

What's On

10 Jan Fire Danger Period commences

22-23 Jan Creative Harvest

23 Jan Community Garden working bee

26 Jan Australia Day celebration See p.4

1 Feb Students return to Jindivick Primary School

10 Feb Nangara Guided walk

2 April Jindivick Country Market



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If you would like to include information about a local event, club, person etc please contact the editor by email via: newsletter@jindivick.org.au or phone 56 253556. There is no newsletter planned for February The deadline for the March issue is 25 February.

JANUARY 2022

***2021 didn't pan out quite as anticipated 12 months ago
So what did happen in Jindivick last year?
(see p.2 for listing of Regular Events)***

January: Over the holiday break works were completed at Jindivick Primary School: external painting and artificial turf surrounding the school buildings – no more trip-hazards! Two off-grid Jindivick gardens on Stoll Rd opened to many enthusiastic visitors, as part of the Baw Baw Sustainability Network's annual Creative Harvest weekend, and Lucky Clucker 500 took a less than enjoyable seaside holiday

February: The Jindi Jems enjoyed High Tea at Apple Spice Cafe in Warragul. Peter Ware led another informative, interesting tour of the Nangarra Reserve, starting with a chat about a tiger snake. Tiger snakes also featured in their own newsletter item.

March: 3 Drouin West CFA firefighters visited Jindivick Primary School students for 'Thank a Firey Day'. All had a wonderful time playing with water.

April: Jindivick artist Joan Price held her first solo exhibit at Red Tree Gallery. The JPA held an extremely successful Country Market in the Hall and surrounds, and Musker's at Broughton Hall, stunning in its Autumn colours, reopened to visitors.

Despite light rain, the 2021 Jindivick Anzac Day Service was attended by many locals including veterans, representatives of Emergency Services, and Cr. Tricia Jones.

May: A new correspondent, the indomitable Debra H Clucker commenced reporting duties. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in Jindivick raised money to support those affected by cancer, while Rick Brown of Sarowan Park Equestrian Stud was preparing foals for their first shows. Over 50 people joined 4 expert guides on the first Nangara Guided Nature Walk and 5 locals formed the joyous Jindivick Singing Group.

June: Victoria moved into another stage 4 lockdown. Undeterred, Jindivick Cricket Club appointed Dean Lyddy to the Senior Coach's role, and Matt Ward as Assistant Coach. Heavy rains caused havoc locally, but the following sunny days created perfect growing conditions at the Jindivick Community Garden. Jindivick Hall Committee held a working bee where several locals assisted Malcolm McKelvie from Baw Baw Sustainability Network to insulate and draught-proof the Hall to reduce heating and cooling costs.

July: Figure Drawing sessions, led by Jessie, commenced at Red Tree Gallery. During a walk to the Labertouche caves, the Jindivick Walking Group saw and heard a Lyre-bird singing and dancing.

August: Beau Miles filmed a 1400 + tree planting project and Anita shared her Borlotti Bean Soup recipe. The JPA and the Hall Committee held annual meetings.

September: Jindivick Cricket Club held its annual Registration and Meet the Coach Day, some new tank and shed art was spotted in Nangara Road, and the Garden at Broughton Hall opened for spring. And then there was that earthquake...

October: Atticus Health Jindivick welcomed a new doctor, Dr Rashmi Ragunathan, to their team, Jindivick Cricket Club started training, Jindi Jems enjoyed founding member Liz Duell's company at an afternoon tea at Soul Sisters in Longwarry...and Debbie Clucker took credit for the September earthquake.

November: Broughton Hall's roses looked splendid, the Jindivick Landcare AGM was held via Zoom, the Jindivick Primary School students were back in the building, and the Jindi Singing Group enjoyed their get-togethers.

December: Eileen Notman celebrated her 99th birthday, Nikki cooked, preserved, and assembled her renowned Christmas hampers for the extremely successful Christmas Country Market, and the Jindivick Singing Group held a very merry Community Carols in the Park.



Torja Patten,
Senior Receptionist at Atticus Health Jindivick, proudly displays the Wally Ronalds painting she won as first prize in the CFA Christmas raffle

Regular Events in Covid Times

(as we are still in a state of flux re Covid regulations, keep up to contact those listed for up to date details)

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick Well. everyone out there in Newsletter land, church services have resumed at our dear little St James in Jindivick, starting in January. You're invited to join us on any first or third Sunday morning at 11am for a friendly cuppa, or 11.30 for the service— you would be most welcome. For further details, ph Faye 0400014226

Atticus Health and 4Cyt Pathology, Jindivick
Ph 56 285 445 for an appointment or a Covid test or visit: atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic

Jindi Craft Group meets in the Hall, Thursdays, 11am –4pm phone Nikki Cadzow 0447776178

Jindivick Hall is open for those who are fully vaccinated, unless it is a wedding, funeral or religious ceremony. To book go to www.jindivick.org.au/bookings

Jindi Jems (see p3)

Jindivick Pool Nights For further information call Phil on 0444 525 556

Jindivick Singing Group See Jindivick Singing Group on Facebook

Jindivick Walking Group resumes on the 13th Feb
Ph Graham 0417 434 464

Jindi Writers Group is in recess until mid February 2022. Contact Jen for times etc Ph 0488 300 423

The **Jindivick Yoga Group** has resumed. Ph Janet on 0499 248 302.

