

What's On

29 Feb Jindivick Cricket Club Family Evening

March Wendy Tywerould at Red Tree Gallery Opening 1 March

2 Mar Jindi Jems trip to Blue Lotus Water Gardens

7 Mar Jindivick Country Market

14 & 15 Mar Cricket semi-finals

14 & 15 Mar Open Studios

21 & 22 Mar Cricket finals

25 Mar Junior School Sports

11 April Easter Service at St James



The holiday season is over and Jindivick is settling back to regular activities, enjoying the recent unseasonably cooler weather. Gardens blossom, fresh pasture grows and much needed 'clean' rain has filled tanks.



Regular Events

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick Services on first and third Sunday of the month. Have a cuppa at 11am. Church starts at 11:30am. For more information, ring Faye on 56 285 248

Jindi Craft Group Thursdays 11:30am – 4pm at Jindivick Hall. Contact Nikki 0447 776 178

Billiards/Pool Nights/Get Together If you want to get away for a while, why not join us at the end of the week on most Friday nights from 7.00pm for some social banter (and a game of pool). Bucks and Does all welcome for \$2 a head, BYO Drinks. Call Phil on 0444 525 556 for further info. The pool table is also available for hire at other times.

The staff and students of **Jindivick Primary School** are all happy to be back and ready for a terrific year in 2020. We have started the year with 63 enrolments, including 7 new Foundation (Prep) children.

Photo: Ky, Ashton and Lindsay having fun in the 'shop'.

The holiday period was very busy for the school with many building works taking place. We have had ramps, handrails and decks installed to allow accessibility for all of our students and school community. We also had our large radiata pine removed for safety concerns, due to its age and deteriorating condition.

WARNING

Asbestos Removal Works at Jindivick Primary School – Saturday 14th March

No access to the school on this day.

The School will be having all remaining asbestos removed from its buildings on Saturday 14th March by Australia Wide Asbestos Removal Encapsulation Pty Ltd. It is very important that the school is free of pupils, staff and the **general public** on this day.

West Gippsland Arts Centre's 2020 season of events has officially launched and offers a variety of theatre, music, children's and daylight entertainment to be amazed by, amused by, enthralled by and even confused by. Highlights in March include:

- **Live on the Deck** – Sunday 1 March outdoors in the WGAC forecourt
- **Partners in Crime with Rhonda Burchmore and Lara Mulcahy** – Friday 6 March
- **Summer of the Seventeenth Doll** – Tues. 17 March
- **The Gruffalo's Child** – Thursday 26 March

For more information and to see the full list of events on offer, visit www.wgac.com.au



Broughton Hall garden is looking beautiful, while the nursery is full and looking great. Visitors can explore the nursery between Thursdays and Sundays from 10 am till 4 pm.

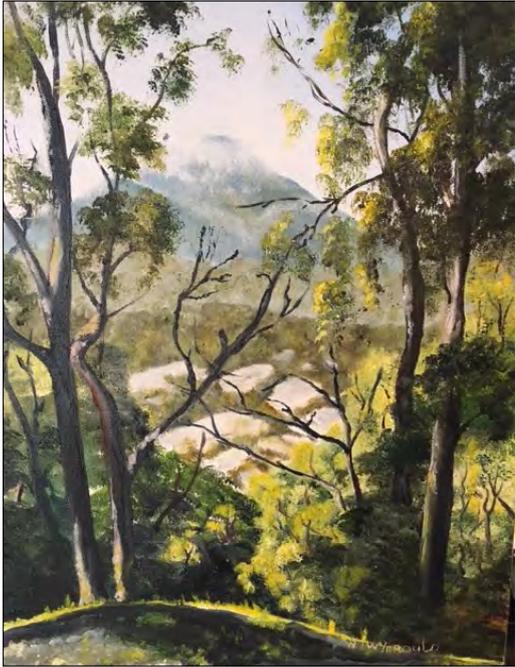
Autumn garden opening starts at the end of April, but as Autumn could arrive early, the garden may open from the start of April; keep an eye on Facebook, Instagram or call 0417056110 if not able to get the information you need. It is a stunning time of year for Autumn at Broughton Hall. Bring some friends and a picnic!

After a few changes of plans the **Jindi Jems** are going to Blue Lotus Water Garden's on Mon, 2nd March. We shall be meeting up to car share. New ladies are always welcome.

