



This is my third version of the front page for this issue of the Jindivick newsletter—we now live in both interesting and very fluid times. Please be aware that the information in this issue was current at 7pm on Friday 27th March. If you are unsure of the currency of any information here, please contact the organization concerned to obtain up-to-date details.

My thanks to all who gave permission for the use of their photos and Facebook posts and to those who provided information re. their organization's situation.

Enjoy the beautiful autumn weather, be kind, AND, if you can, STAY HOME TO STAY SAFE AS POSSIBLE Editor

The Jindi Caf'

Food. To comply with current regulations, the Jindi Caf' has introduced a new **Dine at Home Menu** for take-away meals. It is available on Facebook and Instagram and fliers to be delivered via the post in late March. And yes, they are still providing their Sunday roast. Phone 56 285227 to place your order:

8-5pm Monday—Thursday

8-7:30pm Friday and Saturday

8-4pm on Sundays

Post Office is still open and providing restricted basic supplies, as well as parcel collection and letter posting. For bulk purchases or unusual requests please go to the PO at Neerim South or Drouin.

Gas Bottles will be delivered as usual.

Newspapers and milk continue to be available during the above hours

Bread Please phone the store before 6pm to pick up fresh bread the next day.

Eggs Jindi Free Range eggs are still available from The Caf' See Clucker's article on p2.

Muskers Garden and Nursery at Broughton Hall are closed At this stage, the nursery and garden will remain closed.

Social distancing and self isolation are critical to controlling this virus; we must all play our part responsibly.

Remember gardens are a great calmer—and now is a good time of year to prune, weed, rake etc, and enjoy the beauty of your garden.

David will keep posting on Facebook to keep you up to date with the changes of this Autumn Season. If you have any concerns or queries please call him on 0417056110. Stay safe and keep on gardening.



The Jindi Jems thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the Blue Lotus Water Garden on Monday, 2nd March. The weather was perfect, the water lilies spectacular.

The Blue Lotus Water Garden will re-open for the next Lotus Flower Season on the 26th December. They are well worth a visit if you've never been.

Due to the current situation the Jems will not be doing any trips but keeping in touch by text, email and phone calls. Stay well everyone. Maz is always ready to chat so feel free to call her on:- 0447491502



*Left: Enjoying lunch at the Blue Lotus Water Garden
Right: Dragons meet, Welsh dragon versus Ozzie dragon
(Title supplied by Maz)*





And life goes on...

On Sat. 21 March Carly Goodwin and Matt Stevens were married in the gardens across from the Hall where they had originally planned to hold the ceremony. The photo on the right, taken as a demonstration of defiance to the virus, rapidly went viral after it was posted by the photographer.

Photos generously provided by Simon Carter from Bride 2 Be Photography



The Red Tree Gallery will not be holding any new shows over the next few months until it's ok to venture out again. Laurie will be making new work in the shed and there will be work on the walls, but it will not be the planned exhibition program.

Jindivick Primary School On 22 March the Victorian Government announced that school holidays have been brought forward to Tuesday 24 March. From Wednesday 15th April (after the school holidays), children will be learning from home until further advice from the Government.

Students have been issued with home learning packs. Teachers, parents and students will keep in contact via email through the Compass Platform. Please contact your teacher with any queries, concerns etc. Teachers will be phoning their students weekly to touch base



Let's all go home and stay there so we help to keep our community safe. We'll keep in contact by phone and social media. (image and idea suggested by David M.)

Sadly **St. James Anglican Church in Jindivick** is closed at this very significant time in the Christian church calendar, as are all religious gatherings, due to COVID -19. For more information ring Faye on 56 285 248.

Congratulations to young Trixie, **Jindi Zoo Comes to You's** beautiful bantam, who appeared in last month's newsletter, on winning first place at the Orbost show. (see below) Unfortunately the Zoo is currently closed.



There will be no **Jindivick Country Market** for April and May. The organizers would like to thank all the stall holders and visitors to the market for their support during the 2019/20 season, and hope they stay safe. The market has a break over winter and our next Market season (2020/21) is planned to start on the first Saturday in October.

Eggs available:

Jindi Free Range Eggs provides free home delivery of eggs every Wednesday afternoon in Jindivick. Phone or text 0402981478 for more information and prices.



The **Jindivick Anzac Day Service** on Saturday 25 April will still take place, however it will be in a different format to the usual ceremony.

~~Nikki will be at the flag pole in the rose garden (at the intersection of Jackson Track and Main Jindivick Road) at 11.45am to raise flag and play the Last Post. If you would like to come please remember to keep your distance from other participants and to stay outside the fence~~
Update: DO NOT ATTEND

The Jindi Craft Group, the Jindivick Yoga Group, the Billiards/Pool mob and any other groups that normally meet in the Hall will not be held until further notice.

