

On 30th August **The Jindi Caf'** started its move across Jackson's Track to the building that was Jack Pretty's barn 30 years ago. The Caf' reopened to the public in its new premises on Tuesday 1st September, serving take-away food. . (see more p.3)



If you would like to include information about a local event, club etc please contact the editor by email via newsletter@jindivick.org.au or phone 56 253556.

OCTOBER 2020

Community Coffee & Cake Catch-up

Saturday 3 Oct., 2pm

Everyone welcome. Amongst many other things we will discuss the future of the Jindivick Country Market for the 2020—2021 season. For further information and to RSVP contact Nikki at 0447 776 178

Right: Faye Parke, whose family have a long association with the Jindivick General Store and Post Office building, purchased the last meal cooked at the Jindi Caf' at 1055 Jacksons Track



Regular Events

St James Anglican Church There are still **no Anglican church services** in Gippsland, although it is hoped that services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in Jindivick will resume soon. Please stay safe everyone. For more information ph: Faye 0400014226

Jindi Craft Group is **cancelled** at present.

The Jindivick Hall has suspended the regular events but we are **still taking bookings**, and you are welcome to book events over the next year using the booking form on the website - <http://www.jindivick.org.au/bookings>
Jindi Jems are looking forward to catching up at the Caf' in their new location on Monday October 5 at 2pm. New ladies always welcome to join us. Please give Maz a call on 0447491502 for information.

The October Jindivick Country Market is **cancelled**.

Jindivick Walking Group resumes with a walk in Nangara Reserve on Thursday **October 8th**, with local naturalist and newsletter correspondent Peter Ware

The **Jindivick Yoga Group** is cancelled at present but is hoping to start again soon For further information contact Janet on 0499 248 302.



Damage to beautiful Strzelecki gum (see left) This grand old giant seems to have come to the end of its days. One of only two remaining on the Jackson's Track frontage in the township area, it is a Strzelecki gum, an endangered species and endemic to this specific area. It suffered some wind damage in the recent storm and was deemed at risk by the Shire and so 'made safe'. A possible contributing factor is the recent footpath and guttering works immediately beside the tree. When the Jindivick Progress Association built the original footpath along to Kydd Park Reserve about 15 years ago, the advice was to stay away from these old trees and so the path ended some distance away. When these new works were planned we were assured the trees would be OK.

Coincidentally, Beau Miles recently produced a Youtube homage to the Strzelecki, which you can view at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxMQnodQjys>

The Progress Association now suggests that we source 4 or 5 Strzelecki seedlings and plant them along that section of street frontage and **invites community comment**. You can make suggestions about the tree situation, or other local issues by emailing the JPA at jpa@jindivick.org.au

Jindivick Progress Association



Drouin West Fire Brigade news

Above-average rainfall during winter has substantially reduced the risk of extreme bushfires in Victoria this coming summer. However, the wetter conditions are no reason for complacency. The Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre predicts that 'Victoria can expect a normal fire season this summer', which means that we will still see fires on dangerous days when it is hot and windy.

The Drouin West Fire Brigade's Community Engagement Team is trying something different this year to help residents prepare for summer. We will be holding an **online awareness session** in Mid November, with an opportunity for your questions to be answered by experts. Details of how you can join the online session and prepare for fire risk this summer, will be in the next Jindivick community newsletter

Four candidates have nominated for the three vacancies in the **West Ward of Baw Baw Shire** in the upcoming local government elections. Details, including candidate statements, photos etc can be found on the Victorian Electoral Commission website.

Have a good idea for an improvement in the Jindivick area, or just feeling a bit cranky about a local concern? Contact the Jindivick Progress Association to make a suggestion, or have your say about the future of our beautiful area. Send your email to jpa@jindivick.org.au

September 2020. Lucky Clucker blog

It was curfew night. Approaching midnight. All was restless. Feathers rustling in anticipation. Waiting, waiting, waiting. It was difficult to keep the girls inside. They were anxious to go out without restrictions. Steady girls. Tick tick tick. Then a noise. Everyone went quiet and listened. Munching sounds and heavy breathing. Good grief, we had night callers before midnight. Someone has broken curfew. What should we do? Well I told them they were too early, and to go away, come back in 30. But they just stood there and looked at us. What were they thinkin'? I guess they were thinking, "Help" because we had never seen the likes of them here before. Out cruising the night looking for mischief and adventure but got themselves lost instead. All 5 head. An unaware farmer had lost 5 young cattle that Wednesday night. Anyway they wouldn't wait around and took off back down the driveway to visit the next gateway. Never to be heard from again.

