

# Jindivick

NEWSLETTER

January 2024

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The deadline for the March 2024 newsletter **25th February**

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

**Jan** Red Tree Gallery— Lisa Grant  
**Feb** "" "" "" = Zoe Clarke  
**Jan 10** Writers group starts for 2024 Red Tree Gallery 11 am.  
**Jan 25** Australia Day BBQ (night before due to long weekend  
RSVP Nicki details next page  
**Jan 30** School starts 9am  
**Feb 3rd** Market  
**Feb 7th** Jindi Gems  
**Feb 8th** JPA and Hall committee Meetings 6.30 and 7.30 pm all welcome to attend, at Hall.

## 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 bikkie a bit earlier. Further details, ph Faye 0400 014 226

**Atticus Health, Jindivick** Make an appointment at: [www.atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic](http://www.atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic) or call the clinic on 56 285 445 Open Mon—Fri 9-4:30. Sat & Sun 9-3.

**Jindi Craft Group** Meets in the Hall, Thursdays, 11am—4pm phone Nikki Cadzow 0447 776 178

**Jindivick Hall** To book go to [www.jindivick.org.au/bookings](http://www.jindivick.org.au/bookings) Billiard Room bookings contact Ros Ph 0439 008 501

**Jindi Jems** Will meet 1 Nov at the Barn. If you'd like to join us please call Maz Ph 0447 491 502

**Jindivick Knitting Group** Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tues of the month at **The Barn Café**. from 10-12. Don't knit? Don't worry, just join us for a cuppa and a chat. Call Maz on 0447 491 502

**Jindivick Pool Nights** For further info. call Phil on 0444 525 556

**Jindi Writers Group** Meets on Wednesdays 11am at the Red Tree Gallery. No experience necessary. BYO lunch, pen and paper. If you'd like more info call Mandy on 0419 384 600 or Amanda 0417 188 694

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

The knitting group will be meeting on 9th & 23rd January, if you don't knit, don't worry, join us for a cuppa & a chat at The Barn here in Jindivick.

Call Maz on 0447491502 for further info.

**Atticus Health News** The Clinic sadly farewelled Helen our lovely receptionist who decided the time had come to retire to travel, enjoy life and generally kick back. Staff went out for dinner with her on Wednesday 22nd November and presented her a lovely basket of flowers from the Allambee Flower Farm as well as a cheese board and etched wine glass. She will be missed by staff and patients alike.

The Clinic is again bulk billing all concession card holders and students under 16 years for standard consultations. You will need to bring the concession card in for us to register on our system for this to happen. Aged Pensioners will continue to be bulk billed.

Christmas Hours for Community Post Agency - as well as Monday to Friday

the clinic is generally open Sundays 9.00 am to 2.00 pm. On Wednesday and Friday 27th and 29th December the clinic will be open 9.00 am to 5.00 pm but Thursday 28th December the hours of opening will be 10.30 am to 3.00



**St James Church News** For many years Jindivick had its own little Christmas Eve service which was loved by many regular attendees.

We will not be having that service this year. Christ Church Drouin is having a crib service and Holy Communion at 7.30 pm on Christmas Eve or, if you prefer, there is always the very atmospheric Midnight Mass which begins at 11.30 pm. The congregation of St James warmly wishes you and those you are close to a Happy and Holy Christmas.



### **Jindivick Writers Group—New Year**

I don't know about you but almost all my New Year's resolutions fall by the wayside within days, so this year I've decided to take a somewhat unconventional approach. I have decided to live life to the fullest by embracing all of its vices.

To that end, I resolve to resume smoking, drink to excess, exercise less, and eat more delicious fried and processed foods, not to mention cheesecakes, super-sized sundaes, and buckets of chocolate mousse smothered in whipped cream. After all, what's the point of a long life if one is deprived of its pleasures?

In relation to matters of the heart, the girlfriend has suggested we try something new in the boudoir. I'm not sure what she has in mind but I'm thinking plantation shutters to replace the curtains. To be honest I'd be happy just to curl up on the sofa and watch a movie. In that regard, can anyone recommend a good girlfriend? —a question I pose rhetorically.

