

# What's On

**January** Ashley Trader and Friends at Red Tree Gallery  
**18 & 19 Jan** Creative Harvest Open Gardens  
**26 Jan** Australia Day Celebrations  
**30 Jan** Children return to Jindivick Primary School  
**February** Work by Ross Vanner at Red Tree Gallery  
**1 Feb** Jindivick Country Market resumes  
**3 Feb** Jindi Jems meet



## 2019 in Jindivick

**January:** Peter Ware, author of Nangarra Notes, awarded Baw Baw Citizen of the Year. Jindivick Country Nursery reopens in Jindivick North as Musker's at Broughton Hall. Clucker 357 is heat stressed.

**February:** 10 year Anniversary of 2009 Victorian Bushfires held at Kydd Parke Reserve. Victorian Governor visits Jindivick, and Drouin West CFA Fire Station.

**March:** The highly successful Village Feast postponed to 30th due to the Bunyip fires. Jindivick Cricket Club wins 2 of the 5 one-day premierships. Jindi Zoo turns one. Clucker learns about fires.

**April:** Jindi Landcare carries out 2nd eDNA dam sampling. Anzac Day ceremony held in town. Clucker 357 reports on fire prevention activities.

**May:** Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer again a success. Clucker 357 enjoys new grass after rains.

**June** Jindi Jems enjoy an Op Shop tour. Community Mid-Winter Get-together. Community Meeting re BBS 'Placemaking' Project in Jindivick. Clucker 357 supervises installation of new Chicken Caravan

**July** Death of much loved and diligent community worker, Anne Plant. Drouin West CFA station renovations opened. Farm Dam Biodiversity Reveal Night surprises with the range of local species, including the endangered blue billed duck. Clucker 357 retires.

**August** The Pretty/Parke family rainfall recording ends as the BOM moves its rain-gauge to the centre of Jindivick, just in time for flooding and snow. New correspondent, Lucky Clucker 500, commences duties amid a plover crisis.

**September:** Jindivick Primary School's annual "Soiree". Spring Gardens celebrations start at Broughton Hall. Jindivick Progress Association Annual General Meeting. Lucky Clucker 500 learns about lambs.

**October:** Jindivick Landcare Group celebrates a successful year with AGM and BBQ. Cuckoos herald spring in Nangarra reserve. Lucky Clucker 500 enjoys new grass shoots.

**November:** A peace pole is installed at the entrance to the beautiful garden at

Broughton Hall. Local gardens participate in Gardivalia and local artists join the Open Studio scheme. Red Tree Gallery is involved in both. Jindi Cheese staff take industrial action in an attempt to gain wage parity with workers at other Lactalis sites. Drouin West CFA celebrates its 70th birthday. Delwyn Carnegie awarded Fire Fighter of the Year. Lucky Clucker 500 is a hero.

**December:** Community Breakfast at Jindi Caf' Christmas Eve Holy Communion at St. James Church. Community New Year's Eve celebrations at Jindi Caf' Lucky Clucker 500 contends with trampoline wielding cows and a new flock of engineering hens.



## 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** Services on first and third Sunday of the month. Have a cuppa at 11am. Church starts at 11:30am. For more information,, ring Faye on 56 285 248

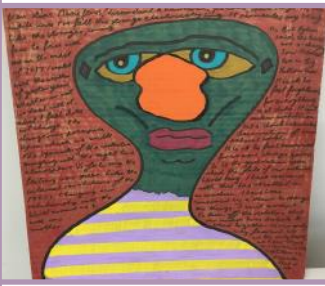
**Jindi Craft Group** Thursdays 11:30am – 4pm at Jindivick Hall. Contact Nikki 0447 776 178

**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. Call Phil on 0444 525 556 for further info. The pool table is also available for hire at other times.

## AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT JINDIVICK

Sunday 26th January at Kydd-Parke Reserve 6pm for flag raising and national anthem followed by a BBQ tea. Please bring a salad to share

An event for ALL the community. Its a great time to catch up with friends and family, meet new locals, or if new, meet the locals. All welcome. Enquires to Nikki 0447776178



**Red Tree Gallery** will be supporting local artists in January and February. **Red Tree Gallery** starts the new year with an exciting exhibition

from a group of emerging artists who work in a variety of media and styles. Work by Ashley Trader and her friends will be on show in January. It's their first exhibition so drop in and support these enthusiastic newcomers.

