

What's On

December Red Tree Gallery Julie Wickham paintings
7 Dec Jindivick Country Market
9 Dec Jindi Jems meet
12 Dec Jindivick Hall Committee meeting
16 Dec JP School Concert
20 Dec JP School finishes 1:30pm
24 Dec Christmas Eve Holy communion at St James Church
31 Dec New Year's Eve get-together at The Jindi Caf'
18 & 19 Jan Creative Harvest
30 Jan Children return to Jindivick PS
NB No Jindivick Country Market in January. Resumes 1st Feb

The Jindivick Progress Association and the newsletter editor wish all readers a joyous and safe festive season and wonderful 2020.



May Peace prevail on Earth



A peace pole was installed at the entrance to the beautiful garden at Broughton Hall recently. It was donated by Masako and Kazushi Hyakumura, members of the world peace movement Byakko Shinko Kai. The peace pole was recently shipped to Jindivick from Japan. The words 'May peace prevail on earth' are written on the pole in four different languages. These poles are a symbol of hope and represent peaceful energy transmitted by the many people who support world peace. Readers are invited to visit Broughton Hall and spend some quiet time at the peace pole.

New Years Eve In Jindivick

Don't be alone on New Years Eve. Come to the Jindi Caf' from 6pm -10pm and enjoy an evening with other residents of Jindivick.

Set Menu - BYO Drinks Booking at Caf' or ring Janet Simmonds on 56285397 or 0499248302

Jindivick Country Market Your chance to buy some unique handmade Christmas goodies for both your festive food and for presents. Santa will be coming. (see p.4 for details) If you would like to become a stall holder please contact Don on 0427 968 503. There is no market in January; it will resume February 1st, 2020.

Next **Jindivick Mechanics Institute** meeting will be held on Thursday 12 Dec at 7.30pm. At the end of a quick meeting we will have some Christmas Cheer with drinks and nibbles. All are most welcome to join us and find out what the Hall Committee is all about.

Regular Events

Jindivick Yoga Group (Teacher led) Over the winter numbers have been low. Now with warmer weather here maybe it is time to think of joining. The gentle exercises we do are to improve flexibility and balance. We cater for all ages and levels of ability. Come and join us. Thursdays 10am. Just turn up - no booking. Children welcome. For more information Janet Simmonds 0499248302.

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick Christmas Eve Holy Communion will be held at 7pm on 24th December. Bring your children and give them a taste of joy, peace and faith. For more info, times of regular services etc, 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. No traps allowed! Call Phil on 0444 525 556 for further info. Pool table is also available for hire at other times.

The Jindi Jems 8 of the Jems enjoyed a catch up at Misty Hills Cafe on 4th Nov. After a discussion we decided to hold our usual Kris Kringle for Olivia's Place at one of the Jems' houses on Mon, 9th Dec. at 2pm. If anyone would like to join us and support this worthwhile cause, just bring along a baby gift, new baby grow, nappies etc. Details of venue? Ring Maz on 0447491502 for directions

Jindivick Primary School held a service of Remembrance on the 11th November, led by the School Captains. *Leila, Hannah and Annabel presented a wreath for the*



Right: Temperence and Charlie enjoy a sausage in bread for the Bushfire fundraiser.

Joan Price is retiring!

Joan Price has been teaching at Jindivick Primary School for over 20 years and has taught many members of the



Remembrance ceremony. The Junior School Council held a sausage sizzle and free-dress day this week to raise money for the people in NSW and Queensland affected by the recent bushfires. The students raised over \$150.00.



Jindivick community and beyond. A much loved and passionate teacher, Joan will be retiring at the end of this year. Feel free to pop into school (Thursdays or Fridays) if you would like to see Joan, or join us at the end of year Concert (Monday 16th Dec.) to help celebrate Joan's wonderful contribution to Jindivick Primary School.

School finishes on Friday 20th Dec at 1.30pm. Children return to school on Thursday 30th January. Over the Christmas holidays there will be building activity at the school, with ramps and deck being installed.

We would like to thank the Jindivick Community for their continued support of our school throughout 2019.

Lucky Clucker blog

Bovine clowns I call them. Always up to mischief. I believe I have mentioned previously the cows licking taps on and opening car doors with their tongues. Well their new game is playing with the trampoline. No, they don't jump on it, that would be ridiculous!! They have discovered that by lowering their heads and pushing underneath they can balance it on their backs and take it for a walk all over the paddock. It paints a very funny picture. "Cow with umbrella" you could call it. They seem to be good at sharing as they all like to have a go. It's the funniest thing to see, but we have lost our shade.

We have a new flock arrived last month. Known as "the piranhas" because they pecked big holes in their mobile fencing and escaped in large numbers. They now live in an Alcatraz-like setup to keep them in check. Food consumption is high and they started laying in record breaking time. This smartie pants flock lay lots of double yolkers. Such show offs! Lots of reports back from excited customers, huh!

The long grass has been exploited with tunnels to secret nesting places amongst the tussocks and bower like nests to lay eggs under. The workbirdship that goes into these structures is incredible. They will be building pyramids next!! I thought I was a super chicken, but I believe we have been overrun by a pack of engineering piranhas.

Bye for now, Lucky Clucker 500, the superceded model.

Jindi Free Range Eggs.



Red Tree Gallery will be showing paintings by Julie Gray Wickham from 5 – 26 December. Julie has been an artist all her life. She is also passionate about horses, dogs – in fact all animals and

the natural world. This is reflected in her new show *Love of Nature*.