JINDIVICK COMMUNITY please stay safe and let's keep in touch by the Facebook page, check to make sure your neighbors are OK, ring people and have a chat. This will all help us get through what is happening.
Nikki 0447 776 178

The **Jindivick Cricket Club** has cancelled a few events in March and early April including the Under 16's and Senior presentations. However we did manage to squeeze in a fun night for the Under 12's, which included a jumping castle, and the presentation of commemorative medallions.

Lucky Clucker 500 March 2020

"Closer, closer". I keep telling the girls to get closer. Tough measures are getting put in place. We used to have 6 square metres to ourselves on the farm but we are working hard to reduce it down to the health authority guidelines to 4 square metres. We have almost got it. "Bring it in a bit tighter girls". The tricky part is getting everybody to respect the lines and stay nearer to each other than we are used to.

We are also focusing on the elderly, which is mostly about that old broiler, Clucker 357. She was allotted a spot, but has taken command of her own patch which happens to contain a feeder. She is to have sole access between 7am to 8am every morning and, of course, she has her own set of rules about everybody else's access. In order to feed from her feeder, an exchange of one worm for 5 pecks of feed. Now this has started up a new unprecedented problem of worm hoarding. With a shortage of dung beetles close behind!!

Demand for eggs is up, along with threats of giving us girls an extra squeeze to pop out more eggs. Oh really! I didn't know you could do that. But what I want to know is, what's with the axe leaning up against the trailer?

We are also the flavour of the month, as everyone wants to buy us and take us home. New adventures, but our carers must be too attached to us because we are "Not For Sale". (wish they would sell that cunning old Clucker 357 coz I'm getting very low on worms.)

Bye for now, close together and doing our bit for Australia, Lucky Clucker 500. Jindi Free Range Eggs.

The Jindivick Community Garden will offer an opportunity to learn about Permaculture when the COVID 19 restrictions are over. Meantime staying home provides a perfect chance to propagate food. With the current restrictions on travel and shortages in the shops, it's a good time to get involved in your garden and perhaps to learn a bit more about growing your own food.

The Jindivick Community Garden was originally established as a social and learning place, and we now have an opportunity to reinvigorate those aspirations. Local couple Paul and Natalie Wilmot, active practitioners of Permaculture on their property in Neerim South, have offered to share their knowledge at the Jindivick Community Garden.

As soon as the restrictions are lifted, the Wilmots will meet interested gardeners for some time in the garden turning it into a wonderful hub for the community. **They will run workshops on composting, plant and soil health, crop rotation, and companion planting, so come along and find out more.**

Permaculture is a design system for creating sustainable human environments. The concept was developed in Tasmania in the 1970's, and one of its founders, Bill Mollison, said: "Permaculture is a philosophy of working with, rather than against nature; of protracted and thoughtful observation rather than protracted and thoughtless labour; and of looking at plants and animals in all their functions, rather than treating any area as a single product system."

Do you want to grow your own food?

Do you want to get connected into the local community?

We will let you know via the newsletter when sessions will commence, and you can come along and meet Natalie and Paul and see how you can apply those principals in your garden.



Nangara Notes

The Large-billed Scrubwren



One of Nangara's secrets is the Large-billed Scrubwren. This little brown bird is very easy to miss-identify as a Brown Thornbill, Brown Gerygone or a White-browed Scrubwren, all of which are also present in the reserve.

'Large bills' are nearly always present in small parties and often mixed in with those other three previously mentioned – just to make it harder to pick them. Generally, they operate a bit higher up in the mid-storey than the 'brown thorn' or the 'scrubbie' but Brown Gerygone's do operate at a similar level.

This little bird is almost all over olive-grey-brown, with a dark eye, long straight bill and buff underparts. Large-billed Scrubwrens are sedentary and are distributed along a narrow strip down the eastern seaboard, from central Queensland to Victoria. West Gippsland is just



about the southern limit for this little bird. Although seldom recognised from the other LBBs, (Little Brown Birds), the Large-billed Scrubwren is relatively abundant.

Often, Large-billed Scrubwrens will take over an old gerygone nest. Otherwise they build a roughly dome-shaped nest of grasses, ferns, cobweb and feathers in the low branches, shrubs or tree ferns.

We are so lucky to have such a beautiful reserve available to us: an ideal spot to exercise while practicing social distancing. Editor

Letter from Brendan Witt, Captain, Drouin West Drouin West Fire Brigade

To the Community of Jindivick and Drouin West and District

On behalf of the Drouin West Fire Brigade, I want to ensure that we are here and remain committed to serve and assist to keep our great community safe.

