

What's On

March Warragul Art Group,
Red Tree Gallery

3 Mar Jindi Jems meet

8 Mar International
Women's Day

9 Mar BBSC International
Women's Day Celebrations

Mid March Broughton Hall
Nursery reopens

Late March Landcare Creek
Monitoring reveal night

3 April Easter Market

3 April Broughton Hall Gar-
dens open

8 April Nangara guided tour
with Peter Ware

25 April Anzac Day
Ceremony



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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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MARCH 2021

*Welcome to Autumn,
season of mists and
mellow fruitfulness,
and to the easing of
Covid restrictions.*

Regular Events in Covid Normal

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick. For the present the services begin at 11.30am and go for about an hour on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. For further information, including re. any Covid 19 restrictions contact Faye 0400014226

Jindi Craft Group meets on Thursdays in the hall 11am to 4pm, byo lunch, cost \$5

We are also holding monthly **craft weekends**. Space in these is limited so bookings are required. Nikki Cadzow 0447776178

Jindivick Hall is **now open** to 70 people in the hall, and 18 in the meeting (supper) room (see also p.3) Monthly **Hall Committee Meetings** held on 2nd Thursday at 7:30pm

Jindi Jems (see p. 2)

Jindivick Walking Group walks each Thursday, starting at 9am. Ph: Graham on 0417 434 464 for more information.

The Jindi Writers' Group meets 3.30 - 5.00 pm Wednesday afternoons at The Jindi Caf' Email Jen Hutchison at jen.hutchison.home@gmail.com or text to 0488 300 423 if you'd like to join. Writers at all stages welcome.

The **Jindivick Yoga Group** meets on Thursdays 9:30—10:30am All welcome. For further information contact Janet on 0499 248 302.

Jindivick Cricket Club is looking for coaches (see p.3)

Jindivick Pool Nights Fridays from 7pm For further information call Phil on 0444 525 556 See p. 4

Atticus Health Jindivick Ph 56 285 445 for an appointment or go to: atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE FIERIES

Your fire service, the Drouin West Fire Brigade, has recently attended a number of small fires or burn-offs in the Jindivick area. This is despite reminders about fire restrictions in this newsletter, the Warragul Gazette, and other many other media. Although the weather has been milder than previous summers, some of these illegal fires were started in windy conditions, others were unattended. These fires could have had very far-reaching results if not extinguished by your local CFA volunteers.

Our area was affected severely in the 2009 fires. Please observe the current fire restrictions and help keep everyone safe, and the fieries (and their families) happy. For more information on current restrictions go to: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions (More information on DWFB on p. 4)



The **Jindivick Progress Association** would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution **Lindsay Linnell** has made to the JPA and to the wider Jindivick community. Lindsay and partner Heather Buntine moved to Jindivick in 2000. In 2003 Lindsay joined the JPA, immediately taking on the role of Treasurer, a role which he carried out for over seven-teen years, and from which he resigned in February this year. He has been described as "a pivotal member of the JPA"

Never one to shirk community service, Lindsay has been quietly and effectively involved in many aspects of Jindivick life, including the Mechanics Hall Committee and the Jindivick Flower and Craft Show (see above photo of 2018 JF&CS Committee members Robyn McCraw, Lindsay Linnell and Nikki Cadzow) and the fire recovery activities after the 2009 Black Saturday fires. After over 20 years involvement in the Jindivick community Lindsay and Heather are moving out of the area. They will be missed!

The Jindivick Progress Association would like to welcome Lindsay Robertson to its Committee—Lindsay R has accepted the role of Treasurer.

Jindivick Primary School had a great start to the new year (except for the little lock-down hiccup!) holding our annual School Picnic on 23rd February. There was a great turn out, with lots of fun and laughter for all our friends and families. Egg and spoon races, sack races and three-legged races kept everyone very busy – even the Mums and Dads had a go!

The Term 1 School Captains are Fraser and Elijah.

On Friday 26th Feb, we celebrated 'Thank a Firey' day with a visit from Drouin West CFA and on 3rd March we held a 'Clean-up Australia' event—students and staff cleaned up our school and local areas.

