

## What's On

**March** Fire Danger Period still in place

**March** Ingrid Thomas show at Red Tree Gallery.

**March 6** Opening Ingrid Thomas show

**March 8** International Women's Day Celebration, WGAC

**2 April** Jindivick Country



**MARCH 2022**

*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](mailto:newsletter@jindivick.org.au) or phone 56 253556.*

*The deadline for the April issue is 25 March*

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging*

### Jindivick Country Market Last market for this season

**Saturday 2 April** come along and enjoy some fabulous stalls and pick lots of local products. The new layout with the grassed area of the tennis courts is great. *This will be the last chance before winter to buy Nikki's cakes and preserves so drop in and stock up.*

Please let all your friends know there is **NO MARKET IN MARCH.**

General enquires to Nikki: [nikkicadzow@gmail.com](mailto:nikkicadzow@gmail.com),

Stall enquires and applications to Don:

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### Regular Events in Covid Times

*(as things are changing quickly re Covid regulations, keep in contact those listed for up to date details)*

**St James Anglican Church, Jindivick** Church continues with our regular services on the first and third Sundays of the month. The Service begins at 11.30 so we gather for a cuppa and a bikkie a bit earlier. Don't worry if you haven't had much to do with church before, you can come to St James any time you can make it. You will receive a warm welcome. For further details, ph Faye 0400014226

**Atticus Health and 4Cyte Pathology, Jindivick**  
Ph 56 285 445 for an appointment or a Covid test or visit: [atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic](http://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 with at least two vaccination doses. There are no density limits. To book go to [www.jindivick.org.au/bookings](http://www.jindivick.org.au/bookings)

**Jindi Jems** On Wed 2nd March will go to the Noojee Pub. Meet at 12 for lunch. Please confirm with Maz for table booking on:- 0447491502

**Jindivick Knitting Group** Our little group meet at the Jindi Caf every 2nd Tue of the month 10-12. Please confirm your attendance with Maz on 0447491502

**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** The Jindi Writers Group meets on Wednesdays at the Jindi Cafe - sometimes from 11.30 am, sometimes from 3.30 pm. If you'd like to join in, please call Jen on 0488 300 423



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



Autumn season at **The Garden at Broughton Hall** will run from March 25 until June 20. It's a beautiful time of year with roses flowering, dahlias in bloom and deciduous trees and shrubs colouring up. The perfect time to bring some friends to the garden for a picnic, with the nursery open and the shop full of tools, watering cans, pots and books (including their own) - lots to see and enjoy. From Thursdays—Sundays 10—4pm Ph 0417056110  
David and Philip hope to see you at 125 Palmer Rd, Jindivick sometime during this bountiful garden season.

**The Jindivick Gnomes.** Their escape and rehabilitation from the rigours of Melbourne's lockdown is now complete and they are fully integrated into the Jindivick community. So much so that they have formed a number of community groups. The photographer managed to catch up with some of these the other day:

*Book Club.* (below) For the more well-read gnomes, although you can see the level of interest and involvement varies a bit.



*Swimming Club.* (below) The gnomes were not interested in this, but their pet frogs were very keen. Dopey took them down to the dam for the afternoon and you can see their enjoyment, not only at observing the physical activities, but at the opportunity to display their exquisite swimwear.



*Garden Club.* (above) Well supported by the more active gnomes.

*Music Club.* Also well supported by the more arty gnomes. Here they attend a recent concert.



Writer, singer and comedian Em Rusciano, will hit the stage in Warragul for **International Women's Day** on 8th March, starting at 5pm, as Baw Baw Shire Council and Women in Gippsland again team up to deliver a night of networking, fun and inspiration. Rusciano is a best-selling author, comedian, singer and award winning podcaster. She was also the runner up on The Masked Singer in 2021 and a finalist in the first series of Australian Idol. To purchase tickets for this event, head to the West Gippsland Arts Centre website at [www.wgac.com.au](http://www.wgac.com.au) or phone 5624 2456



### Debra H Clucker, March 2022

Rain, rain, rain. Please come again. I'm so parched, and thirsty too! There is no fresh green grass, only dry stubble. What is going on here? Us girls are over this dry weather which is humid all the time. So readers, we decided on dance classes. Belly dancing, but we don't have bellies, although we do have breasts! We have added lots of stomping and chanting. Unfortunately, the rain dances only brought the dark clouds and some rumbling thunder, but no rain. So back to the drawing board.

I decided to summon the almighty one, after dark. The girls kept nodding off a bit so I had to keep them awake with threats of needing another volunteer for the sacrificial lamb part. We tried to get down on our knees but this proved most difficult. Who knew that chickens don't have knees!! I reminded the great one that we have had it up to our armpits (hmmm...no armpits either) and repeated that the girls had sacrificed themselves to the fluffy legged eagles daily, and the large eggs that are demanded from us. Because He is so big and the brightest, you would think that he could come up with something, but no, that dumb old moon let us down too. Now all that's left is to endure this dry spell. Warm tepid water, dry stalky grass and dust. Throw in the east wind and that's our lot. The only certainty is this is West Gippsland and that it will eventually rain and rain and rain...

