

# BATHURST CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

## Charity details

<b>ABN:</b>	<u>63503521385</u>
<b>Address:</b>	1-3 Sydney Rd Raglan NSW, 2795, Australia
<b>Address For Service email:</b>	<u>raglankhjw@yahoo.com.au</u>
<b>Charity Size:</b>	Small
<b>Who the charity helps:</b>	General community in Australia
<b>Last reported:</b>	7 Dec 2022
<b>Next report due:</b>	29 Feb 2024
<b>Financial year end:</b>	31/08
<b>Basic Religious Charity:</b>	Yes

## Financial overview

Financial information from the  
latest AIS.

### Revenue

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**Total revenue:** \$0.00

### Expenses

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**Total expenses:** \$0.00

## Summary of activities

By arranging public meetings, held both electronically and at a physical facility in the local area, to promote the Christian religion and study of the Bible in accordance with the beliefs practiced by the body of Christian persons known as Jehovah's Witnesses, and to support and encourage the spiritual qualities of neighbours in our local community.



## Current details for ABN 63 503 521 385

### ABN details

Entity name:	Bathurst Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
ABN status:	Active from 22 Nov 2013
Entity type:	<a href="#">Other Unincorporated Entity</a>
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Registered from 22 Nov 2013
Main business location:	NSW 2795

### Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

**Bathurst Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses** is registered with the [Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission \(ACNC\)](#) as follows:

ACNC registration	From
Registered as a charity <a href="#">view ACNC registration</a>	03 Dec 2012

### Charity tax concession status

**Bathurst Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses** is a [Charity](#) endorsed to access the following tax concession:

Tax concession	From
GST Concession	03 Dec 2012
Income Tax Exemption	03 Dec 2012
FBT Rebate	03 Dec 2012

### Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

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## Historical details for ABN 63 503 521 385

### ABN details

Entity name	From	To
Bathurst Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses	22 Nov 2013	(current)
ABN Status	From	To
Active	22 Nov 2013	(current)
Entity type		
<a href="#">Other Unincorporated Entity</a>		
Good & Services Tax (GST)	From	To
Registered	22 Nov 2013	(current)
Main business location	From	To
NSW 2795	22 Nov 2013	(current)

### Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

ACNC registration	From	To
Registered as a charity <a href="#">view ACNC registration</a>	03 Dec 2012	(current)

### Charity tax concession status

Charity/ Fund type	From	To
Charity	03 Dec 2012	(current)
Tax concessions	From	To
GST Concession	03 Dec 2012	(current)
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**BATHURST CONGREGATION**  
**OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

**RULES**

1. The name of the Congregation shall be **Bathurst Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses** (hereinafter called the "Congregation").

**OBJECTS**

2. The objects of the Congregation are to promote the Christian religion and study of the Bible in accordance with the beliefs practiced by the body of Christian persons known as Jehovah's Witnesses, and to improve men, women and children spiritually, mentally and morally by any or all of the means set out in paragraphs (a) to (f) below with the aid of the powers set out in rule 4, in harmony with the ecclesiastical tenets of the Jehovah's Witnesses religion by:
  - (a) Preaching and teaching publicly and without charge from house to house, place to place and at public places of worship the gospel of God's Kingdom under Christ Jesus, unto all nations and peoples, as a witness to the name, word and supremacy of Almighty God Jehovah by the dissemination of Bible truths orally, written, and by the use of any other lawful means that are directly or indirectly conducive to the furtherance of the exclusively charitable and religious objects of the Congregation—Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20; Psalm 83:18;
  - (b) Promoting this Christian religion by disseminating and distributing without charge Bibles and Bible-based literature of all kinds, and in various languages, by use of the printed page, audio, video and electronic recordings or other lawful means;
  - (c) Spreading this Christian religion without charge by means of the study of the Bible and Bible-based literature in private homes and/or at public places of worship;
  - (d) Dispensing spiritual and pastoral assistance and incidental humanitarian relief without charge to necessitous persons;
  - (e) Providing, supporting, and maintaining, land, buildings and works for the purpose of public worship, Bible education and Christian fellowship;
  - (f) Co-operating with and assisting any other entities or associations used by Jehovah's Witnesses to pursue their exclusively religious and charitable objects, whether incorporated or not.
3. The Congregation shall operate exclusively in pursuit of its charitable and religious objects, and not for the pecuniary gain of any persons or person. The controlling document of the Congregation is the Bible, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into this document.

**POWERS**

4. In pursuit and furtherance of its exclusively religious and charitable objects, the Congregation may exercise, as it thinks fit, by any lawful means whatsoever, the following powers:
  - (a) To accept, receive, collect, hold, invest and re-invest any donations and voluntary contributions of money, gifts, grants, subsidies, subscriptions, and legacies and to administer them, use them, dispose of them, or apply them;

- (b) Where the Congregation plans to own any real property:
  - i) to appoint any other legal entity approved by the Australian Branch office of Jehovah's Witness to hold title as bare trustee of the Congregation's beneficial interest in real property.
  - ii) to accept, develop and turn to account any land acquired by the Congregation or in which it has a beneficial interest;
  - iii) to, build, rent, lease, furnish, alter or maintain buildings and works;
  - iv) to sell, exchange, donate, gift or otherwise dispose of any real property in which it has a beneficial interest;
  - v) to execute mortgages, borrow money, or otherwise raise finance, with or without security;
- (c) To accept, purchase, acquire, hold, administer, use, gift, dispose of or apply any personal property or assets;
- (d) To operate bank accounts;
- (e) To negotiate and enter into any contract;
- (f) To do any and all other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of its objects.

