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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

**Mar 5** Jindi Jems meet  
**Mar 5** Ash Wednesday Services in Drouin  
**Mar 9** Opening Tess White show at Red Tree Gallery  
**Mar 11** (Date change) JPA and Hall meetings  
**Mar 23** McGeoch talk, RTG  
**April 5** Rare Plant Fair  
**April 5** Garden at Broughton Hall opens for visits  
**April 5** Jindi Country Market  
**April 12** Back to Jindivick Reunion  
(continued left)

## 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 contact John Webster Ph:0448 499 093

**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 and on Sun 9-3. Closed Saturdays and Public Holidays

**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). **Committee** meeting 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm

**Jindi Jems** Meets 1st Wednesday of each month location advised. For more information contact Maz: ph: 0447491502

**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.

**Jindivick Progress Association** Meets monthly in the Jindivick Hall at 6:30 2nd Thursday. New members welcome

**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.

**April 19** Easter Service, at St. Stephens, Jindivick  
**May 4** Primary School Working Bee

## 'Back to Jindivick' Reunion

(let's catch up and reminisce before it's too late)  
A "back to" will be held in the Jindivick Hall on Saturday April 12, from noon onwards.  
BYO lunch or enjoy a provided light lunch. Tea and coffee available. \$10 donation to help cover the cost of the hall. For more information or to help out, contact Heather (longtime staff member at the Jindivick General Store) Email: [heather.mason@dcsi.net.au](mailto:heather.mason@dcsi.net.au)

## Very Special Thanks

Jindivick Progress Association thanks Amanda Allen for her tireless efforts when putting the Jindivick newsletter together over the last 2 years. Well done Amanda

**St. James' Church** The season of Lent is a significant period in the Christian Calendar. It serves as a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation for Easter. It traditionally lasts for 40 days (not counting Sundays) and commemorates the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert.

Lent starts on **Ash Wednesday**, which is observed seven weeks before Easter Sunday. The name "Ash Wednesday" comes from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a sign of repentance and humility. The ashes typically come from the burned palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday. During Lent, many Christians choose to give up certain luxuries or adopt certain practices to enhance their spiritual growth. These can include fasting, giving up certain foods or activities, increased prayer, almsgiving, or performing acts of charity.

**Ash Wednesday Services** Wednesday, 5 March in Drouin at 10am and 7pm

**Easter Service at Jindivick** will be celebrated on Holy Saturday 19 April 7pm Easter Vigil (*Service of Light & Communion*)

