

## What's On

**Oct** Wayne Pollard, Dalene Salisbury, Red Tree Gallery

**Oct 5** Jindi Jems meet

**Oct 9** Opening Wayne Pollard, Dalene Salisbury

**Oct 15** Landcare Farm Walk

**Nov 6** Cathy Smith Red Tree Gallery Opening

**Nov 2** Jindi Jems trip

**Nov 10** Nangara guided tour

**Dec 3** Next Jindivick Market

# Jindivick

NEWSLETTER

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*If you would like to include information about a local event, club, person etc please contact the editor by email via: [newsletter@jindivick.org.au](mailto:newsletter@jindivick.org.au) or phone 56 253556. The deadline for the November issue is 23 October .*

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### VALE EUGENIA SCHURAVEL

Sadly our oldest community member passed away on 16 September, less than 4 months from her 104th birthday. Her life began in 1919 on a Ukrainain farm where she learnt her many agricultural skills. As a teenager her mechanical aptitude led to her being recruited and trained as a tractor driver and mechanic, an extremely rare honour for a woman. World War II bombing meant travel in a horsedrawn cart with Jacob and their 2 boys to a UN Refugee camp in Germany, and in 1949, by ship to an unknown land: Australia. When Jacob found employment with Victorian Railways the family moved from Bonegilla to the Warragul area, buying two acres at Drouin West in the 1950s. Eugenia established a vegetable garden by the creek and she and Jacob set about building a house.



Eugenia's mechanical skills, thoroughness and hard work made her a highly valued splicer and product controller at Miller's Rope Factory, Warragul, where she worked for 12 years. During this time they built their house, and shedding for her many animals, and enlarged the splendid fruit and vegetable garden.

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### VALE JEN HUTCHISON

It is with much sadness that the Jindivick Creative Writing Group reflect on the passing of our founder, Jen Hutchison on the 4<sup>th</sup> August after a short illness. Born in Warragul, Jen and her husband Graham recently returned to Gippsland making their home in the picturesque hills of Jindivick. Jen volunteered her time to share with us her vast experience in the art of writing, guiding us through her master classes and teaching us the techniques to prepare a manuscript for publication. As a mentor and friend we couldn't have asked for better. Jen's enthusiasm and empathy was inspiring and we, like many around the world, are grateful she shared her wisdom with us. Be it only for a short time, her impart was remarkable on so many levels.

Deepest condolences to Graham and Jen's loving family who supported and cherished her to the end.

*Jindivick Creative Writing Group*



## Regular Events

**St James Anglican Church, Jindivick** services on the first and third Sundays of the month. The Service begins at 11.30: we gather for a cuppa and a bickie a bit earlier. For further details, ph Faye 0400014226

**Atticus Health, Jindivick** Make an appointment at: [www.atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic](http://www.atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic) Open Mon—Fri 9-4:30. Sat & Sun 9-3.

**Jindi Craft Group** meets in the Hall, Thursdays, 11am—4pm phone Nikki Cadzow 0447776178

**Jindivick Hall** To book, go to [www.jindivick.org.au/bookings](http://www.jindivick.org.au/bookings). Billiard Room bookings: contact Ros. on 0439 008 501

**Jindi Jems** will meet at The Caf' on Wednesday, 5 October Their November trip, will be 2 November. For details please call Maz Ph 0447491502

**Jindivick Knitting Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Jindi Caf. We're there from 10-12. Don't knit? Don't worry, just join us for a cuppa and a chat. Give Maz a call on 0447491502 for table booking

**Jindivick Pool Nights** For further info. call Phil on 0444 525 556 Bookings via Ros: 0439 008 501

**Jindivick Singing Group** Music and words provided. For further info contact Linda on 0408346056

**Jindi Writers Group** meets on Wednesdays at the Jindi Café at 11.30am If you'd like to join us please call Mandy on 0419 384 600

The **Jindivick Yoga Group** meets 9:30-10:30am on Thursdays. Ph Janet on 0499 248 302 for more info.

**Wayne Pollard** and **Dalene Salisbury** are exhibiting their photos and pastels respectively at **Red Tree Gallery in October**. Their work, undertaken during the recent lockdowns, explores how we react to images and the show is titled 'Follow the feeling'. Wayne developed a pop-up studio practice which led to many experiments and modifications including the use of Photoshop image manipulation. Each of his works is accompanied by a description of its inspiration and process. Everyone is welcome to drop into the opening at 2pm on 9 October, to see their interesting work and have a yarn with the artists.