*Above: Mixed media work on canvas by Will*

In February the Gallery will bring you a solo exhibition of life drawings, paintings and other artwork by Ross Vanner. Although he has been making art for some time, this too is Ross's first exhibition



### Drouin West Fire Brigade.



### Eastern Victorian fires as at 7am, 3rd January

As we enter 2020, a time when we should be celebrating a new year, we are sadly reminded of the very real need to

be prepared for a bushfire emergency.

With the fires in East Gippsland burning since 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 with no relief in sight, and the other major fires that are burning out of control across Australia, it's a timely reminder to ensure you have an effective written bushfire evacuation plan detailing what you will do and when at what stage you are going put your plan into action.

For more information on bushfire plans please search for the Plan and Prepare resources listed on-line at [https://](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) Alternatively you can email the Brigade with your details ([secretary@dwrfb.org.au](mailto:secretary@dwrfb.org.au)) so that we can arrange an on-site visit from our members 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. This fire season is going to be long and potentially unpredictable. Be safe, be prepared and always ensure you are aware of what is happening around you.

The Drouin West Brigade has had several members deployed at several locations in NSW and East Gippsland, and will continue to do so during the foreseeable future. This is in addition to ensuring we have adequate resources to provide local fire protection and suppression within our own area when needed.

*Please spare a thought for the hundreds of volunteers out there and the many communities affected by these devastating fires*

### Lucky Clucker 500 January Blog

Busy, busy and more busy. January seems to be the time when everything is happening on the farm. Cutting hay always brings on the hot weather, not sure how, but it does! So the winter's hay for the cattle all stacked in the shed ready. Sheep waiting on the shearer, usually rains when he is due. Wet sheep, ugh!!

New baby chickens arriving this week, so all the old girls carted off to the "Lifestye Retirement Village" down by the barn. Ready or not. Out with the old and in with the new brats.

Big clean up of their old trailer by water blasting any trace they ever existed there. The tractors, egg automobile, feeders, nothing escapes the pressure washer. Look out!

The open "Creative Harvest" garden is very close. Lots of work in planting way too many veggies for a small family, so that means heaps for us chickens. Runaway zucchini's, flying saucer squash's, beans please, sweet corn galore, and my favourite, Asian greens in abundance all coming our way. Yummy.

Oh boy, I think the ducks have lost it in this heatwave. We have two old ducks that are over 10 years old. Haven't laid an egg for several years. Well, both have decided to go clucky, or quacky more like it. And you see, one really has gone quite beyond it. Not sure if she is half blind, in decline or just plain stupid. Old Clucker 357 would know how to fix it. A couple of feather slaps across the bill and she would be over it. Most birds sit on eggs to hatch and I just don't know how to tell her. She has made a magnificent nest and is trying to hatch a white PVC pipe!! Can anyone recommend a good Quack?

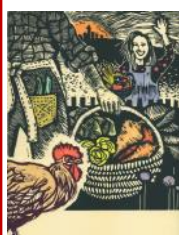
Bye now, from Lucky Clucker 500. Polly want a quacker?

Jindi Free Range Eggs

On 9th December, **the Jindi Jems** met at Willi's home for their annual Kris Kringle for Olivia's Place. (see right) The group has a break in January, so their next get together will be on Mon, 3rd Feb. Time and venue to be determined. New ladies are always welcome. For details give Maz a call on 0447 491 502.



Left: Locals enjoy a leisurely community catch up and breakfast at The Jindi Caf' before rejoining the last-minute rush of Christmas preparations.



**Creative Harvest Open Gardens** is on again on the weekend of January 18 and 19. Eleven gardens will be open throughout the shire, with 2 of them in Jindivick. Each garden will have one or more "artists in residence" for the weekend, demonstrating or selling their wares. The two local gardens open are: **Jindi Free Range Eggs**, where you may be lucky enough to meet the famous chook 'Lucky Clucker 500' and her carers Harley and Will. Artists there will be children's author and illustrator Spider Lee (both days), and on Sunday Drouin based printmaker Helen Timbury. (print on left, *What the rooster saw*) Also open is **Graham and Tessa's garden**, with sculpture by Graham Duell and Laurie Collins, and preserves and jams by Cathy Almond from Warragul. Painter and sculptor Cathy Smith will also be there on Sunday.

