Musker's at Broughton Hall has made a farm gate stand for produce and flowers at the corner of Jacksons Track and Nth Jindivick Road and filled it with oranges, lemons, limes, bay leaves, dried flowers and daffodils.

Please take things from this stand and, if able, contribute your own excess produce or flowers, to share with our community. As David says, "even in these stressful times, generosity can make you smile and help you feel connected to this wonderful community of Jindivick."



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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.

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# What's on...

**18 Sept** School holidays commence **5 October** Schools' Term 4 for 2020 commences

# **Regular Events**

**St James Anglican Church** The Gippsland Diocese has decided that there will be **no Anglican church services** in Gippsland for at least 6 weeks. This means that the very next church service at Jindivick cannot be before September 6th. Possibly longer. We pray for Jindivick and it's neighbours and ask that this disease will not infiltrate our beautiful and peaceful district. 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. Please use the booking form on the website - http://www.jindivick.org.au/bookings

Jindi Jems No meetings at present.

Jindivick Country Market is cancelled at present.

Jindivick Walking Group. The Jindivick Walking Group is in recess, but members anticipates being able to resume with a walk in Nangara Reserve on Thursday October

8th, with local naturalist and newsletter correspondent Peter Ware. Details in the October newsletter

The Jindivick Yoga Group is cancelled at present.





Shadow prefers a black mask. Don't forget to wear yours.

# End of an Era – Sale of the Jindivick General Store building.

Johann Tandberg, a Norwegian sailor who jumped ship Melbourne, established the first Jindivick Store on Jacksons Track in the late 1880s. After many changes of ownership and business approaches, the store was purchased by A. G. Pretty and Sons Pty Ltd on 1 September 1936. They ran the store for over 65 years. At time of this purchase the store provided a newsagency, Post Office and phone exchange, as well as an extensive range of general groceries and farm related stock.



Many readers will remember Jack Pretty for his many store and community related activities. In recent years several new owners have changed focus, introducing services such as a bottle shop and the Jindi Caf'. Current owners, Sue and Bryan Goodwin purchased both the general store business, and The Jindi Caf' in 2013. In November 2015 they transferred the essential services of the business (eg Post Office, newspapers, gas bottles etc) to The Jindi Caf'. These services will continue from the Caf's new location across the road in the Barn, from 1 September 2020. See p. 6 for more information and photos.

#### Jindivick Landcare Group

Beau Miles, our esteemed Vice President is a man of many talents & many of you would be aware that Beau is an adventurer and film producer! In fact Beau has just recently spent a night up a tree! A massive Strzelecki gum located right in Jindivick! If you like interesting, feel-good and funny films, then you may like this one! We are blessed to have so many beautiful Strzelecki gums located in paddocks and on roadsides throughout Jindivick.

Beau says "This is the story of spending a night in a big old gumtree. Strapped to three builders planksone of which had a large crack that I thought was spilled paint, I slept with one eye open, which was pleasant because I could see the view. Originally driven by the premise of backyard adventuring, using old climbing kit and

dodgy ladders, a simple night out, 30-foot up, ended up being a reflection of how much I like trees, particularly the vulnerable Strzelecki gums I live among. Dinner, breakfast, bad coffee, podcast, and sitting on a park bench I should sit on more often, **Big Gums** is the story of a man who is no longer a boy, spending time with an endangered, iconic tree".

You can watch the video here https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=pxMQnodQjys&t=2s and while you are at it, perhaps have a look at some of his other films on his YouTube channel!



Due to current restrictions the Red Tree Gallery will continue to show Yvette Stubbs latest work, the colourful and varied Faces of Yve exhibition of paintings, mixed media and other works, in September.