Photos: Lots of fun at the picnic!

The Jindi Jems enjoyed High Tea at Apple Spice Cafe in Warragul on Mon 1st Feb. The service was great and the food yummy - we are pleased to recommend this cafe.

Our next trip out is scheduled for 3rd March, contact Maz on:- 0447491502 for further details.



Clockwise from top left:
Amelia and Madi
Noah, Alexia, Nicki and Ella
Archie, James, Temperence and Keely
School Captains, Fraser and Elijah.
Lauren, Karen and Nicki

Lucky Clucker 500 March 2021

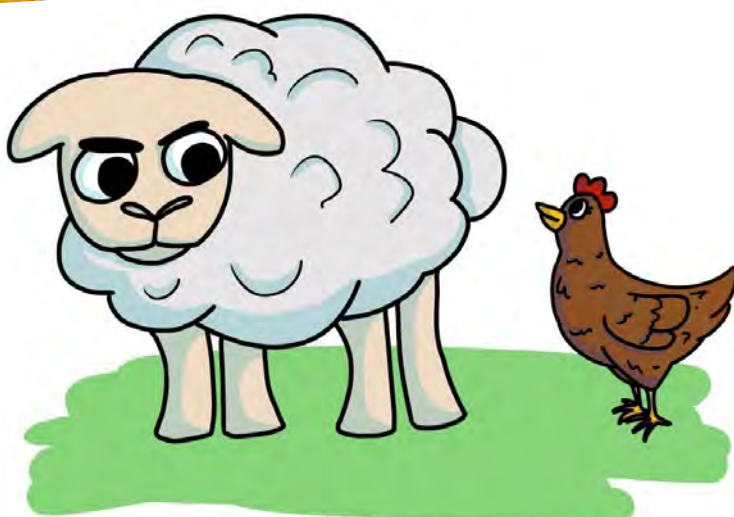
"Love is in the air, everywhere he looks at me"
Oh boy readers, Clucker has found love. Yes, it's true love. We meet secretly at the fence. I whisper to him, but he pretends not to understand me. Playing hard to get. He has huge shoulders and a massive chest. I have heart palpitations just thinking about him. And when he turns around to rub his backside along the fence I just about faint away. I don't know what to make of this ritual, but I think I like it! He is the tall silent type and breathes heavily and heavenly down on me. If only I could break through the mesh fence and show him what I have to offer.

But that was all before he broke my heart and hurt my only feeling. That's right, he turns out to be a gigolo, play-boy and a dirty rat. As soon as the ladies entered his paddock he dumped me like a hot spud. Put his nose up to sniff the air and he was off panting around all the ewes like he was some kind of stud ram. I mean, really, how could he lead me on like that. Embarrassing me in front of all the girls and them laughing behind my back. I'm not sure how I am ever going to recover from this devastation.

Bye for now

Out of luck, Lucky Clucker.

Jindi Free Range Eggs ph 0402 981 478 *Portrait of Clucker and the Cad* by Phoebe Allgood



Jindivick Hall The hall is again accepting bookings within the current COVID19 restrictions (1 person per 2 square metres). Go to the jindivick.org.au website for the booking form. (Weddings, parties, anything)
The Jindivick Mechanics Institute, called the **Hall Committee** for short, meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Hall. Every three years, the hall committee is required by the Vic Government to have a "tri-annual" meeting and seek nominations. This will occur in August 2021. If you are interested in being a member of the committee, you are welcome to attend the meetings to see what is involved. Of course, all community members are welcome to attend our meetings.



Jindivick Cricket Club
Expressions of Interest invited for
Coaching Positions: Season 21/22
Senior and Junior Coaches

Seniors: We have a promising young squad of players coming up who are growing into their roles in the top divisions, to add to some quality experienced players. We're looking for the right people to join us in the exciting prospect of developing this group to its full potential.

Juniors: We are looking at Under 12's and 14's next season building towards under 16's. We are looking for people who would like to be part of a coaching team that encourages participation and skill acquisition. Enquiries: 0401161144 : Mark Braddick (Sec)

Anita's Apple Cake Recipe

An apple tree seems obligatory in every Jindivick garden. If you haven't one, you'll find abundant, wild trees on Mason and Jindivick/Rokeby Rds and the odd tree on Old Jindi Rd.

