

Jindivick Community Hosts 2 Important Events to Remember Black Saturday

1. Her Excellency, the Governor visits Jindivick
On February 15th, her Excellency, *the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria* and patron of the 10-year anniversary of the 2009 Black Saturday Bush Fires, paid a visit to Jindivick. The Governor's visit aimed to meet West Gippsland community groups impacted by the fire, listen to their stories and observe the recovery efforts since those difficult times.

Baw Baw Shire Council hosted and organized the commemorative tour with the Governor. Seven Councillors, including Mayor Mikaela Power, also joined the tour. Local resident, Ruth McGowan who was the Mayor at the time of the bushfire, was invited to join the Governor on the bus tour.



Local Residents and Councillors meet the Governor in Jindivick
The Governor visited members of the Labertouche Community and Men's Shed on her half-day tour, before travelling to The Jindi Caf' for morning tea and then onto Kydd-Parke Reserve to observe the Black Saturday memorial, (*below left*) and the newly-installed sculpture made by local artist Jeanette Hyde.



Discussing Jeanette's sculpture

The Governor also visited the newly refurbished fire Station at Drouin West and met members of the local brigade (*see p2*) before travelling to Warragul for a public civic reception.

Ruth McGowan was a guest speaker there and spoke of the events on Black Saturday, as well as the recovery. She acknowledged the valued support of council officers to the community in the months and years following Black Saturday. Our little town of Jindivick was very privileged to host the Governor for her visit: both Her Excellency and her husband, who accompanied her, were very impressed with the township, its beautiful surrounds as well as the recovery efforts since the fires.

What's On

- 2 March** Jindivick Country Market
- 3 March** Jindi Jems at new Olivia's Place
- 3 March** Jindi cricket team in 1day finals
- 4 March** Jindi Jems meet
- 6 March** Jindivick Mechanics Institute Committee meeting 7:70pm
- 14 March** Craft Group resumes at the Hall
- 16 March** Village Feast (MFWF Event)
- 16/17 March** Cricket final
- 23/24 March** 2nd Cricket final
- 24 March** Meet the Candidates for Monash 2019 Ph 0474242430
- 4 April** Jindi Landcare e DNA Farm Dam sampling

Regular Events – All Welcome

Jindi Craft Group Resumes Thurs 14th Feb 11.30am - 3.30pm at the Hall: Contact Nikki 0447 776 178

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

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick services on 1st & 3rd Sundays of month. Cuppa at 11am Church starts at 11:30 Contact Faye 0400014226

Billiards/Pool Nights/Get Together

Most weeks on Fridays 7.00pm, in the Hall's refurbished billiard room. More info. Ph Phil Rotteveel 0410 682 332 \$2/ head. BYO drinks. Women most welcome (Table available anytime with keys from The Jindi Caf')

Jindivick Community Garden's next monthly get together (second Sunday/month) will be held on Sun Feb 10, 1pm - 3pm.

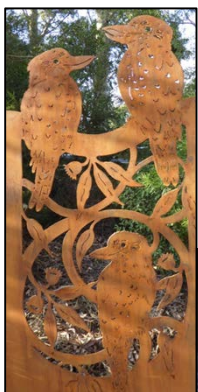
2. Black Saturday

Commemoration at Jindivick on 8 February. This was a very special community event, reflecting a strong community spirit. (*cont. p2*)



Black Saturday Commemoration at Jindivick (cont)

Over 150 people, including those affected by the fires, newer community members, children, CFA members and VCC Emergencies Ministries personnel attended. The event started with children's activities after school,



followed by A Time for Reflection during which Ruth McGowan spoke of the fire's impact the community and its subsequent recovery and Jeanette Hyde's commemorative sculpture 'Lives intertwined' was unveiled (L. Detail of sculpture, see full work p1)

Above R. Jen and Dale Harris



provided fabulous music for the event.

R. DWCFCA Captain Brendan Witt represented local firefighters

The remembrance ended with a community meal and chat, providing a forum for sharing experiences and meeting newcomers.



An enormous amount of work went into the planning and running of this event and thanks go to the organizers, The Jindivick Progress Association, and to all those who helped make it such a strong event – especially to Nickki and her band of volunteers (*more photos on p4*)

Drouin West CFA News February 7 marked the 10th anniversary of the Black Saturday bushfires, a catastrophic natural disaster that devastated parts of Victoria and led to the tragic loss of 173 lives. The bushfire swept through parts of West Gippsland including here in Jindivick, destroying several houses, many sheds and thousands of kilometres of fencing as well as domestic and native animals and flora. Dead and blackened trees can still be seen on the horizon and along Jacksons Track and will no doubt be a reminder for many years to come.