For further details please call Maz on:- 0447491502

Wendy Twyerould is exhibiting landscape paintings at **Red Tree Gallery** in March

Wendy paints with passion and flair as she endeavours to recreate the beauty of nature - more particularly the Australian landscape, in her realistic style. Travelling regularly around our majestic country, she takes inspiration from the landscape then paints her pieces, mainly in oils, and occasionally using acrylics. Having decorated cakes all her life, Wendy made the decision to follow a long held desire and began to paint approximately 8 years ago. She is very excited to be able to show her works in this exhibition and hopes to meet you at the opening on 1st March at 2pm.



DROUIN & WARRAGUL REGION
OPEN STUDIOS 2020



AUTUMN 14 & 15 MARCH
10am-5pm

Don't miss **Open Studios Baw Baw** on 14 and 15th March. Your chance to visit local artists Val Connelly, Phil Henshall, Kerrie Warren, Sue Acheson, Gary Miles, Lisa Kurec, and Laurie Collins in their studios, have a chat, see their techniques and unique skills, and equipment and of course buy some art work. Photo: Lisa Kurac, recent Ficifolia Art Show winner



Lucky Clucker 500 February 2020

Where has Summer gone? It's the middle of Feb and we are dodging puddles and getting bogged down in mud. But I must say that we are enjoying the fresh green grasses. Despite the mild weather, this February has not been kind to us chickens. There have been losses. Wedge-tailed eagles have set up house in the neighbour's bush and have two fledglings. Hungry fledglings. Learning to hunt has never been so easy for them. Picking off all the neighbourhood's hens until they found us. Mum and two kids stalking us from the old pine trees and fence posts. Watching and waiting until one of us loses nerve and makes a run for it. It's not pretty.

Battle plans have been made with all coming together doing their bit to save our chicken drumsticks. The farmers have placed plastic owls on fence posts across the farm which seem to put the eagles off a bit, as they are not sure if real or not: the shape looks right and the heads wobble. We do our bit and run for cover when eagles are spotted. This signals the farmers and the little blue eggmobile flies across the paddock, horn tooting and stick waving, bouncing from one pothole to the next. (We chickens put a lot of work into making those holes). Safe once more. The magpies go after them as well, annoying them with their clips and clacking. The real heroes are the crows. Who would guess that those egg thieving pests would be interested in helping us mere chickens? It's quite a sight, and we have a birds-eye view. Here comes an eagle! They really are magnificent. Circling in the distance with the greatest of ease. Every circle a little closer, a little lower. Just gliding in the upper currents with their distinctive wedge shaped tail.

A scout spots the intruder and sends out a volunteer. A Spitfire heading in a direct line to engage the enemy bomber. Small in size, but will pack a good punch on arrival. Swift and agile he ducks low and nips at the tail feathers. Off balance the eagle wobbles and straightens up again. The cheeky Spitfire moves to the wing and takes a swipe. Another hit for the crow who then darts across to the other wing for the final assault before heading back to base. The eagle has had enough and moves off a little. Our hero heads back and passes to the next in line to be deployed, dip of their wings in acknowledgement and move on. It's frightening, exciting and sad times.

Bye for now from the "lucky so far" Lucky Clucker 500. Jindi Free Range Eggs

Jindivick Cricket Club

has a few events coming up that you may be interested in:

Family Evening - 29 February: We are celebrating the end of the under 12 season with a Jumping Castle and some other activities like the ones we ran for Halloween. There will be a bbq and some finger foods. Drinks at bar prices. There will also be a short presentation of momentos for the under 12 cricketers and coaches.

From 6.30 onwards. Cost: Gold Coin donation per child. **\$1000 Draw:** a \$50 ticket gets you finger food, subsidized drinks and the chance to win the \$1000 prize. All purchased tickets start in the pot and are eliminated on a regular basis throughout the night, until one ticket holder remains. The night is combined with the club's most valuable player vote count.

Cricket Finals: Jindivick ground will host semi-finals in juniors and seniors, and a grand final in seniors as is usual. Come by and watch cricket at one of the best viewing grounds in the state and have a beverage or a bit of a munch while you're at it. **Semi's dates:** Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March, from 9am. **Grand Final Dates:** Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March from 1pm.

Other Club News: The reserve is starting to see some undesirable calling-cards from unknown visitors, and we'd appreciate locals helping us to keep an eye out. Things like illegal dumping of domestic rubbish, minor damage to the toilets and unauthorized vehicles doing wheelies on the ground have all occurred recently. Perhaps a call or email to us will help us to determine appropriate security measures in our discussions with council.

Rooms bookings: The rooms and surrounds are often hired and there are many happy users. Enquiries for functions and other uses welcome.

