

What's On

- 27 Jan** School term 1 officially begins
- 29, 30 & 31 Jan** Monthly Craft Weekend
- 1 Feb** Jindi Jems meet
- 11 Feb** Nangara guided tour with Peter Ware
- 11 Feb** Jindivick Hall Meeting
- 28 Feb** Thank a Firey Day
- 3 April** Easter Market

Jindivick Country Market

We had a wonderful December market: lots and lots of people came and, thanks to the Drouin West CFA, safely entered the market. We had a record number of stalls and people through the gate, so a great day was had by all.

Due to Covid, and the ever changing requirements, our next market will be held on Easter Saturday 3rd April - hope to see you all there. Any enquires contact Nikki ph 0447776178



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If you would like to include information about a local event, club etc please contact the editor by email via newsletter@jindivick.org.au or phone 56 253556.

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Regular Events in Covid Times

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick.

For the present the services begin at 11.30am and go for about an hour. Some Covid 19 restrictions are still in place, masks and conscious distancing, but nevertheless we are active in and for our community once again. Come and celebrate that achievement with us, any 1st or 3rd Sunday. You are most welcome.

Jindi Craft Group meets on Thursdays in the hall 11am to 4pm, byo lunch, cost \$5

We are also holding monthly **craft weekends**. The next one is on 29-30-31 January - space in these is limited so bookings are required. Nikki Cadzow 0447776178

The Jindivick Hall is **now open** to 70 people in the hall, and 18 in the meeting (supper) room

Jindi Jems (see below right)
Jindivick Walking Group walks each Thursday, starting at 9am. Special walk in Nangara Reserve on Thursday December 10th, with local naturalist and newsletter correspondent Peter Ware (see p. 5)

The Jindivick Yoga Group meets on Thursdays 9:30—10:30am All welcome. For further information contact Janet on 0499 248 302.

Jindivick Cricket Club has continued its season.

The Jindi Jems enjoyed lunch at the Soul Sisters Cafe in Longwarry on 12th Jan. (see photo below)

Their next trip out will be Mon 1st Feb. New ladies always welcome.

Call Maz 0447491502 for further details.



Red Tree Gallery

Julie Gray Wickham is responsible for the February show **Out West Art** which presents works by Julie and her students. Julie runs classes based in her Gallery and studio, Yanco, at 410



Old Sale Road, Drouin West. Julie describes the works as 'so varied there will be something to suit all interests with works in pastel, acrylics, pencil, and watercolour'. The opening is Saturday February 6 at 2pm and Covid restrictions will apply. However drinks and nibbles will be served so join us to make it a pleasant occasion. The sculpture garden and the verandah will cope with extra visitors. For further information phone Red Tree Gallery 56 285 224

Jindivick Primary School

After such a challenging year for everyone we were able to finish the school year on a high. An outdoor 'covid-safe' school concert (left), a Grade 6 Celebration at the Jindi Café (see below) and a visit from Santa and his helpers on the Drouin West fire truck!

Over the holiday break we have had some works completed at the school: external painting and artificial turf surrounding the school buildings – no more trip-hazards!

We are all looking forward to the new school year and welcome our 8 new Foundation students to Jindivick PS.



Above: Left: The outdoor concert was a huge success. R. Santa was very popular



Above: Saying goodbye to Grade 6 Beautiful improvements to the school

Lucky Clucker 500 Feb 2021

Oh, holiday time! I decided that I'm due for a summer vacation. It didn't take long to think about somewhere sunny and by the sea. Somewhere I can soak up some rays and give fishing a go. Relax.

Bags packed. First, I had to escape, which wasn't hard for a crafty bird like myself. Just hitch a ride on the tractor as it leaves the paddock. Easy-peasy. Hitch another ride under the family camper. Off I go, Portland here I come. But it took hours to get there. I was getting cramp in my feet from gripping on so tight and the wind was upsetting the nap of my feathers. At last I arrived at my ideal get away holiday park. But it was nothing like I imagined. The icy wind blew so hard I was on a permanent lean. It was freezing like it was coming straight of the North Pole but maybe it was coming from the South.

Anyway I tried to blend in by taking part in all activities. Fishing was dangerous with inexperienced kids casting wildly in all directions, also, I was a bit nervous as apparently the favoured bait in these parts is chicken. Go figure! Beer was bitter tasting and after 3 stubbies my head was spinning. Pelicans were bigger and scary compared to our Wedge Tails. Movie night very enjoyable with Moanna and the crazy chicken was hilarious. Toasting marshmallow and getting my beak glued shut from the stickiness. Smelling like charcoal chicken from the camp fire smoke. The icy wind wouldn't let up until the final day and the sun came out. Just in time to pack up and go home. Ahh....there is no place like home. Who needs a holiday when you live in paradise!

Bye for now from

Home Sweet Home Clucker, Jindi Free Range Eggs, ph 0402 981 478



Jindivick Hall Committee meeting and the Shire works

The next Committee meeting is on 11 Feb., 7.30pm, at the hall - all are welcome to come and see what we are up to.

