

ANGLICAN PARISH of
NAMBUCCA HEADS
PARISH PROFILE - NOVEMBER 2017

“PROCLAIMING JESUS AS LORD ON THE HILLS AND IN
THE VALLEYS TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, HOPE
AND LOVE.”



We are followers of Jesus Christ who have committed our lives to serving Him and this community. We firmly believe that through the Holy Spirit, the people of this valley, whom God has chosen, will be transformed and will continue to share His message of faith, hope, love and salvation here in this place.

WHERE TO FIND US:

Nambucca Heads Anglican Parish is situated within the Nambucca Valley and Nambucca Shire Council, on the Mid North Coast of NSW. The Parish consists of two main centres:



St John's at Nambucca Heads



St James at Bowraville

and

Nambucca Heads, on the estuary of the Nambucca River, is midway on the Pacific Highway between Sydney and Brisbane and is also easily accessed by the Sydney-Brisbane XPT and by direct flights from both Sydney and Melbourne at the nearby Coffs Harbour Airport. Nambucca is a popular sea-side holiday and retirement destination.



Nambucca Heads

(Courtesy of whitepages.com.au)



As a Parish, we enjoy special services and gatherings by the river at the popular, Bellwood Park, in Nambucca Heads.

Bellwood Park (Courtesy of glen.com.au)

Bowraville is fourteen (14) kms inland, to the west of Nambucca Heads and is a scenic area, backed by hills and mountains. It is often referred to as the valley's 'Verandah Post Town', and is visited for its historical sites (winner of the Cultural Heritage Award 2011). It was, till the 1960's, the main centre of the Nambucca Valley and also it is where Missabotti Creek/North Arm tributary and South Arm tributary meet and become the Nambucca River. St James has a large church hall which is used for special parish services and gatherings, and by the community for their functions.



The Nambucca Heads Parish incorporates Valla and Valla Beach to the north of Nambucca Heads and rural areas to the west of Bowraville. Bounded by the Great Dividing Range and together with the Parish of Macksville, we form the Nambucca Valley.

Local Features:

Nambucca Heads is a great coastal town to live in. It has the natural beauty of surf beaches, access to the river and a number of sporting facilities.

There are three Primary Schools and One High School in the town. There is also a Bus Service for School children who prefer to be schooled in Coffs Harbour.

Nambucca Heads is 25 minutes from Coffs harbour, which hosts the Regional Hospital and a variety of sporting facilities. The Coffs Coast Airport operates regular one hour flights to Sydney.

OUR CARE & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The challenge is to be working faithfully, carefully and prayerfully to bring people to Jesus. The following activities are led and facilitated by groups of volunteers from across the parish and are fairly new initiatives. (12-18 months old).

St. Johnny's Lunch with Friends – Nambucca Heads this project is now completing its third season (May-December) and has built-up a regular group of people. The red 'Soup' flag goes up and a very happy luncheon follows. Numbers are often around 15. Anglicare has sponsored this venture with a donation towards a new freezer.

St. Jimmy's Kitchen – is at Bowraville, this project is now completing its second year, and held once a month, a great outreach with 30 to 70 people attending

Opportunity Shop This is a vital part of parish activity. There are three shop fronts - one for clothing and linen, and one for furniture, glassware, books and many other odds and ends, the third shop for storage. There is also a work vehicle. The Op Shop not only provides money for parish working expenses but it gives to missions, special appeals, and to local projects. Equally as important is the general assistance and friendship offered to folk visiting the shop.

Blokes Brekkie – Held once a month, alternating at each centre, to hear a guest speaker and share a breakfast cooked by the boys themselves.

Women of Purpose - The invitation is for women to speak of their journey with Jesus. This group meets every three months with speakers and attendees coming from the different churches throughout the area.

Mingle on Monday – This is held the second Monday of each month. A gathering for members and their friends of both centres, meet at a local cafe for coffee, cake and companionship.

Godly Gourmet - A monthly Sunday luncheon providing a social gathering and outreach opportunity held at various local venues around the area.

River linked kids – a weekly primary school aged children's ministry held on alternate weeks at Nambucca Heads (typical attendance 6-10) and Bowraville (typical attendance 10-15) activities include bible story, craft and games.

Jellybeans - A weekly story time for preschool aged children, established to outreach young families in the community

Study Groups – There are two study groups across the parish including one held at Riverside Gardens.

Parish Office - Emergency food parcels are available, telephone and energy vouchers are also distributed, once a week by appointment.