Go Jindi! Secretary: Mark Braddick 0401161144



Nangara Notes—the Superb Fairy-Wren

The Superb Fairy-Wren or Blue Wren, is a universal favourite. They are found in a wide variety of habitats from the tops of our mountains to our coastal scrub. Many people are lucky enough to have a family of



Blue Wrens in their garden. There are several family territories of Blue Wrens at Nangara Reserve. One of the best places to see them is around the bottom dam. One pair have nested regularly on the island for several seasons in a row now. It isn't too hard to see the untidy, dome-shaped nest low down in the scrub.

The blue and black breeding plumage of the male moults into dull brown, very like the female, after rearing has finished. After winter, the male gets his stunning breeding colours back for the next season. Some older adult males will stay in their blue-black colours throughout the year.

Juveniles and non-breeding adult males look very like the female but lack her distinctive mid grey tail and a rufous eye stripe.

Female Superb Fairy-wrens are very promiscuous and will often rear babies from several fathers in the one sitting.



Photo above: Female wren emerging from nest



Jindiivick Petting Zoo has been busy this month attending our regular markets as well as the Korumburra Show and old Gipps town Show.

All the Bunnies had their 6 monthly vaccination day last week and all checked out with excellent health! We are looking forward to again being a part of the Orbost Show

which means we get a short (1 night) holiday sleeping in the horse float with all the animals.

Photos: Trixie (above)

and Hamish



Have you heard of geocaching? In a nutshell it is a world wide environmentally responsible hobby: a treasure hunting game. There are several geocaches in the West Gippsland area, with an emphasis on highlighting cultural, historical and geographical features in the area. Geocaching promotes tourism and encourages people to get out and enjoy the bush. Recently a group of about 40 people stayed/visited in the Noojee area due to the "virtual" caches in Noojee and Toorong Falls. (In fact one of the Noojee caches has recently been nominated in 3 categories for Best location, Best "other" and Best Overall Cache of Victoria.)

This is a tourism asset to the area. [Laurie Collins confirms that he currently has a cache at his sculpture garden.]

Developers are currently working on a series of virtual locations to highlight the history and beauty of several reserves in the area. The hobby is by membership and has strict guidelines Further details are available at www.geocaching.com

Drouin West CFA has welcomed the wetter than expected summer in this part of the world, as unlike many other parts of Australia, we haven't faced the direct threat of bushfires - so far. Whilst it has been wetter than normal, things can still dry out fairly quickly. *A reminder that the Fire Danger Period is not yet over, so no burning off until the FDR is officially lifted. The council will advertise this in local media.*

East Gippsland Fires Update

As of the third week of February there were 5 going bushfires, 6 more have been contained and another 31 are under control. So far this fire season 1,503,592 ha has been burnt in East Gippsland. Challenges include mudslides and debris and some roads still remain closed. If travelling there, check with the Vic Traffic website (<https://traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au/>). To date, Drouin West has sent around 8 Drouin West Brigade members to both NSW and East Gippsland whilst continuing to have adequate coverage for Drouin West, Jindivick and our neighbouring communities. Victorian firefighters continue to receive support from crews from USA and Canada. The emphasis in East Gippsland is on recovery with work underway to support the many communities affected by these fires, but at the same time ensuring that any new fires are dealt with quickly. It is a reminder that for many in parts of Victoria, the fire season is NOT over.

Market stall

Drouin West CFA continues to have a stall at the Jindi Country Market on the first Saturday of the month. People are welcome to drop by for a chat about preparing for bushfire emergencies, clearing your property, or other fire-related matters. Enjoy a sausage, a chat or a soft drink. See you on March 7th.

Photo: Brigade members provide community information at each Jindivick Market. Delwyn, Pauline, Ruth, and Jeff pose for a photo while poor Ross slaves away over a hot stove



Baw Baw Shire Council will trial monthly open community briefings to increase transparency and engagement with the community on matters of strategic and community importance. See BBS webpage for more information



Council News.

To keep our community up to date, we're bringing Council News to you online, on air and in print.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm at the Trafalgar Business Centre, 107 Princes Hwy.

Community members are welcome to attend or tune in to the live stream from home. See what's on the agenda for the meeting on Council's website.

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JINDIVICK COUNTRY MARKET

Upcycle, recycle, make it, bake it, grow it market

Saturday 7th March

9am till 1pm

Situated in the centre of Jindivick, with its stunning views and community feel, it's a great place to explore market stalls while enjoying local musicians and the very best handmade, home grown produce, from local makers and growers.

Stall holder enquires to:
countrymarket@jindivick.org.au
Or phone 27 968 503 (Don)

Check the Jindivick Market Face Book Page for times and other activities.
The Jindivick Country market is brought you by Jindivick Progress Association