

What's On

November Russell and Carol Monson Red Tree Gallery
2 Nov Jindivick Country Market
November Opening R & C Monson show at Red Tree Gallery
16 Nov Drouin West Fire Brigade 70th Birthday and Annual Awards
29 November Landcare Streams and Waterways information session.
7 Dec Jindivick Country Market
16 Dec JPS Concert

Celebrating Jindivick in Spring

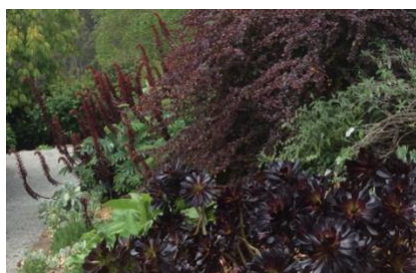
After a tough start to the year, (although not when compared to other parts of the country), Jindivick is enjoying a spring that has been kind to farmers and gardeners alike. We are reminded again of just how beautiful our landscape is as we drive around the area. And of course the splendour of November's spring in our gardens can be enjoyed at Broughton Hall, Makindye, Vue at Jindivick, and Laurie's Sculpture Garden

Below left: Laurie's Sculpture Garden, 420 Main Jindivick Rd. Open daily
 Vue at Jindivick (no longer open)
 Rosalie's Makindye garden 1006 Jacksons Track, Open 31 Oct and 1 Nov



Below and right:
 Garden at Broughton Hall looks stunning

The garden at Broughton Hall is looking amazing as high spring approaches, the roses are out and the garden is dripping with foliage and colour, come on out with a picnic and some friends, Thursday to Sunday 10 am till 4 pm, it's the time to celebrate the beauty of Jindivick.



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 is coming in a rush; you can't get to church too early to put the whole Christmas season in perspective. Bring your children and give them a taste of heritage, culture, joy, peace and faith. For more information or to check times 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 \$2.00 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' October gardens trip was cancelled due wet, cold weather; a few of us enjoyed lunch at Middels in Drouin instead, while on Sat 12th we loved the play 'Female of the Species' at Warragul Arts Centre. We have no firm plans for Nov or Dec at present - watch this space. Any ladies interested in joining the Jems will always be made welcome: please give Maz a call on 0447491502

The **Jindivick Primary School** kids had a great day at the Werribee Park Zoo earlier this term. They all enjoyed the safari bus and had lots of fun spotting all of the animals.



Left: *The Jindi kids pretending they are big cats.*

Our 'Clubs' have started again this term. We have some wonderful support from the Jindivick community to help with our clubs. This term's clubs include: Cricket, Science, Woodwork, Paper Craft, Gardening and Tie-dying/Sun dying.



Above: *Mark Braddick explains various bowling techniques to the students.*

We also have two teams competing in the Schools Cricket Blast competition next week – good luck to them!

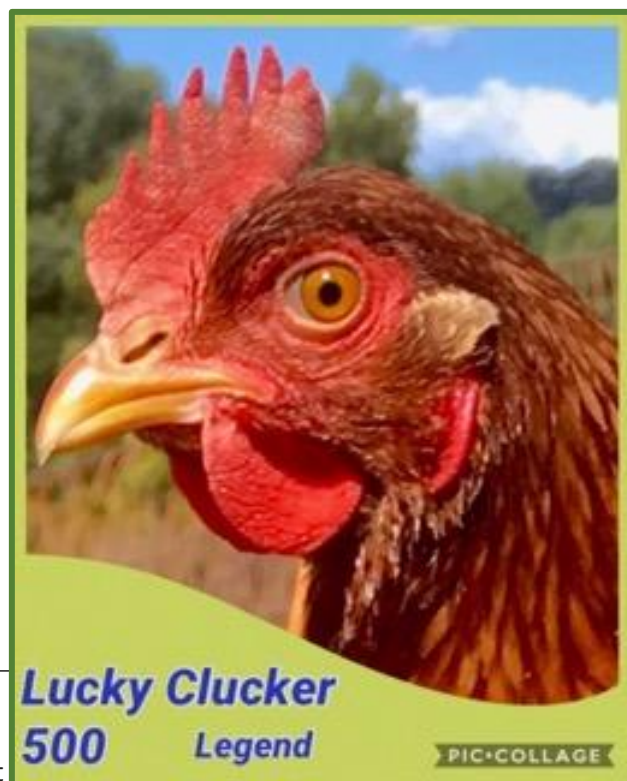
A huge thankyou to Mark and the Jindivick Cricket Club!

