

Jindivick NEWSLETTER



APRIL
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 April newsletter is 27 April

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: Join us earlier for a cuppa & a bickie. 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 Weekdays 9am-4:30pm. Saturdays and Sundays 9am-3pm

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

Jindivick Hall For bookings go to www.jindivick.org.au/bookings. **Committee** meet 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm

Jindi Jems Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at Waragul 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 10-12noon in the Supper Room at the 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. 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

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 on 0417 188 694

Jindivick Yoga Group meet at the Hall Thurs 9:30 - 10:30am Ph Deb 0439 598 987 for info.

The Jindivick Hall is unavailable from 8 to 22 April due to internal paintworks.

Anzac Day 25 April Join with other members of the Jindivick community for the Anzac ceremony at the cenotaph at 11 am, followed by ANZAC biscuits and tea and coffee at the hall.

WHAT'S ON

April Cathy Scott and Sondy Ward Exhibit at Red Tree Gallery

April 2 Last day, term 1, JPS

April 2 Atticus Easter egg hunt

April 4 Jindivick Country Market

April 4 Garden at Broughton Hall opens for Autumn

April 4 Easter vigil, St James

April 11 Rare Plant Fair at Broughton Hall

April 25 Anzac Day Ceremony

JPA wishes all a safe and happy Easter break, filled with Family, fun and of course chocolate



JINDIVICK COMMUNITY EASTER EVENTS

Atticus Health, Jindivick is again looking forward to having its Easter Egg Hunt with JPS students & other local children on Thursday 2nd April at 2.30 pm

The clinic will be closed on the following days in April: Friday 3 April - Monday 6 April - opening again Tuesday 7 April. Also closed on Anzac Day, Saturday 25th April *Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and school holidays from Toria and the team.*

St James' Anglican Church, Jindivick

7.30pm Saturday 4 April - Easter Vigil, Service of Light & Eucharist All welcome to celebrate the Night of Resurrection

11.30am Sunday 19 April Eucharist (Holy Communion)

One of Jindivick's special long term residents, **Jack Pretty**, turns 100 on 29 April. Many current Jindivick residents first met Jack when he was running the Jindivick General Store, a family business purchased by the Pretty family (A. G. Pretty and Sons Pty Ltd) on 1 September 1936. The family operated the store for over 65 years. As well as running the 'store that had everything', Jack is well known for his community and music related activities. Congratulations Jack

Jindivick Country Market Our next, and last, market of the 2025-6 season, will be held on Saturday 4 April, Easter Saturday. There will be a wide arrange of stalls from crocheted toys, plants, 3D printed objects, baby items, honey, veggies, cards, cakes and everything in between. This is your perfect opportunity to pop in and grab some afternoon tea for visitors or a gift for someone special, or for yourself.

A friendly reminder: we all love our fur babies & they are welcome to attend the market on leads, but they are not allowed to enter the hall unless they are an assistance dog. (as per Food Standards, Aust. & NZ). Thank you for understanding.

Whatever you choose to do during your Easter celebrations, enjoy and stay safe. (see p3 for photos)

Jindivick Primary School News As we wrap up Term 1, we reflect on what has been a fantastic start to 2026. Our school community has enjoyed a range of events, and it has been wonderful to see our students actively engaged in their learning and making strong progress in their classrooms. One of the highlights this term was our whole school picnic, which ended in a whole school water fight, an absolute hit with students and staff alike!

Last week, we celebrated Harmony Day by inviting special guests from our community to share stories about their lives and experiences growing up. It was heartwarming to welcome so many grandparents, aunties, and uncles into our school and to see our students learning from their perspectives.



On 25 March, our senior students (Years 3–6) competed in the Athletics Day. It was fantastic to see everyone giving their best effort, supporting one another, and celebrating success, with many students earning ribbons for their achievements.

A special congratulations to Evie, who was named Overall Female Champion for the Under 10 age group, an outstanding achievement! (See left)

Our last day of term will be Thursday 2nd April, with an early dismissal at 2:30pm.

We wish all our families and the Jindivick community a safe, happy, and relaxing holiday break.



Landcare Hunt for the Giants Launch Inspires Community Tree Hunt

Around 50 community members gathered at Glen Cromie Caravan Park recently to celebrate the launch of the *Hunt for the Giants* – a community project inviting locals to help uncover and celebrate the most significant gum trees across Jindivick, Drouin West, Neerim District and Labertouche.