Please enjoy my simple, apple cake recipe.....no need to get the Kenwood out for this one.

225g self-raising flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
115g unsalted butter
115g light brown sugar
1 egg beaten
8 tablespoons milk
225g diced apple and
100 g. raisins
2 tablespoons demerara
sugar and an extra tea-
spoon cinnamon



Mix flour and cinnamon together then rub in butter until breadcrumb texture has formed.
Stir in sugar. Beat in egg and add milk. Fold in the fruit and pour into to a greased 20 cm springform tin.
Sprinkle Demerara sugar and extra cinnamon on top and bake for 30 to 40 minutes at 180c.

Nangara News Tiger Snakes

Yes, there are Tiger Snakes in Nangara Reserve.



The 'tiger banding' can be very obvious on some individuals, almost non-existent on others. Tiger Snakes typically grow to about 0.9 to 1.2m in length.

The Tiger Snake is endemic to southern Australia. Altitudinally, Tiger Snakes can be found from the coast to about 1000m. They are usually found near water as frogs and small birds are their favourite prey. They also take insects and carrion. Tigers do climb trees at times. They can swim and will sometimes take prey from under the water. They can give birth to anything from 10 to nearly 100 live babies. It is believed that some populations of Tiger Snakes exhibit cannibalism.

Kookaburras, Butcherbirds and Goshawks are known to prey on Tiger Snakes. (Yay)

Summer is considered the best season for Tiger Snake activity although it is not unusual to come across one sunbaking in a patch of winter sunlight.



Within Nangara Reserve, Tiger Snakes are mostly found close to the dams on Nangara Loop Track and Quarry Track but the one in the photo was seen in February, just a few metres inside the main gate on Nangara Rd.

Tiger Snake venom contains a powerful neurotoxin and coagulant. If bitten, seek help urgently. The current recommendation for snake bite is to apply a pressure bandage to the whole limb and to immobilise the limb and the patient as much as is practical. Do NOT apply a tourniquet, cut the wound or suck the venom. The reported human mortality rate from untreated bites is estimated between 40-60%.

If you come across a Tiger Snake it is best to remain stationary, or to move away slowly. Contrary to some advice, it cannot hear you or feel the vibrations of your footsteps through the ground. If it senses you, it will invariably decide you are too big for a meal and meander off. Generally, a Tiger Snake will NOT 'attack' something as large as a human, unless it is cornered or provoked. Friends of Drouin's Trees

Warragul Art Group is currently exhibiting a mixed show called **Iso Art** at the **Red Tree Gallery**. Gallery owner Laurie described it as having "some really lovely work, a credit to the members of the group". The show will continue for most of March and is open from 10 - 4.00. Check it out at www.redtreegallery.com.au



Pool Nights are Back Were you aware that the full size pool table in the Jindivick Hall has been part of our community for 70 years? Pool nights are on again on most Friday nights from about 7.00pm. If you want to finish the week with some social banter, a beverage or two of your liking and a few games of pool or snooker why don't you come and join us. Cost is only \$2.00 per head. Ladies and gents are welcome and you don't need to be a pool shark. For further information call Phil on 0444 525 556



Drouin West Fire Brigade
DID YOU KNOW....?

We are one of the busiest Fire Brigades in Baw Baw Shire

Over the past 3 years Drouin West Fire Brigade volunteers have responded locally, and sent crews

away to support other communities, to around 100 incidents each year. This makes Drouin West the busiest Fire Brigade north of the Highway.

We are primarily responsible for not just Drouin West, but also Jindivick & Brandy Creek

The area that Drouin West covers stretches from the Highway in the south, all the way up to Quartz Creek Road & Forbidden Road in the northern forest, towards Labertouche in the west and across to Brandy Creek Road and up to the Tarago Dam in the east. This provides challenges across a number of terrains and properties. We also support our neighbouring communities, Drouin, Longwarry, Labertouche, Neerim South, Nilma North & Warragul. In response to large scale emergencies, we also regularly deploy our crews across the state and interstate.

