

Jindivick

NEWSLETTER

January

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 0417 188 694.

The deadline for the February 2025 newsletter **20th January**

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

Dec 21 Jindivick Cricket Club Christmas Party

Jan Exhibition at Red Tree Gallery Ros Crawford

Jan 26th Australia day BBQ at hall 6pm

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 Alan Lamond 0438275511

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. 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

Jindi Jems Will meet 1st Wednesday Nov each month location advised.

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.

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

Jindivick Yoga Group meets at 9:30am on Thursdays for an hour. Ph Deb on 0439 598 987 for info.

JINDI JEMS Nine of the Jems enjoyed a morning cuppa at the new Cafe in Drouin 'Provina'

A very comfortable & welcoming place. They serve good coffee & have some beautiful homewards.

We shall take a break in January. There may be an impromptu get together in the latter part of January so we can decide where & what to do in February. If you'd like to join us call Maz on 0457491502 for further details.

Knitting group will meet on Tue 14th & Tue 28th January in the supper room at the Hall.



AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY FREE EVENT



The Jindivick event will be Sunday 26th January 6pm at the Hall.

BYO drinks and salad to share.

BBQ provided contact Nikki for catering nikkicadzow@gmail.com

RSVP by 23rd for catering

January Exhibition Red Tree Gallery

Artist statement

My art for the past 25 years has incorporated paintings with geometric and figurative abstraction and sculpture from found objects.

For the last 6 years my new direction has been a 2000 year old art form called Encaustic that is experiencing a resurgence.

The Greeks originally used it to decorate their warships. Also under Roman rule the Egyptians developed the naturalistically painted Fayum Mummy portraits.

Encaustic is made from Beeswax with Damar resin added. To paint with encaustic you need to heat the wax and add dry pigments for colour. Many layers can be achieved and this gives great luminescence and very vibrant colours.

This exhibition's main subject focus is on the abstraction of aerial landscapes and maps that are made with cold wax medium. This is made from beeswax too with an extra ingredient of odourless solvent which then can be used without needing to fire it.

The majority of these pieces are Encaustic and cold wax with a few acrylic collages too. I love making art and teaching others to enjoy it like I do.

Roz Crawford



Jindivick Writers Group— (Phil) A Story from the Perspective of a Non-Human Character

I admit I'm not much to look at; I'm an unremarkable, standard-issue, iron-and-wood park bench, just one of the many that populate the Treasury Gardens at the top of Collins Street. Every day I sit here quietly minding my own business beside one of the winding paths that lead to the Commonwealth Offices, but I've seen my fair share of life over the years—couples, dog-walkers, mothers with strollers, and lost tourists. Today, though, something about the warm sunlight filtering through the trees has brought out a particular sort of visitor: couples, three of them, each as different as can be.

The first couple arrived just after midday, two teenagers clutching each other's hands as if the world would end if they let go. The girl had a sunhat that she kept adjusting, perhaps out of nervousness, or maybe just as an excuse to look down when her shyness got the better of her. The boy, a little taller, wore an awkward but hopeful smile. They sat down carefully, radiating that giddy energy of first love.

They didn't speak much, but when they did, it was in low murmurs that I could barely catch. Every few moments, she would giggle, and he would blush. He would brush a strand of hair from her face, and she would almost jump. Their world was as small as me and as grand as the city around them.

They didn't stay long. After a few minutes they stood and awkwardly rejoined the flow of the park's visitors, hands still clasped together tightly. I felt a lightness linger, like an imprint of their young affection, as if they had left a little bit of their joy with me.

Not ten minutes later, another couple arrived. These two were older, perhaps in their forties or fifties, dressed in business attire that suggested they had just stepped out of an office at the Paris end of Collins Street. The man lit a cigarette and took a deep drag, while the woman held a takeaway coffee cup that she sipped from occasionally, her gaze fixed somewhere beyond the trees.

They sat down heavily, the way people do when they're carrying a lot on their shoulders, or maybe in their hearts. They were quiet too, but a different sort of silence than the first couple—a silence built of familiarity, one that didn't need to be filled. For a long time, they didn't look at each other, the only connection a subtle alignment in the way they leaned back, taking in the park's sights and sounds as if they were both alone.