The evening featured a BBQ, plenty of conversation, and a fascinating presentation from special guest Brett Mifsud, one of Australia's leading experts on giant trees. Brett shared a wealth of insights about our forest giants.

Can you complete the "Giant Tree Quiz" inspired by Brett's talk?

1. How many trees over 90 metres tall have been recorded in Victoria since 2000? Twelve – however 5 were killed in the 2009 bushfires leaving 7. Victoria is still home to some extraordinary forest giants; potentially more can reach great heights.

2. Are the tallest trees always very old? Not necessarily. Three of Victoria's tallest trees are actually less than 100 years old, showing how quickly eucalypts can grow in the right conditions. Girth and wood volume measurements are also key to indicating age.

3. Why have nearly all of our largest trees disappeared in Victoria? Primarily lost through land clearing, and also through major bushfires, particularly those in 1926, 1939, 2009 & 2019.

4. How old is one of Victoria's most famous giants, the Ada Tree? It's estimated to be around 400 years old.

5. Where might hollow habitat develop faster – dense forest or open paddocks? Often in open-grown paddock trees, which can develop hollows more quickly and provide important wildlife habitat.

6. Will our Tree Hunt reveal any trees that pre-date colonisation – or at least significant land clearing times of our regions? Let's find out! Everyone is invited to join. Keep an eye out for tall, large, or significant native trees. Help us reveal the remarkable giants hidden across our region – to be showcased at an event in May 2026.

Red Tree Gallery

DYNAMIC RESONANCE

Two Hearts - One Divine Echo

A PAINTERS' EXHIBITION FEATURING THE ART OF
CATHY SCOTT AND SONDY WARD

420 MAIN JINDIVICK RD, JINDIVICK
OPEN 9AM-4PM EVERY DAY
DURING MARCH AND APRIL 2026
GALLERY PH: 0457 099 094

OPENINGS 2PM SAT	28 FEB + 28 MAR	2026
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Everyone's participation in March/April is welcome. Look for large or old trees in your area. You can submit more than once. Wondering if your tree is big enough to submit? If you think it is significant, then yes please, we would love you to share it

Left Learning some basics of tree measurements



Giants Submission Form

<https://forms.gle/UhpopuHBc3DuS8fW8> or Scan the QR code above with your phone camera to find the link, or request a manual survey.

The Garden at Broughton Hall opens for the Autumn season on April 4 at 10 am, trading from Thursdays to Sundays 10 am - 4 pm until 14 June. Yes, the garden is open each day over Easter!

The Gippsland Autumn Rare Plant Fair is on Sat 14 April. Visit this special market from 9 am—4pm



THE GIPPSLAND RARE & UNUSUAL PLANT FAIR

Saturday 11th Apr 2026 | 9 am till 4 pm
In the garden at Broughton Hall
\$25 Entry incl. Garden Entry




Musker's
The Garden at Broughton Hall
125 Palmer Road, Jindivick 3618
0417 056 110 (David)

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A few examples from the range of items available at the 4 April Jindivick Country-Market





COUNCIL News

Kinder enrolments for 2027 opening soon.

First round kinder applications for three and four year old kindergarten in Baw Baw Shire are about to open.

The first-round applications will open in the first week of April and close on 30 June 2026.

To begin the process of enrolling your child for kinder you must complete the Expression of Interest form on Council's website: bawbawshire.co/kinderEOI

Following this, you will receive an email when applications open.

Kindergartens across Baw Baw will also host open days. If you can't make an open day, please see the video series on Council's website, which walks you through all of Council's individual kindergartens: <https://bawbawshire.co/videotours>

To find out more, scan the QR code.



Upcoming Council Meetings:

The following Council meeting will be held in April 2026 in the Fountain Room, West Gippsland Arts Centre.

Wednesday 22 April – 1pm
Ordinary Council Meeting

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 2026, visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

Upcoming Events:

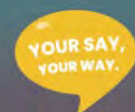
For a full list of the current events, visit www.bawbawshire.co/Events-Calendar



Baw Baw Connect – Have Your Say, Your Way!

Council currently has one community engagement opportunity open for consultation!

- Customer Charter and Complaints Policy
- Visit bawbawconnect.com.au to have your say, your way.