**Cathy Smith** will show her new drawings, paintings, photos, sculpture and small tapestries in the **Red Tree Gallery in November**. Drop in at any time or meet the artist at the formal opening on 6 November

It has been two and a half years since the **St. James Anglican Church, Jindivick** has had an incumbent, in other words our own regular minister. It could be a really tough time for a church with people falling into a slump or losing interest and staying away. We, however have maintained our regular congregation with the help of our locum, Bruce Charles. Bruce is a very down to earth type of chap with plenty of surprises in his sermons. He can really open your mind with his commentary on the Gospel readings. Why don't you come and listen him some time soon? (see Regular Events, p1 for service times)

### **Debra H Clucker October 2022**

Ahhh.... Such a nice break from the muddy paddocks, just taking it easy in the warm hay shed. A getaway from all the chaos the girls create, the rain, the mud. Just letting my feathers dry off. But it does get a bit lonely with only the tractor to talk to. Although it's mostly me doing the talking. He is the tall silent type. Something just doesn't feel right though. It's too quiet outside. Am I missing something? I'm looking forward to catching up on the local gossip. Check out the latest Fluffy leg casualty listings. Ok, ready or not.... here I come!

Hey! Hello?... HELLO? .....Where is everyone? Where did everyone go? Where's my trailer, my home?...Hello? I think missed something BIG!!! Where are the cows?

Oh great, at least the sheep are still here. Where did all these lambs come from? Must be lambing season.

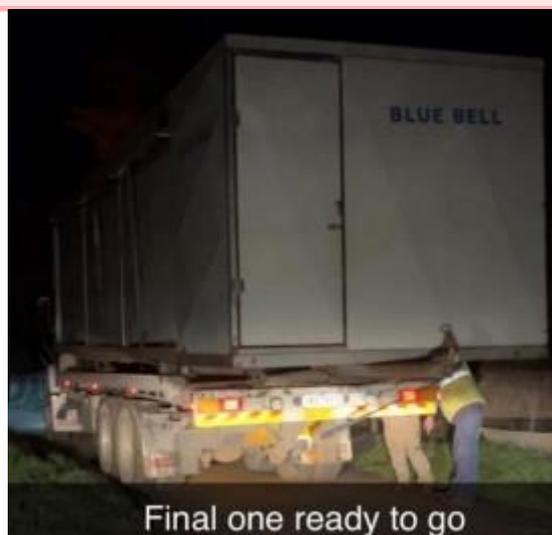
Oh no, I got left behind! They all shot through while I wasn't looking. The old ewe with big hair, the one they call Barbie, I think, says the egg business has closed up shop. See ya later. Gone into retirement. Retirement, isn't that something that old folks do? Hmm.....Barbie says a big truck came in the night and loaded the trailers and chickens, and all the equipment and headed off to Catani to a big farm down on the swamp. That's where the serious mud is. Makes our mud look like a dust bowl!

It's kinda eerie. It's like a ghost town in the old cowboy movies. Except it's not hot or dusty, and there isn't any tumble weed. No buzzard's circling above either, but there is a pair of pesky eagles.

So maybe not like the movies. But it is weird.

I guess this is the start of a new adventure for me. Surviving the fluffy legs on my own is going to be the trickiest. I am fast learning what the expression 'safety in numbers' means. Something scary about seeing your own name on the menu. Do you think I can do it readers? You will have to wait and see for next month's edition to see if I'm as good as I think I am.

Bye for now from Debra going solo.



Final one ready to go

Her gardening and animal husbandry continued for over 70 years. She formed a lasting friendship with Jack Pretty buying her stock food etc from Jindivick General Store.

Her family, which expanded by 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren was the most important aspect of her life. She provided them with love, food and unstinting support.

Eugenia lived on her piece of paradise, tending her garden until her last 18 months when she enjoyed a new lifestyle at Lyrebird Village in Drouin.

In later years she would say she "had had such an interesting life and had travelled from one side of the world to the other" (without the help of travel agents) Eugenia, and her exuberant approach to life is sadly missed.