Eventually, the man stubbed out the remains of his cigarette, and she shifted a little, as if searching for something to say. When she finally spoke, her voice was quiet, and thoughtful, and I caught a fragment of their conversation: something about a promotion, a relocation, and the complications that would come of it. They exchanged words in careful tones, neither accusing nor apologising, but I could feel the weight of their shared history pressing down on me. They stayed for quite some time, each taking turns to voice hopes and fears, letting the sunlight filter down as their words lingered in the warm afternoon air.

When they stood to leave, I felt heavier, too, as if I'd absorbed some of their struggle. They walked away together, but with a few inches of space between them, a space that was probably once filled with the closeness of a younger couple.

When the third couple arrived, the sun was dipping lower, casting golden light over the park. They were elderly, possibly in their seventies or even eighties, moving slowly, the man with the help of a cane. The woman held his other arm, guiding him gently toward me. When they reached me, he settled down first, and she followed with a soft sigh, resting her hand on his.

These two don't speak at all, they didn't need to. Their silence was full of the companionship that only comes from a lifetime together. I could feel their warmth seeping into my wooden slats as they sat close, leaning into each other with the comfortable ease of those who've shared a lifetime of memories. They didn't glance at each other; instead, they gazed out at the people passing by, as if they were remembering all the years they themselves had spent in places just like this.

At one point, he pulled out a small paper bag from his coat pocket and handed it to her. She reached inside and took out a handful of sunflower seeds, tossing them onto the ground. Pigeons flocked around, pecking eagerly, and she smiled softly. He smiled too, his eyes crinkling at the corners, and they sat there, enjoying the simple pleasure of watching the birds. It was an easy, unhurried moment, as if they had all the time in the world.

When they finally stood, he offered her his arm, and she took it with a practiced motion. They walked away with the same slow steps they arrived with, and I felt an overwhelming sense of peace, like they had left a bit of their serenity behind.

As the sun dipped lower, casting longer shadows over the park, I was, once again, alone. I know more visitors will come tomorrow and the days after that, each bringing their own stories, their own moments. But today, I feel grateful for having hosted three distinct glimpses into life—youthful love, the complexities of partnership, and the gentle companionship that comes with growing old together.

The park grows quieter as twilight approaches, and I settle into the silence, holding onto the warmth and memories of those who have sat with me, each couple leaving a trace of themselves behind, woven into the wood and metal that make up my simple existence.





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Drouin West CFA

100% Volunteers

Keeping Our Communities Safe.

What a busy couple of weeks we at Drouin West have had. We would like to thank everyone that has supported us at the Jindivick Country Market for the year. Your support has meant that we were able to upgrade our photocopier/printer to one that will meet our needs into the future.

We would also like to thank our community of Drouin West, Brandy Creek and Jindivick for also supporting us during 2024. Please remember to download the VicEmergency app if you have not already done so. This app is vital in keeping you informed not only during the fire danger period but all year around of what emergency are happening in your area. Please make sure you are prepared for the fire season, clear your gutters, and around your home, know your trigger when you will leave on a fire danger day. What rating is your trigger to go? For a copy of your guide to survival click the link here. [https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/articledocuments/335/CFA%20Your%20Guide%20to%20Survival%20\(Versio%206\).pdf.aspx](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/articledocuments/335/CFA%20Your%20Guide%20to%20Survival%20(Versio%206).pdf.aspx)

And a very big thank you to all our members for keeping our community and our neighbouring community safe during 2024. Here we are at Glen Cromie Reserve for welcoming us to hold our end of year party at the park.

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 \(Country Fire Authority\)](#)



Glen Nayook reserve
cool fern gullies and birdsong
the stream vanishes
beneath moss-covered boulders
steeped in ancient mystery
(Margaret's Tanka)



LOCAL WALKS—RALPH CORNWELK WALK NOOJEE

Past the toilet block and bbq's cross over the beach at Noojee turn Left and head to the walk car park opposite the river and suspension bridge. The walk starts the other side of the road with the first part next to the works compound. The walk is easy and suitable for pushers there is a picnic table at the end looking over the river or return to the picnic table opposite the car park. Keep your eyes open there are remnants of old railway line. This is a good walk in the heat as it is mostly shaded and certainly cooler in the temperate rain forest.