So called farm improvements! With so much happening on the farm, I

# August 2020. Lucky Clucker blog

just don't know where to begin. Local quarry trucks have been visiting and laying down tracks to keep us from sinking and from playing in the mud. More permanent fencing which spoils our escape plans. New gates which are too hard to slip under. The fun of the past is now in the past!! The noisy plovers are back and have brought their mates with them. Carrying on like they own the place and swooping us chickens. But we are en masse so they soon retreat with a squawk when we decide enough is enough!

The most interesting thing happening at the moment is lambing. We all have ring side seats as the ewes are close to our paddock. I mean, who knew that they don't come in an egg! They slip out all gooey and wriggling. Next thing you know they are up on their feet looking for a feed. Staggering about until they get their balance and shivering in this icy weather. At night they are escorted to the shed where they can sleep on a bed of hay all warm and cosy. Wimps! Us free range birds know how to do it tough. We know how to live in the extremes and thrive. But I guess they will grow fast and take on the elements soon enough in their nice woollen jackets. Bye for now from Clucker with a birds eye view.

Jindi Free Range Eggs ph 0402 981 478

CFA

**Drouin West CFA** are still here and still responding – but with masks and social distancing.

Meanwhile.....**Spring news from the CFA**Although it is still wet, this can mean

additional risk from forest and grassfires come summer, with so much extra growth. So now, with spring upon us, is the time to prepare, clean up trash and do any burning off of garden prunings etc. Don't forget to register your burn before you light up, to prevent unnecessary 'false alarm' turnouts by our Brigade. This can be done by phoning 1800 668 511 (the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) and providing them with the required information, OR by completing the online form on the CFA website and emailing it to them.

### Medical Clinic opens in Jindivick.

On Monday 24th August the Jindivick Atticus Health clinic opened to the public. The clinic is open from 9am – 4:30pm, from Monday-Friday.

Appointments with Dr. Tohid can be made by phoning 56 285 445 or by dropping in at 1070 Jacksons Track (formerly Jacks of Jindivick) . Due to current restrictions, at present patients are encouraged to use telehealth if possible as a first step. The clinic will conduct Covid-19 testing in the carpark *by appointment only*.



1070 Jacksons Track, Jindivick

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view" Atticus Finch

Jindivick Community Garden

The broad bean planting at the Jindivick Community Garden is growing well and we should have a good crop in a month or so. Some rhubarb has also been planted, but it will be a few months before any can be harvested. There should also be asparagus appearing sometime this month, so if you see any suitable spears please carefully cut and take them home for tea.

The native pollinators from Landcare have been planted thanks to socially distanting volunteers and these should get well established over the next few months. Finally, the small raised bed beside the barbecue shelter has been rehabilitated and planted out with a range of herbs. These will take a couple of months to establish, but can then be used to enhance your next barbecue there.

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#### **Nangara Notes**

#### **The Spotted Pardalote**

The Spotted Pardalotes in Nangara Reserve are



beginning their 'seet-dee-dee' calling. As spring and summer advance, the territorial calls will become more persistent giving this little bird the undeserved name, 'headache bird'.

Other descriptive

and more deserved names are 'diamond bird' and 'jewel of the bush'.

The Spotted Pardalote is one of the prettiest bush birds, seldom seen because it is quite small and prefers to inhabit the canopy of eucalyptus trees where it feeds on insects and exudates amongst the foliage. Various honeyeaters too, enjoy the sweet exudates and a common sight is to see a much larger honeyeater chasing off a tiny pardalote. Many honeyeater species will aggressively defend their patch of nectar-producing trees or shrubs.

The best time to get a close-up view of a Spotted Pardalote is when they come to ground level to nest. Oddly, they dig a nest tunnel in some soft earth under some grasses or between the roots of a dead tree, etc. It isn't fully understood why the Spotted Pardalote does this when its close cousin, the Striated Pardalote will use a more convenient tree hollow or even a tiny cavity in an old farm shed, etc.