We have approximately 24 volunteer firefighters

You may think that is a lot, however the majority are employed and work during the working week. Therefore they are not available to respond during the working week days. Often Drouin West may only be able to turn out with 2 or 3 members. We are always looking for community members who can respond to emergencies. Like to know more? - email our Captain at captain@dwrfb.org.au to find out how you can join our friendly and welcoming Brigade.

Did you know that we do more than respond to emergencies?

We are very active in the community undertaking activities such as education through local schools, community activities (eg the Jindi market), media articles, and inspecting and maintaining fire equipment at local businesses, and property advice visits. We also have a number of support and administrative roles, eg a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who sort out these important aspects of our business, as well as a Social Coordinator who ensures we enjoy social activities together.

We also have an active Juniors Program

Children from 11 – 16 year age are able to join our Juniors program where they learn a number of skills and participate in a number of fun activities. If you would like to know more email Jodie at juniors@dwrfb.org.au or ph 0432608039

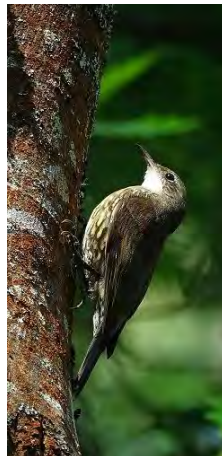


Jindivick Landcare Group will be holding an eDNA creek monitoring reveal night in late March (the original session was postponed due to Covid) A date has not been finalized as yet so keep an eye out for a flyer in your mail box.

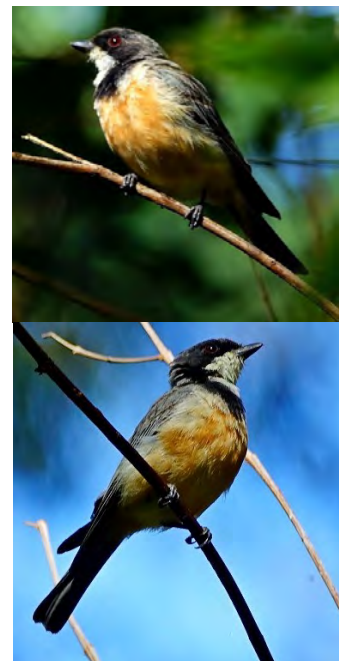
The Jindivick Walking Group continues to walk on local pathways and quiet roads on Thursday mornings at 9 am. On Thursday February 11th, we were again treated to another of Peter Ware's informative, interesting tours of the Nangarra Reserve, starting with a chat about a tiger snake (it gets a whole item to itself see p3) Some of the birds seen on February 11.



White—throated Treecreeper
(below and left)



Juvenile Golden Whistler
(below right)



Peter's next Nangarra tour will be on 8th April Everyone is welcome - bring binoculars and a camera if you have them. Meet at the car park 9am, Nangarra Reserve, Nangarra Rd, Jindivick. (see below)



Jane Pierini a new volunteer at the **Community Garden**, has recently been working enthusiastically in the garden . She has also written this article about the garden, and asks for help from more volunteers.

War (and Peace) in Jindivick Community Garden!

Have you ever experienced a nasturtium nightmare, a borage blow-out or a purslane pestilence? Trust me, Jindivick has been spared an invasion. YOU have been saved from these horrific events; but the battle continues and we need YOU to join the Volunteer Corps!

Enemy Profiles



Nasturtium - dressed in pretty summer colours, this feisty, creeping bloom has infested the entire Community Garden. It grows while you watch it, spreads like a weed and

drops its nutty seeds undercover, preparing for a full take-over next year.

Borage - twinkle, twinkle little blue stars...twinkle all over everything we've planted! Growing tall and broad, this slightly prickly enemy knows no restraint and has marched its leafy army to all corners of the garden.



Purslane - the landmine of weeds! Watch where you tread, because this invader has exploded across almost every inch of the pathways, radiating its succulent arms out from a central root.



How can our much-loved Community Garden emerge from this skirmish victorious, at the end of summer? I hear you ask.