ANZAC DAY 2026

services across Baw Baw Shire.

ANZAC Day is an opportunity to commemorate the men and women who have served our nation in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. Local services will be conducted at the following locations across Baw Baw Shire:

Sunday 19 April 2026

- **Longwarry** – 2.00pm at the Longwarry Memorial Park

Saturday 25 April 2026

- **Aberfeldy** – 12.00pm at the Aberfeldy ANZAC Memorial
- **Darnum** – 10.45am at the Darnum War Memorial
- **Drouin** at the Drouin Cenotaph, Memorial Park:
 - 6.00am – Dawn Service
 - 10.00am – March from Bendigo Bank Car Park followed by Main Service
- **Erica** – 9.00am at the Erica Cenotaph
- **Hill End** – 10.30am at the Hill End Cenotaph
- **Jindivick** – 11.00am at the Jindivick Cenotaph
- **Longwarry North** – at the Vietnam Veterans & Veterans Motorcycle Club Australia
 - 6.00am – Dawn Service
 - 11.00am – Main Service

- **Narracan East** – 9.30am at the Narracan East Cenotaph
- **Neerim South** – 2.00pm at the Neerim Health Hospital Grounds
Wreaths will also be laid at Neerim, Neerim East and Neerim North (no services at these locations)
- **Noojee** – 6.00am at the Noojee War Memorial
- **Thorpdale** – 9.00am at the Thorpdale Cenotaph
- **Trafalgar** at the Trafalgar Cenotaph:
 - 6.00am – Dawn Service
 - 10.45am – March
 - 11.00am – Main Service
- **Walhalla** – 6.00am at the Walhalla War Memorial
- **Warragul** at the Warragul Cenotaph:
 - 6.00am – Dawn Service
 - 9.45am – March down Victoria Street
 - 10.00am – Main Service
- **Willow Grove** – 9.30am at the Willow Grove Cenotaph
- **Yarragon** – 10.30am at the Yarragon Cenotaph

Temporary road closures will be in place to accommodate services at some locations, please visit our website for more information.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early.

Please note if you would like your local Anzac Day service to be included on Council's website, please email events@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au. The time and location of these services was correct at the time of printing.



Drouin West CFA

100% Volunteers Keeping our Communities Safe



Please remember to download the Vic Emergency app if you have not already done so. It is vital to keeping you informed of emergencies in your area, not only during the fire danger period, but all year round. For a copy of your guide to survival search link here. <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/.../CFA%20Your%20Guide%20to...>

Besides it's fire fighting activities, Drouin West CFA has been busy in the community over the last few months eg selling sausages and raffle tickets at the Jindivick market. Your support is very much appreciated as we are fundraising for an upgrade our Breathing Apparatus Room with the installation of a washer/dryer so the volunteers no longer have to take their dirty turnout gear with all the nasties home with them.

We held a well-received information evening on 15 February discussing bushfire safety, in particular if one should stay or go, and developing a fire plan.



Please feel free to ask any questions around fire safety at the markets and one of our volunteers will be happy to advise

Over the next few months we will be conducting (PAVS) Property Advice Visit Service, a free, one-on-one, 30-50 minute on-site consultation for Victorians

in high-bushfire-risk areas around the community. Please contact the brigade if you would like a PAV visit at your place and feel free to ask any questions you may have.

We at Drouin West are 100% volunteers. We endeavor to turn up at any time, night or day, to help protect the surrounding area safe from fires and other incidents. Apply to volunteer | CFA (Country Fire Authority)



Jindivick Country Market

Our next monthly market will be held on Saturday 7th March - on the Labour Day Long Weekend — from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

With several new stalls attending the last couple of markets, along with our regular stall holders, you are guaranteed to find a bargain. Grab your friends and family and come out to our friendly little market, explore its varied stalls and find that unexpected item or a gift for a special occasion. Dogs on leashes are most welcome

This market will also be the last for one for **Ros from**

Jindigo Naturals as she retires from market life. We wish her all the best and enjoy those Saturday morning sleep ins. On a personal note, I wish to thank Ros for putting out the market signs in Jindivick for me this season. It has been much appreciated.

If you would like to have a stall at the market contact me at email: countrymarket@jindivick.org.au or ph 0438 390 633
Debbie Robinson, Jindivick Market Co-Ordinator



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