The tennis court project is progressing well and should provide a more attractive place for relaxing in Jindivick. We are looking at doing some minor works to help with power consumption, and landscaping around the hall. Any enquires, contact Nikki (nikkicadzow@gmail.com)

Jindivick Progress Association would like your feedback on any issues in our district. Send any suggestions, comments and complaints about our beautiful area to jpa@jindivick.org.au

Anita's Refrigerator Cucumber Pickles Recipe

What a mild summer we're having (better not speak too soon). By now we're madly trying preserve our gluts of cucumber or zucchini, so let's be prepared for when (if) it happens. This is a quick recipe to keep up your sleeves.

Cucumber pickles pair perfectly with a vintage cheddar cheese, especially a good local one like the lovely ones from Maffra.

Finely slice about 2 to 3 cucumbers and place in a wide mouthed jar about a 2 cup size

Mix together.....1.5 cups of water, 3 tablespoons white vinegar, 2 tablespoons of sugar, 1 tablespoon of salt Stir until dissolved then pour over your cucumbers Add to the jar some seasoning of your liking.....maybe some fennel fronds, whole chillies or garlic, coriander seeds.....your choice really.

Seal and pop in the fridge.

They'll keep their crunch for about a week.



Nangara News Rose Robin

The Rose Robin is a migratory bird that will depart our district in autumn and so now is a good time to try and glimpse one in the reserve. They can be quite territorial and a pair are often seen near the junction of Nangara Loop and Bunyip Link tracks.

Rose Robins are more canopy birds than the familiar Scarlet Robin and the Flame Robin. They are also very quiet, especially after breeding. Consequently, they can be hard to spot in the tree tops.

Once you do get a bead on one, the beautiful rose red belly patch of the male is a delight to see. The female is grey and buff-white.

Rose Robins feed on insects and larvae on the upper foliage and in the air. Frustratingly, they seldom come down to ground level.



Although the Rose Robin is quiet and inconspicuous, if you hear the far carrying, descending call, 'feer-feer-feer...' of a Brush Cuckoo, you may well be in Rose Robin territory. Brush Cuckoos love to parasitize the nest of Rose Robins.

Friends of Drouin's Trees.



Above: Peter identifies an orchid at Nangara Reserve

The Jindivick Walking Group continues to walk on local pathways and quiet roads on Thursday mornings at 9 am. On Thursday February 11th, we will again be joined at **Nangara Reserve** by **Peter Ware** to explore the natural world. All welcome - bring binoculars if you have them. 9am, Nangara Reserve, Nangara Rd Jindivick. For other weekly walk details contact Graham on 0417 434 464.

Right: Listening for bird calls at Nangara





Drouin West CFA

While there have been large fires in other parts of the state., we have been blessed in Jindivick with relatively cool weather and summer rains. However, we wish to remind residents that whilst we have had cooler weather the fire season is far from over. With hot wind, high temperatures and low humidity things can dry out very quickly; enough to burn. And there is a LOT of grass around that poses a potential fire risk. The Fire Danger Period continues into February and March so no burning off without a permit. if you are unsure, check out the CFA brochure **Can I or Cant I** at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

This month we mark the 12th anniversary of Black Saturday bushfire disaster which swept through parts of Victoria, including this area leaving devastation and heartache in its wake. On **Sunday February 7th**, we invite you to reflect and remember the 180 lives lost in the firestorm and on the days that followed. Many readers who were here at the time will be able to reflect on what they learned from that experience and how the fires changed the lives of so many. It brought our community closer together as we planned projects in places such as Kydd Parke Reserve and Nangara Reserve, where you will find our two memorials to Black Saturday today.

February 28th is **Thank A Fiery Red Balloon Day.**

Victorians are being urged to support the fourth year of National Red Balloon Day, by purchasing and displaying a red balloon on your letterbox, front fence or business window, to raise money ,and say thank-you to firefighters for the courageous work they do.



Drouin West CFA welcomes enquires from those that seek to volunteer with our friendly and small brigade. Please contact Captain Brendan Witt at captain@dwrfb.org.au to talk about what it takes to become a volunteer with us, either as a supporter or as an active firefighter. It would be great to have more day-time responders who can assist our efforts to keep us all safe.

New Group - Writers' Workshops

Local author, professional editor and publisher, Jen Hutchison, has offered to start a writers' group - for beginners and more advanced writers. The group will meet on Wednesdays 3.30 - 5pm at The Jindi Caf', starting on Feb. 3. Whether you have a family memoir underway, a novel in your head, or the urge to get started, this may be your 2021 activity. Covid19 rules apply. Bring your mask plus your laptop or a pen and paper. Class notes supplied. RSVP is essential - numbers are limited by space. For further information or to enrol call Jen on 0488 300 423 or email jenjtwp@gmail.com



Two off-grid Jindivick gardens on Stoll Rd opened to many enthusiastic visitors, as part of the Baw Baw Sustainability Network's annual Creative Harvest weekend, on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24th January.

Anita and Paul Day's 'Vue' includes a garden and greenhouse that provides food for their B&B (see Anita's recipe on p.3) They were joined by artist Graham Duell and bee keeper Marty Dunn. Local metal sculptors Jeff and Jeanette Hyde met with visitors to Marcus and Ginnie's hobby farm. Marcus and Ginnie aim to grow their own food using permaculture and regenerative practices.

Right: Admiring one of Graham's sculptures in the Vue garden,



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Council Meetings

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