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(Above The Governor meets members of DW CFA)

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Drouin West Fire Brigade continues to educate its community about how to prepare for bushfires and the need to develop a plan to keep you and your family safe. In March the days become cooler but the grass is still very dry. **The official Fire Danger Period with no burning off allowed remains in force.** DWFB members will again run the BBQ at the Jindi Market on March 2nd if you wish to discuss your plans or seek any further information or advice.

Jindivick Country Market

Take in the stunning views, have a chat and explore market stalls while enjoying local musicians and the best of local food, plants and craft

If you would like to have a stall phone Don at 0427 968 503 or email countrymarket@jindivick.org.au

Jindi Jems met at Misty Hills Cafe on 4th Feb and enjoyed a cuppa and a catch up. Unfortunately our planned trip to the Blue Lotus Water Gardens was cancelled due to the very smoky conditions.



On Sun 3rd March Olivia's Place is having a market day at their new premises so some of the Jems are going along to support them. Our usual monthly get together, Mon 4th, is yet to be finalised. We are always ready to welcome new ladies. Please call Maz for details on 0447491502



Clucker 357's Blog

Pullets, pullets, pullets, I am so tired of hearing about "The Pullets ". In case you don't know 'pullets' are young girl chooks who are about to start to lay eggs. They have been here for four weeks now and have finally started to lay. Hooray! About time they earned their keep.

But not all of them yet. Not mature enough, not ready yet, don't know what to do..... I say, too lazy!!!

Dumb too! They don't even know where the nesting boxes are. I could show them what to do but I have to stay with the 'mature hens'. We lay big eggs. So they are getting nesting box practice every morning. This means that they need to be put in the boxes to learn where to lay. I must say that they do get the hang of it quickly. Their eggs are so tiny that they look like Quail eggs. I know, I know, I should be a little more patient with the young 'uns!!

These pullets eggs are wonderful to poach. You can fit 3 eggs on one piece of toast. Little cuties.

So long now from Clucker 357. Jindi Free Range Eggs.

Community Garden Gathering on Sunday 10th March 1pm to 3pm. Come along on Sunday 10th March 1-3pm and help clean up the garden and Kydd Parke Reserve ready for the Village Feast festival. All welcome and afternoon tea is provided. Enquiries Nikki 0447 776 178



Jindi Petting Zoo has a very busy March with lots of travelling coming up, as they will be at the Collingwood Football Club's annual Family Fun Day on the 2nd at the Holden Centre in Melbourne, then the Point Nepean Quarantine Station Craft Market on Saturday 9th. All the animals will go on a bit of a road trip as they

head to the Orbest Agricultural show held on the 11th. Jindi Zoo will attend the Jindivick Village on the 16th so come and say hi. The Zoo will be set up in the school grounds, with their whole range of cute and cuddly fur-babies attending

Nangara Notes - Dragons and Damsels

Dragonflies and Damselflies are ancient and primitive insects from the order Odonata with fossil evidence recorded from around 200 million years ago. They eat



other insects eg mosquitoes, flies, and midges and are considered beneficial to us. As the major parts of their life cycle, the egg and larval stages, are aquatic.

(*L. Bronze Needle Damselfly*)

Dragonflies are nearly always

found close to a water source. With two dams and two flowing creeks, Nangara Reserve is great habitat for several species of Odonata.

The terrestrial adult Dragonfly lays her eggs in soft plant material just below the surface or into mud or directly into the water. When the larva hatches, it survives by consuming other minute aquatic invertebrates.

The larvae may be in the water for several weeks up to a couple of years, depending on the species.

(*R: Eastern Pygmyfly*)

As adults, Dragonflies and Damselflies spend much of their time defending their favourite patch of bank-side water or bushland. Many will 'patrol' up and down their territory, driving away competitors, seeking a mate, snatching a small bug on the wing and frequently landing on the same rock or reed to rest a few moments.



Dragonflies are usually larger than Damselflies and have larger eyes that virtually meet in the middle of their face. There is always a gap between the eyes of a Damselfly. Dragonflies usually rest with their wings flat or open, (not always) and Damselflies usually rest with them shut, (not always). Fascinating, beneficial and beautiful.

Musker's at Broughton Hall

There is a cooling in the air and dew on the grass in the mornings: Autumn is on its way - time to plant, so call in to the nursery to find something special for your garden.



The nursery is looking beautiful right now with peacocks and poodles to greet you - well worth a 4.5k drive from The Jindi Caf' on Thursdays to Sundays, 10am - 4pm. It also stocks Kew gardens pots, Burgeon and Ball garden tools and Haws watering cans.

The garden at Broughton Hall will be open from late April, during nursery hours.