The **Jindivick Primary School** Soiree is back! On the evening of Thursday 8th of September the whole school performed in front of a full house at the Jindivick Hall. The students were amazing and had lots of fun dressed up in their 90's outfits. In Term 4 we are looking forward to our annual Fun Run, the Junior Sports and excursions to the Immigration Museum for the grades 3 - 6's and a trip to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens for the juniors.



Top: Whole school performing 'We Are Australian'

Below: Evie and Verity concentrating on their glockenspiels



### Nangara News

Visit Nangara Reserve now and you will hear a cuckoo. The leisurely, downward trilling call repeated several



times is a Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*see photos*) one of the first species to arrive here each spring from inland and northern Australia.

The worldwide cuckoo family is quite large and we have perhaps six or seven species that regularly visit West Gippsland. The Brush Cuckoo and Shining Bronze Cuckoo are regular visitors to Nangara as well but generally a little later in the season.

Adult Fan-tailed Cuckoos

are grey birds about the size of a Rainbow Lorikeet. Their throat, breast and belly variously described as russet, cinnamon or buff. They have a distinctive yellow eye ring and grey and white barring on the undertail. Despite their name, they



seldom fan their tail. They have a medium length, down-curved beak and usually they perch in an erect posture. Cuckoos are brood parasites – they lay their eggs in the nests of other birds. Fan-tailed Cuckoos generally select the nests of fairy-wrens, thornbills and scrub-wrens. The cuckoo egg hatches earlier than its host's and the nestling grows quickly, often ejecting the other eggs from the nest. The 'parent' wren or thornbill is then left to rear the nestling cuckoo. This may seem unfair on the tiny host parent but it has been occurring for millennia and the wren and thornbills will often have two or three 'sittings' a season of uninterrupted rearing of their own. The arrival of the Fan-tailed Cuckoo is a sign of the change of season.

Contributed by the Friends of Drouin's Trees

### Anita is taking a well deserved break

**Enjoy Nangara in Spring** by joining Peter as he again shares his expertise on 10 November during his 'walk and talk' tour of Nangara Reserve at a time of nature at its most exuberance.

Meet at the Nangara Reserve car park (main entrance) at 9am. It's a bit wet at present so wear suitable clothing, especially footwear. Bring binoculars and camera if possible.

**Did you know?** Community members now have the option to make virtual submissions to Council under new Governance Rules adopted by Baw Baw Shire Council. To improve accessibility, Baw Baw Shire Council has also introduced provisions for members of the community to participate via electronic means. **Deputy Mayor Cr Annemarie McCabe** said: *"Council's Governance Rules will now enable community members to participate in Council Meetings remotely on application, removing barriers to participation that some people may have faced in terms of caring responsibilities or limited access to transport. Community submissions are an important part of the democratic process and I encourage everyone to participate in Council Meetings and have their say on items on the agenda – whether by attending in person, writing a submission, or now participating online"*

### **Victorian Seniors Festival — A Message from Baw Baw Shire:**

The Victorian Seniors Festival is back and in-person this October, with plenty of free or low-cost activities on offer. To encourage Victorian Seniors to get back out there any enjoy what Victoria has to offer, free public transport will be available to all Victorian Senior Card holders throughout the duration of the festival.

Running from the 2 – 9 October, eligible seniors will be able to hop on and off public transport to visit attractions across Melbourne, as well as regional and rural locations, to fully experience a variety of exciting activities on offer throughout the Festival.

Interested community members can pick up a Festival program from Coles & Woolworths stores in Drouin and Warragul, West Gippsland Arts Centre, the Warragul Library, and Council's customer service centre in Drouin. For the full event schedule, a list of locations where you can pick-up a hard copy program, and further details head to Council's website.



**Graham Duell** has left his beautiful Jindivick home and studio and is dispersing his stock of ceramics— "an itinerant collection of wombats, koalas, pigs and other strange beasts in the form of ceramic sculpture." Graham, well known for his skilled and often humorous work, can be contacted on Graham on 0417 434 464 for an inspection.

**Atticus Health Jindivick** staff news: Dr Tohid is back from his leave and trip home to Iran and will be at the clinic again on Monday, Thursday and every 3rd Saturdays.

Dr Tharan is taking personal leave for the next couple of weeks, while Toria is back on deck after recent surgery leave and looking forward to seeing the cheerful faces at the clinic again.