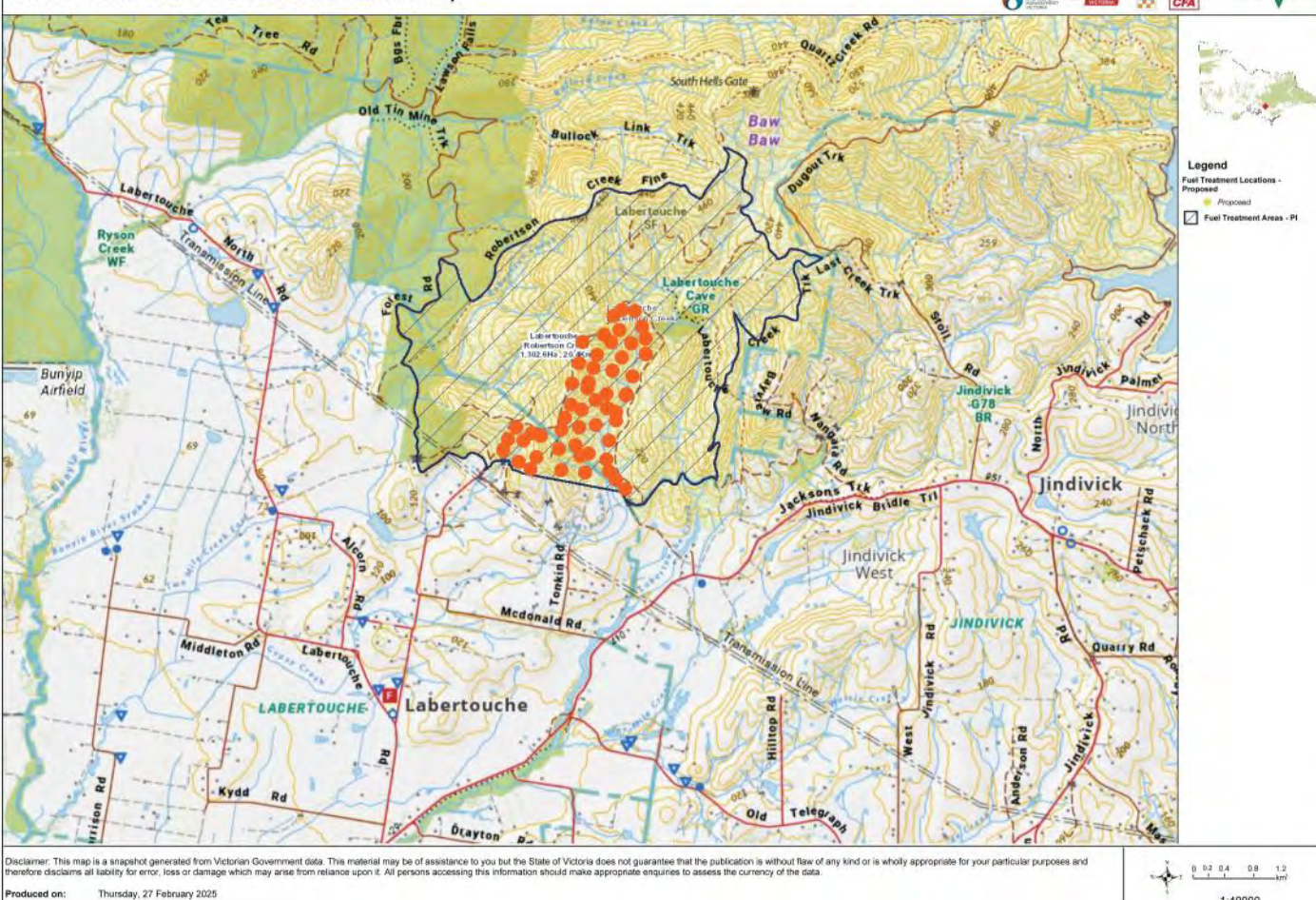
**Jindi Jems** Several of the Jems enjoyed coffee at 2 Doors Over in Drouin in February. Our March get together is on Wed 5th & we're meeting at Soul Sisters in Longwarry at 10am for coffee & a catch up. If you'd like to join us, please contact Maz on 0447491502 for table booking.



## Planned burn - State Forest near Jindivick

Forest Fire Management (FFM) has notified landholders near the State Forest of a planned burn scheduled from March to June 2025. The burn objective is to develop fuel-reduced areas of sufficient width and continuity to reduce the speed and intensity of bushfires. The target area is 20-50% of the total area i.e., 260ha to 650ha. Walkers and horse riders often use this area. The planned burn is within the non-motorised zone of the Labertouche State Forest, as shown on the map. The blue line shows the whole area. The orange dots indicate the current planned burn for this autumn (the area south of Gipsy Creek Track). To obtain updates on the exact timing of the burn, register on the site: <https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/burn-site/3006518>

LABERTOUCHE - ROBERTSON CREEK Planned Burn Map



## March is a very busy month for Local Artists

**Red Tree Gallery** is exhibiting **Tess Walsh's** colourful and varied paintings until March 26th. Join her at the Gallery's opening of her work on 9th March at 2pm.

Scottish artist **John McGeoch** will give a talk on his diverse work which includes producing light shows, animations, games and sculptures, often in collaboration with other artists. John is also a poet and joins the Jindi Writer's Group when visiting our area. His talk is also at Red Tree Gallery, on Sunday 23 March, from 2-3pm.

A number of **local sculptors** are currently exhibiting in the **5th Biennial Gippsland Sculpture Exhibition** in Yinnar. The show includes both indoor and outdoor work—the latter can be seen in the local streets. Visit Yinnar between 9 March and 20 April to enjoy the stunning work by over 100 sculptors using a huge range of media.







**Drouin West CFA**  
**100% Volunteers**  
**Keeping our Communities Safe**



Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February was a busy day for our volunteer firefighters with several fires in Jindivick started by lightning strikes to trees. We had incidents on Nangara Rd (15 appliances) and Main Jindivick Rd (7 appliances). We are trained to hit these fires quickly and efficiently, so that we minimise impact to properties.

