

Life is still changing in Jindivick and surrounds. Once again my thanks to all those who have contributed to this month's newsletter and responded to my latest emails and phone calls.

Jindivick folk will have started to move out of isolation by the time you read this. Welcome back to school and to small community gatherings. I have included an ABC News summary of changes to come into effect from June 1 on page 4

## Regular Events

**St James Anglican Church, Jindivick** From June 1 we can have church with a limit of 20 in the congregation. So if you have a burning desire to come church, please ring Faye (on 56 285248) who will be able to give you any information closer to the date. You can just turn up if you like but please do not be offended if you are turned away at the door. Of course this will continue only as long as that wretched virus keeps its evil hands around our throat. After that you are most welcome to join us on any first and third Sunday at 11:30am.

**Jindi Jems** meet 1st Monday of month See p.2

**Meditation on-line** 4pm Tuesdays See p. 3 for details

**Walking Group** 9am Thursdays from 4 June See p. 5

**Breaking news:** As of 1 June the Hall can reopen to a maximum of 20 people. So,...billiards, yoga and craft are able to run again and the building will be open for small bookings. Please contact Nikki for further information re Hall Bookings and Jindi Craft activities, call Phil on 0444 525 556 for further info about the Billiards/Pool Nights/Get Together on Fridays, and Janet Simmonds 0499248302 for news on possible Yoga sessions.

**Jindivick Primary School** After 8 weeks of 'Home Learning' due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the children are looking forward to getting back to school. Preps, Grades 1 and 2 are back at school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. The grades 3 – 6 will return to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Principal Wendy Arnott reports, "It has been a challenging time for all of us at Jindivick Primary School, and I would like to sincerely thank the parent community. The parents have taken on the enormous task of teaching their children over the last 8 weeks and have done an incredible job!

The children have been doing some very creative things while at home." *Photos on the right: Top Lewis and Fraser Aubrey constructed a bridge across their creek.*

*Below Charlie Bolton used autumn leaves to create her beautiful 'Family Tree'*

The Jindi Caf' is still open for the post, bread, milk, newspapers, gas bottles, and takeaways. They hope to open for meals from June 1 but do not have details yet. For further information and to book phone 56 285227. All meals will also be offered as takeaway as well as inhouse. Check The Jindi Caf' Facebook page for menus, times etc





## Jindivick Landcare Group

### CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Are you interested in participating in either a 'Farm Chemical Users Course' or an 'Operate and Maintain Chainsaws course'? A number of members have expressed interest in doing these courses. The courses will be subsidised by the Landcare Group and can be run by providers with social distancing and other COVID-19 requirements taken into account. The courses may run before the end of June. If you are interested in participating in either of the courses and are prepared to pay \$50, then please email Peter Ronalds (secretary) at [peter@wpcln.org.au](mailto:peter@wpcln.org.au) by Fri June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note an expression of interest does not guarantee that the courses will run. The Committee

will make a decision based on demand from members. If you are not a member, but wish to express interest, then you can join Landcare for \$30.

**The Jindi Jems** will be meeting at Karen's on Monday 1st June at 2pm. For further details please contact Maz on 0447491502

*Left: Shadow loves to climb*



**Muskers Garden and Nursery at Broughton Hall** have decided to keep the garden closed this Autumn season **However the nursery is open by appointment**, so if you need potting mix, rockdust, amazing plants, books, watering cans etc, just call David 0417056110 They are working towards opening the garden in early September through to Christmas; there will be a number of events in the garden during this time, more information to follow as we get closer to Spring. It has been the most amazing season for colour in the garden and the whole area, every garden has looked wonderful, and with so much rain they are looking forward to a great Spring season in the Garden at Broughton Hall



**The Red Tree Gallery** has no new show in June. Laurie continues to create in the shed while waiting for art galleries to be reopened.

### Lucky Clucker 500 June 2020

All by myself and a little frightened. This is taking isolation a bit too far!

It all started a couple of nights ago. My friends started to disappear. Aliens? Chicken Rustlers? AWOL?