Jindivick Cricket Club Coming up

We have a number of events coming up that the club is involved in. We are looking forward to:

21st December – JCC Christmas Party

22nd December – Bunnings BBQ

January TBC – iPod Shuffle Night

Major Raffle Night Thank you to all the people that turned out for our Major Raffle Night. It was a fantastic event, a good night had by all, with one of our former players Rory Payne taking home the major prize. Thank you to all the members that were involved in organising the event and keeping the night on track.

Christmas Party

The next event on the social calendar for the club is our annual Christmas Party. A family friendly event, we are encouraging community and club members to come up for a traditional roast meal and some good Christmas fun. We've even heard that Santa will make an appearance!

If you are coming along to our lovely Christmas night please let us know via email contact@jindivickcricketclub.com.au or our Facebook page. We would also appreciate, if you are coming that you bring a plate of dessert for everyone to share!

Bunnings Barbeque

Everyone loves a Bunnings sausage, right! Well we'll be hosting a bunnings BBQ on the 22nd December. You can finish your Christmas shopping, grab a sausage out the front and help to support the club!! Or you can support the club out by donating an hour or two of your time to help us cook and serve. All help and support is very much appreciated!

Sponsors

The club is eager to bring new sponsors on board for the upcoming season. We have a range of sponsorship levels to cater for all potential sponsors and are committed to fostering good relationships with them. If you think this is something you would like to do, contact the club via our email contact@jindivickcricketclub.com.au

Join Us!

We are as welcoming as ever to new members. If you or your children would like to join any of our teams please contact us via email at contact@jindivickcricketclub.com.au Or contact our secretary Jess on 0459 959 972. **Cont. Pg 6**



Eatable Gardens Festival

West Gippsland

25 –26 January 2025

Creative Harvest's 8th annual food garden festival in West Gippsland showcases 12 private gardens dedicated to growing their own food. Visitors can explore diverse veggie patches, participate in workshops, and connect with passionate gardeners to learn about soil health, composting, worm farms and more. This event celebrates the joys of growing your own food, offering inspiration for all gardening levels.

Vue at Jindivick is one of the featured gardens.

When: Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th January 2025

Time: 10am - 4pm

Tickets: creativeharvest.org.au



BOAT RAMP FOR TARAGO

No contact has been made with the JPA or the hall about the decision to place a boat ramp at the end of North Jindivick road

Please ask people to contact their local councilor or state member of parliament for further information

This is one of the paragraphs

The new facility will be located at the end of North Jindivick Road, offering access to a suitable depth of water for launching boats while also minimising the excavation and tree clearing required. Locations off Wagner Road at Neerim South and Tarago Reservoir Park were also considered but were deemed unsuitable.

<http://betterboating.vic.gov.au/ramp-upgrades/tarago/>



JINDIVICK COUNTRY MARKET 9am to 1pm

Market Dates

January 2025 - NO MARKET THIS MONTH

February 2025 - Saturday 1st

March 2025 - Saturday 1st

April 2025 - Saturday 5th

Contact: Debbie country-market@jindivick.org.au or by phone 0438 390 633

What a truly wonderful day we had for our last market day of 2024.

The rain held off (in Jindivick anyway) until after the market had finished, with visitors, Santa and stall holders safely on their way back home. Santa turned up in his fire truck and didn't disappoint. Little xmas trees were being made by busy hands.

A big thank you again to Denise Sanders for running her FREE kid's activity table, the little ones love it and I cannot wait to see what ideas you have for the upcoming markets.

It was great to see so many smiling, face painted little people along with face painted volunteers from the Drouin West Fire Brigade.

We continue to have a fully booked market, with many talented locals displaying their wares and a great diversity in the range of stalls.

For our last next 3 markets of the season, February, March and April we have arranged to have a singing duo perform.

There is no market held in January but we will be back on Saturday 1st February 2025

On behalf of the Jindivick Progress Society, Drouin West Fire Brigade, Jindivick Market Stall Holders and myself, we would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas

And look forward to seeing you next year.



Christmas Eve service at St James Church, 2035 Jacksons Track

All are welcome to the 7pm traditional service, with carols and communion, on Tuesday 24th December.

At Christ Church (128 Princes Way Drouin) there is informal family-focused Crib service at 4.30pm and a 'Midnight Mass' at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, and a 9am communion service on Christmas Day.

Regular Sunday services at St James, Jindivick take place at 11.30am every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Kind regards

Rev'd John Webster

