

Just a few weeks after we commemorated the devastating Black Saturday fires of 10 years ago, Jindivick residents were again made very aware of the dangers of bushfires. The Drouin West Brigade and the CFA in general, were again very busy. As Ruth McGowan, Drouin West Fire Brigade Community Safety Officer described, local CFA members were engaged in fighting nearby fires as well as being deployed across Gippsland to other bushfires, and in strike teams. "The Bunyip Complex fire was a huge threat to many properties on the edge of the Bunyip State Park and our thoughts go out to all those impacted in the Cardinia Shire and Labertouche area."

Ruth described how "locally, in the Drouin West and Jindivick catchment, residents put their fire plans into action. Many followed their fire action plan and evacuated from their property. Others ensured they were extremely well-prepared to stay and defend. Although there were spot-fires from ember attack on the farms between Jindivick and Labertouche, the fire did not make it into our area – this time."

She added that the lessons learned from Black Saturday meant that when the Bunyip fire threatened, most people were much better prepared this time than 10 years ago. Residents could view the VicEmergency App on their phone or listen to the radio for updates that kept them informed.

At time of writing the Bunyip fire is listed as Contained and has burnt more than 15,500ha.

Our thanks go to all firefighters and other emergency workers involved in the Bunyip fire and the other significant fires we've had across the state this summer.



Above: Drouin West CFA was involved in several Strike Teams throughout Gippsland in March. This photo was taken from inside the Drouin West tanker cabin when in Yinnar.



will be closed from 9am on March 30 to enable the catering team set up for the festival. However, locals will still be able to collect papers, milk and post related items from the Caf. Sue asks that, if possible, people could pick up papers before 9am.

What's On

- 30 March Village Feast
- 30 + 31 March Open Studios West Gippsland
- April Gail Twyford at Red Tree Gallery
- 4 April Jindi Landcare eDNA Farm Dam sampling
- 6 April Jindivick Country Market
- 19 April Good Friday, The Jindi Caf' closed
- 25 April Anzac Day Ceremony, 11am
- May Roni Schell at Red Tree Gallery
- 4 May Jindivick Country Market
- 23 May Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 11:30 – 3pm

Regular Events – All Welcome

Jindi Craft Group Thursdays 11.30am - 3.30pm at the Hall during the school term at the Hall. All welcome. **NB** No craft group during the school holidays Contact Nikki 0447 776 178

Jindivick Community Yoga Group 10am on Thursdays at the Jindivick Hall.

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick services on 1st & 3rd Sundays of month. Cuppa at 11am Church starts at 11:30. Contact Faye 0400014226

Billiards/Pool Nights/Get Together Most weeks on Fridays 7pm, in the Hall's refurbished billiard room. More info. Ph Phil Rotteveel 0410 682 332 \$2/ head. BYO drinks. Women most welcome

Jindivick Community Garden cancelled for April

DON'T FORGET THE VILLAGE FEAST

CAKE AND HOMEBREW BEER COMPETITION

Melbourne Food and Wine are holding a cake and homebrew beer competition during the Village Feast at Jindivick. We want to encourage all the local makers to enter their items. The CWA is judging the cakes, and Sailors Grave Brewing is judging the homebrews. It will be a fun competition (not serious!). The categories are:

- Kids Scones
- Sponge Cake
- Chutney
- Homebrew

Drop your goods to The Hall between 12 and 2 pm on 30th March. Judging from 2 to 3 pm and winners announced on the central stage at 3 pm.

Baw Baw Shire Council is seeking further community feedback to help refine the draft Community Hubs Strategy and recommendations in the 5-year action plan. See the full release: Have Your Say on Draft Community Hubs Strategy on the BBS website

More on the Village Feast, Saturday 30 March from the organizers, Melbourne Food and Wine Festival.

The Festival and our friends who are joining us for the event are all looking forward to seeing you on the 30th. Tickets are still available at: www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au Limited tickets will also be available at the door.

Volunteers. We would love the local community to join in the event and promote Jindivick and surrounds, and are still seeking volunteers. Please register your details at the Jindi Caf: all you need to do is put your name and contact details down and come to a briefing session at 5:30pm on Friday 29 March at The Hall.

Jindivick Cricket Club is having another successful season, winning two of the five One-Day premierships for Divisions 1-5 in our Warragul and District Cricket Association. The club has a healthy mix of locals and some very keen players who travel great distances to enjoy our hospitality and the feel of an extended family.