Anita's Apricot Chutney

Many years ago, when our boys were little, we had a summer holiday in Port Fairy.

In the garden where we were staying was an apricot tree. The weather was hot, so the scent from the fruit permeated through the air. So tempting was it to help ourselves.....restraint was needed.

Apricots always hold a special place in my heart, a happy memory of a summer long ago.

1.5 kg. apricots, pitted, quartered.

500 g. red onions peeled and finely chopped

375g. packet sunbeam sultanas

600 g. brown sugar

2 cups apple cider vinegar

1 teaspoon each of chilli powder, turmeric and cinnamon

1.5 teaspoons of salt

2 teaspoons of mustard seeds



Place all the ingredients in a large pan and mix together. Bring to boil then reduce heat and simmer for about an hour uncovered.

Its ready when the juice has thickened.

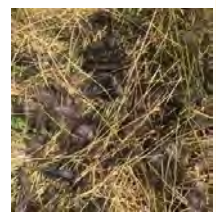
Bottle in sterilized jars.

Best not eaten immediately as the flavour will improve after a couple of days.

Debra H Clucker Rings in the New Year January 2022

Happy New Year Clucker fans. Summer is finally here. I've got good news and not so good news on the farm. We have a new born, awww.....well not so much now, as he has left the nest. Those pesky fluffy legged eagles missed out last year having any offspring but this season success!! He is a magnificent fledgling. As large as his parents already but still light in colour. When he spreads his wings for lift off his juvenile wing feathers show earthly tans and white. We all stand in awe and watch fascinated by their size and power. It is wonderful to see them close up every day. We never tire, and stop whatever we are doing to gaze upon their arrival. But like all teenagers he needs to eat. A lot!!! As they hop along the paddock to trap a terrified bird against the fence, one adult shares all the knowledge and experience it has gained and passes it on to the youngster, while the other watches from a nearby fence post and bobs encouragement. Every day the trio call in for eat-in or takeaway. A couple of girls are sacrificed daily to satisfy his hunger. Their lives cut short! All those eggs that will never be laid or sold to the locals! Income lost! As all farmers know, it's another trial to bear with the balance between farming and nature. He will eventually mature and the adults will drive him away from their territory and the feeding frenzy should settle down again. The really sad news is that out of 1500 hens he chose the only black hen on the farm. Yes folks, Ebony got snatched. An early breakfast. No more gracing us with her beautiful plumage or entertaining us with her party songs on the keyboard. RIP Ebony. Bye for now Debra H Clucker in reflection.

Jindi Free Range Eggs ph 0402 981 478



Join **Jillian Ronald** on 8 January at the opening of her colourful mosaics exhibition at **Red Tree Gallery**. Her work will be on display until 25 January.

Adam Price will highlight his creative skills for all of February. For further details contact Laurie on 56285224 or go to: <http://redtreegallery.com.au>



Figure Drawing at Red Tree Gallery will recommence in February. Ph 0401073049 for further information or to book.

More news of the refugee gnomes — their rehabilitation has been completed!



First five are done and the next five have already volunteered.

Lindsey hard at it - under great pressure from gnomes.

Below: Finally finished and having an outdoor relax



Below: The three musical gnomes couldn't make Carols because of a prior booking - a gig in Warburton...

...while others decided to earn their keep in the vegie garden.



The Jindi Jems enjoyed a very nice pre-Christmas lunch at Neerim South Pub. They do not meet in January but will have their monthly catch-up on Wed 2nd Feb. For more info please call Maz on: 0447491502

Nangara Notes

The mint bush or *Prostanthera* family of shrubs consists of about 100 species, all endemic to Australia. The Victorian Christmas Bush, *P. lasianthos*, is the largest, being often described as a small tree. At the moment in Nangara, the patches of Victorian Christmas Bush are in full



flower. You will easily find the trees either side of the main track, just inside the main gate. Some of the 'hairy' purple and white flower-heads are beginning to drop, surrounding the base of the trees in a blanket of 'snow'. (*Lasianthos* means hairy flower). The flowers have a slight honey fragrance.

Prostanthera lasianthos prefers to grow in wet forest habitats from southern Qld to Tas. There is some variation in the species depending on where it grows. In Victoria, the plant begins to flower in December, just in time for Christmas.