I decided a stakeout was needed on the third night of these mysterious going's on and hid myself away. But I fell asleep..... idiot.

Next morning when I woke up everybody was gone. Just me, myself and I, left in the trailer. The quiet was deafening. Being all alone was creepy.....I couldn't think as a single unit. This was all too much to handle. I needed to retire to a nesting box to calm down.

Retire? Then it hit me like an acorn. Yes, retirement! That's where they have all gone. To Sunnyside retirement village up near the house. 12 months is up. Time to take it easy.....feet up.....on the pension, but wait..... I'm not ready to retire. I've still got plenty of life and eggs in me yet. Blogs too. I need a plan.

I know, I can join one of the younger flocks, you know, 'fly the coop'. It will be tricky getting over all the fences. But Adventure is my middle name. With all my smarts and experience I can knock off the head girl and take over. Whip those young whipper snappers into shape. Teach them a thing or two about eagle evasion, attacking plovers, early bird gets the worm, and all that stuff.

Best to get started before I get spotted. Pack up my doona with supplies for the journey and head on up the hill.

Say goodbye to Trailer 3. Bluebell Trailer here I come, ready or not.

Bye for now, Lucky to escape retirement. Jindi Free Range Eggs



## A letter re. setting up free Meditation sessions for locals

Dear Jindivickians,

You may remember me; I used to run the Jindi Meditation group which after 8 years was discontinued. However, life has changed for a lot of us with the Corona virus dictating many of our actions. Therefore, I have decided to once again offer a meditation, once a week at **4pm on Tuesday, online via Zoom**. Due to social distancing, online meetings have become the norm. With winter around the corner, it means you do not have to leave your warm home and venture out into the cold.

I am offering these meditations as part of a greater movement (see flyer below) which provides **Free meditations**. If the above time or day do not suit you, then have a look on the InwardBound flyer, there may well be another more suitable!

For further information email: InwardBoundNetwork@gmail.com or go to <https://www.facebook.com/pg/InwardBoundNetwork/events>

Joining is easy. If you are on FaceBook, just click on the Zoom link. Or send me an email to swaussie@icloud.com and I will forward the link to you.

This initiative is aimed at helping people adjust to new circumstances, whatever they may be.

If we can learn to relax, that frees up our minds, allowing them to better deal with whatever life throws at us. See you online soon!

Kind regards

**Inward Bound Network**  
Free Live Guided Meditations on Zoom  
Schedule for Melbourne, Australia

Click here to join a class at your local time:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85119514827> Password: 127

**Monday**  
10 am: Starting a Meditation Practice with Greg

**Tuesday**  
4 pm: Finding Inner Peace in a World in Turmoil with Margrit  
6 pm: Relaxation, Meditation & Mindfulness with Catrine

**Wednesday**  
7 pm: Supported self-care for Adults with Hadassah

**Thursday**  
10 am: Supported self-care for Children & Families with Hadassah  
12 noon: Supported self-care for Adolescents with Hadassah  
8 pm: Mindfulness and Meditation with Gay

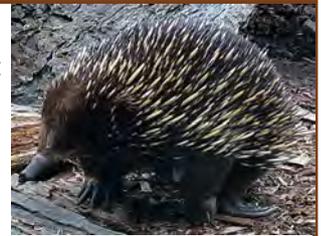
**Friday**  
6 am: Guided Imagery for Wellness with Laurie

**Saturday**  
6 am: Meditation on Loving-Kindness & Compassion with Abelardo  
10 am: Mindfulness and Meditation with Gay

**Sunday**  
8 am: Tibetan Buddhist Meditation with Tom  
10 am: Going Within with Gayle  
7 pm: Finding Inner Peace & Strength with Peter

## Nangara Notes—Echidna

The Echidna is Australia's most widespread mammal and can be found in arid zones, woodlands, rainforest – almost anywhere there is leaf litter, rotting logs, etc.