For more information ph 0417056110

Red Tree Gallery's March

exhibition, *Big Land, Wide Sky* opens at 1:30 pm on 16 March (same day as Village Feast) and shows work by Linda Zwierlein, Marshall Cock, Russell and Carol Monson, Ruth Burleigh and Bruce Langdon. It can be viewed for the whole of March.



The Village Feast organizers (MFWF) would like to thank all who attended the meeting on 19th Feb. where details of the event were discussed. Some details we all need to know include: (cont p.4)

Competitions: There will be a home brewing competition, a cake baking competition and a chutney competition. The latter two are run by the CWA. Please see Sue at The Jindi Caf' for entry details

Buying tickets: Jump online at <http://www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au/program/the-village-feast> to purchase tickets for the event.

Volunteers: If you would love to help MFWF at the event then please register your details at <http://www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au/join-mfwf/volunteer-with-mfwf>

Local impact on road and foot traffic: MFWF will have a greater presence in Jindivick over the coming month in the lead up to the event. They will be on site from Wednesday March 13th until Monday March 18th (cont. p4)

Local traffic management company Traftech will be onsite in the lead up to and throughout the Event to manage and minimise the impact to parking, traffic, school bus and pedestrians on the Wednesday – Friday.

On the event day, the road will be closed to non-event vehicles from 7am and a diversion will take effect (Mason Rd). Pedestrian access will be maintained to The Jindi Caf' for purchase of essentials. Three carparks just outside the closure zone will provide access to The Jindi Caf'. The Caf' will reopen as normal on Sunday 17th March.

For all event enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact: Maida Anderson, Senior Economic Development Officer at Baw Baw Shire Council Ph: 56 242 411 or email her at

Maida.Anderson@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au OR

Melbourne Food and Wine Festival team.

Ph: (03) 9823 6100

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The Jindivick Mechanics Institute Inc (Jindi Hall) Committee would like to thank Jim and Janet Simmons for all the lovely new garden edging at the hall. The Committee has been very busy working with Melbourne Food and Wine and the Shire to make the Village Feast a successful festival. We have also purchased some new chairs and have lots of bookings coming in. If you would like to be a part of this group you are welcome to come along and join our next meeting on Wednesday 6th March 7.30pm at the Hall.

Cricket News Jindivick will be in a one-dayer final at the ground on Sunday 3 March from 12.30pm. Two cricket finals look like being in the afternoons of March 16/17 and 23/24. We normally have junior finals in the mornings but this has surprisingly not been fixtured, so it's just the afternoons. Braddo

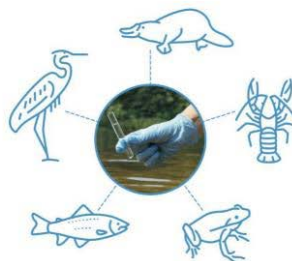


More photos from the Black Saturday Commemoration at Jindivick February 8th (see also p2)



Jindi Landcare are holding their second eDNA sampling morning on 4 April. You are most welcome to join them. Contact Pete Ronalds Ph:0402 650 382 for more information.

Get involved in investigating farm dam biodiversity in West Gippsland using eDNA 4th April 2019



Every creature leaves traces of their DNA in their surrounding aquatic or terrestrial environment, through skin cells, hair, and other bodily secretions. This is environmental DNA (eDNA).

In spring 2018, Jindivick and Neerm District locals visited 16 dams, collecting 54 eDNA water samples to test for wildlife. Please join us for our autumn 2019 sampling event.



The second farm dam eDNA sampling morning is Thursday 4th April 2019, 9.30am – 1pm with lunch. Meet at Neerm Sth wetlands at 9.30am sharp. All welcome! Please RSVP by 28th March.

Contact Pete Ronalds (Jindivick) 0402 650 382 or peter@wpcn.org.au or Phil Dorton (Neerm District) 0408 351 915 or dorton@dcsi.net.au



This project received grant funding from the Australian Government through the National Landcare Program.



Learn more at www.envirodna.com

Jindivick Pool Room



A few locals playing some pool and discussing the week's events on the farm.

As you can see anyone is welcome to play at the Jindivick pool Room. When? Most Friday nights from about 7.00pm. How much? Just \$2.00 per head.

BYO beverages.

If you want to relive your misspent youth, maybe you want bragging rights, or just fancy a game why not come along? Its also a chance to catch up with a few locals and spin a yarn or two. There is certainly no Eddie Charlton that has emerged so no one will feel intimidated. Call Phil on 0444 525 556 for more information.

The table is available for hire anytime so you can enquire at <http://www.jindivick.org.au/bookings> and select Billiard Room, then submit.