

Jindivick NEWSLETTER



Dec 2025/Jan 2026

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

The deadline for the December 2025/January 2026 newsletter is 28 January

This Newsletter is published by the Jindivick Progress Association.

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

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 contact John Webster Ph:0448 499 093

Atticus Health, Jindivick Make an appointment at: www.atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic or call the clinic on 56 285 445 Open Mon—Fri 9-4:30. Closed weekends & Public Holidays **Please see p.2 for Xmas and New Year Hours**

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. **Committee** meeting 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm **NB No December meeting. Next meeting 22 January 2026**

Jindi Jems Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at Warragul Country Club. New members welcome. For more info contact Maz: ph: 0437126876

Jindivick Knitting Group Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues of the month from 10-12 in Supper room at Hall. Don't knit? Don't worry, just join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Jindivick Pilates Mat Class at the Jindivick Hall. Wednesdays at 10am BYO mat & drink bottle. Suits all abilities. Classes conclude on 17 Dec and resume on 7 January Ph: Shari 0418349106.

Jindivick Pool Nights Friday nights contact Phil 0411 433 450.

Jindivick Progress Association Meets monthly in the Jindivick Hall at 6:30 2nd Thursday. New members welcome **NB No December meeting. Next meeting 22 January 2026**

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

Jindivick Yoga Groups meet at the Hall

A Tues 9:30 - 10:30 Ph Alex 0437 359 564 for info

B. Thurs 9:30 - 10:30 Ph Deb 0439 598 987 for info.



Please note The next newsletter will be printed at the start of February 2026



Jindivick Country Market

Our last market for this year will be held from 9am - 1pm on Saturday 6 December.

The market is again fully booked, showcasing our many talented locals, and displaying a wide diversity of products.

With Christmas only a few weeks away, this market will give you the perfect chance to finish your Christmas shopping. If you're not sure what to give someone, just grab one of Nikki's hampers: they're always a crowd pleaser.

Denise Sanders will be running her FREE kids' activity table and Deb, our face painter, should also be in attendance.

Again, this year we will have Santa visiting from 9.00 to 11.00 for photos using your own camera or phone. No bookings required but there is a small fee of \$5.00. All funds raised go directly to the Drouin West CFA. For full details please see their flyer on p.2

No market is held in January but we will be back on Saturday 7th February 2026.



WHAT'S ON

Dec 6 Jindivick Country Market

Dec 7 Community Xmas event

Dec 7 Last Pilates class 2025

Dec 13 Drouin Carols by Candlelight

Dec 15 Garden at Broughton Hall closes until April 4

Dec 18 Last JPS Assembly

Dec 24 Atticus Health closes 2pm See p2 for opening details over Holiday Season

Dec 24 Jindivick Post Office closes 4pm for opening details over Holiday Season see p2.

Jan 26 Australia Day Community Tea

Feb 7 1st 2026 Jindivick Market

Santa is coming to Jindi market



Santa will be at Jindivick's December market for families to take your own photos for Christmas. Bring your phone or camera. Pets welcome too.

Saturday 6 December. Bookings not required. Donations of \$5 per family to Drouin West Fire Brigade. Cash or EFTPOS facilities will be available at the CFA stand on 6/12.

KICK OFF YOUR FESTIVE SEASON!

A VERY JINDI CHRISTMAS

Sunday 7th December from 4pm
Jindivick Hall on Jacksons Track

Come and be a part of a Jindivick Christmas community event, **kicking off at 4pm with our family fun hour!**

- Big jumping castle and Christmas Inflatables zoo
- Free Christmas craft and carnival games
- Bubble dance party
- Glitter tattoos and hairspray
- Family Santa photos
- Drouin West CFA BBQ and Dawn to Dusk Coffee truck will be there!

Sing your heart out during our **Karaoke Christmas Carols from 5pm to 7:30pm** inside the hall, including a sneaky visit from the Grinch and Santa. BYO drinks and snacks welcome. *Donation entry (Free entry if you put your name down to sing a song!)*

Finish off your night with a free screening of the classic **Christmas movie, The Santa Clause, from 7:30pm to 9pm.** Popcorn and choc-top cones available!