When the Spotted Pardalotes are nesting, they often become very accommodating of intruders. It is often quite easy to stand patiently just a metre or two away and watch a pair of pardalotes come and go from their nest tunnel. (Below: Pardalote at its nest entrance)
Generally, Spotted Pardalotes are an established bird that remain in a given area throughout the year, although some seasonal movements can occur. They are an endemic species, found over a large area of the continent and not considered to be under threat except that in some places, urban and rural land clearing can affect some local populations.

Don't miss Peter's tour of Nangara on 8th October (more details in October news letter)



Friends of Drouin's Trees-friendsofdrouinstrees@gmail.com

#### A STORY ABOUT MEN'S HEALTH

Many of us grew up with comic book stories, TV shows and movies about Superman. Well, I'm not Superman but I thought I was bullet proof. Just like Superman, with his silent but potentially deadly killer, Kryptonite, I found out about a silent but potentially fatal threat to my life; prostate cancer.

Like many Australian men I gave men's health issues little thought. I played tennis a couple of times a week, walked a few kilometres occasionally, and despite the fact that I carried an extra kilo or 15, felt pretty good (or so I thought)

Then last year I suddenly had some warning signs that something wasn't quite right. At first, I put them down to wear and tear and, to a certain extent, neglect. Old footy injuries coupled with a few years of tennis and of course carrying too much weight had all come back to haunt me. I put a significant change in my nocturnal habits down to age. My goodness, did I really turn 60 last birthday? Anyhow, a doctor's appointment was followed by a PSA Blood test which was 10 years overdue (that's right, no scary rubber gloves) and a high PSA result led to ultrasound, CT Scans and then a biopsy. All of a sudden, this threat was very real and surgery was required. Well so far so good. Recovery from surgery has been excellent but still a way to go with regular check-ups. I consider myself pretty lucky that I acted just in time.

Reading up about this condition presented some pretty confronting facts:

1 in 6 men up to age 85 are likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer, approximately 17000 men in Australia contract prostate cancer every year, and there are 3000 plus deaths of Australian males as a result of this disease yearly.

There are 2 important messages here:

- 1. Men in their 50s, or men in their 40s with a family history of the disease should have their PSA checked yearly
- 2. Better late than never (Don't think it won't happen to you)

Many of you will have seen me treading the roads of Jindivick, so it was a no brainer for me support the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia event, "The Long Run".

I'm taking on The Long Run challenge this September to support the 1 in 6 Aussie men who will be impacted by prostate cancer in their lifetime. If you have a man in your life who is special to you, please make a donation to my fundraising page. Together, we can make sure the men we love are here for the long run.

https://www.thelongrun.org.au/fundraisers/philliprotteveel/the-long-run

Phil Rotteveel

### Report illegal motorbike activity in our forest

With COVID restrictions in place, many people have been out and about enjoying the beautiful surrounds of Nangara Reserve, including the adjacent forest along the old waterboard/aqueduct road.

The Nangara Reserve and adjacent forest is a non-motorised zone, suitable for pedestrians, horse-riders and pushbikes. It was established as part of Jindivick community planning well over 15 years ago and we are lucky to have this on our doorstep.

Unfortunately there have been illegal motor bike riders regularly tearing up the tracks in the forest adjoining the reserve. It appears they simply ignored the no-entry signs and have snuck around the locked gate to enter the forest. Not only do these selfish riders destroy the peace and quiet of residents and native animals, they

are also eroding the tracks at this very wet time of the year.

If you see illegal motor bike riders in our forest, in the non-motorised zones, please report them to local police 13144 (for non-urgent crimes) or online. Take a photo and note any registration details.



