

# Jindivick

NEWSLETTER

July 2024

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The deadline for the August 2024 newsletter **20th July**

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.

## WHATS ON

**JUN 28** FREE FILM NIGHT  
HALL 7.30

**Jul** Exhibition at Red Tree Gallery Ingrid Thomas

**Jul 3** Jindi Jems

**Jul 27** Beau Miles secret screening WGAC

## 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. 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 & from June 2nd every 2nd 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)

**Jindi Jems** Will meet 1st Wednesday each month location advised. 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 **Supper room at Hall**. 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** Friday nights contact Phil 0411 433 450.

**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

Atticus Health welcomes a new Doctor

Dr Hardik Solanki is working Mondays and Thursdays from 13th June.

## Reminder free community event

No Chair Needed

## MOVIE NIGHT

28TH OF JUNE

7:30PM SHARP

Watch

BEAU MILES -  
SPECIAL JINDIVICK SCREENING  
OF HIS ADVENTURE FILM

+

A SHORT DOCUMENTARY WITH LOCAL  
CENTENARIAN EILEEN NOTMAN

STAY AFTERWARDS FOR TEA AND COFFEE

THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR JINDIVICK  
RESIDENTS. NO NEED TO BOOK. JUST TURN UP.

## JINDI JEMS

Eleven of the Jindi Jems enjoyed lunch at Luna Cafe Garfield on Wed 5th June. Good coffee, excellent food & great customer service. A beautiful venue, will definitely go back.

If you'd like to join us for our get together on Wed **3rd July** please call Maz on 0447491502 for full details.





**Jindivick Writers Group**— Yes, we sometimes do homework too. These are a couple of examples.

### **A character reflected within their surroundings (Amanda)**

Although near the edge of the main road, the Defender is almost as invisible as its owner.

Great care has been taken with the selection of tree fern and bracken fronds, sword grass, small eucalypt and acacia branches, all native species of this area.

Painstakingly used as the stencils with military grade flat camouflage paint to adorn the roof and sides. The vehicle is parked within the shade of the towering gum adjacent to the entry of the Community Garden. Most motorists would fail to see it, apart from the small red heart on the numberplate and reflection from the tinted canopy windows with three dogs' heads just visible through the glass, the vehicle has merged with its surroundings.

I cannot see my friend, he will not have told anyone he is coming to work, but I know he will be mowing the Community Garden lawns. He will then spend some reflective time hidden within the dappled morning winter sunshine, at his wife's memorial.

His soul mate from childhood, gone over ten years now. Post traumatic stress from 2009 fires, unable to pull out of the spiral, over medicated – Dead. Family left, time spent in the bush, alone attempting to cope with anguish and looming unrelenting depression.

Eventually the realisation dawning, his youngest daughter would need him during her final years of secondary school. His solution fight. Dress as a soldier, camouflage everything, remember every day to fight the war against depression. Don't ask for help but help others, live simply, display a cheerful outlook. Appear rough around the edges, then only your friends will seek your company.

He remains hidden within view where only his dogs truly see through all the camouflage and love him unconditionally.



### **Autumn (Mandra)**

The gentle whispers of autumn dance freely in the air

and every day is a reminder of the beauty and tranquillity that surrounds us. Its here amongst the splendour of the green undulating hills I find solace, it's my home, my happy place and my privilege to live in Jindivick.

As the days begin to cool, the sun casts a gentle warmth upon the land. A golden hue tints the air and not a breath of wind disturbs the tranquillity. The vibrant colours of autumn linger undisturbed.

My garden where the ostentatious blooms and heady perfume of roses have given way to bare thorny branches.

The roses sleep amongst the buried daffodil bulbs drawing strength from the earth, preparing for their triumphant return in the spring.

Amidst the rustling leaves of giant oak trees and the soft hum of nature, Persian sheep roam on the green pastures. Their coats, a patchwork of colours mirroring the autumn leaves, compliment the verdant backdrop. With swollen bellies, they graze peacefully, a silent promise of new life waiting to unfold.