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO OUR LOCAL DROUIN WEST CFA BRIGADE



Drouin Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 13th December, 7.30pm
Civic Park, Drouin

Presented by the Drouin Combined Churches

Proudly supported by
Community Bank Drouin - Bendigo Bank
Baw Baw Shire Chairo Christian School



CHRISTMAS Party

DECEMBER

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6:30PM

Jindivick Club Rooms

**\$20 A HEAD, \$10 KIDS, \$50 FOR A FAMILY
INC ROAST DINNER & DESSERTS**

PLEASE BRING A WRAPPED AND
LABELLED GIFT FOR SANTA TO GIVE TO
YOUR CHILD



THIS IS NOT SANTA



Atticus Health Jindivick Holiday Hours

All our doctors will have some time off over the Christmas break but there will be a doctor on duty each day. If unfortunately you are not well over the festive season the clinic will only be closed on the public holidays, ie. closed - Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and Australia Day (25/12/25, 26/12/25, 1/1/26, 26/1/26). It will be open on Christmas Eve until 2 pm for medical and 4.00 pm for the **post office**, 29/12/25, 30/12/25, 2/1/26. Hours to be confirmed for New Year's Eve - 31/12/25.

Jindivick Primary School

Term 4 has been off to a busy and exciting start for our school community. Our Year 3–6 students recently enjoyed their Urban Camp with Neerim District Rural Primary School. Together, the students explored the Shrine of Remembrance, Queen Victoria Market, the State Library, and several other iconic Melbourne attractions. It was a fabulous experience for everyone involved, and a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn beyond the classroom.

In the coming weeks, our students will be competing in our annual Fun Run at Kydd-Parke Reserve. They have been training enthusiastically several times a week, running laps around our school track to build their fitness and prepare for the big day.

As we move toward the end of the term, preparations are well underway for our End of Year Concert. Each class is working hard on a performance themed around weather and the environment, and the evening will conclude with some festive carols and a visit from a very special guest.

Our final school assembly for the year will be held on **Thursday 18th December at 3pm**, and families and community members are warmly invited to attend.



Images, clockwise from top JPS students visit the Royal Arcade, Queen Victoria Market and play chess in front of the State Library **Jindivick Public School 1937** Copied from post by Gerard Gleeson to FB **Gippsland History** 10/11/25

Jindivick Cricket Club

Join Us! As always we are on the lookout for new members to join us and we are as welcoming as ever. We are a small family orientated, community club that accommodates everyone no matter age, gender or ability. All registrations are now open so if you or your children, boys or girls, aged 6 and up would like to join any of our teams please contact us via email at contact@jindivickcricketclub.com.au Or phone our secretary Jess on 0459 959 972.

Not only are we welcoming new players but we are open to the extended community for all our events. Whether it be Thursday and Saturday night meals, one of our functions, drinks during or after the game, or just enjoying a game at one of the most scenic grounds in Victoria!

Upcoming

We will again be hosting our annual Christmas Party on the 20th December 2025. This is always a delightful event focusing on bringing our families together as a club. As always this event is open to the community! We've heard that Santa might even pop in for a visit. Please RSVP for catering purposes.





COUNCIL News

From Tuesday 25 November until Wednesday 10 December, the West Gippsland Arts Centre will light up orange in support of the 16 Days of Activism campaign to help prevent and eliminate gender-based violence.

Message from the new Mayor.

Hi Baw Baw,

I am thrilled to be writing to you in my new capacity as Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Council, it is a great honour to have been elected and I thank my fellow Councillors for placing their trust in me.

I look forward to leading the Shire over the next 12 months and continuing the great work Council has underway.

Your elected Councillors have worked hard over the last 12 months to turn your feedback into a clear plan to move us toward our community vision and it's time now to put that plan into action.

As a Councillor group we remain committed to partnering with you to deliver great outcomes in our beautiful Baw Baw and taking actions that support our long-term prosperity.

I will continue to work closely with my fellow Councillors, council officers and our community to deliver the priorities in our Council Plan. We all have a role in making Baw Baw Shire a place we love to live and I am excited to see what can be achieved.

I'm looking forward to working alongside our new Deputy Mayor Cr Suzanne Allen to ensure we do the best we can for our community and Council team.

With Christmas almost upon us, I would like to wish everyone all the best for the season, please stay safe, lean in to your loved ones and look after each other.

Mayor Cr Kate Wilson.