They have an insulating layer of fur underneath their spines. The spines are actually modified hairs. In very cold alpine regions, Echidnas may go into a state of torpor and hibernate for several weeks. Usually solitary, the Echidna can be both diurnal and nocturnal.



Like the Platypus, the Echidna is an egg-laying mammal or monotreme. The mother lays a single egg which she carries in a modified pouch for about ten days. After hatching, the prickle-less 'puggle' feeds on milk secreted through special glands on the mother's belly.

The puggle grows quickly - when it becomes too prickly for the mother to keep in her pouch, she digs a burrow for the baby and returns every day or so to feed it.

The favourite diet of the Echidna consists of ants and termites, but they will often consume many other terrestrial invertebrates. Their long, flexible tongue can extend for 15-18cm.

In Nangara Reserve, one of the best tracks on which to encounter an Echidna is Boundary Track at the northern end of the reserve.



**Nangara Sculpture Damage.** Very disappointingly there has been vandalism to some of the sculptures in Nangara Reserve. Two of the five Kangaroo sculptures in David Doyles' "Jindivick Mob" have been bent and damaged as if someone has tried to steal them. They have since been removed, repaired and replaced, and the incident reported to the Police.

Nangara has around 30 pieces of sculpture installed, with pieces by local and Melbourne sculptors as well as by students from Jindivick Primary School, and they form part of a much loved local reserve, with the sculptures sited along the several kilometers of walking tracks.

PLEASE NOTE that due to the current unusual circumstances, the **Jindivick Community Winter Solstice Get-Together has been cancelled this year**

## ABC News Summary of Covid-19 related restrictions in Victoria as announced on 24 May 2020

NB This does not include information re employment and workplaces.

From Tuesday (May 26): Outdoor playgrounds, skateparks and **outdoor communal gym equipment** will reopen

From Monday (June 1):

- **You will be able to have a total of 20 people in your home.** For a family of five, that means 15 visitors. Outdoor gatherings can also increase to 20.
- **Overnight stays can resume at private residences**, as well as **overnight stays in accommodation.** This will apply to **campgrounds and caravan parks**, but not those with communal facilities like kitchens and bathrooms.
- **Up to 20 people will be allowed at weddings** – plus the celebrant and couple – and up to **50 people allowed at a funeral**, in addition to those required to conduct the ceremony. Up to 20 will be allowed at other religious ceremonies, in addition to those required to perform the service.
- **Libraries, youth centres and other community facilities** will be able to open with no more than 20 people in a single area, plus those needed to operate the space. Men's sheds and arts and crafts classes can resume.
- Entertainment and cultural venues like **galleries, museums, drive-in cinemas and historic sites** will be able to open their doors, alongside **zoos and outdoor amusement parks.** Physical distancing and a limit of up to 20 patrons per space will apply, and indoor venues will be required to keep customer contact details.
- **Swimming pools** will also open with limits of 20 people and additional safety requirements in place. Community sporting activities will also be permitted with up to 20 people in undivided spaces, provided the sport is outdoors, noncompetition, non-contact, and people are able to play 1.5 metres apart.
- Restrictions on professional sport will remain unchanged.
- **Beauty and personal care services** like nail salons, spas, tattoo parlours will be able to open with up to 20 customers per space – with customer contact details required to be kept.
- **Auctions and open for inspections** will also be subject to the 20-person limit – plus those required to conduct the activity – with agents also required to keep the contact details of everyone who attends.
- Non-food and drink market stalls will also be able to open.

**SILENCE IS DEADLY**  
INSTALL INTERCONNECTED SMOKE ALARMS IN YOUR HOME



## Drouin West CFA

As the Government eases restrictions due to the coronavirus, we hope to be able to return to full training soon. In the meantime, we are running our meetings and training virtually. This is going well and our members have adjusted to the new ways of doing things. As always, the safety of our community comes first and we are still able to respond promptly and efficiently to fires in our area as well as support neighbouring brigades to protect life and property.

