

*This is the last issue of Jindivick Newsletter for 2018. Looking at the year's newsletters it is obvious that Jindivick has been busy over the year and has experienced changes. Sadly 3 businesses in the main street closed or moved; however, on 21 Nov. Baw Baw Shire Council held a meeting in the Hall outlining a festival in 2019 designed to promote local food businesses and encourage new ventures. (see more p.5). A new local business, Jindi Zoo Comes to You, started in May, and Jindivick Country Gardner relocated to Broughton Hall over winter after another successful April Rare Plant Show. The community continues to embrace change – the Hall Committee introduced a new fundraising winter ball, Landcare ran information days, held a Feral Feast at their AGM and established a Jindivick Rabbit Action Group. The Red Tree Gallery folk continue to offer stimulating and varied exhibitions as well as visits to their beautiful sculpture garden, and the Jindivick Country Market offers new and varied stalls. Established community groups and activities continue to thrive as can be seen in this month's news. As the circle of life continues, we lost much loved locals, and welcomed several new babies. My thanks to all the generous contributors who helped your P-plate editor throughout the year. I would also like to thank Russell Broadbent's office staff who generously print and staple the newsletter for the community, as well as my anonymous proof reading and folding assistant, the grumpy software advisor, and of course the Jindivick Progress Association which makes the whole thing possible. **Wishing you all a safe and wildly enjoyable festive season, and an awesome 2019.** NB The Jindivick newsletter will take a little r&r in January and will reappear in its customary size in February.*

Jindivick Country Market Saturday 1st December 9am - 1 pm at the Hall. This is our Christmas market so come along and pick up all those chrispy pressies and support local hand made food and craft. The next market will be Saturday 2nd February 2019, NO MARKET IN JANUARY. We hope to see you all at the December market. **Santa will be visiting** (check Facebook to see when he is arriving) Contact Nikki for enquires 0447 776 178

Please Note that **The Jindi Caf'** and related Post Office will be **closed** on **Christmas Day** and **Boxing Day**. The post will be delivered as usual except on public holidays.

JINDIVICK FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW This is the last chance. If anyone wishes to organise the 61st show in 2019 please contact Nikki before the end of December 0447 776 176

New Year's Eve Community Get-together.

There will be get-together at the Caf' on New Year's Eve again, starting 6pm for 6-30 until 10pm. Buy your own meal, BYO drinks. ALL WELCOME. Come along and enjoy the evening with friends and neighbours. More information and bookings at The Caf' or ring Janet 56285397. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.**



What's On

Dec Graeme Myrteza at Red Tree Gallery
1 Dec Jindivick Country Market, including CFA members available to discuss your fire safety needs
3 Dec Jindi Jem's Kris Kringle for Olivia's Place.
8 Dec DW CFA Awards night & Christmas Dinner
9 Dec Community Garden Get together
9 Dec Carols by Dappled Light, Nangara Reserve
13 Dec End of year Craft Group Celebration
15 Dec Jindivick Cricket Club Christmas Party
17 Dec Jindivick Primary School end of year concert
24 Dec Special Service St. James Anglican Church
31 Dec Jindi New Year's Get-together, The Caf'
Jan Graeme Myrteza at Red Tree Gallery
26 Jan Australia Day Celebrations
31 Jan Jindivick Primary School returns for 2019
Feb Melinda Brown at Red Tree Gallery
8 Feb 10th Anniversary of Black Saturday

Regular Events – All Welcome

Jindivick Community Yoga Group 10am on Thursdays at the Jindivick Hall.

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick A lovely, small congregation welcomes you on the first and third Sundays each month. Services begin at 11.30am but we'd love you to come at 11.00 to join us for a cuppa
Special Christmas Eve service 7pm For more info contact Faye 0400014226

Jindi Craft Group Last 2018 session 13 Dec. Restarts in 2019 Contact Nikki 0447 776 178 for restart date
 Thursdays 11:30am – 3:30pm at Jindivick Hall.