Splash into Summer Seasonal outdoor swimming pools in Drouin, Warragul, Neerim Sth, Thorpdale & Traralgon, & the Rawson indoor pool are open from 1 December. Visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/pools for hours & fees, etc.

Council is launching a new **Emergency Dashboard** making it easier to find accurate, up-to-date information before, during & after an emergency. It consolidates verified data from trusted sources, including VicEmergency, CFA, SES, AusNet & emergency service agencies, as well as Council updates & emergency focused live social media feeds. For more information on how to stay informed, prepared and connected this fire season and to view the Emergency Dashboard visit emergency.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au or follow the link on Council's website.



Image: Deputy Mayor, Cr Suzanne Allen (left) with Mayor, Cr Kate Wilson (right)

Upcoming Council Meetings:

The following Council meeting will be held in December 2025 in the Fountain Room, West Gippsland Arts Centre.

Wednesday 10 December – 5.30pm

Ordinary Council Meeting

All community members are welcome to attend in person or tune in via the Live Stream on our website.

This will be the final Council meeting for 2025.

For 2026 meeting dates visit

www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

Our Roads. Your Roads. Better Baw Baw Roads.

Stay safe on the roads this December. If you spot a hazard on our roads, you can report it on our website or by using the Snap Send Solve app.

If the issue is an emergency requiring immediate action, an emergency response can be lodged with Council by calling **1300 229 229**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information visit

www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Report-a-Road

Upcoming Events:

For a full list of the current events, visit

www.bawbawshire.co/Events-Calendar



Jindivick Landcare Group

Ocean film night The Ocean Film and Pizza Night at the Jindivick Hall on 26 November was a real highlight of 2025! Around 40 locals came out of the woodwork to share food, a chat, & a memorable evening. David Attenborough's *Ocean* was visually breathtaking - a film that swept us from moments of incredible wonder to scenes of confronting devastation, such as the impacts of trawling.

At 99, Attenborough's narration carried even more weight, offering a lifetime of perspective on how much our oceans have changed - & how much they still have the power to recover, if we give them the chance.

21st birthday celebration will be a time for reflecting and celebrating (and importantly eating a piece of Chris Hobbs's promised 'tree cake'!) What's happened over the last 21 years? What did the early days look like? Who's been involved? What types of effort and achievements have been made? We are scheduling in a date for late Feb or March 2026 and all are welcome - current members, past members, future members... If anyone is keen to contribute ideas for the event or things to share please reach out to the committee at jindivicklc@gmail.com or phone Helen Barclay 0410 123 405 or Peter Ronalds 0402 650 382.



Landcare photos Above L. Watching Oceans film Above R. Pizza feast
Left: Kids at Ocean film



Community celebrates Eileen's 103 birthday

40+ friends gathered at the Jindivick Hall on congratulate Eileen Notman on her recent birthday, and to thank her for her long contribution to her community. Thanks to Heather who organized the event, to those who brought the cakes and sandwiches and to Yvonne—her photo says it all.



Red Tree Gallery and Sculpture Garden The December show, *Something Interesting*, will feature works by Yvette Stubbs (see right) Janine Goode and Ingrid Thomas

In January enjoy Lisa Grant's paintings (see below)



while in February, the versatile Susan Cock will present paintings, photos and other creations. (see below)



The Gallery will be closed on Christmas and Boxing Days only. However you can enjoy a stroll around the beautiful Sculpture Garden at any time.

For details of Openings of each exhibition contact the gallery: Ph 56 285 224 or Email: info@lauriecollins.com.au

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year on behalf of the **Jindivick Progress Association, Drouin West Fire Brigade, Jindivick Market Stall Holders and Debbie** (market Coordinator and JPA Treasurer) We look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Baw Baw Sustainability Network wishes you the very best for the rest of 2025. They will be back in January with details of their 2026 Program.



We hope everyone in Jindivick enjoys a happy and restful Christmas season, we do live in an amazingly beautiful part of the world and are all lucky to be here! Merry Christmas to everyone
Philip and David from Broughton Hall

Jindivick Primary School thanks our wonderful local community for their ongoing support throughout the year. We are incredibly grateful for the partnerships, encouragement, and care that help make our school such a positive place for students to learn and grow. We look forward to an exciting 2026 and continuing to strengthen these connections.

