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May Helen Timbery, Red Tree Gallery

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2 May Opening of Helen Timbery's show, Red Tree Gallery

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Jindivick

NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2021



Despite starting in light rain, the **2021 Jindivick Anzac Day Service** was attended by many locals including veterans, as well as representatives of Emergency Services and Cr. Tricia Jones.



Below: Jindivick Primary School Captains Alyssa Fitzgerald and Adam Forsythe read 'In Flanders Fields,' a war poem written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, on May 3, 1915. *Photo shamelessly stolen from the Jindivick Community Facebook page* More photos p 4



Regular Events in Covid Normal

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick Join your friends for a cuppa at 11am before the service at 11.30am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. For further information, Faye 0400014226

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

Monthly craft weekends. Space in these is limited so bookings are required. Nikki Cadzow 0447776178

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

Monthly Hall Committee Meetings held on 2nd Thursday at 7:30pm

Jindi Jems (see p.3)

Jindivick Walking Group walks each Thursday, starting at 9am. **Nangarra Tour** April 8 Ph: Graham on 0417 434 464 for more information.

Jindi Writers Group meets at The Jindi Caf' on Wednesdays 3.30-5 pm. Writers or would-be writers of all stages are welcome to join in. Enquiries to jen.hutchison.home@gmail.com or ph 0488 300 423

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 is looking for coaches (see p.3)

Jindivick Pool Nights Fridays from 7pm For further information call Phil on 0444 525 556 See p. 4

Atticus Health Jindivick Ph 56 285 445 for an appointment or go to: atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic

Did you know: for news between the newsletters you can go to The Jindivick Community on Facebook, and www.jindivick.org.au. Also search for names of local clubs eg Jindivick Cricket Club on Facebook and Google

Photo below right: Elijah De Groot and Beau Zinnow from JCC under 12s played in the Interleague for WDCA. (as did Ty Kindermann) See p 6 for a summary of the **Jindivick Cricket Club's 2020—21 season**





The Jindivick Walking Group walks on local paths and quiet roads around Jindivick on Thursday mornings at 9 am. For details of the next walk contact Graham on 0417 434 464 *Don't miss the special Nangara afternoon on 23 May (see p.3)*



Debra H Clucker May 2021

Shhhhhhh...not too loud. I need to whisper. All the girls are sleeping. I want to introduce myself. I'm known as Debra Harry Clucker. Just because I'm a blondie with lily white legs and a neon beak to match, doesn't mean I am completely dumb. The others hound me because I am different. Bully me off the feeders. Warn me to "keep off the grass". The nesting boxes are off limits to me. I get chased up and down the perches by packs of clucking hens. I am stalked, ambushed and threatened. The paparazzi always watching for me to capture blurry and out of focus images for Woman's Day and the Jindi Newsletter. They all despise me.

Readers....do you feel for me? This is my world, bleeding hearts: I love every minute of it. I see my self as the Phantom. As I lead them into trapping me in a corner, I move like lightning, leaping over and vanishing while they pile up on top of each other. Silent like fog, I move about before they realise I have finished breakfast at the feeder and stolen the best early morning grass clippings. The Phantom has eyes and ears everywhere. Nobody can sneak up on me. I'm uncatchable, non photographable and untouchable. When I move, time stands still. I am the envy of all those who see me, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

You will never find Debra H Clucker, until she finds you. Until next time.

Debra. (Shhhhhh...)

Jindi Free Range Eggs ph 0402 981 478

May has local Drouin artist **Helen Timbury** bringing her "Birdlife" exhibition from Fish Creek to the **Red Tree Gallery**, Jindivick.

Helen makes beautiful linocuts celebrating aspects of the natural world and this show focuses on birds.

The opening is at 2pm on Sunday May 2; drinks and nibbles are provided. Cr. Trish Jones will do the

honours and it should be a delightful event. All invited!



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea In Jindivick

Come along on May 27 and enjoy a yummy lunch and great company, while supporting a great cause. Nikki's cakes, slices, biscuits and preserves will be for sale, to take home and share with your family. as well as cards and many other goodies.