Regarding more cerebral matters, I resolve to shed humility and conspicuously showcase my intellectual ability by stroking my chin thoughtfully when talking to people. I also intend to join the local branch of the Condescending Club. Its appeal is complicated. I don't think readers would understand even if I explained it.

I also intend to adopt a more assertive demeanour, to stop being so agreeable, to stop pretending to be understanding or respectful of different opinions or viewpoints, especially when they are unsupported by any evidence, logic or common sense. And I resolve to argue more, particularly with strangers on the internet.

Last but not least I'd like to stop procrastinating, although I should confess that I'm considering delaying this resolution until a less hectic time later in 2024.

Happy New Year! (Phil)

### **My Wishes for Jindivick Community for 2024**

We have over recent years seen a large number of people move into Jindivick and surrounds. What has attracted them to the area? Just the views or for our vibrant, friendly and integrated Country Community? I would like to believe all of the above.

I have lived in Jindivick for over 35 years, and loved every one of them but I think unfortunately times have changed. I attended the JPA (Jindivick Progress Association) and Hall Committee December meeting last week. A representative from Landcare also attended, all three plagued with the same issue that seems to also affect Drouin West CFA. Unfortunately a severe lack of younger and newer members of the community putting their hands up to come and help.

Years ago The Community largely revolved around the

School and the Hall. Most of the students attending were from Jindivick. We had working bees, BBQ's progressive dinners, casserole teas, quiz nights, auctions, dances (including one on New Years Eve), Flower Show, Carols and many other activities that kept the community integrated. Everyone pitched in and helped and we all remember wonderful times we had sharing these activities together.

Unfortunately, the same people putting their hands up then, are still struggling to continue now, whilst battling increased age, worsening health and a feeling of 'What For?' the newer members of the community obviously largely don't care. Will they care when we lose our Community Hall, as has happened to other community halls, because there is no one left to administer and maintain it? Will they care if the Nangara Reserve, Play Grounds, walking tracks, Market, Community Garden and everything that relies on administration and grant application falls into disrepair?

My wish for the new year is for some of our newer community members put their hand up, even if only for a couple of hours a month. Bring in some new ideas and enthusiasm, and breathe Life and Vibrancy back into our community. Both Ken and I not only had the farm, young daughter (at the School) but full time jobs, Army Reserve and still managed to volunteer for SES for over 30 years so most people should have a couple of spare hours.

If you would like to come along to the next meeting on the 8th Feb 6.30pm for JPA and 7.30 for Hall Committee, Landcare and all other community members are welcome to attend.

I wish Everyone a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. (Amanda)



**Australia Day Community Celebration FREE BBQ Thursday 25 January 6pm at the Hall. RSVP by 18th Nicki 0447 776 178 BYO salad and drinks.**





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### Drouin West CFA

Keeping Our Communities Safe



Did you know that Drouin West members are all volunteers? We give up our time to protect our communities and keep you safe.

We have around 70 members, with 22 of our members being "active" firefighters. Most of our Fire fighters work during the day, have families, and other interests. Our day to day lives are not much different to yours (the reader). To date our volunteers have responded to 88 emergency calls in 2023. We average around 90 - 95 per year. Some have been whilst we sit down for dinner, or spending time with the family or in the middle of the night. Despite that we answer the call. We train hard to ensure that we are 100% ready to save lives and property.

However, our volunteers do more than respond to fires. We have many roles that our members are involved in, from helping educate students with our Fire Safe Kids Program, visiting our community using the Property Advise Visit Program. We have Administration roles and conduct Fire Extinguishers inspections for local business. Members assist with cleaning our station and ensuring our vehicles are ready to go when you need us. We offer a vast range of roles within our Brigade.