The students are starting to plan for their end of year concert, which will be held at the Jindi Hall on Monday 16th of December

The Red Tree Gallery is exhibiting a selection of outback photography, and of textiles by Russell and Carol Monson in the *Beyond the Bitumen* show. These frequent travellers apply images from their explorations to digital images and fibre arts respectively.



You can see their work at Red Tree Gallery from 1 – 27 November and meet the artists there on Sunday 10 November from 2-4pm



Lucky Clucker 500 blog

Oh boy, you will never guess what I did, not in a trillion years. That's right you guessed it, I escaped. It was so exciting, well at the start, but then it was terrifying, and then I don't really want to remember.

I had been planning this for some time now.... an Adventure. All the fine details worked out in advance, so that nothing could go wrong. I began with a rush to the fence, spreading my wings to take off and clear the fence and to land safely on the other side, in the outer rim.

But no. After slamming into the wire several times I finally landed on a fence post. Now I had the dilemma. Do I keep going or go back? I need to jump but which way? Safe or Adventure? Those who have gone before never came back. Fox food they say. So I flew anyway, to Freedom.

The grass is supposed to be greener on the other side, but it wasn't. Scruffy native grass. I mean, who eats that stuff? Where is all the lush rye and clover that I just left behind? The neighbours' dogs look and sound heaps meaner up close too. Distant chanting from my buddies, "Fox food, fox food, fox food." Nowhere private to lay my eggs, I was starting to think maybe I should head on back to my trailer and so called friends.

The fence must be a lot higher on this side so had to think of another brilliant idea to get back home. I sat down on a low wire to think and then it hit me! That's right, 9000 volts right up the clacker. I jumped so high I cleared the fence like an Olympian and somehow crashed down on home turf. Clucker 357 told me that the wire is for the foxes but I don't know why they would like it any more than I did! Ouch. Heart pumping, dizzy and dazed, I pulled myself together to discover that I had been declared a natural hero. To return was rarely heard of. Hens gave me bunches of feathers, talked of having a party under the trampoline this Saturday night. Maybe we could declare it as a public holiday. Anyway, it was wonderful to return to my lush green pasture and I am never doing such a dumb thing like that again!!

Zapped and safe, Very Lucky Clucker 500, Jindi Free Range Eggs, Bye.

The Jindivick Country Market continues on the first Saturday of the month (next market on 2 November)
Our market provides a great chance to catch up with many of your friends and neighbours and the latest news, as well as selecting from a huge range of items and supporting a project that helps a number of local activities. If you would like to become a stall holder please contact Don on 0427 968 503

Creative Harvest, featuring 12 productive and creative gardens within Baw Baw Shire, is on again on the 18th and 19th January 2020. Run by The Baw Baw Sustainability Network, the gardens on display demonstrate growing food well in a range of sites and garden sizes. It's a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and learn from the experience of others. Artists will also be present in the gardens demonstrating their art. Local gardens open include 'Lucky Cluckers' own garden, Jindi Free Range Eggs where the visiting artists will be children's author and illustrator Spider Lee together with well known Drouin based Printmaker Helen Timbury, and Graham Duell's garden where the artwork will be sculpture by Graham, some pieces by Laurie Collins, and demonstrations of food drying and preserving by Cathy Almond of Warragul. More detail and information on all gardens open can be found at www.bbsn.org.au/events or contacting Graham on 0417 434 464.