There will be a raffle and a "lucky cup" number as well. Come for the whole time or just a cuppa.

Everyone welcome

Enquires to Nikki 0447776178



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Six of the **Jindi Jems** enjoyed an April lunch at Little Miss Hangry's in Garfield - lots of chatter and laughter! We're hoping to organise a trip to Warragul cinema to see *The Father*, date and time to be confirmed. Our May trip is also yet to be decided. Give Maz a call on 0447491502 for further info. *Photo: Shadow stays warm during our latest cold weather.*



Rick Brown moved to Jindivick 2 years ago and re-established his **Sarowan Park Equestrian Stud** which he began over 35 years ago in Western Victoria. His passion for horses started when he was



10: he now breeds stud Arabians, and Welsh Ponies. (In his "spare time" Rick works as a dialysis nurse at Western Gippsland Healthcare Group in Warragul) In March 2021 Rick attended The Australian Arabian National Championships, where 2 of his horses took out some top awards. Miss Chilly Pepper, his 2 yr old Arabian pony filly was awarded two Championships and a Gold Australian National Championship. This was her second Australian Championship, her first was as a yearling at Sydney. Sarowan Park Lullaby, a 1 yr old Arabian derivative, competing in her first show, was awarded a Reserve Championship and a Silver Australian National Championship against some tough competition. It's now time for Rick to focus on the next generation of foals as he starts the weaning process, and preparing them for their first shows, in mid May.



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St James Anglican Church

After a break over April we will be back at Church in Jindivick on the first and third Sundays in May.

Now, here are three reasons why you should join us there:

It's quick (just one hour a fortnight), it's clean (very low potential for covid infection) and it's FUN.

Oh, YES it is! You get to sing as loud as you like, you get to sit and listen while people read to you, and beginning in May you get morning tea as well! Yippee, yippee, yeehah!

Morning cuppa starts at 11.00 and the church service begins at 11.30. Oh, yes and there's plenty of room too. So, May 3rd and/or May 17th - lets make it a date.

Jindivick Primary School staff and students had a 'Medical' dress-up day to raise money for the Monash Children's Hospital to end term 1. They had a lot of fun dressing up with 'terrible injuries', or as 'medical staff' and finished the day with an Easter Egg hunt.



Left: Grade 3 had some terrible injuries but luckily received medical support!

Right: Foundation students also had fun dressing up



Left: Regan, Alexia and Keely with their Easter eggs

Our Clubs Program starts in term 2. We have had wonderful support from our Jindivick Community, to help us run some fantastic clubs for the children who will be able to choose from cooking, gardening, bushcraft, STEM, craft, theatre sports, woodwork and science activities.

The Whole School Swimming Program will run later in the term.

Nangara Reserve Guided Nature Walk (and afternoon tea)

on Sunday 23 May, 1.30 pm Wander through Nangara Reserve with experts, see and understand the local flora and fauna, and gain insights into its seasonal variations. Join Wendy Savage (Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists), Peter Ware (Friends of Drouin Trees) and Jindivick's Greg Hollis. (Environment Sustainability Officer, BBS) to explore the birds, trees, flowers, and fungi in our forest reserve.

A bird list will be available: all the usual winter visitors (robins etc) should be present, and in May we should discover a wide range of fungi.

Bring binoculars, a camera, a cup and a thermos of hot water. Afternoon tea will be provided including tea, coffee (using your water), and homemade goodies to eat courtesy of Anita Day, and the Friends of Nangara. More details are available at The Jindivick Community Facebook page or from Graham ph: 0417 434 464, so spread the word, and to let us know if you are coming.

Jindivick Easter Country Market

What a great day we had at the market, we were a little bit tight for space due to the tennis court area being unavailable, but still offered 32 stalls to the many visitors. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day possible. The next market will be in October - giving lots of time for the tennis area to be ready.



Autumn at Broughton Hall is a stunning time of year. Bring a picnic and some friends, stay for a while and enjoy the beautiful colours and scenery

The nursery is full of great Mother's Day gift ideas and plants of course, the garden is looking great, we now have Seasons Passes, another great gift for a garden Friend.

Open Thursdays to Sunday 10am till 4 pm until June 19.