Would you like to know more about what your Brigade does for your community. For more information about Drouin West Fire Brigade visit our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/drouinwestfirebrigadecfa>

Or to apply to be a Drouin West Volunteer use this link [Apply to Volunteer | CFA \(Country Fire Authority\)](#)





### Local Bush Walks.

Whilst the weather is hot and you are still looking for outings during the school holidays, why not venture out to Glen Nayook for a very pretty walk amongst the towering mountain Ash and Strezleki gums. Stroll down into the cool temperate rainforest gully amongst the tree ferns and mosses with the clear stream gurgling alongside the trail. The filtered sunlight on a hot day makes this attractive and cool. It is easiest to do this track anticlockwise. Dogs are allowed on leads and there is a picnic table at the car park, however no toilets and please take your rubbish home.



### The Baw Baw Shire

Is calling for community feedback to inform the review of its Roadside Weed and Pest Control Program Plan, which guides the management of noxious weeds and pests on Council-managed roadsides. [Click here for the full media release: Community feedback sought for roadside weed and pest control plan.](#)



**The Jindi Jems** We enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea on 6th December, hosted by Karen. Lots of yummy cakes, chat & laughter. We don't meet in January. February 7th will be our next get together, details to be discussed. Please feel free to join us by giving Maz a call on 0447491502.



Jindi Market photos here and page 6 taken by Linda Bailey



## JINDIVICK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

What a great end to our year we have had at Jindivick Primary School. It has been a very busy few weeks where we have welcomed our 2024 Foundation students, farewelled our grade 6 students and celebrated the whole school with our end of year concert!

We wish all the community a happy and safe holiday break! And are looking forward to seeing all of our students back at school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.



Please Note parcels pick up and Postage is now at Atticus Health NOT GLEN CROMIE

Parcel pickup times have been adjusted to accommodate those working outside the area

Now 9.00 am to 11.30am and 1.00pm to 3.30pm weekdays and 9.00am to 2.00pm Sundays

Parking is limited to the Clinic Car Park unless you have a disabled parking permit please. We are unable to assist you outside these hours due to our paperwork load for the surgery at the end of the day.





**Home made Lemon Cheese** This is a good recipe over the holidays for children living on dairy farms. The cheese can be eaten as is on dry biscuits, used in dip, and even used as the filling in a cheesecake with baked base and fruit curd top.

#### INGREDIENTS

3-4 Litres fresh milk (not homogenized) I use my goat milk but cows milk works just as well.

6-8 lemons, zest and juice

Salt

Boiling water to the level of milk and lemon juice in the double boiler

#### EQUIPMENT

Double boiler,

Grater

Juicer

Mug

bowl

Sterilized linen tea towel lined cullender and spatula

#### METHOD

Put strained milk in the basin of your double boiler leave about 5 cm for the lemon juice. Zest lemons and place in bowl. Juice lemons you will need a mug of strained lemon juice for 4 litres. Add the juice to the milk and place in double boiler bring water back to boil and keep boiling and topping up the water to keep the level in the bowl about the same as outside as once the curds have formed the cheese will be pasteurized

**DO NOT STIR** this takes well over an hour. Turn off and allow to cool so you don't burn yourself then carefully pour the curd into the lined cullender then use the spatula to scrape in the remaining curd, add zest and about a desert spoon of salt fold this through once be careful of the curd. Lift the lined cullender and place back on top of your bowl to catch the whey ( this can be used in soup stock or for cooking rice later). Drain about 12 hours and put finished cheese into ceramic or glass bowl. Enjoy.



#### JINDIVICK MARKET

A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who joined the December Market in the rain and wind that created one of the most difficult days we have faced. A stalwart band of determined stallholders met the challenge of soggy ground with over thirty providing a great range, with only around ten choosing not to come in conditions that posed significant challenges to their stock.

We appreciated the enthusiasm of hardy buyers and the fantastic input of the Drouin West CFA who looked after a great visit from Santa as well as their steady supply of hot yummy sausages. We also welcomed the input of Adam at The Barn who provided useful hospitality.

We look forward to seeing another great attendance of both stalls and visitors at the next Market on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2024.