**The Garden at Broughton Hall** is now open Thursdays to Sundays from 10 am till 4 pm. The nursery and shop are open the same times.

In October the garden is covered in cherry blossom; the perfect time to bring a picnic and spend some time celebrating the beauty of this Spring season...

Don't forget roses are at their peak around Cup Weekend. During the last week of October and first week of November the scent of thousands of roses is overwhelming, as is the beauty of that first flush of perfect buds and flowers - if you are a rose lover, visiting during this time will make you swoon!



**Did you know?** that the RACV recently listed Broughton Hall as a favourite private garden to visit in Victoria: *'Why go: "For the garden rooms they've created on a sloping block and how they've used the beautifully borrowed landscapes beyond. Also the coloured themes in yellows and blues – you get a surprise around every corner."*

*Don't miss: "They use art in the garden well, in subtle ways to create areas to sit."*



The first Jindivick County Market took place on Saturday 1 October. It was very successful thanks to the background organization by Nikki and Don. Even the weather was pleasant.. The next market is on Saturday 3 December — mark your calendar so you can buy individually made presents and stock up for Christmas celebrations.





### Drouin West CFA



Drouin West CFA has a strong membership. Currently we have 65 members, 25 of whom are active fire fighters. There are also 13 members in junior program (aged between 11 and 15, once they turn 16, they are classed as senior members). Fire Fighter Lisa Somerville, one of the newest members, talks below about why she chose to become a volunteer at Drouin West.

#### **What made you start volunteering?**

Two reasons. The first because I have desire to become a Fire Investigator in the future so joining a Brigade and learning about fire was the most logical step to take. Secondly, it was to take me out of my comfort zone. I wanted to learn a new skill, support those around me like my community and meet new people.

#### **What do you enjoy most about volunteering?**

The friends I have made, and the skills I have picked up.

#### **Would you recommend volunteering to others and why?**



Yes. Volunteering does not mean you have to get on a truck and fight fires. There are so many other roles you could do that would support the Brigade and allow those who do go out to the fires be able to do this. It is a team effort where every role is important. Also, the relationships you will make within the team and the community will be invaluable.

**The Jindi Jems**, nine of us, enjoyed a great catch up at The Jindi Caf 'on 7 September. We plan to meet at The Caf' on Wednesday, 5 October when we shall discuss where to go for our November trip, which will be Wednesday 2 November. For details please call Maz Ph 0447491502

**Jindivick Progress Association** would like to thank and acknowledge the local businesses and groups that value and support our newsletter and contribute to our vibrant community...**Atticus Health Jindivick, Drouin West CFA, EnergyConsult, Jindi Free Range Eggs, and Red Tree Gallery.** We encourage you all to support them. We also thank and acknowledge 3 donors who have made anonymous contributions...we don't know who you are but you do, and we send our grateful thanks! We are still seeking contributions to support this newsletter, and donations can be made to: The Jindivick Progress Association at BSB 633 000, account number 120 765 102



### Jindivick Landcare Group Farm walk & BBQ lunch



One of the major focuses of the Jindivick Landcare Group over the years

has been tree plantings on the properties of numerous members. Besides rejuvenating landscapes and promoting biodiversity it has enabled lots of social interaction over a snag & sauce after the work is done.

It's a good time to review our past efforts, so a farm walk to view recent and older planting has been organised for Saturday the 15th October. Meet at Chris & Charmaine Bagot's farm at 10am and stay for a bbq and chinwag afterwards.

All members and interested community members welcome.

When - Sat 15<sup>th</sup> October. Time – 10:30am-12:30pm at Chris & Charmaine's farm - 84 Petschack Rd Jindivick, **Please RSVP to Brian Morphet on 0407 341 595 by Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Oct for catering**



#### **Get involved with the issues that matter to you.**

Council is seeking community feedback on many projects and topics that will shape the future of Baw Baw.

Consultations occur throughout the year.

Scan the code to get involved.



#### **Council is popping up in a town near you!**

As part of Baw Baw Shire Council's popular Council Pop up program, representatives will be travelling throughout the Shire to speak to locals where they live.

Pop ups are a great way to meet face-to-face with your Councillors and officers to share ideas, raise concerns, or ask questions.

To see upcoming pop up locations visit: [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilPopup](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilPopup)

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