For more information ph. 0417056110

Happy Autumn everyone, cheers Philip and David



Above Adam Forsythe and family at the Jindivick Anzac ceremony, 25 April Above right: Members of Emergency Services at Ceremony



Jindivick Cricket Club - How we fared in season 2020-21

Corona virus hit all aspects of community life last year including the Jindi Cricket Club. The border between West Gippsland and Melbourne cut off the usual supply of players and coaches, and the club adopted a streamlined model, cutting back to three senior sides and two junior sides.

The club brought up its promising younger players to fill the gaps in the seniors. It was a slog at times, but there was real growth happening and flashes of brilliance. Regular Div 2 players like Jordan Smith and Sean Viotto were still around. Jordan had several great performances; a dominant 127 vs Iona, a 7 wicket game against Western Park, and another 5 later in the season. Sean crafted a beautiful 50 in the last game. Promising young players who came through the junior ranks, like Harrison Moore, Jack Braddick and James Keogh, led a group of youngsters who showed they were deserving of their place. The Jindi Club is confident that this side will grow into a potent cricket team.

Our second and third sides both performed well. Jindi Division 4 has enjoyed a lot of success in that grade over many years, with several premierships and many grand final appearances. This season it was stopped at the final hurdle before the grand final by a handful of runs. Matt Ward made regular big scores and bagged League Player of the Year, League Champion Player, and Jindivick Club Champion. Andrew Pyle amassed 31 wickets at an average of 15.23 In Division 6, Jindi was proud to field a side all season, unlike many clubs who forfeited a lot. This is traditionally our dads and kids grade and we have a great time. Forfeits, a bye, the five day lockdown and weather events slammed the Jindi Div 6 path to finals after Christmas. In the end it was stranded outside of the top four.

Our Under 16's partnered with Neerim and reached the Grand Final. We have some really promising youngsters like James Keogh, Fletcher Pallot and Flynn Pearson, who all play seniors in the afternoons. We also fielded an under 12 side and will be reintroducing our under 14's next season. Jindivick joined the Victorian Cricket Association Veterans Over 50's competition this season (see photo below) Onwards: The club is currently speaking to coaches and looking at recruitment. We plan to appoint a head coach and specialists in batting, bowling, and fielding. There's still time to get on board.

We are also looking forward to our AGM on 12 May, starting at 7:30pm - come up to our clubrooms and join us as we keep the tradition of cricket and community at Jindivick going. Enquiries: 0401161144



Jindivick Hall The hall is again accepting bookings with-in the continuing COVID19 restrictions (1 person per 2 square metres). There have been lots of bookings so go to the jindivick.org.au website for the booking form. It's a great spot to hold a wedding, parties, Classes or family reunion, etc. The Jindivick Mechanics Institute, called the **Hall Committee** for short, meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Hall.

Anita's Pasta with Tuna and Lemon

This is without doubt the go-to meal when you don't know what to cook.

Made simply with pantry and deli ingredients, you'll have dinner made in a flash.....Buon Appetito

400g spaghetti, penne or linguine pasta
 1 large onion - finely sliced
 2 tablespoons of olive oil
 Large tin of tuna chunks in olive oil - drained
 1 cup chopped black olives
 1 tablespoon capers chopped
 1 or 2 juiced lemons with the bits
 Roughly a tablespoon or more of chopped parsley, basil or dill (if you haven't any of these herbs it doesn't matter) and some black pepper



Cook the onion in the oil on low heat until lightly caramelised

Add the tuna, olives, capers, give it a stir, let it cook for about a minute, then turn heat off.

Cook the pasta, drain (save some pasta water)

Add pasta to the tuna mix.

Add the lemon juice, give it a stir, add a bit of pasta water (this helps loosen the mix) and a little extra olive oil.

Garnish with finely chopped parsley and a good grind of black pepper.

Serves 4

Atticus Medical Clinic has welcomed a new GP to the Jindivick clinic, Dr Sajini Ambipitiya, and as a result will now open 6 days a week. The new hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm & Saturdays 9am – 3pm

Dr Sajini has worked in a wide range of specialties including emergency medicine, paediatrics, women's health including tenures at Shepperton, Frankston and Rosebud hospitals. She is passionate about working as a GP and contributing to the health and wellbeing of the community.