Bye for now from Debra with no rain, no grain and no knees!!!

Jindi Free Range Eggs ph 0402 981 478



Visit **Ingrid Thomas's** new work "Abstract and before" at **Red Tree Gallery** until 30 March. Join her at 2pm on



Sunday 6 March when Trish Jones will open this very colourful collection of paintings including landscapes, flowers, birds and new abstract paintings. Further info: contact Laurie on

56285224 or go to: <http://redtreegallery.com.au>

**Figure Drawing at Red Tree Gallery** has resumed. March sessions on 7th and 21st. Ph 0401073049 for further information or to book.

### Anita's Zucchini Slice

Blast from the past with this one but I can't think of a better recipe to use up that wonderful, bountiful crop.....the zucchini.

This slice was made using golden zucchini (thank you Janet Simmonds for leaving your extra one out the front of your home) but green works perfectly too.

Keeping with the ratio of flour, eggs and cheese, you can add your favourite herbs (I like lots of chopped parsley and some chives), a handful of finely sliced silverbeet or spinach. Use the cheese you like too. Soft goats cheese is lovely or go with tradition.....tasty.

400g zucchini - grated  
1 onion – diced  
1 tablespoon of oil and a knob of butter  
100 g grated cheese (I used half parmesan and half Maffra Wensleydale)  
4 eggs  
100 g. SR flour  
Salt and pepper



Pre heat oven 180c.

Melt butter and oil gently in pan. Add zucchini and onion and cook gently till soft.

Place mix in bowl and allow to cool. Season. In another bowl, whisk eggs lightly.

To the zucchini mix add cheese and flour. Combine. Add eggs now and stir well.

Season again.

Pour into greased, shallow tin or cast iron pan.

Bake 30 minutes or till golden.

Best served at room temperature or cold.

### Nangara Notes

Summer is the time to see the amazing variety of invertebrates in Nangara Reserve.

**Invertebrates** - animals without a backbone - are essential components of all ecosystems. They are a food source for other animals and they provide vital ecological services such as nutrient recycling, pest control and pollination of plants.

Invertebrates are found in all land and marine ecosystems and include the insects, spiders, centipedes, worms, snails, anemones, corals, sponges, crabs etc. Well over 90% of the world's species are invertebrates. It is estimated that Australia has 275,000 - 300,000 species of land invertebrates, many being endemic.

At this time of year, some of Nangara's special invertebrates, especially the insects, are on display. You may see a 'brown' butterfly fluttering through the understorey, occasionally alighting in a sunny spot with colourful wings open to absorb some of the sun's heat. (Most butterflies normally rest with their wings closed).

Dragonflies can be seen 'patrolling' their own territory, chasing off intruders or looking for a mate. The Dragonfly life cycle is spent mostly under water where the larvae might go through numerous changes before emerging transformed as the adult aerial specialist that we see zipping across the shady tracks in the reserve.

Two other less obvious aerialists to look out for are the Robber Fly and the Crane Fly.

**Robber Flies, or Assassin Flies,** (right) are large aggressive predators that catch their insect prey mid-flight. They usually occupy sunny areas. After catching their prey, Robber Flies inject a powerful poison to kill their victim. They then use an enzyme to digest the insides of the insect and all that remains is an exoskeleton.



The wonderful **Crane Fly** looks like a large mosquito



(left). Thankfully it does not feed on blood. Its preferred habitat is wet, mossy gullies. The adult Crane Fly only survives for a day or two while it lives just long enough to seek out a mate and complete the reproductive cycle.

*Despite their being essential (and fascinating) biological components of the environment, the invertebrates are largely overlooked when most conservation strategies are conceived. (Put away that spray!)*

Friends of Drouin's Trees

## Jindivick Primary School

The school year has started very well with no interruptions. We have started with 65 students and have welcomed some new families to our school. Next Tuesday, 1st of March, all of the students will be involved in 'Clean-up Australia Day'. We will clean up our school, and surrounding areas of Jindivick. We are also looking forward to the 9th of March when we have a whole school excursion to Gumbuya Park Animal Reserve.



The Senior students 3 - 6, competed in their Athletic Sports at the Geoff Watt Track this week and had a wonderful time.

*Left: Temperence, Sibella and Keely proud of their efforts*



*Right: Ada working hard in discus*

*Below: Jackson, James and Archie had a great day*



## Drouin West CFA Access to your place



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The tanker is 3.5 metres wide, 4 m. high and 8 m. long



Jindivick Progress Association would like to thank and acknowledge the local businesses and groups that value and support our newsletter and contribute to our vibrant community...**Drouin West CFA, EnergyConsult, Jindi Free Range Eggs, and Red Tree Gallery.** We encourage you all to support them.

We also thank and acknowledge 3 donors who have made anonymous contributions...we don't know who you are but you do, and we send our grateful thanks! We are still seeking contributions to support this newsletter, and donations can be made to: the Jindivick Progress Association at BSB 633 000, account number 120 765 102



## 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.

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