OUR SERVICE TIMES

There are two retired priests that reside in the parish both of which are active in ministry and are happy to assist in the life of the parish. The parish also has 4 licensed lay ministers who assist at all weekly services.

Nambucca Heads

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion

Aged Care Services

- Riverside Gardens
- Pacifica

Bowraville

Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
2 ND Sunday	10.00am	Family Service & Holy Communion

- Note:**
1. Most of the young families worship at Bowraville.
 2. The fifth Sunday of the month gives us an opportunity to have a special combined Parish Service, and occasionally a service with the Uniting Church.

OUR CONTACTS

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Parish Office at Nambucca Heads

Position vacant

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Volunteer assistance

Web site is www.nambuccaanglicans.com.au

OUR STATISTICS

Some **2011 Census Statistics**

	Nambucca Heads	Bowraville
Population	6327	1122
Median Age (State Average 37)	56	45
Anglicans	27%	22.7%
Full-time employment	43.4%	36.8%
Part-time employment	39.3%	46.9%
Unemployment	11.5%	10.6%
Schools (Primary & High)	1 High/ 3 Primary	2 Primary
Aged Care Facilities	2	0

Parish Statistics for 2017

	Nambucca Heads	Bowraville	Total
Parish Roll Family Units at 31/12/2013	59	14	73
Regular attendees (e.g. once a month)	70	25	95
Irregular attendees (e.g. less than once a month)	23	5	28
Church attendance in 2017	3312	1290	4502
Total attendance for 2017 (all those attending any service in our church)	3328	2448	5776

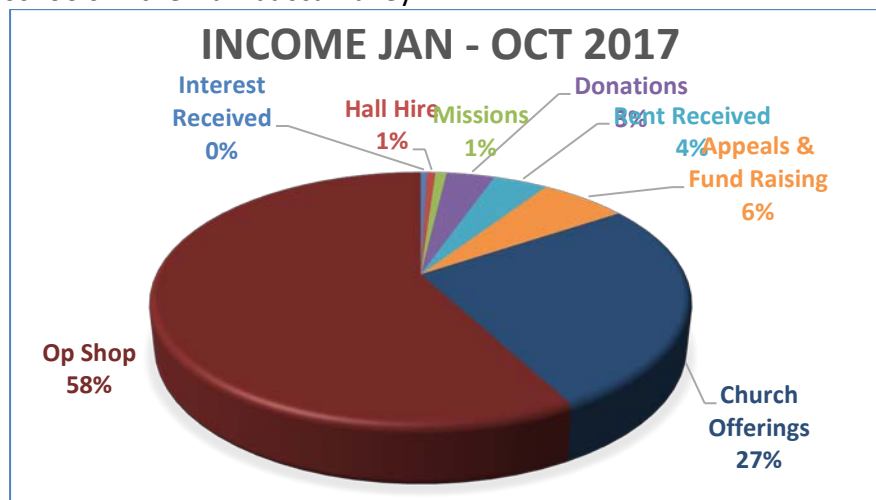
Baptisms		4	4
Confirmations			
Marriages		1	1
Funerals	5	3	9