Division 3 cruised to the victory target set by Bunyip with 4 overs to spare Above: Division 3 premiers Below: Division 4 premiers

Division 4 experienced a thrilling game against Longwarry. Local boys Jimmy Maguire and Jack Braddick were in at



the death, needing 5 to win from the last two balls of the day. Jimmy hit a three off the second last ball and the boys scrambled through for another run due to over-throws, before Jimmy was bowled on the last ball! The game was tied, but Jindivick was crowned premier due to its top-of-the-ladder finish. At the time of writing this we are preparing for the two-day finals which will take place on the weekends of 16/17 March and 23/24 March. We have three out of

our five in the finals, so we're hoping for some more happy premiership snaps. If you have enquiries about club activity or interest in playing next year, call Mark 0401161144 or email jindivickcc@gmail.com The club hire their clubrooms for parties and various other get-togethers.

The Jindi Jems will meet outside the Hall at 10 am Mon 1st April, to car share for a trip to Yarragon. New ladies always welcome. If you need more info call Maz: 0447491502



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congratulations to Maz who celebrated the 10th anniversary of her arrival in Australia on March 7. Over those years Maz has made a big contribution to her community. She is currently involved in many local organizations

Drouin West CFA News

Although the cooler Autumn temperatures have arrived, there is no room for complacency, and fire restrictions that prohibit burning off without a permit remain. Why not take the opportunity to reflect on how you responded to the threat of the recent fire. What went well? What didn't go as well? What would you do differently next time?

Living so close to the forest, we know that there WILL be a next time so have a fire plan for you, your partner and family. Document what you will do so that when there is a stressful call to evacuate, you know immediately what to do instead of fumbling around trying to gather precious possessions, save pets and escape. Practise your plan and prepare for summer by visiting www.cfa.vic.gov.au You need to be self-sufficient. Although the Brigade does its best to protect life and property, we have one tanker and cannot physically get to every property when this area is under threat.

Jindivick Country Market

Only two markets left this season! Join others from your community, meet new people, hear great music at the markets on 6th April and 4th May. A big "thank you" to everyone who comes and supports our market each month. Stall enquiries to Don 0427968503



The **Community Garden Gathering** is cancelled this month. For further information, Ph. Nikki 0447 776 178



Anzac Day Service will be held in Jindivick at 11am 25th April. All welcome

NB The Jindi Caf' will be closed on Good Friday. Please book ahead if you would like to visit on Easter Sunday or Mother's Day Ph 56 285277

The Victorian Food and Wine Festival has been keeping **Jindivick Primary School** very busy establishing a new vegetable garden.

After several working bees with some very enthusiastic parents, students and staff, we should have the garden ready to be opened on March 30th at the festival.

Above L – R Charlie, Mia and Sophie help with the new school garden.



Due to the bushfires, the school was closed for 4 days and the grade 3/4 Urban Camp had to be postponed until later in the year but the good news was that everyone stayed safe.

The last two weeks of term include the Senior Sports at the Geoff Watt Track, the Junior sports at Labertouche, and the grades 3 - 6 students have an excursion to the Arts Centre in Warragul to see the stage-show 'Billionaire Boy'. **NB** the last day of term 1 is April 5. School returns for term 2 on April 23.

Nangara Notes White-throated Treecreeper
In late summer many birds go quiet for a bit: breeding has finished and territorial disputes are put aside. However, pull up at the gate of Nangara Reserve and listen for just a short time and the piping, one note 'whit-whit-whit-whit...' of the White-throated Treecreeper will most likely be evident.

These birds are arboreal specialists. They have super long toes for clinging to trunks and branches and a long, curved beak for probing beneath the bark for ants and spiders. Unusually, this bird always works upwards as it searches for a meal. Nearly always alone, it alights on the base of a tree trunk then spirals upwards as it checks under the bark and in crevices for a tasty morsel.



The White-throated Treecreeper is a sedentary species and builds a nest in a small tree hollow. It is a fairly common and widespread bird throughout the open forests of the eastern states and is described as having a 'secure status' in Victoria.

Footnote: It will be interesting to see what effects the recent Bunyip State Park bushfire will have this winter on the birds in Nangara Reserve.



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for cancer will be held in Jindivick on Thursday 23rd May at the Hall from 11.30am to 3pm. Come

along and enjoy a lovely lunch, catch up with friends and support an important cause. Trading table, raffle and lots of yummy food. All welcome. Contact Nikki 0447 776 178



Clucker 357's Blog

OMG!!...Did you listen to the ABC during the fires? If only us Cluckers did! We had no idea of the mortal dangers we faced. The expected winds of up to 70km/h, falling embers and exploding trees. Even too late to evacuate! Where could we go and how? We could have been fried chicken, smoked eggs, our goose could've been cooked (if I was a goose, which I'm not!).

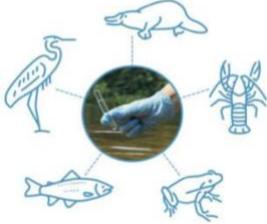
But I did notice that there was a strange sky, eerie, and all that ploughing up of the paddocks along the boundaries and in front of our trailers, which now I understand was supposed to save us from spot fires. Good grief, the pictures in the Gazette showed that was a waste of time, or was it?