#### REGISTERED OFFICE

5. The registered office of the Congregation shall be situated at the same address as that of the Kingdom Hall or where no Kingdom Hall is used by the Congregation the Coordinator from time to time of the Congregation or at any other address as designated by the Committee.

#### MEMBERSHIP

6. A Person is eligible for Congregation membership only where he or she:
- (a) is baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses; and
  - (b) acts in harmony with the organisational arrangements and ecclesiastical tenets of the Jehovah's Witnesses religion; and
  - (c) is an active publisher in the Congregation; and
  - (d) has not had a determination made that they are no longer one of Jehovah's Witnesses. (Organized to Do Jehovah's Will, pages 154, 155)

Anyone meeting these requirements shall be designated a member of the Congregation. A Person not meeting these requirements shall not be, nor deemed to be, a member of the Congregation.

#### COMMITTEE

7. The designated Committee ("the Committee") will consist of the appointed Congregation Coordinator, Secretary and Service Overseer. In the event that one or more of these roles are not filled, the Committee shall consist of those persons who are appointed to serve in one or more of such roles. The Committee shall be responsible for directing the accomplishment of the Congregation's objectives within their local area and will administer the temporal secular affairs and business of the Congregation. Each member of the Committee must be a member of the Congregation.

Also, for the purposes of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (hereinafter called the "Act"), each member of the Committee shall be considered and designated as one of the Congregation's "Responsible Persons", as that term is defined by the ACNC. If a designated Responsible Person ceases for any reason whatsoever to be a member of the Committee or of the Congregation, he shall automatically cease to be a Responsible Person of the Congregation.

8. The Committee shall have the power to conduct, manage, direct and control the temporal secular affairs of the Congregation; to call general and special meetings of the Congregation and/or the Committee if the requirements of the Congregation and/or the Committee make it necessary; to negotiate and enter into contracts and do all things necessary or expedient in carrying out the objects of the Congregation as stated. Also, the powers of the Committee may be delegated to any other person or persons, upon such terms and conditions as the Committee may consider necessary or appropriate.
9. The Committee shall be responsible to keep all usual and proper books of account properly posted up and other records of the affairs of the Congregation.
10. In exercising any of the powers conferred upon them, the Committee may at times consult other members of the Body of Elders of the Congregation before making necessary decisions.

#### MEETINGS

11. (a) In calling a general or special meeting of the Congregation the Committee shall provide reasonable notice to the members.
- (b) A majority of the members of the Congregation present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business. Each member present (be that in person, by any electronic means or by proxy) at a meeting of members, shall be entitled to cast one vote. The affirmative vote on any matter of a majority of the members present at which a quorum has been established shall constitute the act of the members.

#### NO PRIVATE PROFIT

12. (a) Any income, benefit or advantage of the Congregation shall be applied solely to further the objects of the Congregation.
  - (b) No member or Responsible Person of the Congregation or any person associated with a member shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the Congregation in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or Committee member or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage whatsoever. Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arm's length transaction (being the open market value)
  - (c) No income shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Congregation except as bona fide reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Congregation.
  - (d) The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.
13. Any member who is or may be in any other capacity whatever interested or concerned directly or indirectly in any property or undertaking in which the Congregation is or may be in any way concerned or involved, shall disclose the nature and extent of that member's

interest to the Committee, and shall not take any part whatever in any deliberations of the members concerning any matter in which that member is or may be interested other than as a member of the Congregation.

#### AMENDMENT TO RULES

14. These rules and objects may be altered, added to, rescinded, substituted in full or varied or amended by a resolution passed by a majority of those present at any meeting of which at least three days' notice has been given by posting such notice setting forth the purpose of any proposed alteration, addition, rescission, variation or amendment in a conspicuous place at the usual place of holding meetings, provided however such alteration, addition, rescission, variation or amendment shall not affect the exclusively religious and charitable nature of the Congregation or enlarge the class of persons who may become members of the Congregation or result in the distribution of its assets on winding up or dissolution for any purpose that is not exclusively religious and charitable.

#### WINDING UP

15. In the event of the Congregation being wound up the surplus assets shall be realized/transferred and thereafter all funds after payment of the Congregation's liabilities and expenses of winding up shall be paid/transferred to any other Congregation/s of Jehovah's Witnesses in Australia, subject to the beneficiary being organized and operated exclusively for religious and charitable purposes. If the beneficiary is not in existence nor authorized by law to receive such assets, then all properties and assets shall be distributed to another charitable organization in harmony with the exclusively religious purposes of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Certified as a correct copy of the Rules duly adopted:

Peter Soames  
Print Name

Peter Soames  
Signature

Coordinator/Officer  
Designation

Dated the 14 day of November, 2013