**Jindivick Primary School** had a very busy end of year. It ran a safety day with the Drouin West Fire Brigade and the Paramedics in preparation for the Bush-Fire season. The children enjoyed the sessions and learnt a lot of practical strategies. A huge thankyou to the Drouin West CFA for organising the day. (See two 2 photos top right)



They also celebrated at the Drouin Golf Club with the Grade 6 students. The confidence with which ten Grade 6 students presented their wonderful speeches demonstrated their readiness for Secondary School. JPS wishes them well into the future.



The annual concert was held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December in the Jindivick Community Hall to a packed house. The children were amazing! There was a small hiccup, with Santa getting lost in the smoke from the NSW bushfires, but after a short delay he was able to find his way...the children were so excited. An enormous thank you to 'Santa'. (Photo below right Santa, Joan Price and Georgia.)



Four students: Brady, Russell, Jada and Grace received a very special award for having 100% attendance at school for the whole year of 2019. (see below)

**JPS would like to thank the Jindivick Community for your wonderful support throughout the year, and wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.**



## Nangara Notes – Butterflies

Butterflies are cold-blooded members of the order Lepidoptera. Being cold blooded, they need particular conditions in which to survive. Being cold-blooded also means the best time of day to get a good close-up look at a butterfly is early in the morning as the insect rests in a small sunny patch in order to warm up its body in preparation for its day's activities.



The life-cycle of a butterfly begins as an egg and then transitions into a larva, a pupa and finally the familiar adult butterfly we see flitting through the understorey or resting on some foliage. Butterflies perform a complex role in their ecosystem. They are both prey and predator

for some animals and they are important pollinators for some plants. Their larvae too are often snapped up by a hungry bird or lizard and of course the larvae often feed on the foliage of some very specific plants.

The most frequently seen butterfly in Nangara Reserve is usually a brown one. However, there are several 'browns' that call Nangara home and until you pause and have a close look at the wing patterns it can be tricky trying to identify a species. Australia has over thirty species of brown butterfly, with the greatest diversity occurring in southern Victoria.



We have something like 15 or 16 species of brown butterflies in Gippsland. The following is a short list of some of the 'brown' Butterflies for Nangara and nearby: Common Brown, Solander's Brown, Shouldered Brown, Swordgrass Brown, Ringed Xenica, Meadow Argus, Painted Lady,

and Australian Admiral.

***A brown butterfly may not be just a Brown Butterfly!***

# JINDIVICK COUNTRY MARKET

***Upcycle, recycle, make it, bake it, grow it market***

**Saturday 1st February**

**9am till 1pm**

**Situated in the centre of Jindivick, with its stunning views and community feel,**

**it's a great place to explore market stalls while enjoying local musicians and the very best handmade, home grown produce, from local makers and growers.**

**Stall holder enquires to: [country-market@jindivick.org.au](mailto:country-market@jindivick.org.au)  
Or phone 27 968 503 (Don)**

**The Jindivick Country market is brought you by:**



**Check the Jindivick Market Face Book Page for times and other activities.**

## A Message for all Readers

We're so privileged to live in this beautiful village of Jindivick.

Originally, all residents knew each other, and whilst not wanting to live in each other's pockets, everyone was aware of comings and goings.

In recent times our population has increased, which is good. However, in light of recent burglaries we should all be more vigilant, look out for each other, and report any suspicious people/vehicles/activity. If possible take photos and report to local police.

In addition, as we're facing yet another summer of fire danger it is essential that we are all aware of our neighbours wellbeing and if their intend to stay or leave. We would like to encourage ALL residents to talk to their neighbours, and to set up localised telephone contact.

David Musker and Maz Coventry

*Left: Butterfly pictures top to bottom:*

Meadow Argus

Common Brown

Swordgrass Brown

Ringed Xenica