A stand of silver birches drop leaves mirroring a sprinkling of gold coins on the damp earth while the once productive orchard extends its bare branches high and wide. Tiny wrens dart amongst the red lipstick maple trees, their fiery leaves ablaze with the hues of the season

A warm glow is cast over the hills as the sun sets and the beauty of autumn in Gippsland is revealed in all its splendour. Life flourishes in harmony with the changing seasons and the timeless beauty of nature's cycle.

### **St James Church Jindivick**

Here we are, July is upon us. This year is disappearing faster than the kids when you say dishes. St James our dear little Jindivick church is plugging away every first and third Sunday of the month keeping watch over us all and wrapping the warm blanket of God's love around Jindivick. Want to be a part of that? Then I'll see you at around 11am on a Sunday soon.



# Could you be one of Baw Baw Shire's next Councillors?

Published on 06 June 2024

Baw Baw Shire Council will host a series of in-person and online workshops as part of a Pre-Election Candidate Development Program being delivered by the Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA) in June and July.

The sessions will cover a range of topics including the basics of becoming a Councillor, election campaign essentials, the importance of codes of conduct, legal and regulatory obligations, and so much more.

With Local Government Councillor elections approaching in October this year, now is the time to start considering if a career as a local Councillor is the path for you.

Details to the sessions can be found below:

## Wednesday 26 June - Becoming a Councillor

This introductory module covers all the foundations of becoming a Councillor. Candidates will learn about their legal and regulatory obligations, participatory decision-making, the importance of Codes of Conduct and essential community leadership skills that promote and model good governance.

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm      Venue: Online

## Monday 1 July - Life as a Woman Councillor

In these sessions, women candidates in the region will be provided with an opportunity to hear from previous women councillors about their experiences representing local community. From standing for office, to getting elected and serving as a councillor, the unique experiences of women will be shared in an informal and relaxed environment promoting discussion and sharing of ideas. Tanja Kovac and Dr Maree Overall will facilitate these sessions.

Time: 12.00pm - 2.00pm      Venue: Fountain Room at West Gippsland Arts Centre

## Thursday 4 July - Life as a Woman Councillor

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm      Venue: Online

## Monday 15 July - Becoming a Councillor and Election Campaign Essentials

This four-hour workshop includes an introductory module that covers all the foundations of becoming a Councillor. Candidates will learn about their legal and regulatory obligations, participatory decision-making, the importance of Codes of Conduct and essential community leadership skills that promote and model good governance. Candidates will then be introduced to the importance of recognising and representing the diverse people, views and needs within the community. The module explores effective campaign techniques, canvassing, as well as developing and using communications and social media to reach community members.

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm & 1.00-3.00pm      Venue: Fountain Room at West Gippsland Arts Centre

Baw Baw Shire Mayor Cr Annemarie McCabe encouraged community members to attend the local sessions and spoke highly of her own experiences as a Councillor.

"Being a Councillor gives you a unique opportunity to make a real difference in your own community and I have absolutely loved the chance to get to know my fellow residents," Cr McCabe said.

"It has been a very rewarding experience in many ways, from decision making, attending events, meeting people and advocating on behalf of our community, to name a few.

In addition to these events, the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) will organise and deliver 15 hybrid Community and Candidate Information Sessions across Victoria, including three in Gippsland.

These sessions will be held in Bairnsdale on Wednesday 24 July, Leongatha on Thursday 25 July and Morwell on Monday 12 August. Baw Baw Shire Council CEO, Mark Dupe, will be part of the panel discussion at the Leongatha and Morwell sessions.

More information and registration details to these sessions can be found here: <https://mavevents.cventevents.com/event/SFCInformationSessions>.