Billiards/Pool Nights/Get together

Most weeks on Fridays 7.00pm, in the Hall's refurbished billiard room. More info. Ph Phil Rotteveel (0444 525 556) \$2/ head. BYO drinks. (Table available anytime with keys from Jindi Caf')

Jindivick Community Garden, 1-3pm Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea Contact Nikki: 0447 776 178

Thank you To the kind, anonymous person who left some beautiful plants at my front door! Your thoughtful surprise brought instant Joy into my life and continues to do so as I watch the plants grow in my garden! Thank you! Margrit

Jindivick Cricket Club is holding its Christmas Party at the Clubrooms starting at 7pm on Saturday 15 Dec. Join us (and Father Christmas) at our family event. Have a chat and a meal \$15/head or \$40/ family of four. Roast meal and vegetables. Please bring a dessert to share, also a small named wrapped present for each child.

Nangara News - The Black-faced Monarch

The Black-faced Monarch is a migrant flycatcher from New Guinea. In Late Spring or early Summer, they



spread south down the eastern seaboard of Australia and some get into far eastern Gippsland most years. Every now and then, a small number get as far as Nangara Reserve and even beyond at times. Black-faced Monarchs feed on insects taken from the foliage and

sometimes from in the air. They prefer wet, rainforest habitat and ferny gullies. Their main call is a strong, clear, whistler-like, 'wheech-you'.

Like many migrant species, the Black-faced Monarch is believed to be changing its migratory patterns due to advancing climate change. If you visit Nangara over the Christmas – New Year period, keep an eye-out, (and ear), for the rather special Black-faced Monarch.

WARNING: WATCH YOUR STOCK

Five wethers were recently stolen overnight from a paddock in Jindivick. Stock owners are reminded to be aware of possible entry points to areas where animals are kept.



Wishing all in Jindivick a safe and happy Christmas season. Thanks to all of you for your support and interest in the garden and nursery, David and Philip, **Broughton Hall**

Don't forget the special and moving **Christmas Eve Celebration Service** at St. James Anglican Church in Jindivick. All welcome. The service will be conducted by Rev. Jim Connolly and starts at 7pm, 24/12



Clucker 357's Blog. Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, wonder where the chookies is, (chuckle, chuckle) I crack myself up.

Clucker 357 here again, to give you the low down (or high) on the farm this month. The photo shows me and some friends in the grass. The grass is so good since us chickens started leaving little deposits everywhere that the sheep and cattle, who work for us chickens, just can't keep up. The cattle are supposed to eat most of the tops off ready for the sheep. The sheep then eat the grass down to the perfect length for us to peck off the lovely new shoots. Ahhh...bliss. It is hard for us walking in grass that is taller than we are but after a couple of days we trample it down to make little tracks.

Myself, the Girls, Will, Harley and Miss Phoebe wish you all a clucking good Christmas and remember, when you are opening your presents on Christmas morning we will be here working away laying our eggs, which we love to do. Clucker out. Ho ho ho.

Jindivick Primary School has had a very busy end of term. The students and staff were very excited to watch the arrival of our new classroom a fortnight ago. It will become our Science and Technology room; we are hoping it will be ready for use beginning 2019.



We have many events coming up including: End of year concert Monday 17th December at the Jindivick Hall (everyone welcome), our Grade 5/6 'Race around Melbourne' excursion, and our Grade 1/2's are looking forward to their 'Sleepover' at school.

School starts on Thursday 31st January 2019 for all students. Any parents wishing to enrol their children, may simply ring the school on 56285293 and ask for Wendy Arnott (Principal), or just drop in for a chat.

We would all like to thank the Jindivick Community for supporting our beautiful little school throughout the year.

Jindivick Hall Committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to all who have supported the Hall in any way over 2018 We look forward to a great 2019. Chairperson, Nikki Cadzow

In October, **The Jindi Jems** enjoyed a visit to Peppermint Ridge Farm, North Tynong, as part of Gardavalia. They spent a very interesting afternoon of tea tasting and Anzac biscuits and strawberry muffins. (photo: JJs and Julie, who explained how they use their garden produce in their teas and food).