Phone 5628 5445 to make an appointment.

The clinic now has 2021 Seasonal Flu Shots available.



Nangara News Crested Shrike-tit

In spite of its outlandish crest and bright colours, the Crested Shrike-tit can be hard to see. Generally, it's more likely to give away its presence with its call



- a drawn-out and sad 'peeer-peeer' that seems to be coming from far, but in fact may be quite close. Another give away for the Crested Shrike-tit is the tearing noise

made as it rips off strips of bark with its powerful bill in search for spiders and insects.



If you catch a quick glimpse of black, white and yellow you may confuse the Crested Shrike-tit with the Golden Whistler. The male Golden Whistler has a white throat, an all-black head and face, and it doesn't have a crest. Crested Shrike-tits are endemic to Australia where

three races reside. They can be found in open eucalypt woodlands, forests and sometimes rainforest. Anecdotaly, the bird might be adapting to urban woodlands and parks and gardens – there are several localities in Drouin where Crested Shrike-tits can be found.

Normally Crested Shrike-tits feed high in the canopy but at this time of year it is not unusual for them to be found at eye-level.

The Crested Shrike-tit builds a cup-shaped nest of leafy twigs high in the canopy, often in the flimsiest of branches, perhaps to deter heavy predators. Their nest is a favourite target for Brush and Fan-tailed Cuckoos to parasitize.

Friends of Drouin's Trees





Locals become environmental DNA scientists for a day, helping to show that small waterways in our region are important for wildlife.

In March Jindivick Hall played host to more than 40 Jindivick and Neerim district locals keen to hear the latest results from eDNA wildlife surveys that many conducted themselves. This time locals focused on collecting samples from small tributaries running through private properties into the Tarago reservoir. Rehabilitating and looking after such waterways in agricultural landscapes is not only important for water quality but also biodiversity, as this project highlighted.

More than 50 different wildlife species were detected across two tributaries in Neerim district and Jindivick - all thanks to the DNA they left behind in the waterways. Platypus expert, Josh Griffiths of EnviroDNA, was particularly pleased to report on the detection of platypus. Platypuses (yes this is the plural!) will spend most of their time foraging in creeks and building burrows in banks, but it is also likely that they swim into the Tarago reservoir to forage for food. Another animal that (surprisingly) is present on our doorsteps, is the Rakali. (see below)

While commonly known as a water rat, this is not your typical rodent foraging in your compost. This semi-aquatic Australian mammal with a glossy coat and white tip on its tail, spends time in and around waterways and is often mistaken for platypus when duck-diving. Also incredibly, one of world's smallest flying mammals was detected in water samples - the adorable Feathertail glider measuring up to just 8cm.



From the cute and cuddly to those with external skeleton and nippy: a range of burrowing crayfish species (see left) were detected. These little creatures dig extensive tunnels underground and into watercourses. They are rarely seen and hard to survey so to identify at least 4 different species is an incredible outcome from this citizen science project. Across all the tributary sampling sites the wildlife species detected included 4 frogs, 25 birds (1-2 invasive), 13 mammals (4-5 invasive), 5

fish (1 invasive), 2 reptiles, and 6 decapods (burrowing crayfish, yabbie and a shrimp). Please contact Helen at Hbarclay@envirodna.com or 0410123405 if you'd like to see the full report.

Neerim South Primary School and Jindivick Primary School students also became environmental scientists for an afternoon taking samples in their own school ponds and the Neerim South Wetlands. Many different bird species were detected as well as fish, frog species and a reptile species.

Great work to all involved! eDNA is an innovative wildlife detection technology even for seasoned environmental professionals – so to have our community involved and undertaking the sampling has been a real treat!

And a big thanks to Melbourne Water / Tarago Healthy Farms Program whose funding made the project possible. *Below: .The meeting was also a great opportunity to connect after COVID lockdowns!*



Council News.

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Council Meetings

Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm in the Fountain Room at the West Gippsland Arts Centre.

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