Creative Harvest

There's an artist in my food garden.

18 & 19 January 2020
10am to 4pm

\$5 per garden or
\$20 for five gardens (Children free)

Tickets can be bought at any open garden.

Productive and inspirational food gardens in West Gippsland are opening to the public, teaming up with local artists and food artisans. The event is designed to show people gardens that grow food well, so they can learn from the experiences of others. It's a great opportunity to meet like-minded people to share ideas. The gardens range from suburban house backyards to large acreages. Gardens will feature working artists and food artisans with their work for sale.



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For more information:

bbsn.org.au/events

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A celebration of the food gardeners and local artists of West Gippsland

What is living in the CREEKS of Jindivick & Neerim?

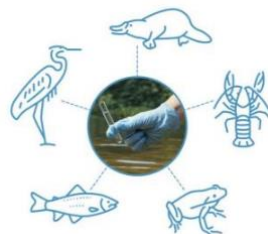
Help us find out through using eDNA

Friday 29th November 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).

Josh Griffiths (platypus expert) will be guiding us on the day



The farm dams eDNA program was an outstanding success & identified some endangered species living on farm dams.

We are expanding the program to monitor 3 permanent creeks in the Jindivick & Neerim areas that feed into the Tarago Reservoir.

All Jindivick and Neerim locals are invited to participate in the NEW eDNA creek monitoring program.



When: Fri 29th Nov 2019
Time: 9:15am - 12:30pm (lunch provided)
What: Instructions & then monitoring 3 local creeks
Where: Meet at Neerim Sth wetlands & return there for lunch

Please RSVP by Tues 26th Nov to:

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



Learn more at www.envirodna.com

This Project is supported by the Tarago Healthy Farms Program



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To keep our community up to date, we're bringing Council News to you online, on air and in print.

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.

Community members are welcome to attend or tune in to the live stream from home. See what's on the agenda for the meeting on Council's website.

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Community joins Drouin West Fire Brigade in the Community Bushfire Exercise

Despite the recent cold, wet weather, the fire season will soon be upon us and your local CFA Brigade is working to help residents prepare for a predicted long, hot summer. We wish to thank those who turned up to support the bushfire community exercise on Sunday 27th October, where around 65 people gathered in the Jindivick Hall to learn more about fire behaviour.

CFA Community Safety organiser, John Legione led the discussion about the unique fire risks in this area and then people worked in small groups through a hands-on mapping exercise that considered the potential of a bushfire threat confronting the township/region of Jindivick this summer. It was realistic and we want to thank the other supporting agencies involved on the day; Scott and Michael (DELWP), Glenn (Vic Police), Faye (Red Cross), Vicki (Baw Baw Shire) and the catering provided by Mark and crew from the Jindivick Cricket Club as well as Brigade members who volunteered their time on a weekend to help make our community safer.

For those unable to make the session who want to know more about what should go in a bushfire plan (whether leaving early OR staying to defend) please search for 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) and we can 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.

With the fire danger period already in place in Wellington and East Gippsland shires, it is likely that the Fire Danger Period may be declared for Baw Baw Shire over the coming weeks. Keep an ear out for announcements in the local news. But before then – CLEAN UP! The next few weeks provide a great chance to rake up the trash in the garden, clean out the gutters, and burn off those bonfires. Please don't forget to register your burn off by phoning the CFA on 1800 668 511.



Photos from the exercise (cont.)

Above:

Participants were informed by expert speakers

RHS: John Legione, CFA Community Safety organizer



Join past and present members of the **Drouin West CFA** to celebrate the **70th anniversary** of the formation of our local fire brigade. All welcome on **Sat. 16 November, 3:30pm.**

Please RSVP to events@dwrfb.org.au or
PO Box 362 Drouin 3818



Above: Participants look at the DW Brigade truck and talk fire plans during morning tea

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