The Two-Step Battle Strategy

First, we root out the enemy. Luckily, eradicating (literally means 'to root out') these pesky plants is not hard. If you pull out a few when you're down at the Community Garden for a little stroll, or passing through on your way to a workout on the gym equipment, the problem will soon be solved.

Second, transform Foe into Friend. No one wants war; we want peace and prosperity in our Community Garden, so the plan is to welcome the enemy into the fold, to work *with* us and not against us. Nasturtium and Borage are fabulous plants and the garden benefits greatly from their presence - when the gardener is the boss! Purslane is cute, but in a pot, or as part of a rockery maybe. Bees adore the blue stars that Borage produces and pests are apparently diverted from our veg to instead munch nasturtium leaves and flowers.

We *humans* can EAT THE ENEMY! Nasturtium and (young) Borage leaves and flowers can be used in salads - just don't let your dog or cat snatch your borage sandwich! Borage and purslane leaves can be eaten cooked too (I haven't tried, but I will). Planted wisely and controlled judiciously, these pests will become our pals.



If you'd like to help out in any way with the Community garden, or have suggestions, ideas, etc., get in touch with me, Jane, on 0408 808 466 or email jellybeans860@gmail.com.

Pick Something Fresh

There's some non-weedy edible stuff growing in the CommGard at the moment. You may have missed the various lettuces (now gone to seed) but there are herbs to be plucked: sweet and Thai Basil, parsley, Vietnamese mint. The kale is looking yum and the silverbeet is lush. You could make a wish for tomatoes and cucumbers (they may yet ripen) and collect a bean or two... squash might appear in a few weeks.



Gardening Gatherings, anyone?

We don't have plots for people to grow their own, because most folk have land and grow food at home. So how about getting together occasionally to chat, share skills and swap produce and enjoy tea, beer, or borage stew? Give me a buzz on 0408 808 466 or email jellybeans860@gmail.com if you're keen.

Musker's at Broughton Hall

The garden is looking stunning and the nursery is full of amazing stock. The nursery will be open again mid March and the garden opens April 3rd, Thursdays to Sundays 10 am till 4 pm.

(Not open Easter Sunday)

Keep an eye out for our new **Friends of the Garden at Broughton Hall Group**: joining this group gives many opportunities to be part of a group of garden lovers who share a passion for this property and garden. Private visits, guest lectures and social activities are only a few of the things available to members.

We are also offering a season ticket to the garden that can be used any number of times by the card holder over a season, ticket information will shortly be on the website, and purchases can be made online.

We hope everyone enjoys this Autumn season, it is such a beautiful time of year



Your chance to have a say in the future of the Shire

Baw Baw Shire Council is calling on the community to share their ideas and aspirations for the Shire over the next thirty years.

Over the coming months, residents will have a range of opportunities to design a Community Vision for the Shire, which directly guides the development of the Council Plan 2021-2025 and Financial Plan 2021-31.

For further information go to:

www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Latest-News/Residents-invited-to-decide-community-priorities-for-the-future



News from Atticus Health Jindivick

New face at Atticus In April we will welcome a new female doctor to our fabulous team here at Atticus Health Jindivick. Don't panic! Dr Tohid isn't going anywhere. Stay tuned for more details.

Flu season will soon be upon us. Your health is our priority. We are expecting to receive our flu vaccine stock in the next month.

Labour day weekend We will be closed Labour day Monday 8th March. If you require a consultation with a GP we will have telehealth appointments available. Please call 1300 268 431

Drs Nathalie and Floyd Gomes have produced a new energy drink, **e15**. "No sugar, no caffeine. Just real elements to support sustainable human energy". Use it in advance of activity or as a recovery drink. You can purchase e15 in-clinic, online, or locally at The Jindi Caf'.



Council News.

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 in the Fountain Room at the West Gippsland Arts Centre.

Community members can tune into the live stream from home. See what's on the agenda for the next meeting on Council's website.

Have Your Say, Baw Baw!

Have your say is an opportunity to provide your thoughts, feelings and ideas on a range of Council projects and activities. Your feedback is highly valued and will ultimately form part of Council's decision making. Visit bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay

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