We've had a very exciting and busy last four weeks at JAAL. Our design team has been working around the clock to refresh our logo, revamp our newsletter and complete our website. Please visit the new website at www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au for upcoming JAAL events and for how to get involved.

PRAYER

Join us in praying for more churches to join the JAAL campaign so that more people may be reached by Jesus.



Are you ready for JAAL Giving Sunday?

Hundreds of churches will come together next month for JAAL Giving Sunday. JAAL Giving Sunday is a great way to mobilise your congregation to become more involved with the JAAL NSW campaign to introduce the whole state to Jesus.

The success of the campaign depends heavily on the support of individual churches. All you have to do is dedicate July 12 or 19 to JAAL Giving Sunday. A JAAL Giving Sunday pack will be distributed to all churches in NSW and gives you all the tools you need to hold a successful weekend.

There are four simple steps:

- 1) Please pray for JAAL and the campaign. Take JAAL Giving Sunday as an opportunity to mobilise people to pray for and be involved in the JAAL campaign on an ongoing basis.
- 2) Play the promotional DVD (in your pack) to your congregation. The DVD has been provided to increase awareness, encourage interest and build excitement for JAAL.
- 3) Preach - take this great opportunity to speak about JAAL whilst sharing your faith with others during the campaign.
- 4) Distribute offering envelopes (also in your pack) to your congregation so people in your church can contribute to this important initiative. Money raised goes towards the cost of the campaign which aims to help people engage with Jesus. If each church raises just \$1,500 the cost of the JAAL Sydney campaign will be covered.



Contact Mark Lees for more information on 0407 253 136 or go to www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au. We encourage you to contact us and tell us about your special day!

JESUS RACING TEAM – OFF THE TRACK

The Jesus Racing Team has been working just as hard off the track to spread the word on JAAL.

The Jesus Racing Team's tour to schools in the Tamworth area was an enormous success, with Andrew and Steve speaking to close to 2,000 high school students about the importance of making courageous decisions.



The boys then attended a men's breakfast at Menai, before heading back to Newcastle to speak to the 600 students of Avondale College.

The following day was Compassion Day, where Andrew, musical theatre's Debra Byrne and Christian musician, Matt Lucas joined forces to help find sponsor-parents for 1,500 children from third-world countries.

Andrew then flew to country NSW for a tour of the Central West, speaking at Lightning Ridge, Grawin, Wee Waa, Tomingly, Bathurst and Narromine about motor racing and the JAAL campaign.

The end of May saw the Jesus Racing Team race in Tasmania achieving their best ever result of 2nd place overall with a 4th place in Race 1, 3rd place in Race 2 and a 2nd place in Race 3!

For more details, you can go to the Jesus Racing Team website, www.jesusracing.com.au



CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay – the first diocese to register for JAAL

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay comprises of 32 parishes across a number of suburban and regional areas, including Warringah, Manly, Willoughby, Ku-ring-gai, Pittwater, Hornsby, Gosford and Wyong.

It's an exciting time for the Diocese, currently in the process of registering all its parishes for JAAL through the Parish Support Unit in the Bishop's Office.

Carole Gan, Assistant Director, Parish Support Unit, said that "our diocesan vision for 2006 to 2010 is 'Pastoral Care for Evangelisation'. We understand the power of the media and see a campaign like JAAL as one of the ways in which we can continue to spread the message of Jesus".

Having just celebrated the feast of Pentecost, the Diocese believes it is a timely reminder of Jesus' reassurance that we would not be alone in trying to live as he did and to proclaim the message through the witness of our own lives.

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Throughout the JAAL campaign, the Diocese is looking forward to more people hearing the message of the Gospel and more Christians gaining the confidence to speak about Jesus. We welcome the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay to the JAAL campaign and are very excited about having them work with us to spread the word of Jesus.



TIPS

Already less than three months away, September will be here before any of us know it!

Now is a great time to start developing your event ideas and begin planning for the big launch in September. We've made it as easy as possible for you to get involved. Whilst you are welcome to make the JAAL campaign as big and original as you like at your congregation, you can also simply tag it on to an existing event in your calendar. The choice is yours.

Why not share your ideas with the rest of the JAAL campaign supporters on our facebook or Twitter profiles? Please visit

www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au for further details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Don't forget to join us at our information and training nights for even more inspiration! The sessions have been designed to help you learn more about the JAAL campaign and how your church and community can be involved.

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

Join us and enjoy a light supper while being inspired by the vision of the JAAL campaign that has united churches throughout NSW under the banner of Jesus.

For further information, or to register your attendance, email events@jesusallaboutlife.com.au



JESUS PRO AM WRAP-UP

This year's Pro AM in Manly was one of the greatest displays of God's presence we have yet experienced at JAAL. Fantastic waves blessed the event over both days of the competition. Significant crowds were drawn to the idyllic Queenscliff amphitheatre in Manly, where some of the best surfers in the country competed at the 25th anniversary of the event.

The event created opportunities for participants get together and talk with their community about Jesus. In event tents a number of fantastic conversations were had.



JAAL provided free bibles, tea, coffee, sandwiches, home-made sweets and an opportunity for attendees to talk about Jesus. Contributing to the atmosphere was also an art display, a 'win a surfboard competition' and the Sunday church service on the beach. Christian Surfers Australia expressed great appreciation to Bible Society for all its efforts and support.

An exciting result of Pro AM this year was the introduction of a Live Webcast via the event's website. Live footage and the name of Jesus was beamed globally via the internet with viewers from all over the world.



The Pro AM event is a great example of how ministries can get involved with the JAAL campaign. If you have any events coming up that involve the community, ministry or church call Katie Williams from the Bible Society on 9870 5638 and she can discuss with you how JAAL can help support your event.



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