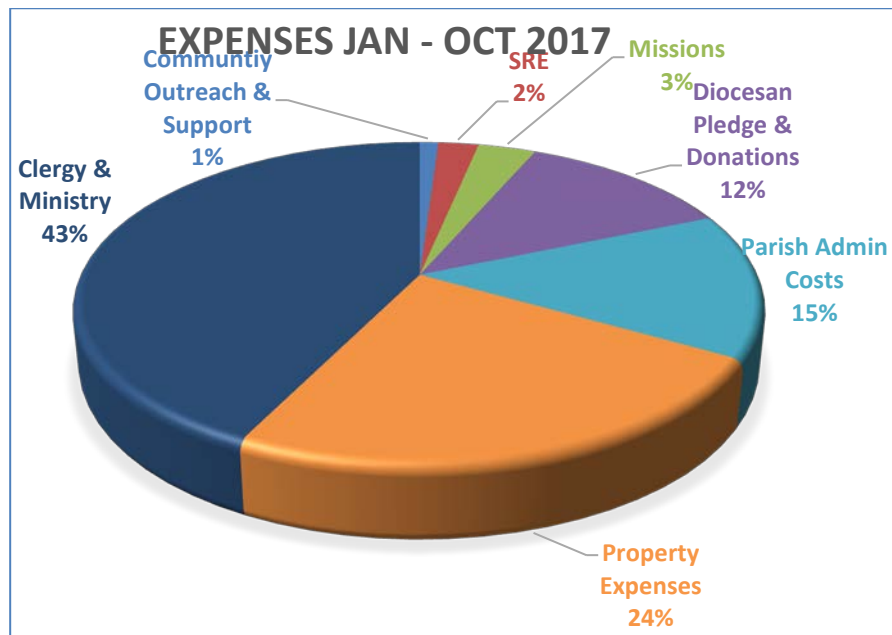
OUR FINANCIALS

In the Parish of Nambucca Heads, we endeavour to be good stewards of the financial resources that we are blessed to receive. Many donations are received for specific ministry purposes, such as Welfare, St. Johnny's Lunch with Friends, St. Jimmy's Kitchen, River Linked Kids, Jelly Beans and a considerable amount of these donations are not monetary, so though our *Donations* income and *Community Support and Outreach* expenses are small percentages, these figures do not fully reflect the Parish's commitment to these forms of support and outreach.

The major source of income for the Parish comes from the Op-Shop, currently parishioner offerings from both St Johns at Nambucca Heads and St James at Bowraville are insufficient to fully meet clergy and ministry expenses. The financial support from the Op-Shop contributes to these expenses and also provides support toward ministries and community outreach opportunities.

Our Parish supports several Missionary groups, both here in Australia and overseas, and SRE in local Primary & High Schools is also strongly supported financially. The parish contributes \$4,000.00 to the employment of SRE High School teachers for several of the high schools in the Nambucca Valley.





OUR HISTORY

- Pre 1893 Clergy from Kempsey Parish would visit every six (6) weeks or three (3) months for services and baptisms.
- 1893 The Bellinger and Nambucca Parochial District (P.D.) formed, stretching from Coramba (north) to Macksville (south) and Dorrigo (west). The first regular ministry in the area was from Mr C G A Monro, who began as a stipendiary Lay Reader, resigning in 1896 as the Curate.
- 1896 Land purchased for the present day Bowraville site, by the Right Rev Arthur Vincent Green (Lord Bishop of Grafton and Armidale) at a Crown Land Auction in Bellingen.
- 1897 Foundation Stone laid for St James, Bowraville Church, the first Church of England Church in the Nambucca Valley. Charles E Burgess (Deacon) was servicing the P.D.
- 1899 10th January, Bowraville Church building was dedicated and opened by Bishop Green.
- 1900 The large Parochial District was split in two, north of the Bellinger and the Bellinger and Nambucca Valleys, this was called the Nambucca District.
- 1902 Land at 11 Ridge Street Nambucca Heads was acquired for the first St John's church and was dedicated on 9th July, 1903 by Bishop Henry Cooper.
- 1907 Nambucca separated from the Bellinger and the new Parochial District of the Nambucca River was formed and Rev. Davison Carruthers appointed as the Curate, first resident Anglican minister in the Nambucca.
- 1923 The Parochial District of Bowraville formed and Rev. James Charles Randell appointed as its first priest.

- 1925 Bowraville became a full parish, the Rev. Oliver Norman Manny appointed and the first rectory bought at 42 Cook Street Bowraville.
- 1932 New extensions of Sanctuary, porch/entrance on the south and baptistery at St James were dedicated by Bishop Aston. With a boundary change, Bowraville Parish gained Tewinga and Upper Newey from Nambucca Parish.
- 1935 Foundation Stone for Bowraville Rectory at 5 Young Street was laid by Bishop John Ashton and the completed building dedicated in 1936.
- 1949 Missabotti Mission Hall dismantled, moved and rebuilt as the Bowraville Church Hall now the kitchen area of the present hall.
- 1960 The present St John's Church building opened by Bishop Kenneth Clements on 24th Sept and dedicated 10th October, 1973.
- 1964 1st June, Nambucca Heads, a Provisional Home Mission District, separated from Macksville. Newee Creek Hall bought, dismantled, moved and rebuilt as the second section of the present Bowraville Hall began.
- 1965 Nambucca Heads Rectory built.
- 1966 Nambucca Heads run by Bowraville Parish.
- 1971 Nambucca Heads Hall, originally a mortuary, was moved from Grafton.
- 1975 Separate Parishes of Bowraville and Nambucca Heads amalgamated as the Bowraville/Nambucca Heads Parish, renamed in 1982, Parish of Nambucca Heads.
- 1982 Rectory at Nambucca Heads extended.
- 1985 Extensions to Nambucca Heads Church and Bowraville Hall dedicated.
- 1992 Bowraville Church's Ministry Room extension dedicated.
- 1999 Bowraville Church's, new porch/entrance and access ramp completed for the Centenary celebration and re-dedication of the building.