### Local Bush Walks. ( Part of The Walk into History)

A truly beautiful walk through temperate rain forest, along historic logging tram trail. Drive to the Bump, just on the corner of the Rd to Ada tree and Powelltown Rd. There is car parking just around the corner at the start of the walk. The descent is gradual (except where the trestle bridges have gone then the track goes down and up the other side to rejoin the rail trail). When you get to the road turn left and down to the Poweltown Rd, the trail continues across the road. It is just over 5 km from the start to the Powelly Pub where we had Saturday lunch prior to walking back (there are picnic tables on the trail about 500m from the pub and at the public hall if you prefer) If you don't want to walk both ways organize a car pool. It took us about 75mins to walk each way.



## BBSN

**Saturday 27 July 7:30pm**

**West Gippsland Arts Centre**

A secret screening is your chance to see Gippsland local Beau's quirky films before they're uploaded to YouTube. The idea is that these films aren't yet the 'final version', but good enough to understand and tell your pen pal about.

In between, Beau will tell you a bunch of excellent stories that may or may not have anything to do with what you've just watched. He'll be operating at 90 percent for at least 70 percent of the night, which by all accounts is what most people consider above average.

To finish the show, Beau will answer your questions during a Q&A. Go to BBSN for tickets.



**In the absence of school news , thank you to Lynne for typing this up and sending it to me**

**15 minute writing brief (Describe the reaction of seeing whales or sharks) - Lynne**

The causeway stretched at least a kilometre out into the ocean. Constructed of concrete and large boulders either side holding back the waves as they lapped. A walk track of sand and gravel had been formed high above the tide. It was an easy stroll for mother and toddler in a pram. The deep blue of the sky made it difficult to see the hidden horizon as the ocean matched its colour. Only the odd white cap made you aware of the difference. As the young mum neared the end of the walkway a spout of water was evident in the distance. She had hoped the migrating whales would be visible travelling south along the coast. She hurried to a good vantage point. The little tot had yet to see the pod just off shore. As he was lifted from the stroller a large hump back whale breached so close the spray wet his face. Suddenly his eyes focused on the magnificent creature. Too young to know about whales, but the vision was not lost on his tiny mind. He squealed with delight, waving hands and clapping loudly every time the whale and her friends surfaced. It was almost a performance especially for the young child. His first experience and sighting was to remain indelibly printed on his memory. The clapping and squealing seemed to encourage new players to the game. As they dived and rose again the pod was actually so close it felt like they could be touched. The little boy's eyes were firmly fixed on their display. Watching intently he did not realise the large creatures were actually moving along the coast. Sadly, after an hour the hump backs had almost disappeared from view. Now the little chap burst into tears, sobbing uncontrollably. "Mummy please bring back the big fish back". Still heart broken he added "I love them so much, they need me to feed them". The reaction of her young son had a profound effect on the mother. She had loved and witnessed this migration many times but never through the eyes of a toddler. As she comforted her son, his crying stopped and he asked "when could I see them again?" I promise, "Every year my darling".



**Draft Community Local Law now open for community feedback** Published on 07 June 2024

Following extensive community consultation undertaken in March this year, Baw Baw Shire Council has created a new Draft Community Local Law, which is now on public exhibition and open for feedback. A Community Local Law guides Council's compliance activities, including property upkeep, construction sites, the management of animals and the general amenity of the Shire.

In March this year, nearly 50 people shared their thoughts and ideas on Baw Baw's Community Local Law and Council has used this feedback to refresh and develop a new draft Community Local Law. During this initial stage of community consultation respondents made suggestions related to animal management across the Shire, as well as open space in Baw Baw and the local environment. This feedback then influenced some changes to the local law, which is now out for its next round of feedback.

Baw Baw Shire Mayor Cr Annemarie McCabe said she was pleased to see how many people gave their feedback during the first phase of consultation earlier this year.

"This feedback has been used to help shape the new draft and we are interested to hear if we have hit the mark," Cr McCabe said.

"As a Council we're focussed on increasing our community engagement as much as we can to ensure that our community's views and ideas are at the centre of everything we do.

"Our Community Local Law does impact our residents so I would encourage everyone to view this draft version and have their say during the consultation period, before the final is adopted later this year."