A quick response from our brigade, assistance from surrounding brigades, aerial support and heavy machinery quickly brought these fires under control. Our members worked throughout the night to contain and extinguish the fires in preparation for hot weather the following day.

A big thank you to all our supporting brigades who turned out and who remain ready to respond - Nilma North , Warragul, Yarragon, Drouin, Neerim South, Longwarry & District, Bunyip, Hallora & District, Noojee & CFA District 9.

For more information about Drouin West Fire Brigade visit our Facebook page:

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



If you would like to volunteer with Drouin West use this link:

Apply to Volunteer | CFA (Country Fire Authority)

*Photographs left and below taken at fire scene, Gippsland Jerseys, 2 February, 2025*



### Tarago Reservoir Information Session

Better Boating Victoria, part of Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), held a community information session at the Jindivick Hall from 5:30 PM on Thursday, 20 February. This lively session presented the concept design of a new boat ramp to be built on the western shore of the Tarago Reservoir, with access from North Jindivick Rd. Over 30 people attended and voiced many views about the proposed boat ramp and the decision by the Victorian Government to build a new boating facility at Tarago Reservoir. At the meeting, we heard that many agencies are involved in the project, with further decisions and consultation to be undertaken. The meeting was not organised by the Jindivick Progress Association. The public information about the opening of the Tarago Reservoir is found below:

<https://letstalk.melbournewater.com.au/recreation-tarago-reservoir>

<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/about/news/ramping-up-plans-to-open-tarago-reservoir-for-fishing>

Better Boating Victoria can be contacted at [BBV.Communications@vfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:BBV.Communications@vfa.vic.gov.au)

If you wish to comment on the proposal, or the future of the dam please contact these organizations.

### Australia Day Celebrations at Jindivick

Over 45 locals enjoyed a great night of music by Sue and Pat, and excellent food, at the Jindivick Hall on January 26th. Attendees included members of the Drouin West CFA (Jindivick is part of the area the Brigade covers.)

The JPA thanks the Baw Baw Shire for their donation which paid for the evening.





## JINDIVICK COUNTRY MARKET 9am to 1pm

April 2025 - Saturday 5th

Debbie, the Market Coordinator, would like to thank you all involved with the market, for the local support during her first season. She had big shoes to fill after Don retired.. JPA thanks Don for all his work over many years.

The market have a great variety of stalls, many now operated by Jindivites. Products currently on show (but by no means limited to), include jams and preserves, cakes, soaps, candles, upcycled furniture, baby products, face painting, jewellery, collectables, plants, ceramics, wooden platters, gnomes, original artwork, & wellness products. And of course, Stu with his coffee van and the Drouin West CFA tirelessly cooking up our snags every month.



The **Jindivick Landcare** group is in a reset and planning phase and **your input is welcomed**. Any members who didn't attend the planning session in February can have input via an online survey— stay tuned to your email. A lot of great ideas were generated from coordinated broadscale weed, deer and rabbit control, bush-fire planting planning, through to paddock tree protection, school children Landcare initiatives, and more. We can't do it all, but along with some new (and existing!) member energy, we are feeling positive about making impact in 2025!

It's \$30 per family to join Landcare and this puts you on the email list to stay in touch with local happenings and opportunities, as well as the Western Port District Landcare Network happenings and grants opportunities. Some recent events include a soil carbon project debrief, dung beetle research initiative, and a multi species pastures and cover crops farm day out. Some upcoming events include a farm dams field day, and a black berry control information session from a leading expert.

We would also like to acknowledge Brian Morphet who was president of the Jindivick Landcare for 7 years! Many wonderful initiatives happened across this time such as the eDNA farm dam citizen science project, school children engagement, information sessions, farm visits and more. Thank you Brian, and all members of the committee for all of your effort!

After an AGM late 2024, current Landcare committee members include Helen Barclay (President), Byron de Kock (Vice president), Peter Ronalds (Secretary), Warwick Brooks (Treasurer), John Palmer, Brian Morphet, Adele Richardson, Chris Hobbs.

Please reach out to Peter Ronalds  
ph 0402 650 382 or

Helen Barclay ph: 0410 123 405  
with any enquiries.