On 29th we went to see 'A Star is Born' at Warragul cinema - well worth seeing! On Mon 3rd Dec we're having our Kris Kringle for

Olivia's Place. If you'd like to join us all you need to do is buy a small 'baby' gift and give Maz a call for the venue information on:- 0447491502 New ladies are always welcome.

Please come and join the Jindivick community at

Carols

by


Dappled Light


Nangara Reserve

Sunday the 9th Dec



5-8pm

for Christmas cheer,
singing, live jazz music and
a free BBQ. Bring a chair
and a salad to share.





Proudly supported by the Jindivick Progress Association and Baw Baw Shire.

Save the Date:

Let's celebrate what's great about Jindivick

Friday 8th February from 3pm – late. Kids' activities, BBQ tea and music All funded as part of the **10th Anniversary of Black Saturday**. This is an open invitation to all who live in Jindivick now and in the past to celebrate what a wonderful community we have. More information to come closer to the date. Contact Nikki for enquiries 0447 776 176

The Drouin West Cemetery Trust would like to have another cemetery walk night as part of the 2019 Ficofolia Festival in the 2nd week of February. It was a great success this year with over 70 people attending despite the evening temperature in the high 30s. They plan to have an emphasis on locals who have served in WW1. The Drouin West Cemetery also services the Jindivick area. Anyone who has information on a relative who served in the Great War and who is buried or memorialized at the Drouin West Cemetery is welcome to contact Jill Bayly 0427929947 or email dwct3818@outlook.com Assistance will be given with preparing notes and the presentation.

Drouin West CFA News

With fire restrictions now in, Baw Baw Shire's Declared Fire Danger Period will go from November 19 until May 1, 2019. In this period, no open-air burning-off allowed without a permit. Tough fines and penalties apply if you do so. (see also an article on p6) Still not sure if or when you can light a campfire or BBQ?

Download the comprehensive brochure **Can I or Cant I** from the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au under Warnings and Restrictions.

This summer is predicted to be a drier season than the past few years, increasing the risk of bushfire. Jindivick may not be affected, but what if it is? This February it will be ten years ago since Black Saturday. What would you do differently now?

The CFA says that people living in high-risk areas such as Jindivick, need a plan that sets out exactly what you are going to do for your family, your kids, partner or parents, pets and other animals if a fire occurs. What if a fire truck may not be able to get to your property? *Please - start having the conversations with your loved ones now.*

Our Brigade will again be providing a Sausage Sizzle at the December Jindivick Market. Along with sausages, rissoles, veggie patties and cold drinks, we will also have our experienced members on hand to discuss your fire safety needs. Are you prepared and do you have a plan?

Jindi Landcare Group Feral Feast and AGM



It was great to see so many of locals at the Feral Feast & AGM. It was a fantastic night and we thank Maggie, Beau and Helen and their assistants for all their hard work in putting together a wonderful meal & setting. Maggie provided us an amazing dinner with unique ingredients including venison, goat and rabbit and had us enthralled with her stories of experiences with Qantas as a first class chef. These included travelling with The Rolling Stones, and after work drinks with Elton John.

Over 60 people attended and we welcomed some new Jindivick residents.



Our new committee is:
Brian Morphet – President
Beau Miles – Vice President
Jeff Hyde – Treasurer
Peter Ronalds – Secretary
Many thanks to Chris Bagot for being treasurer for the past few years. For further information about our community group please contact Brian [0407 341 595](tel:0407341595)



Rabbit Control in Jindivick: Introducing the Jindivick Rabbit Action Group After a successful Baw Baw Shire funded "Rabbit Control Field Day" on a Jackson's Track property, there was a positive response to forming a "Jindivick Rabbit Action Group". As rabbits easily move between properties, it is important to act in unison and swap ideas with your neighbours. It is also important to realise that all landowners are legally required to control rabbits on their property. The 1994 Catchment And Land Protection Act requires landowners to control declared pest, plant and animals, which includes rabbits on their land.