Toria and the staff at Atticus Health Jindivick would like to wish the community of Jindivick and surrounds a wonderful, safe and HEALTHY Christmas and New Year season.



Drouin West CFA

100% Volunteers Keeping our Communities Safe



Our Junior Brigade members (aged 11 -16) have been busy. They are still out training and having fun.

(See below)



The **Assistant Editor** thanks all those who help, in so many ways, to ensure this newsletter appears 11 times a year. Special thanks to those who endure my nagging and still send in contributions, and to the proofreader, an essential part of the production. I wish all readers a wonderful Festive Season and a safe and happy 2026, with just the right amount of rain. And finally: the Photo of the Year Award goes to Landcare's **EXPLODING BURROWS**.





The Garden and Nursery at Broughton Hall

remains open until December 14 when it closes for the summer break, re opening 4 April for the Autumn season. The Gippsland Autumn Rare Plant Fair will be held on 25 April.

With rain at the perfect time the garden is looking stunning, lush and full of colour: there is still time to pop in for a wander and picnics. Dogs on leads welcome!

We must thank our staff, Josh, Bez and Michael for all of their work helping us present this garden and nursery so beautifully, and locals Anita and Paul for their ongoing support. Thanks also go of course to the CFA for their bbqs, loved by all, and to the Jindivick Cricket club for their amazing catering which is appreciated by all at our fairs.



And lastly, the Year in pictures (see p.6 for Photo of the Year Award)

26 Jan Celebrating Australia Day at the Jindivick

Hall



On 2 Feb lightning started several fires in the Jindivick area, keeping the CFA busy

The Year in Pictures continued



Left: In **March** the entire **Jindivick Primary School** put in an incredible effort, securing second place overall at the Neerim Cluster Athletics Day



Above: St. James' Church Easter Service at Jindivick celebrated Holy Saturday 19 **April**



Candidate	Party	Votes
ROBINSON, Kuljeet Kaur	P. Hanson's One Nation	24
FLETCHER, Tully	Australian Labor Party	30
BROADBENT, Russell	Independent	42
ALDRED, Mary	Liberal	72
LEONARD, Deb	Independent	45
DETHLEFS, Geoff	Family First	0
O'REILLY, David	Legalise Cannabis Party	5
STEELE, Terence	The Greens	6
WEHBE, Alex	Trumpet of Patriots	14

Left: **Back to Jindivick** special guests Eileen and Jack in **April** Above: AEO report of **Jindivick** voting in the **May** election



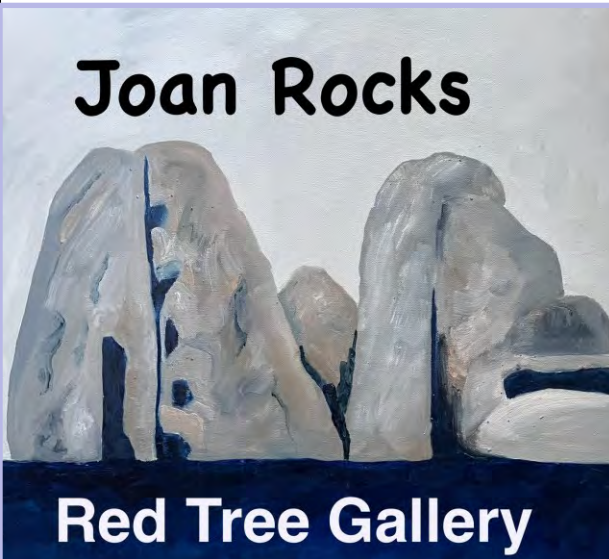
Above: Members of the **Drouin West Cemetery Trust** gathered to farewell the Chairperson of the Trust, Rosalie Murphy, in **June**



Above: In **July** 2 new doctors started working at **Atticus Health, Jindivick**



Right: **Jindivick P.S.** students visited the Impressionists' exhibition at NGV in **August**. Far right: The **Garden at Broughton Hall** opened for its Spring Season in **September**



Joan Rocks

Red Tree Gallery



Left: **October** saw local artist & teacher, **Joan Price** exhibit her latest creations at **Red Tree Gallery**, while locals enjoyed a free **Landcare** screening of a David Attenborough documentary at the Hall in **November**. Finally, guess who's going to be very busy in Jindivick this **December**?