*Photos: Children from the year 1/2/3 class*

We're off to a fantastic start this year at **Jindivick Primary School**! Our students have been making the most of the sunshine, taking part in **Clean Up Australia Day** to help keep our school grounds looking great. We also enjoyed a wonderful **annual school picnic** with our families—always a highlight of the year!

Our **Grade 6 students** will be rising early for an exciting trip into the city, where they'll explore what it means to be a leader and how they can make a positive impact in their community. Later in March, the whole school will head to **Inverloch** to discover the fascinating world of **rockpools**, learning about the incredible plants and animals that call them home.

### **Community Involvement Opportunities**

#### **Sunday, May 4th at 8:30 AM – Working Bee**

We're calling on our amazing community to help clean out our shed, spread gravel and mulch, and keep our school grounds looking beautiful. We'd love to see you there!

#### **Help Us Build a Chicken Coop!**

We're excited to start a **chicken coop project** and would love community input to help **fund, build, and maintain** this initiative. If you have skills, materials, or ideas to contribute, we'd love to hear from you!

Thank you for your ongoing support—we look forward to another fantastic year together!





## The Garden at Broughton Hall

### and The Rare Plant Fair

The Garden at Broughton Hall opens for the Autumn season on Saturday 5 April. To celebrate the opening and the arrival of Autumn, we are running the Gippsland Autumn rare plant fair on that day, gates open at 9am.

There will be many stall holders and food and coffee options, so why not make a day of it, bring a picnic and enjoy the fair, then relax in the garden which will be draped in autumn tones.

Easy parking is organized for the Fair day, meaning there is no need to book just pay on entry. Philip and David hope to see you at the Gardens at some time through the Autumn season.

The Autumn Garden will be open until June 19 from Thursday to Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Other times available by appointment.

Ph: 0417 056 110





**Atticus Health, Jindivick** had a physiotherapist start on 7th January - **Lakshmi Jayalath** will be at Jindivick on a Tuesday. She will do private work but will bulk bill care plan patients.

Lakshmi completed her Masters in 2018 at La Trobe University, Australia, and a Bachelors in physiotherapy from 2006 to 2011 at the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Lakshmi has more than 8 years of experience working in public, private and universities, providing a range of services for individuals in both Sri Lanka and Australia.

Lakshmi worked at the University of Colombo as a lecturer and physiotherapist from 2013, publishing over 8 physiotherapy related research papers in peer-reviewed journals. She moved to Australia and started working at Robinvale District Health Service in January 2024.

She is passionate about treating musculoskeletal, neurological, and geriatric conditions, as well as rehabilitation. Lakshmi has a holistic approach to patient management with excellent interpersonal skills and uses an evidence based approach for treatment.

The clinic also has a new doctor working Mondays and Wednesdays - **Dr Afshin Rastegar** is a compassionate and highly skilled GP with expertise in heart health, chronic and complex conditions, mental health, men's health, weight management and more. He brings a wealth of experience from emergency departments to intensive care units. He is deeply passionate about helping others and making a difference in their lives. With a focus on listening and building trust, he ensures patients feel heard, valued and involved in their care.

Outside of work, he enjoys playing the violin, watching movies and spending quality time with family and friends to stay balanced and energised.

The clinic is very proud to have won the Gippsland PHN Awards in the category of Transforming Workplace Culture in November 2024.



## COUNCIL NEWS

### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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

#### **Wednesday 5 March**

– Hearing of budget submissions – 1.00pm

#### **Wednesday 12 March – 5.30pm**

#### **Wednesday 26 March – 1.00pm**

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

For a full list of the meetings for 2025, visit [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings)



### **BawBaw Shire Afterhours Service**

Calls after hours will be transferred to the Council's after hours paging service, where you can leave a message with the operator for your matter to be attended to the next working day. However for enquiries regarding animals/livestock, please contact a Community Compliance Officer during or after hours on 5624 2411.



## COUNCIL News.

### **Our Roads. Your Roads. Better Baw Baw Roads.**

**Great news! Pedder Street in Darnum is now smoother than ever after Council's recent \$50,000 road upgrade.**

Completed on 18 February 2025, this improvement is part of Baw Baw's commitment to better roads.

Have feedback about your street?  
We're here to listen – reach out to Council today!

You can learn more about Baw Baw Shire's roads by visiting our website [www.bawbawshire.co/Roads](http://www.bawbawshire.co/Roads)

