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Jindivick NEWSLETTER

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The deadline for the March issue is February 24 (No February issue)

This Newsletter is published by the Jindivick Progress Association.

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

This time last year I wrote that 2021 didn't pan out quite as anticipated. We could probably say the same for 2022 So what did happen in Jindivick last year? (see p.3 for listing of Regular Events)

In **January** Anita showed us how to make apricot chutney, Clucker battled eagles, the gnomes were completely rehabilitated and a small gathering celebrated Australia Day

February started with 65 students at Jindivick Primary School. It didn't rain much. Autumn season at The Garden at Broughton Hall commenced in **March**, the Senior Jindivick School students had a wonderful time competing in their Athletic Sports at the Geoff Watt Track, the Jindivick gnomes established Swimming, Garden, Music and Book Clubs and Clucker complained loud and long about the lack of rain.

The JPA held a very successful Country Market in early **April**. Despite the unkind weather visitors enjoyed the Hall's new grassed area. Jindivick Cricket celebrated a very successful year and we were introduced to the locally designed Pit Droid. Scarlet Robins appeared in Nangara in **May**, Anita introduced us to Roasted Parsnip and Pear Soup, while Atticus Health welcomed new staff and extended its opening hours to seven days a week.

Beau Miles Secret Screenings returned to the Hall in **June**. Wintery weather allowed the St.James Anglican congregation to rejoice in the warmth and comfort of reverse cycle heating.

Adam James and his champion kelpie, Myamba Moss flew to UK and Germany to conduct several clinics in the training and working of Australian Kelpies. Jindivick School had a fund raiser for Flood Relief in Queensland and NSW.

Jindi Jems members enjoyed the Neerim South Quilt show in **July**. Landcare members learnt the importance of creating bird habitats.

In **August** Atticus Health introduced their new Enrolled Nurse, Liz Kelly. Peter Ware lead another fascinating Nangara guided tour and Jindivick Cricket Club announced that *Gippsland Power Equipment* had become the club's Platinum Sponsor.

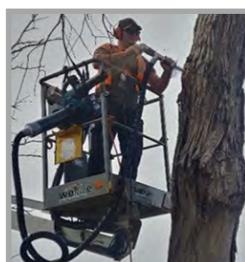
Despite cold, wet weather, The Garden at Broughton Hall opened for Spring in **September**, with re graveling, remulching, paving, and rock walling as well as new plantings. Clucker complained loud and long about the plethora of rain and mud. Jindivick Primary School's first soiree since Covid: the whole school performed in front of a full house at the Jindivick Hall.

In **October** the Jindivick Landcare Group enjoyed discovering the results of their many community planting days when they visited the Bagot's

dairy farm. The JPA's popular Jindivick Country Market resumed, featuring Nikki's popular cakes, jams, sauces and hampers, and a special Scrap 2 Relax stall.

Local artists Laurie Collins, Sue Acheson, Phil Henshall and Gary Miles welcomed visitors as part of the **November** Open Studios: Meet Our Artists & Makers. The Jindi Jems enjoyed a trip to Thorpedale,

Jindivick ended the year with a number of celebrations not possible in the Covid years: Landcare held their AGM and BBQ in **December**, the Jindi Jems held a Xmas breakup lunch, Jindivick Cricket Club ran their Annual Community Party, Santa visited the Christmas market, and a large group of locals celebrated the year's end with a New Year's Community Get Together at The Jindi Caf'. (see p. 3)



Next month **Red Tree Gallery** features work by **Ayla Saul**. Ayla is a young person who has just finished her VCE with some impressive marks, and this will be her first exhibition. It will be a mixture of traditional and digital art resulting in an interesting show. Her art will be on display from late December until 25th January, 2023 so drop in and support a new artist.

Please note: There will NOT be an Australia Day Celebration in Jindivick in 2023.

New years come and new years go, but **St James** goes on forever. Yes we are back again in 2023 doing our best to provide Jindivickians a place where they can share their faith if they ever have that need. We at St. James Anglican Church, Jindivick are constantly being surprised by visitors dropping by on a Sunday morning to participate in our services. And they are all welcome, as you will be any time you would like to drop by. Our services run every first and third Sunday of the month over the year. Arrive about 11.00. See you then.



On 19 December the Aitken family, represented by Bill Aitken generously presented the



Jindivick Hall Committee with a photo and medal-lion awarded to Archie Aitken for most consistent player in 1929. The Aitkens put the medal in a frame with the photo of the team, and named some of the players. There are pictures at the hall of other Jindivick Football club teams, and a box with trophies won by this premiership team. **If you know the names of any other players in the photo please contact the Hall Committee.

The Jindivick Football Club was formed in the 1900s, playing in the Neerim South & District Football League from 1905—1953, when it was disbanded and the Neerim and Neerim South teams merged and joined the EDFL in 1954.

Debra H Clucker January 2023

Ho Ho, it's Christmas holiday time if you didn't know. Lots of fun to be had. Family come together and create a great flock. Presents. And my presence of course. Cricket and those noisy crickets. Christmas pud topped with Christmas beetles. (Don't know what was put into that pud, but it sure did put some flip into your flap!) A few yabbies on the BBQ. Carols to be sung, if you know the words. It's a grand time.

