

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.

The deadline for the April issue is 27 March .

This Newsletter is published by the Jindivick Progress Association.

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

What's On

- Mar.** Helen Timbury exhibition at Red Tree Gallery.
- Mar 1** Jindi Jems meet at Jindi Caf' guided tour
- Mar 4** Next Jindivick Market
- Mar 16** Community meeting

Regular Events

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick services on the first and third Sundays of the month. The Service begins at 11.30: we gather for a cuppa and a bickie a bit earlier. For further details, ph Faye 0400014226

Atticus Health, Jindivick Make an appointment at: www.atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic or call the clinic on 56285445 Open Mon—Fri 9-4:30. Sat & Sun 9-3.

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

Jindivick Hall To book go to www.jindivick.org.au/bookings Billiard Room bookings contact Ros. on 0439 008 501

Jindi Jems will meet at The Jindi Caf' on 1 March at 2pm If you'd like to join us please call Maz Ph 0447491502

Jindivick Knitting Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tues of the month at the Jindi Caf' from 10-12. Don't knit? Don't worry, just join us for a cuppa and a chat. Call Maz on 0447491502 for table booking

Jindivick Pool Nights For further info. call Phil on 0444 525 556 Bookings via Ros: 0439 008 501

Jindivick Singing Group Music and words provided. For further info contact Linda on 0408346056

Jindi Writers Group meets on Wednesdays at the Jindi Café at 11.30am. If you'd like to join please call Mandy on 0419 384 600

The **Jindivick Yoga Group** meets at 9:30am on Thursdays for an hour. Ph Janet on 0499 248 302 for more information

CLOSURE OF THE JINDI CAF' BUSINESS

It is with great sadness that the Management and Staff announce that The Jindi Caf will close on Sunday 2 April at 4pm. We would like to thank all the customers, groups and other local businesses that have supported us for the last 10 years. It will be business as usual until 2 April. We will send out information about gas bottles to our Elgas customers soon, and are working closely with Australia Post to keep the post as local as possible. We will provide further information as it becomes available. We would like to wish everyone all the best and once again thank them for their support. We will still live in Jindivick.

COMMUNITY MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE JINDIVICK PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

March 16 7:30 Jindivick Hall

(And thus aspects of the future of Jindivick This is not a meeting about the future of The Caf'.)

All community members are invited to join in discussing the future directions of this longstanding Jindivick organization which promotes the wellbeing and interests of residents, organisations and groups in your area.

(Please see p. 3 for a full statement of the JPA's role)

In recent years membership of the JPA Committee has declined, with the same small group of volunteers now struggling to provide activities and services to the community. New Committee members are needed to carry out current tasks, as well as provide ideas for Jindivick's future activities and development, so that occurrences such as the cancellation of Australia Day activities this year are avoided in future.

Alternatively you may consider that functions of the JPA should be merged with the Jindivick Hall Committee or the Neerim District Progress Association.

Please join other locals in having a say in your community's future on 16th March at the Jindivick Hall at 7:30pm

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

in Jindivick in 2023. Nikki has organized this activity in past years; however she will be away this year and is looking for someone to organize the ceremony.

If you can help please contact Nikki 0447776178



March sees the ever popular Helen Timbury present an exhibition of her linocuts at the **Red Tree Gallery** The opening was on Sunday 26 February and the show continues for most of March with Helen doing the odd in-gallery demonstration on some of the weekends, so there will be plenty of opportunity to see her work (see above) and maybe meet the artist. Call Laurie for further details (56 285224)

Right: William holding a newly emerged Monarch Butterfly

Below: Grade 1s ready for the sack race



Jindivick Primary School News

We have had a great start to the year at Jindi Primary School, welcoming 63 students back to school including some new families. On 16 February we held our School Picnic. The students and families had lots of fun with novelty races, including egg and spoon, sack and three legged races, as well as a treasure hunt. Our Grade 6 School Captains did a great job helping to run the event.

On 24 February the whole school is having a day at Inverloch. Students will learn about marine diversity, microplastics in our oceans, and the effect of coastal erosion and climate change. They are looking forward to the 'rockpool ramble' with the Rangers from the Bunurong Marine Park.