Next morning another visitor, legal this time. A large beagle came by. Slipped her collar and went hunting up all the smells her nose could suck up. Trotting up and down all the fence lines like she owned the place. Well I put her straight and told her that, "I am top dog around here!"

Now to our final visitors this month, our new pullets. 500 new 'babies' to watch over. They stayed locked in their trailer for 2 sleeps then were let out to discover the outside world. By the way they reacted, I don't think they had seen the outside world before. Grass, sunshine, scratching and chilly rain. They all have settled in ok and hopefully will start laying in a few weeks.

Bye for now, Lucky 500, the curfew purlice
Jindi Free Range Eggs ph 0402 981 478

All at **Jindivick Primary School News** have made it to the holidays and are looking forward to a more 'normal' Term 4. Term 3 has been a challenge for everyone, but the students, parents and teachers have risen to the occasion in an amazing way!

Congratulations to everyone on a 'job well done'!

The Junior School Council organised a 'Sports Fun Day'. Even though we had to have our fun day remotely, the children enjoyed the break in their routine.



Left: Alexia with her Teddy, and Below: Elijah, Brad, Alex and Hunter enjoyed their day.



On Wednesday 7th October.

Term 4 begins *back at school for all students* - onsite in

beautiful Jindivick. The staff at Jindivick PS wish everyone happy and safe holidays They can't wait to see all of the children and their smiling faces back at school.





FIRE SAFETY
OUTREACH PROGRAM
GIPPSLAND COMMUNITIES

It's difficult to get us all together right now so the Fire Safety Outreach Program is coming to you! If you want to be Fire Safe all year-round check this out.

The Fire Safety Outreach program is a free service for community members and professionals to access information and fire safety education from trained CFA community education officers.

Our community education officers will get in touch at a time that suits, via whatever communication method works for you.

Find out about:

- Bushfire planning for your household
- Property preparation for bushfire
- Understanding the fire danger ratings
- Where to gain trusted information during emergencies
- Fire restrictions, what you can and cannot do
- Home fire safety information
- Support education sessions for your community groups and clubs



To register your interest for the program please contact
E: firesafetyoutreach@cfa.vic.gov.au or M: 0419 874 484 (BH)
We will then make contact with you and refer you to one of our CFA Community Education Officers

For further fire safety information head to: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

The Jindi Caf' has relocated to 1070 Jacksons Track, in the old Barn. We have had a busy three weeks with moving and settling in. We would like to thank everyone who offered to help, especially Paul and Daina and Georgia Custance, Andy and Leonie, Cameron and Trevor and Narelle for all their help. The only way to move in the country is with a tractor, bucket and forks.

The Australia Post letterbox is now on the nature strip at the front of the Caf' and we continue with parcels and post. We have also moved the gas bottles. Thanks to Philip James, Jeff Hyde and Rod Pretty for helping us with the gas cages.

The Caf' has re-opened for dine in, with limited numbers both inside and out. Please make a booking. Once again, we'd like to thank our community in Jindivick and surrounds for your help and support in these difficult times. Sue Goodfellow and the team at The Jindi Caf'



Nangara Notes



The Eastern Whipbird

There wouldn't be many sounds of the Australian bush in our region more iconic than the call of the whipbird. The male makes a series of low whistles that rises into a long drawn out single note ending in a sharp, resounding 'whipcrack'. The female answers almost immediately with two sharp 'choo-choo' notes. You could be forgiven for believing the calls were coming from a single bird.

The territorial call of the Eastern Whipbird is the best and sometimes only indicator of the bird's presence. Whipbirds tend to remain well hidden in the wet gullies where they feed on insects and larvae in the leaf litter. Established pairs hold permanent year-round territories – there are at least two established pairs in the bottom section of Nangara reserve and one or two more in the northern section.

The Eastern Whipbird is about the size of a Noisy Miner. It is olive green and black with a white patch on the cheeks and throat and it has a small crest on its crown. It is distributed through wet forest regions of the eastern seaboard from Melbourne to about Cooktown in Queensland.