We are heading off on our annual camping trip to the house shed this year. All six of us. That's all that is left now out of 30 as those pesky fluffy legs have a ravenous appetite. Hopefully we will be off their Christmas menu while they chase a turkey dinner and give us a chance to relax and stretch out on a perch or two. Plenty of shade and a chance to catch up with our old mates the ducks.

Merry Christmas and a Happier New Year from Debra H Clucker, a merry old chook.

Jindi Free Range Eggs 0402981478



Regular Events

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick services on the first and third Sundays of the month. For further details, ph Faye 0400014226

Atticus Health, Jindivick Make an appointment at: www.atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic 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 The Jindi Jems will be going to the Neerim South Pub for lunch at midday on Wed, 7th Dec for our Christmas break up. There is no January meeting, they shall resume in February 2023. For further info contact Maz 0447491502.

Jindivick Knitting Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Jindi Caf. from 10-12. . Resumes in February 2023. Call Maz on 0447491502 for more info.

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 9:30-10:30am on Thursdays. Resumes 2 February Ph Janet on 0499 248 302 for more info.

Locals packed out the Jindi Caf' on the evening of 31 December to enjoy food and company at the **New Year's Eve Community Get Together** for the first time in several years. (Thanks to Maz for the photos)



Nangara Notes



Grey Shrike-thrush

The more open parts of Nangara Reserve – up on the higher ridge-lines – are ideal habitat for the Grey Shrike-thrush. Generally, they are absent from the denser and wetter gullies.

Their far-carrying, melodious calls are heard mostly in the early mornings but often they will call throughout the day as well. The most common call of the Grey Shrike-thrush is described as a rising, drawn out, 'pip-pip-pip-hoeee'. Lyrebirds will often mimic the call.

Although the Grey Shrike-thrush is a well known and common bird in our district, being present at times in urban parks and gardens, in many areas of Australia this bird has retreated to more undisturbed bushland.



The Grey Shrike-thrush is a sedentary species with family groups occupying year-round territories.

They feed mostly on the ground, taking a variety of invertebrates and small reptiles amongst the leaf litter. Carrion and the nestlings of other birds are sometimes taken. The undulating, swooping flight through the mid-story is an identifying characteristic for this bird.

The Grey Shrike-thrush builds a cup-shaped nest of grass and bark, normally beside a broken-off branch or piece of peeling bark, sometimes in the top of a hollow tree stump, or even on the ground.

(The author has had some success with the bird using an open-fronted small nest box).

Grey Shrike-thrush: *Colluricincla harmonica*. Colluricincla = shrike-thrush, harmonica = harmonious.



Friends of Drouin's Trees

The Narracan Supplementary Election will take place on Saturday 28 January. Nominations close on 13 January. The Warragul and Drouin Gazette reports that there will be 4 candidates: Leonie Blackwell (Freedom Party), Wayne Farnham (Liberals), Alyssa Weaver (Greens) and Tony Wolfe (independent) Early voting opens on Monday 16 January, postal votes close on 25 January while early voting closes on 27 January. For further info: www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/narracan-district-election

Creative Harvest 28 & 29 January will include **Vue at Jindivick**. **Anita and Paul Day's** garden began with an avenue of Manchurian pears. Thirteen years on, they've ½ acre of flower and food garden adjacent to 32 acres of forest. The Days have successfully combined supporting abundant wildlife with successful food gardening. They are joined by market gardener **Leni Teng** and Helen Timbury, local Graphic Designer, Illustrator, and printmaker. Goats milk soap and hair and skin care by **Jindigo Naturals** will be available in Lowe's garden, Yarragon. Further details are available at www.creativeharvest.org.au



Happy New Year from the staff at **Atticus Health Jindivick**.
Above: Dr. Rashmi and Receptionist Helen met Santa during the Atticus Christmas gathering with Jindivick Primary School on 16th December.

Jindivick Progress Association publishes this newsletter. We would like to thank and acknowledge the following 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 their businesses. 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 our community newsletter, and donations can be made to: The Jindivick Progress Association at BSB 633 000, account number 120 765 102



Longwarry Structure Plan

Council has adopted the Longwarry Structure Plan that will guide future development and growth in Longwarry over the next 20 years.

The Plan was developed through community consultation, along with extensive background research and analysis, to ensure the plan fits the community's and Council's long-term vision for Longwarry.

For more information, and to read the plan, scan the QR code.



It's time to splash into summer

Dive into summer with a swim at one of Baw Baw Shire's seasonal outdoor swimming pools in Drouin, Neerim South, Thorpdale and Trafalgar, and the indoor pool in Rowley.

The pools are open to the community from 1 December to 1 April annually.

Outdoor pools open when the temperature is lowest for 25 degrees or more.

Scan the QR code for opening hours, addresses and more information.



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Drouin Ficus Festival

Drouin comes alive in February when the flowering gums burst into colour.

Join the celebrations at the 35th Annual Ficus Festival.

Saturday 28 February, 2023
4pm, Drouin Recreation Reserve.