Friends of Nangara Reserve



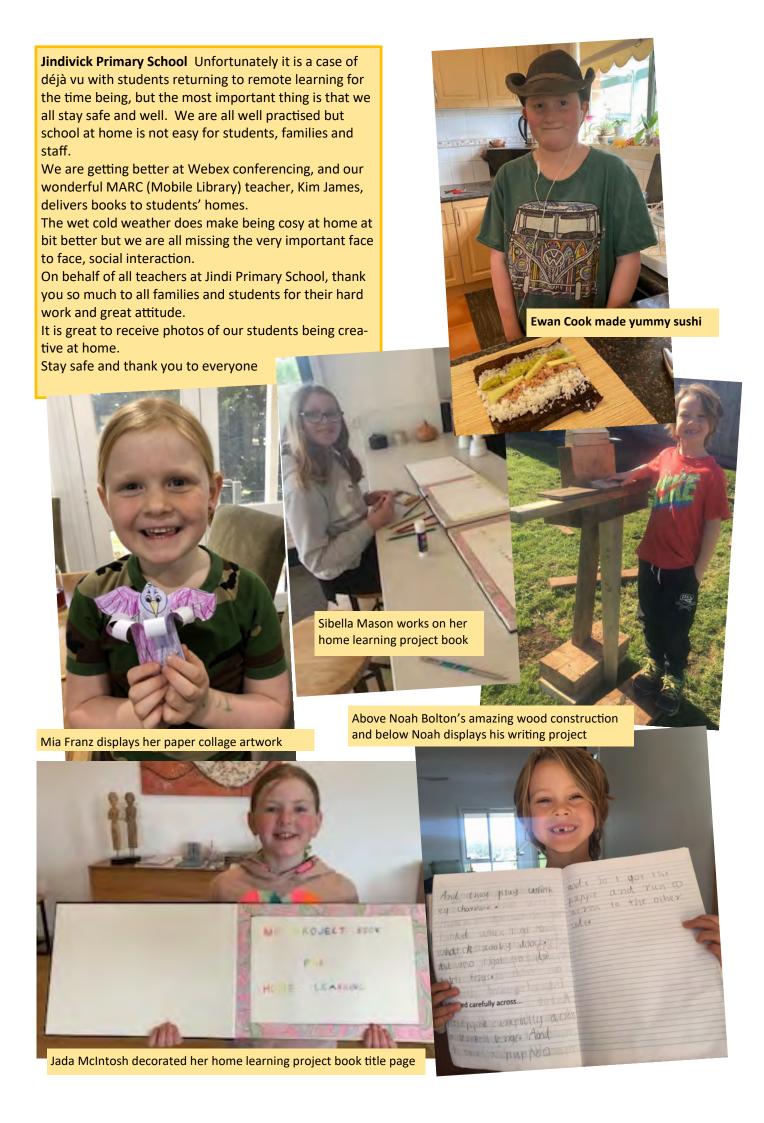
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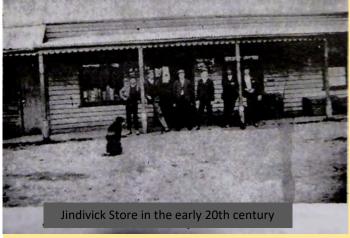
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# Jindivick General Store changes again

**The Jindi Caf'** has been busy for the last month or so. Now that we are again in Stage 3 restrictions, the Caf' has closed its restaurant and outside food area, and is offering takeaway only.

As the shop and café property have been sold, with new people moving in soon, we have used this time to organise the relocation of The Jindi Caf'. We asked Floyd Gomes (Atticus Health Jindivick) and his lovely wife Nathalie, if we would be able to relocate across the road to The Barn; luckily they said yes, so we have been busy renovating The Barn, and packing to move.

The Jindi Caf', while relocating to the Barn, will continue providing the Post Office service, newspapers, gas

bottles, milk and bread, as well as café meals, coffee and cake, and takeaway food, including meals (when restrictions lift). We officially open there on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, with limited services at the Caf' on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Atticus Health Jindivick to the community - it will be lovely to have our own medical clinic for local people.

Hopefully when the restrictions ease, we will have a proper opening celebration.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Sue, Bryan and the team at The Jindi Caf'.



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