This week when our trailers moved onto new pasture our delight could not be contained. Wonderful long stretches of soft loose ploughed dirt. We are in paradise. Digging, dust bathing, and burying ourselves in endless dry dusty dirt. Then in the evening jump up on the perches and shake ourselves silly to send plumes of dust all over the egg collection belt and through the nesting boxes. Drives the egg collectors nuts. Chuckle, chuckle.

Clucker 357, from Jindi Free Range Eggs Over and safe

Jindi Landcare are holding their second eDNA sampling morning on 4 April. You are most welcome to join them. Contact Pete Ronalds Ph:0402 650 382 for more info.

Get involved in investigating farm dam biodiversity in West Gippsland using eDNA
4th April 2019



Every creature leaves traces of their DNA in their surrounding aquatic or terrestrial environment, through skin cells, hair, and other bodily secretions. This is environmental DNA (eDNA).



In spring 2018, Jindivick and Neerim District locals visited 16 dams, collecting 54 eDNA water samples to test for wildlife. Please join us for our autumn 2019 sampling event.

The second farm dam eDNA sampling morning is Thursday 4th April 2019, 9.30am – 1pm with lunch
Meet at Neerim Sth wetlands at 9.30am sharp.
All welcome! Please RSVP by 28th March.

Contact Pete Ronalds (Jindivick) 0402 650 382 or peter@wpcin.org.au or Phil Darton (Neerim District) 0408 351 915 or darton@dcsi.net.au

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government through the National Landcare Program.



Learn more at www.envirodna.com

Free to a Good Home

One gorgeous and much loved lounge suite for sale. Price - \$00.00 Yes, this is a giveaway folks. It is floral tapestry and has cane sides and looks remarkably healthy considering its age. I have to let it go but I don't want it to go to the tip! Please take it - for the men's shed? For the back verandah?
Ring Faye on 56285248 or 0400014226

Jindi Zoo has turned 1! We were very happy to celebrate our first 12 months in business on the 10th of March. April is looking pretty busy, as we will be attending Farm World this year (you can find us in the Vin Rowe farm machinery tent) We're super excited about being a part



of such a huge local event! You can also find us Red Hill Market on the 6th, Point Nepean Market on the 20th and at the East Gippsland Field days on

the 26th and 27th.

Above: Alice and Marshmellow



Musker's at Broughton Hall As well as the nursery, the beautiful garden will be open from late April to mid-June at the nursery times – 10-4pm Thursday – Sunday

Garden admission \$20 An ideal Mother's Day excursion!

Open Studios West Gippsland. Your chance to visit local artists in their studios, look at their products, talk to them about their techniques, equipment, and the thinking behind their artworks. Join this popular event which takes place again on March 30th and 31st. It includes 4 artists from near Jindivick: Laurie Collins, Sue Acheson, Gary Miles and Phil Henshall. For more information go to openstudioswestgippsland.com.au

Red Tree Gallery Our exhibition in April will be by **Gail Twyford**. This will be Gail's first exhibition although she has been painting for a while. Gail is a carer from Warragul and her art includes close ups of flowers, tree forms and seascapes. Come and support Gail as she develops her skills and processes.

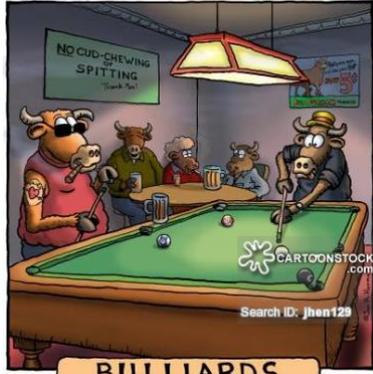
May at Red Tree Gallery will see **Roni Schell** return to the gallery with her paintings reflecting her life and love of horses. Previously Roni has had lots of positive comments about the quality of her work and several fine pieces sold.



Above Painting by Gail Twyford



Jindivick Pool Room



BULLIARDS

A few locals playing some pool and discussing the week's events on the farm.

As you can see anyone is welcome to play at the Jindivick pool Room. When? Most Friday nights from about 7.00pm. How much? Just \$2.00 per head. BYO beverages. If you want to relive your misspent youth, maybe you want bragging rights, or just fancy a game, why not come along? It's also a chance to catch up with a few locals and spin a yarn or two. There is certainly no Eddie Charlton that has emerged so no one will feel intimidated. Call Phil on **0444 525 556** for more information.

And finally: *Gippsland lifestyle Autumn issue*(left) contains an article on Jindivick and Neerim South, as well as great pics of Graham Duell, Nikki Cadzow and Maz Coventry.