On Friday 3 March, we will be involved in 'Clean-up Australia': students will help to clean-up our school and local community. The children have been very excited watching Monarch Butterflies emerging from their chrysalis's.



Right: Matthew and Christopher concentrating hard in the egg and spoon race



Debra H Clucker March 2023

Well my lovely readers, it's sad times ahead for you. I'm heading into retirement. I am putting down my quills, as this will be my last post. There are only a couple of us old girls left and nothing interesting seems to happen nowadays. The Wedgies don't come calling anymore and the sheep are boring.

I would like to thank you all for looking forward to my scribes every month and sending me fan mail. I have enjoyed sharing my adventures and misadventures with you all. The corny jokes and silliness have been my pleasure.

Is it time for reflection readers? Hmmmm... let's see. What about the time when I escaped and then stepped on the electric wire and got 9000 vaults which had me soaring like an eagle back over the fence.

Or with 'love is in the air.' I was in love with Ivan the ram and got very excited with the way he would rub his backside against the fence.

We also had some great parties too. With Ebony (RIP) and Ivory entertaining us with some great tunes as we danced on the slasher all night long. Ahhh...fun memories.

Cheerio

Debra, done and dusted.

[the Editor is very grateful to the various Cluckers who have contributed to the newsletter for the past 4 years. The JPA wishes Clucker and her friends, as well as Harley, her occasional ghostwriter, a fabulous, fox-free future]



Anita's Beetroot Hummus

It's been a tricky summer in the vegetable garden but there's one vegetable that hasn't let us down, nor anybody else, and that's the humble beetroot. Enjoy this dip with crackers or corn chips, on toasted sourdough bread or with carrot and celery sticks.

400g beetroot (about 3 medium)
400g tin cooked chickpeas, rinsed and drained
3 cloves of garlic - roughly chopped
3 tablespoons of tahini

Juice of 2 lemons
Pinch of paprika
Pinch of chilli - optional
2 teaspoons ground cumin
Good pinch of salt

Boil scrubbed whole beetroot until cooked, about 45 minutes.

Allow to cool before peeling and chopping into chunks. Place beetroot and all the other ingredients into a food processor.

Blend until smooth
Check seasoning

When serving, you can drizzle on some olive oil and sprinkle on dukka or toasted sesame seeds.
Enjoy



JINDIVICK PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Purposes

- To promote the well being and represent the interests of residents, organisations and groups within the area covered by this committee.
- To provide a forum for gathering input on specific issues of community concern.
- To provide a liaison between the community and the Baw Baw Shire Council and other organisations and authorities as required.
- To promote and encourage developments that will benefit the community.
- To keep the community informed of the activities of the committee.
- To represent the interests and needs of the community, sporting and business groups.
- To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the object and the exercises of power of this committee.



Don't miss the last **Jindivick Country Market** of the 2022/23 season at the Jindivick Hall on 4 March. Enjoy shopping for bargains, from local fresh produce and quality products varying from cakes and eggs to kids clothes, jewelry and hand-made crafts.

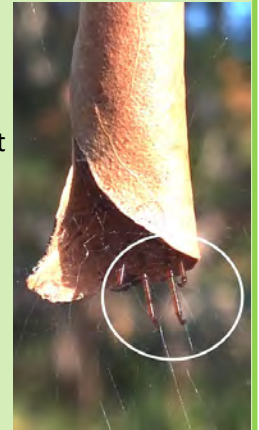
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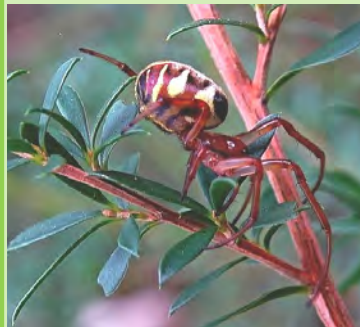
Leaf Curlers

A walk through Nangara Reserve at this time of year will reveal the presence of the orb-weaving Leaf Curler spider. Leaf Curlers cleverly conceal themselves inside a curled-up leaf in the middle of their web. The spider selects a leaf, curls it into a funnel shape, then

weaves into its web. They line the inside of the leaf with fine silk. The male and female often cohabit inside their leaf lair which is a bit unusual for spiders. The female is at the bottom of the leaf with just the tips of her legs protruding. She lies in wait for some prey to stumble into their web. When the spider feels vibrations in its web, it rushes out and quickly wraps the victim in a cocoon of silken thread it is unable to escape from.