BBS Placemaking Program. Following an October meeting with the Jindivick community, there will be more consultation to gather project ideas and determine how Jindivick would like to see the \$50,000 budget spent. A meeting will be held in early 2020 to discuss potential projects and what the next steps are. A flyer will be distributed in January with the meeting details. If you have any project suggestions you would like to put forward now, please send an email to: ConnectingCommunities@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au.

The Jindi Caf will be closing at 3pm Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December and will re-open on Saturday 28th December 2019. We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.



Don't forget **Creative Harvest** on 18 and 19 January 2020. For one weekend only, the Baw Baw Sustainability Network will open 11 productive and creative gardens, complete with artists demonstrating and selling their work. The gardens stretch from Jindivick to Moe, and details can be found at www.bbsn.org.au/events. The gardens open in Jindivick and nearby are: Jindi Free Range Eggs, where you can meet newsletter columnist 'Lucky Clucker 500' with artists Spider Lee and Helen Timbury, Graham Duell's garden with artists Graham, Cathy Almond and Cathy Smith (Cathy only on Sunday), plus some of Laurie Collins's work.

For those interested, a bus tour is available each day, departing from Warragul Station, visiting 5 gardens each day and including lunch, \$50. Booking available online at bbsn.org.au/events

Nangara Notes The Brown Thornbill



This little sedentary bird is ever-present in Nangara Reserve. It is nearly always first detected by its rolling 'pee-orr' song or a harsh buzzing warning call. Brown Thornbills tend to occupy the mid and

lower strata of forest, flitting through the shrubbery and low tree branches in small family parties, sometimes with other similar species. They eat insects and larvae mainly but will also take seeds and fruits at times.

Often regarded as just a 'little brown bird', or LBB, Brown Thornbills have a charm that often makes them a favourite among bird watchers. Basically olive-brown or brown-grey all over, the Brown Thornbill does not boast a colourful plumage, but is set apart from similar species such as the Striated

Thornbill, Brown Gerygone and the scrub-wrens, by the dark scallops on a tan forehead, dark streaking on the chest and the large dark-red eye. Brown Thornbills build an untidy dome-shaped nest of bark, grasses and strands of ferns, held together with cobweb.



The garden at **Broughton Hall** will remain open until 15 December, due to popular demand. It is a great season in the garden (*see right*) Call and spend the day soaking up the beauty. Don't forget the nursery has a large range of amazing plants as well as garden tools, pots, watering cans etc, if you are looking for a Christmas gift for a gardener, call in to Muskies at **Broughton Hall**.



Industrial Action at Jindi Cheese News of a workers' strike and picket line at the Lactalis's Jindi Cheese factory has reached state and national press. The following information has been sourced, with permission, from The Warragul and Drouin Gazette. Photos also generously provided by The Gazette Staff at the factory have been asking for pay equity with colleagues employed at Lactalis's Longwarry and Rowville plants .



(above: Picket line at Jindi Cheese)

About 2/3 of the staff, largely women, took industrial action on 13 November after ongoing enterprise bargaining agreement negotiations failed. They formed a picket line in the hope of disrupting production and making their voices heard. Staff involved undertook to stop asking trucks to not cross the line when advised they would be taken to Fair Work Australia if they continued to do so.

At the time of writing another meeting was to be held in late November.

The Editor contacted Lactalis's Australian Headquarters for comment and was authorised to report the following comment: "Lactalis declined to comment"





Drouin West Fire Brigade 70th Birthday and Awards Celebration was held on November 16, to celebrate and reflect on the stories and people that have influenced the brigade and the 70th birthday of the Drouin West CFA, in addition to celebrating the efforts and awards from the 18/19 year of the brigade.

Approximately 75 people attended, including DCO Alen Sijepcevic District 9 Acting Operations, Manager Emma Conway, representatives of Baw Baw Group, neighbouring brigades, and Drouin West members and community members.

It was wonderful to see the legacy of Drouin West brigade members past and present, and very evident that community support, commitment and resilience remains strong within the 100% volunteer brigade. In addition to this, we had over 100 years of experience noted in award recipients of service awards.

FIRE PLANS: search the Plan and Prepare resources listed on-line at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au> or: email the Brigade with your details (secretary@dwrfb.org.au) to arrange an on-site visit from our members to meet you as part of our Property Advice Visit Service. We also have a stall at the Jindivick Market, so come up and say hello if you need advice on your bushfire planning.

Given the predictions of a tough summer ahead, fire restrictions are likely to be introduced soon. Watch for the announcement in the local news. Meanwhile, CLEAN UP! and do your burning off why you still can, weather permitting. Don't forget to register your burn first by calling 1800668511

DROUIN WEST CFA

SANTA PHOTOS

Saturday 7th December 2019

9:30 to 11:30am



at the Jindivick Community Market
Gold coin donation for you to take a photo
with Santa. BYO Camera



Above top L: Fire Fighter of the year Award (Dale Award) 2019 winner Delwyn Carnegie (l to R- Delwyn, Rosalie Howard – daughter of Horace Dale)

Top R: President Graeme Higgs discusses the Brigade's history

Above L: The oldest and newest Brigade members cut the cake (l to R – Riley Wills, Glen Garden, Blake Wells)

Above R: Matthew Smyth was awarded the National Medal (15yrs of exemplary service). l to R – Captain Brendan Witt, Matthew Smyth



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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.

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