Some useful contacts include:

Rabbit Control brochures & further information:

Tyson Dennis - BBSC Natural Reserves Officer 5624 2599 Mobile: 0427 830735

Email: Tyson.Dennis@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

On Site Assessment and Implementation:

Dominic Bromilow - Researcher / Rabbit Catcher, Deepergreen Pty Ltd Mobile: 0417 132045

Email: deepergreenptyltd@gmail.com

Important: If you require an on site assessment please text or email the following to Dominic: Your name, site address (not a PO Box!) and contact details

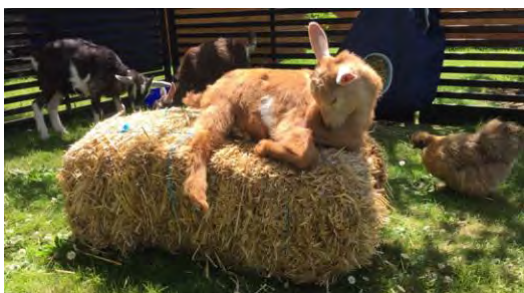
Jindivick Landcare Group involvement

The Group have agreed to form a sub-group interested in rabbit control. You will need to be a member of Landcare to be covered by their Public Liability Insurance if contractors work on your property Peter Ronalds - Landcare - Secretary Mobile: 0402 650382 Email: peter@wpcln.org.au

Jindivick Rabbit Action Group Until a full group is formed, Alison and John Beauchamp are temporary co-ordinators. If you would like to be involved and kept informed about ongoing activities, please email

your name, residential address (not a PO Box!) and contact details to: alison.beauchamp@dcsi.net.au or leave a message on 5628 5496

Jindi Petting Zoo has been super busy. As well as attending our regular markets, we recently visited Amberlea Aged Care where the residents absolutely loved spending time with the animals. We have also visited several kindergartens and markets over the last few weeks and will be attending the Creators Collective Market on Sunday the 2nd December at Lardner Park. We have plenty of Christmas break up events coming up so if you are in charge of this



year's Christmas party get in quick! We will be attending the Australia Day celebrations early next year at Civic Park in Drouin and attending lots of schools for their school holiday programs. On a sad note our little pony Errol has become quite sick and has spent some time at the South Eastern Equine

Hospital where he is with an amazing team of vets, and is receiving the very best of care. We hope for a speedy recovery, and that he will be able to join us on our adventures again soon. For more information contact Stacey at 0422 467 152

Food + Wine Festival event to be held in Jindivick on Saturday 16th March.

Over 20 people attended an information meeting, convened by Baw Baw Shire at the Jindivick Hall on 21 November, to be informed about and discuss the planned Food + Wine festival. Representatives from the not-for-profit organization Food + Wine Victoria, outlined their idea to present "Gippsland's untapped resources" to Victorians, especially those living in Melbourne. As well as highlighting local produce, the event will draw attention to the region's art, culture and nature. The Jindivick event will be part of the 3 day festival: on Friday 15th the Region's longest lunch will be held

at Lardner Park, and Sunday will bring a produce market in Warragul.

The organisers will need to close the Jindivick Main Street during set-up on Friday and to take down the structures on Sunday. It will be closed to vehicles from noon - 9pm on Saturday while pedestrians enjoy approximately 10 "shop fronts" featuring Melbourne chefs showcasing produce of the region. They will also work with Sue from The Jindi Caf' to develop a signature Jindivick dish featuring local produce. Maida Anderson, Senior Economic Development Officer, Baw Baw Shire Council described the Shire's aim to use the event to market Jindivick and the Shire as an ideal a day trip from Melbourne.

Tickets will cost \$25/person, children free.

[This report was compiled from the notes taken at the meeting by your easily distracted editor. For further information please contact Maida Ph 56 242 539 Email: Maida.Anderson@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au]

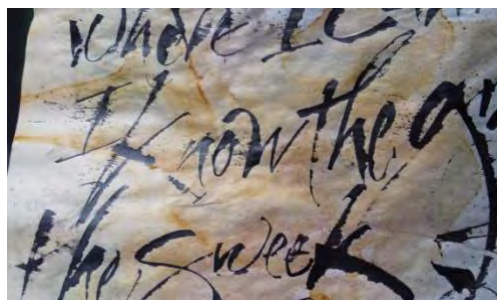
Red Tree Gallery will keep displaying fabulous art throughout the holiday season. In December Graeme



Myrteza brings his show of stunning landscapes and light to the gallery, This will be as warm and lustrous as the weather. (see left)



Anita George will grace the walls with her boundary-pushing calligraphic art (see below left) in January, while in February Melinda Brown will be holding her first exhibition at Red Tree Gallery – presenting her colourful paintings for all to enjoy.