The Draft Community Local Law will be on public exhibition on Baw Baw Connect from Friday 7 June until Friday 5 July.

In addition to having your say online, Council officers will also be out and about at three different events in the next month, so people can give their feedback in person. These events are the **Warragul Farmers Market on Saturday 15 June, the Drouin Farmers Market on Saturday 15 June, and the Yarragon Market on Saturday 22 June.**

Visit [www.bawbawconnect.com.au/locallawreview](http://www.bawbawconnect.com.au/locallawreview) for more information, to share your feedback or make a written submission.

**Junior Landcarians** – Fringe schools of the Westernport Catchment are partaking in an education forum the WPCLN is running in conjunction with Bunurong Land Council. This includes a series of 10 excursions with grade 5 & 6 classes across the catchment talking about aspects of land-based action works and interweaving a cultural lens on each subject.

We will be very interested to see how our **Jindivick Primary School** goes in this valuable and creative program. It is hoped the school will have a presentation that Jindivick Landcare members and indeed the whole Community can share.



**Sustainable Farming Discussion Group** – River Farm Tonimbuk

June 21 @ 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. Although late for gatherings will continue over the year. For further formation contact: [peter@wpcln.org.au](mailto:peter@wpcln.org.au)

this June newsletter, further group in-



**Jindivick Landcare Group President: Brian Morphet**

e: [brian@morphet.com.au](mailto:brian@morphet.com.au)

**Here's a Link to the WPCLN Calendar that will update events regularly:**

<https://www.wpcln.org.au/calendar/>

**Epacris impressa Common Heath** is the Victorian Flora Emblem and out in flower during winter. Around Jindivick the colour tends to be deep pink almost red.

Good examples of this are at Nangara reserve.

Lower in the Catchment, even at Labertouche, is the white variety. At Rokeby there are mixed colours which may be an interaction of different soil types.

Honeyeater birds, particularly the eastern spinebill, feed upon the nectar of the flowers.

Be aware that the invasive weed Spanish heath, is also in flower and easily misidentified for the native heath.

**Spanish Heath *Erica lusitanica***

Origin: Western Europe Highly flammable

and declared a noxious weed in Tasmania the leaves occur together in whorls of three or four at the stem nodes, small, green and relatively narrow 4-7mm long c.0.5mm wide.

The flowers are pendulous clusters of 2-4 on the ends of very short side branchlets and vary from white to pinkish.

## JINDIVICK COUNTRY MARKET

We are looking for community support to keep the market going, it was a huge job for Don and Jenny to achieve each market and it has been decided, to break the organization of the market into small tasks, with one person responsible to coordinate the group.

The Jindivick Progress Association are responsible for the market, it runs 6 times a year, October, November, December, February, March, April, and has around 30 to 40 stalls, it is a fundraiser for the CFA and the JPA. Its also a place for locals to meet and catch up and is enjoyed by many.

**The future of the market will be discussed at the next JPA meeting on Thursday August 1st 6.30 pm at the Jindivick Hall. If you would like to be involved it would be great if you could come or contact Nikki (0447 776 178) to discuss.**

Tasks ..... Market Coordinator.... Work with group to make sure a smooth running of the market, putting out road signs on Sunday before market and picking up after market on the Saturday.

..... Stall holders.... All things to do with stalls, contact stall holders before markets, allocation of stall sites, collect fees and other information (insurance). Saturday morning (early) meet stall holders and show where to set up

.. Set up FRIDAY... mark out stall places inside and out, put out tables and chairs where needed, bollards down, rubbish bins, BBQ and table out for CFA.

..Pack up SATURDAY... clean up stall set up, table chairs away, bollards up and rubbish bins emptied.

SET UP PACK UP COULD BE ONE.

.... Advertisement .....Gazette, face book and other, Flyers to markets, Glen Cromie, Notice boards around local towns, Jindivick Newsletter article. And other place as required.

All these tasks are up for discussion and we can change as needed.