Some references declare the bird is a shy species but it only takes a little patience to sit quietly within their range and the birds will become curious and approach quite closely. There are some locations where whipbirds regularly visit occupied picnic grounds in the hope of a small scrap of food.

The Eastern Whipbird is an Australian endemic and is listed as secure in Victoria, but of course is vulnerable to processes resulting in loss of habitat – logging, land clearing, etc.



Friends of Drouin's Trees (Blog and Facebook)



The planting of the locally indigenous pollinators at the Community Garden has been completed, and thanks to a donated load of mulch from Drouin Trees, it's been well mulched. The new seedlings seem to be all doing well, and this wet weather should get them off to a good start. Thanks to the community volunteers who assisted, and to Landcare for supporting the project.

Jindivick Progress Association

Left: The only way to move in the country is with a tractor, bucket and forks.

Press release from Baw Baw Shire

Jindivick's picturesque **Kydd Parke Reserve** is set to receive a \$480,000 upgrade to improve the oval's playing surface and ensure cricketers can enjoy a full season at the ground.

The upgrade includes: installation of new drainage and irrigation, establishment of a bore water supply, and the reinstatement of a drought-tolerant grass. The existing retaining wall will also be extended to improve stability and new perimeter fencing installed.

Council's 2020/21 Capital Works Program includes \$380,000 for the project, with an additional \$100,000 contributed through the Victorian Government's *Community Cricket Program*.

Kydd Parke is home to Jindivick Cricket Club, one of the biggest cricket clubs in Baw Baw Shire. The oval's current poor drainage means the club usually has a wet start to the season, often unable to play at its home ground for the first few matches, and needs to find alternate venues to host its six teams. Once complete, the upgrades will allow the club to play early season home games, and improve the chance of play in poor weather.

It will allow the club to deliver its routine maintenance schedule, which is frequently hampered in winter because of the inability to get machinery on to the oval. Kydd Parke Reserve's thriving community garden will also benefit from a sustained water supply. It is expected that works will commence early 2021.

Jindivick Cricket Club's response

Kydd-Parke Reserve is a wonderful community asset. One of the most important aspects of any public space is the quality of the surface, and we are really pleased that a number of cards have fallen into place allowing a major upgrade to take place. A partnership between the Baw Baw Shire, Cricket Australia and the State Government has enabled this project to happen. We have made council aware of the reserve's usage over many years and we're pleased they are recognising the current use and potential of this facility.

We hope that the work on the oval will allow everyone to properly access this facility all year round. Both active and passive users will benefit. It will also open up fresh opportunities for user groups, and further stimulate the local economy through increased visitation. Kydd-Parke Reserve is one of a few sports grounds people choose to go to as a destination in itself, due to its glorious views, serene setting and self-contained layout.

Baw Baw shire employees Shane Paynter and David McMahan have been very accessible over several years and were instrumental in several key areas, including planning and the vital aspect of marrying up funding opportunities from different sources. Thanks also to Councillors Keith Cook and Trish Jones for their support in various forums along the way.

We look forward to the project starting soon.

Mark Braddock, Jindivick Cricket Club President

AGM

Tues 27th October

7 - 7:30pm

The **Jindivick Landcare AGM** will be held online via Zoom this year due to COVID.

It will be a short meeting and all landcarers are welcome!

Click on the link below to join the meeting
[https://zoom.us/j/99732799997?](https://zoom.us/j/99732799997?pwd=Wk9WU0ZscTlwRTVrNHliWFJkc3k4dz09)

[pwd=Wk9WU0ZscTlwRTVrNHliWFJkc3k4dz09](https://zoom.us/j/99732799997?pwd=Wk9WU0ZscTlwRTVrNHliWFJkc3k4dz09)

TIP: If you haven't used Zoom before, just click on the link and a little popup will appear. Click on "Open Zoom Meetings" and then the program will start in a few seconds. It is quite easy to do.

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In these unprecedented times, it's more important than ever to do everything we can to be kind and look after each other and ourselves. If you or someone you know is in need of extra support, visit bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/gethelpandsupport

There are a variety of support services available to cater for the whole community.

Contact us

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Red Tree Gallery will continue to show Yvette Stubbs latest work, the colourful and varied *Faces of Yve* exhibition, In October.