Did you know?

In 2018 Jindivick recorded its lowest October rainfall total for at least 20 years: a total of 24.8mm compared with the October average of 124.1mm. The lowest October rainfall on record for Jindivick is 6.8mm in 1914. [Source: BOM] Sue at The Jindi Caf' reports that September's rainfall was also considerably below that month's average.

Remembrance Day, Jindivick, November 11 2018



Baw Baw Shire laid a wreath at the Jindivick war memorial on 11 November. (left)

At 11 am Flynn, Hudson and Reed Welch accompanied by their mother Sarah Welch remembered the members of the Jindivick community as well as other Australians who participated in The First World War (the War to end all Wars) and subsequent conflicts



Zero Tolerance to Unauthorized Fires

The 2018-9 Fire Danger Period has been declared and Fire Restrictions are now in force in Baw Baw Shire and will remain so until May 1 2019, unless revoked or varied. CFA Operations Manager Trevor Roberts has warned that the CFA takes a zero-tolerance approach to any unauthorized fire or fires resulting from negligent behaviour subject to police investigation. "we will have a zero tolerance approach this year; if CFA personnel are called, police will be called as well," Trevor said.

Penalties for lighting a fire in the open air during the Fire Danger period can be up to \$19, 343 and/or 12 months imprisonment. These double on Total Fire Ban days. *[Please note: this information has been précised/quoted from an article of the same name in the Warragul and Drouin Gazette, 20/11/2018 p.14]*

CFA Guide Can I or Can't I

This guide gives you information about what you can and can't do during declared Fire Danger Periods and on days of Total Fire Ban, when fires in the open air are legally restricted. As mentioned in the CFA item on p. 4, it provides very detailed information about the special conditions under which trade and farm machinery can be used as well as when fires can be lit during the Fire Danger Period.

How can I find further information or apply for a permit?

For any clarification or further information about this guide, or to obtain a permit application form, visit cfa.vic.gov.au, contact your local CFA district headquarters or phone (03) 9262 8444.

A list of contact numbers for CFA district headquarters is available on the CFA website. If you need a permit to operate in the Metropolitan Fire District, contact MFB on (03) 9662 2311 or mfb.vic.gov.au.

DELWP

In many municipalities north-east and east of Melbourne, DELWP fire restrictions also apply within 1.5km of the public land boundary. Check the DELWP website for details. If you need to apply for a permit, contact DELWP on 136 186 or delwp.vic.gov.au.

VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226

Deaf, hearing or speech impaired? Please contact the National Relay Service on **133 677**, or www.relayservice.gov.au

Baw Baw Shire

Fire Hazard Inspections start in November 2018

If your property is not prepared or maintained for the fire season, your property may be subject to inspection and, subsequent you may be issued a Fire Prevention Notice in accordance with the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958*. All individual owners of your property will be issued a Fire Prevention Notice

A **Fire Prevention Notice** will specify fuel reduction works that you are required to undertake and the timeframe in which the works must be completed. If you do not follow the directions, each individual owner will be issued a Fire Prevention Infringement Notice. Council may also arrange for the fuel reduction works to be completed at your cost. Fuel is referred to as the material required to maintain a fire burning. This can include grass, plants, leaf litter, sticks, twigs and other debris. If allowed to build up, this can increase the available material to burn during a fire.

What you can do:

To better prepare your property against fire, there are some simple steps you can take to reduce the fuels;

- Maintain at least 30 metres of defendable space around your dwelling.
- Keep lawn areas around your dwelling well maintained to no more than 100mm in length.
- Maintain gardens so not an increased fire risk.
- Removing undergrowth, fallen branches and tree cuttings.

[The information in the above 4 paragraphs was taken from the CFA, DELWP and Baw Baw Shire websites respectively]