In the current climate, we have had to alter the manner of which we are undertaking activities. For this, we are postponing or cancelling ALL non-essential activities. These include BBQs, community events, fund raisers as well as property advice visits, and other community activities that we may be involved in. We are still undertaking our Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Program to all clients, to assist to keep business and clients fire' equipment safe and serviced.

There is no change to our response to Emergency Situations. We remain committed to supporting our community and our neighbours, as we have done over the last 70yrs.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this difficult time

Please stay safe, resilient and strong for your families and the wider community.

Regards,

Brendan Witt





Council News.

To help keep our community up to date with the latest information and changes to Council services amid the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), we're bringing more regular Council updates to you via print, radio and online.

Baw Baw Shire Council is committed to looking after the health and wellbeing of our community, taking proactive measures to slow the spread of coronavirus. We are taking advice from the leading authorities seriously. To do our part in flattening the curve of this pandemic while continuing to support our community, the following changes will be made to Council services:



Rates

Options are being investigated to postpone rates payment deadlines as well as reviewing interest charges on late payments. More information will be provided as soon as possible.

Customer Service Centres and facilities

All Council Customer Service Centres and all Council-run facilities, halls and venues are closed until further notice.

Due to the current circumstances, we are unable to provide cat trap hire and syringe disposal container exchange. Instead, we have arranged for sharps containers to be made available for exchange at the Chemist Discount Centre at 38 Palmerston Street, Warragul (next to Coles).

Maternal and Child Health Service Centres

All Maternal and Child Health Service Centres are closed until further notice.

Families will still be able to access Maternal and Child Health services via tele-consults with a qualified Maternal and Child Health nurse. To book a phone appointment, please call us on 5624 2540 and ask for Maternal and Child Health.

Rubbish collections and transfer stations

All kerbside rubbish collections and hard waste bookings will continue to operate as usual. This means you should continue to put your bins out on bin night.

Council-run transfer stations in Lardner, Trafalgar, Neerim South and Erica will remain open during normal operating hours. However, residents will only be able to pay via EFT payment, no cash payments will be accepted. You will also be required to remain in your vehicle when approaching the office for all transactions.

Sporting facilities and pools

All YMCA managed facilities are closed until further notice. This includes the Warragul Leisure Centre, Bellbird Park Indoor Centre and all swimming pools.

Council Recreation Reserves (including buildings) will be closed for public bookings until further notice.

Aged and disability support services

Home-based support services including meals on wheels, home maintenance and shopping supports will continue where possible in accordance with current health advice. All social support groups and the community bus are suspended until further notice.

West Gippsland Arts Centre

All theatre performances are cancelled or postponed until further notice. Additionally, the Arts Centre building is closed until further notice. Ticket holders will be contacted directly by the team with exchange or refund details. Please wait for the team to get in touch with you for the next steps.

The Albert & Smith restaurant is also closed until further notice, this includes take away options.

Local business support

Local businesses can contact Council's Economic Development team to help navigate through all the information available, obtain the right assistance (from State and Federal Governments) and access other support resources.

Businesses can call 1300 229 229 or email economic.development@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

More information

We're still here to help! If you have a question regarding a Council service not listed on this page, please visit our website, chat to a team member on Live Chat, call us on 1300 229 229, or visit our Facebook page.

be kind

TO BUSINESS

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As our community responds with precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, many local businesses are feeling the impact of social distancing. Council is currently working through ways we can assist directly with things like rates, fees and charges. We're also advocating to other levels of Government for the need for assistance with rates relief.

In the face of the current challenges, it has been so amazing to see local businesses and residents respond to changing situations so quickly. By supporting local businesses where you can, you are helping to keep our economy resilient and ready to bounce back.

Keep in Touch.

Let's work together to Be Kind to Business, be following our Facebook Page and visit our website for more information on support for business:

bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Your-Business/Coronavirus-Business-Support

For Our Business Community.



Even though there will be disruptions to many normal activities, Baw Baw Shire continues to support our business community.

We are introducing the Baw Baw Business Recovery Service, an experienced and dedicated resource to help you navigate through all the information available to ensure you obtain the right assistance.

Buy Local.

Shop online with local businesses. Lots of our local businesses have a website for shopping online and lots of great products on show via their Instagram and Facebook Pages. If they aren't online give them a call - you might be able to buy your favourite product over the phone!



Buy a Gift Card.

Buy one now and enjoy it later. It helps businesses keep cash flowing and it'll be a great reason to get out and celebrate when things open up again.



Treat Yourself.

Never has there been a better time to order takeaway from your favourite place - give them a call, many places are offering pick up or delivery.



Show love.

Send your favourite local businesses a message, or leave a review and show our businesses how much they mean to us.



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TO OTHERS

BAW BAW

Look out for each other, together we will bounce back!



Proudly supporting our Business Community