Insects and birds are attracted to the flowers and if you have a garden with enough room, it can be cultivated, is fairly hardy, and there are several cultivars available.

Friends of Drouin's Trees



PS: Nearby Holey Plains State Park south of Rosedale is the only location where another very rare and special *Prostanthera* grows – the Wellington Mint Bush, *Prostanthera galbraithiae* after the naturalist Jean Galbraith of Tyers.

If you enjoy Peter's articles join him for his first 2022 guided nature walk in Nangara at 9 am on Thursday Feb 10th. See p 4 for more information.



Jindivick Primary School had a very busy end of year. We were able to film our Whole School Concert in the Jindivick Hall – (no audience due to COVID regulations). We had a visit from Santa and his fire truck, which the children really enjoyed and the 3 – 6s made it to camp for one day. (see below)



Students and staff were all looking forward to a holiday break after another challenging year! School will resume for all students on Tuesday 1st February as the teachers will have a curriculum day on 31st January. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

and a more settled 2022.

Above Eddie receives a gift from Santa

Right: Aiden and Liam having fun on the low ropes course



Below: The whole school performed in their concert



Jindivick Cricket Club-/ Kydd-Parke Reserve News Ground Upgrade

Jindi residents and watchers will have seen the temporary fencing appear at the reserve. This relates to the ground upgrade news we were delighted to share quite a few months back.

After 10 January there will be no access to the playing surface, the nets and parts of the surrounds, as heavy machinery and a worksite will take over. Work on drainage, irrigation, replacement fencing and retaining wall will be taking place.

The work is projected to take three months, so this is obviously going to impact cricket club life as well as other users of the oval and clubrooms.

We are still unsure of how large the worksite will be and are monitoring this as the rest of the fencing goes up. However we are certain that this temporary disruption will lead to a great result for the community in the not-too-distant future.

For further information please contact Mark Braddick, JCC Secretary ph. 0401161144

Creative Harvest January 22 and 23.

15 productive gardens throughout Baw Baw Shire will be open for the weekend, from 10 to 4 each day, from Neerim South in the north, Jindivick, Buln Buln, Drouin, Warragul and beyond. Each garden will have one or more 'Creatives' in attendance, demonstrating and selling their produce. Details, maps and tickets are available at www.creativeharvest.org.au.

Nikki will display her jams and preserves at Garden 6, the Mountford Garden, 93 Charles St., Warragul. This is your chance to buy those fundraising goodies you were unable to get at the Christmas market.



Above: Nikki likes to use local produce from her own and other's gardens when making jams and preserves



The Jindivick Walking Group will resume walks every Thursday morning from the 13th February. Walks start at 10am and take an hour or two to explore local backroads and bush reserves. You do not have to be super fit or wear Lycra — however walking is an way to work off some of those extra Christmas kilos. You do not have to be super fit or wear Lycra. Contact Graham on 0417 434 464 for details of the next walk.



Nangara Nature Walk. Join local naturalist Peter Ware for the first of his 2022 guided walks in Nangara Reserve at 9 am on Thursday Feb 10th. Peter has spent a considerable

amount of time in Nangara and explains seasonal changes in flora and fauna. Meet in the Reserve's Nangara Rd car park. Bring cameras and binoculars as well as drinking water. For more information contact Graham Ph 0417 434 464



Drouin West CFA Fire Danger Period



The CFA declares the Fire Danger Period (FDP) for each municipality (shire or council) at different times in the lead up to the fire season, based on local conditions. The Fire Danger Period for Baw Baw Shire has been declared to start **from midnight on the 10th January** and will continue until the midnight on the 1st May 2022. For more information about what you can and cannot do during the FDP head to the Baw Baw Shires website: <https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Resident-Information/Local-Laws-and-Permits/Burning-Off-and-Permits>

The Fire Danger Period is NOT the same thing as a Total Fire Ban.

Don't forget, if you would like to know more about preparing yourselves and your property for the fire season, contact us via our Drouin West Facebook page, email our Community Safety Officer Pauline.boorer@members.cfa.vic.gov.au or visit our CFA Public Website (<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/>) One of the features of the website is the ability to set your location so that you see information relevant to you.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT JINDIVICK

Join other members of the Jindivick community on Wednesday 26th January at Kydd-Parke Reserve. There will be a flag raising ceremony and national anthem at 6pm, followed by a free family barbecue. Please bring a salad to share and your own drinks. This is an event for ALL the community and a great time to catch up with friends and family, to meet the new locals, or if you are new, to meet the locals. Everyone is welcome. Enquires to Nikki 0447776178



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Jindivick Progress Association also thanks the **staff from the office of Russell Broadbent, MP**, Member for Monash. They kept themselves nice while cheerfully printing the Jindivick newsletter throughout 2021, office open or office closed, masks on or masks off.





2021 in pictures