In winter we are usually a lot quieter than in summer. If you have ever thought about volunteering with your local brigade, now is a good time to join. We welcome new members; whether you want to support behind the scenes or gain your minimum skills training and become a firefighter. Interested? Drop an email to our Captain Brendan on [captain@dwrfb.org.au](mailto:captain@dwrfb.org.au) and find out what it takes to become a CFA member.

At this time more people are staying at home during the day in order to keep safe and meet the requirements of the COVID pandemic. As a result, more people are turning to home heating and using their domestic appliances more often.

We want you to stay safe. Each year CFA attends over 3000 fires started in the home from risks such as chimney fires, sparks from unprotected open fires, faulty wiring and other hazards. Next time you are on the internet, spend a few minutes looking at these tips from the CFA on how to stay safe, inside, this winter. <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home>

### Top home fire safety tips

- Book a licensed gas-fitter to check your gas heater
- Check chimneys, flues and fire boxes for cracks, rust and debris
- Check electric blankets for kinks in the wiring
- Clean the lint filter in your dryer (and continue to do this after every use)
- Check appliances for visibly frayed or damaged wiring
- Complete the [Home Fire Safety Checklist](#) to see if you've done everything you can to protect you and your family.
- Prepare a [home fire escape plan](#) and practise escaping quickly and safely.

### Proposal for a Jindivick Weekly Walking Group.

Would anyone be interested in meeting on Thursday mornings at Kydd Park Reserve at 9 am, for an hour or two's walking? We could walk directly from there along some of the quieter roads, or drive a short distance to Nangara or Rokeby Crossover where there are lots of walking options. The plan would be to walk 5 to 10 kilometers each morning, and then adjourn to the Jindi Cafe for a coffee. I plan to start on **Thursday June 4th**, so if interested please come along. You will need some good walking shoes, clothing appropriate to the weather, and some water. If you would like to discuss this please call Graham on 0417 434 464



**It is 1880.** Victoria is still a British colony and will be for another 20 years. There is no electricity. Transport is horse and cart or steam engines. Going places is an effort. The coins in your pocket were probably made in Britain. Bush rangers still maraud around Victoria and Ned Kelly is due to be hung. Vast forests cover southern Australia': Jindivick is in the middle of these.

If you could listen to the sounds of those times, many would be unrecognisable; long gone. Some still exist today, but only as part of relics in old technology museums. However, there is one sound you could have heard then, back in 1880, which has not changed in 140 years and you can still hear today - the crisp thunk of a cricket bat hitting a cricket ball. To a cricketer, that sound, combined with the smell of cut grass, brings out all the emotions and desires associated with competition and they are the same as those experienced generations ago.

The other thing that still exists from that time may surprise you: **Jindivick Cricket Club**. Hard to believe, but cricket was already alive and well in 1880. Jindivick, Warragul, Darnum, Neerim, Buln Buln, Drouin, and many other towns already played each other in organized fixtures. Not as many games as today, but still a season.

Some dismiss sport because there are more important things in life than scores at the end of a match. That's true, but if the pandemic has taught us anything, it is that ordinary sounds like a bat striking a ball symbolize a time when a community is close enough and unthreatened enough to enjoy something that is not linked directly to survival. That is a luxury we hope to regain as soon as possible and one that must not be taken for granted ever again.

**Jindivick Cricket Club** has survived two World Wars, the pandemic of 1917, and the Great Depression.

With this history in mind, we announce that the **Jindivick Cricket Club Annual General Meeting will be on Friday 12 June, 7.30**. We invite interested people to come along and be part of something local and enduring. There's something most people can do to assist with these sorts of clubs: you don't need to be a player. At this stage we don't know if this will be in a physical venue or online. The club's committee has been meeting online fortnightly and there won't be a problem if we have to conduct the AGM over the internet. We will make a decision closer to the date. **Please let us know if you're interested in coming along:** it will help with our decision. Mark Braddick, Secretary



# Council News.

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## Have your say on draft Drouin Township Plan

The draft Drouin Township Plan has been prepared and feedback is being sought to ensure it aligns with community views and expectations.