Some Leaf Curlers build their webs near one another.



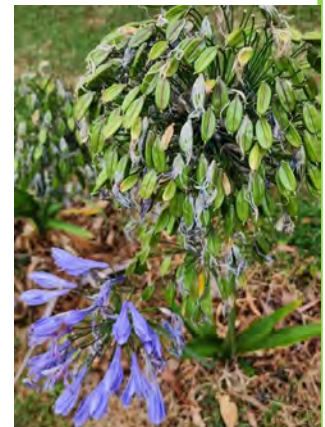
The females lay their egg sacs inside a separate curled leaf situated in a shrub some distance from the adult's web. Like a lot of orb weavers, Leaf Curlers will often rebuild their web each night. Some Leaf Curlers have been known to use

old snail shells or bits of paper for their lair.

by Friends of Drouin's Trees

Currently, Jindivick is ablaze with the bright blue and white of Agapanthus flowers. But did you know this is an invasive species? Gardeners know well that this vigorous plant can take over gardens, but they also spread via seeds to roadsides and our local bushland. Invasive plants like agapanthus can compete with native plants and grasses, leaving less habitat for birds and native animals. If you own agapanthus, you can help prevent their spread.

Now is the time to **cut off the flower heads of agapanthus before they seed** to help prevent spreading. Or, you can remove the clumps by digging them up and disposing of them via green waste rubbish removal (never dump garden waste in bushland areas or on the roadside).





Drouin West CFA

Ash Wednesday 40th Anniversary

16 February 2023 marked the 40th anniversary of Ash Wednesday, one of the most significant bushfire events in Australian history. It claimed the lives of 47 Victorians.

More than 180 fires occurred on that day in 1983, including 8 major blazes in many towns and regional communities across the state. It is estimated more than 16,000 firefighters battled the fires.

On Sunday 12 February, members of Drouin West (*see below*) gathered to remember those who died on Ash Wednesday 40 years ago, especially the 14 Victorian CFA firefighters who paid the ultimate price protecting our communities.



Atticus Health Jindivick welcomed Dr Fatemeh Etemadi Far to the clinic in February. Fatemeh has a wide interest in Preventative Health and Chronic Disease Management. She will be consulting on Monday, Thursdays and 3 out of 4 Sundays per month. Dr Fatemeh will be known to those who attended Dr Tohid whilst she was doing her observership here at Jindivick.



Dr Tohid wishes to thank the patients who have attended him at the Jindivick Clinic and hopes you will continue to see Dr Fatemeh. He has relocated to another clinic but highly recommends Dr Fatemeh to his patients.

Dr Rashmi will continue to work Monday to Friday and one Sunday per month. Dr Sheetal is still Wednesday and Friday and Dr Tharani is in clinic Tuesday and Saturday.



Left: six of the firefighters who responded to the call to help in the Ash Wednesday Fires, included Graeme Higgs from Drouin West CFA.

Remember to download the Vic Emergency app and stay up to date with any emergencies

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...Atticus Health Jindivick, 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 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.



Community Sponsorship Grants

Applications open on **Monday 6 March** for individuals and not-for-profit sporting and community groups seeking funding through Council's Community Sponsorship program under the two sponsorship categories:

Community Events:
Up to \$5,000
Baw Baw Ambassadors:
Up to \$500 for individuals or \$1,500 for groups/teams.

Head to bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Councilpopup to book a time and start your application today!

Council Pop Ups are back!

Council's popular pop-up program is back for 2023 and is excited to meet everyone at Farm World 2023. Pop ups are a great way to meet face-to-face with your Councillors and officers to share ideas, raise concerns, or ask questions.

24 - 26 March
10:00am - 2:00pm
155 Burnt Store Rd,
Lardner VIC

To see more upcoming pop up locations visit:
bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilPopup

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Get ready for Baw Baw's Pet Expo.

Treat your pets and family to a FREE day of fun and entertainment, Baw Baw Pet Expo! **Sunday 2 April** at Burke St Park, Warragul, 10:00am - 3:00pm.
bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Baw-Baw-Pet-Expo