Once developed, the *Drouin Township Plan 2020-2036* will provide an updated strategic approach to projects and initiatives for Drouin over the coming years, reflecting the needs and aspirations of the community.

The plan will influence future policy and help inform long-term planning and budgeting for projects in and around Drouin.

This consultation opportunity is now open for six weeks, closing on Monday 8 June 2020.

For full project details, a chance to review the draft plan and have your say, go to [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay)



## Business Support Grants Opening Soon

Local businesses can now apply for a share in Baw Baw Shire Council's \$100,000 Business Grant Program developed to support businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Funding is available for projects and activities in four categories:

- **Online support**  
Up to \$5,000
- **Infrastructure and equipment**  
Up to \$5,000
- **Marketing support**  
Up to \$2,000
- **Employee development**  
Up to \$2,000

Applications are now open via an online application form.

For full program details including eligibility criteria go to [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/BawBawBusinessGrants](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/BawBawBusinessGrants)



## New dog parks coming soon

Construction works are progressing well on three new fully fenced dog parks in:

- Bellbird Park in Drouin
- Brooker Park in Warragul
- Hollydell Park in Trafalgar

Each park will feature:

- Air lock double gate entry with landing area
- New footpath connections to improve access
- Doggy drinking fountains
- Doggy waste bag dispenser and bins
- Seating for dog owners to use and enjoy

While parks are not yet open for community use, construction works are on track for mid-2020 completion. In light of the coronavirus pandemic, if construction works finish prior to restrictions being lifted, the parks will not open (in line with all outdoor playgrounds).

For more information go to [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/DogParks](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/DogParks)



## Victorian Seniors Festival reimagined online

This year's festival will be reimagined into an interactive online festival of fun delivered directly to your home from 28 April to 31 October.

The festival will feature online performances, zoom interviews and story-telling through weekly online broadcasting of recordings made at home by a range of performers.

Themed 'in the groove', the recordings will be hosted by Bec Reid and Tristan Meecham, featuring performers such as Kutcha Edwards, Gram-O-Phonie Brothers, Tania Kernaghan, Jane Clifton, Paul Williamson and Robyn Archer.

The major shift from traditional events and activities is a result of the coronavirus pandemic and the redirection of funding towards online-only content.

Tune in now at [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards)

## COVID-19 related support and service information

Council is committed to looking after the health and wellbeing of our community, taking proactive measures to slow the spread of coronavirus. Council has launched a \$440,000 stage-one community and business support package to financially assist residents, sporting clubs, community groups and local businesses. The support package details, and some changes to Council services are listed below:



### Community and business supports

#### Rates relief

Extension of payment terms for fourth instalment rates notices from 31 May to 30 June 2020. Penalty interest will be exempt for this period.

#### Disabled parking permits

Free extension of all disabled parking permits until 30 June 2020.

#### Community support programs

Access to meals on wheels, shopping assistance, home maintenance, family day care and immunisations.

#### Refund/waiver of permits

50 per cent refund/waiver of eligible permits under the Community Local Law from 1 March to 1 September 2020 (i.e roadside trading, A-frame and outdoor dining permits).

#### Fast-tracking Council Infrastructure Projects

Fast-tracking infrastructure projects to boost local economy and jobs. For 12 months, weighting of local suppliers will increase to 20%.

For full support package details, go to [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Coronavirus](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Coronavirus)

### Council services still operating

- Customer service via phone, email & LiveChat
- Hard waste collections
- Transfer stations (EFT payments only)
- Family Day Care
- Maternal nurse consultations via phone
- Immunisations
- Planning services
- Online kinder enrolments
- Council meetings (via Live Stream only)

### More information

Our customer service centres may be temporarily closed, but we're still here to help!

If you have a question regarding a Council service not listed on this page, please visit our website [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au), chat to a team member on Live Chat (through our website), call us on 1300 229 229, or visit our Facebook page.

Full details about the \$440,000 community and business support package can be found at [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Coronavirus](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Coronavirus)