

Jindivick NEWSLETTER

August
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 September newsletter is 31 August.

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.*

WHAT'S ON

August The Winterfillins
at Red Tree Gallery

August 2 Opening of
Winterfillins Group
exhibition at Red Tree G.

August 11 Census night

August 27 AGM BB
Sustainability Network

October Start of
Jindivick Country Market
Season

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 bikkie Further info: John Webster Ph:0448 499 093

Atticus Health, Jindivick Make an appointment at: www.atticushealth.com.au/location/jindivick-medical-clinic phone 56 285 445 Open Weekdays 9-4:30, Sundays 9am - 3pm Closed on 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.

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

Jindi Jems Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at Willing Enable Cafe. New members welcome. For more information contact Marilyn: ph: 0437 126 876

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

Jindivick Pilates Mat Class at Jindivick Hall. 10am Wed BYO mat & drink bottle. Suits all abilities. Ph: Shari 0418349106

Jindivick Pool Nights Friday night contact Phil 0411 433 450.

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

Jindi Writers Group Meets on Wednesdays 11am at Red Tree Gallery. No experience necessary. BYO lunch, pen & paper. If you'd like more info call Mandy on 0419 384600 or Amanda 0417 188694

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

With your help Landcare has documented many Giant Trees in our area (more information p.5)

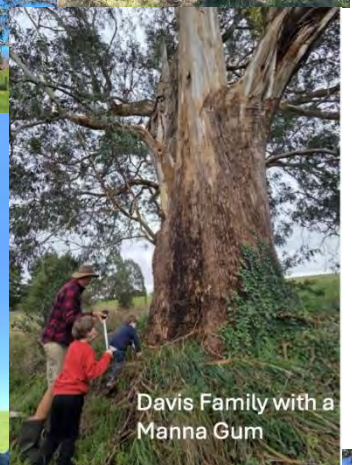
4 year old Charlie with a
Mountain Ash
65 Meters tall



Phil Ronalds



Charmaine & Chris
Bagot with a Blue Gum



Davis Family with a
Manna Gum



6 year old Angus with a
Messmate

Message from the Jindivick Country Market Coordinator

Our first market for the season will be held in October with stallholder applications opening in August. Anyone interested in having a stall at our market this season, please feel free to reach out to me.

We have also had to start a new Facebook page as we had a few unsolvable issues with the previous one. The new page is called **Jindivick CM**, please jump on, follow & share to enable us to get us out there again. NB the old page will close in the next couple of months. Any questions? feel free to contact me on: 0438 390 633 or email: countrymarket@jindivick.org.au

Thanks Debbie



In July **Baw Baw Sustainability Network** launched **The Ripple Effect**, a new weekly radio program on 3BBR 103.1FM

(<https://us.list-manage.com/rhVGCnf58nT?e=3e7977a66d&c2id=c23e62763b26c70f2354a1448d1fe1fb>)

Tune in on Mondays (or listen back) for inspiring conversations, local stories, interviews and practical ideas about sustainability, climate action & creating stronger, more resilient communities.

Whether you're passionate about protecting our environment, interested in local initiatives, or simply looking for ways to make a positive difference, The Ripple Effect has something for you.

The Winterfillins Group are exhibiting their new works at the **Red Tree Gallery** in September.

The four artists friends are active members of Warragul's vibrant art community, attend adult art classes run by Jo Draisma, and for three of them this is their second joint exhibition. The Winterfillins were also involved in the interactive Art Experiences "Alice in Wonderland" 2025 and "Mythological Creatures" 2026 at the Warragul Arts Centre. The official exhibition is on 2 August 11am – 3pm

David, a Gippslander, has created art from childhood. He especially enjoys anime. His style has developed from b&w sketches into a vibrant world of fantastical people, creatures & landscapes with sci fi & fantasy elements.



Amanda is also a local artist, who runs a stall at Warragul Arts' Market. She works mainly in acrylics using colour & line with precision. Her style is often whimsical & haunting & may leave viewers wondering "What are they thinking?" "Where are they going?"

Since retirement **Judy** has been able to explore techniques, ideas & media & find her own style. Working in several mediums, her art can be very intricate & fun.



Kylie believes that creativity has finds us when we need it most. Today Kylie mainly creates abstract pieces, enjoying the freedom to explore emotion, movement & colour without being confined to a particular subject.

The Baw Baw Sustainability Network's AGM will be held on Thursday 27 August. The AGM is an opportunity to reflect on our achievements over the past 12 months, celebrate the dedication of our volunteers, members & supporters, & look ahead to the opportunities & challenges of the next year. We'll also present our annual reports, elect next year's Committee, & discuss our plans to continue to promote sustainability across Baw Baw. At the end of formalities, we'll be joined by a special guest speaker.

We encourage you to come along and have your say. New committee members & volunteers are always welcome. This is your chance to get involved & make a real difference in our community. No need to register for the AGM, but to give us an idea of numbers for catering, you can register in advance at (<https://us.list-manage.com/kEbA8c9UCB2?e=3e7977a66d&c2id=c23e62763b26c70f2354a1448d1fe1fb>)

Atticus Health Jindivick is now open on weekdays, and on Sundays

When to visit your doctor of choice:

Dr Rashmi - in clinic Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Dr Sheetal is in on Fridays but not taking new patients

Dr Fatemeh - in clinic Monday, Tuesday morning & Thursday

Dr Afshin - in clinic Monday, Wednesday morning & Thursday: telehealth Tuesday 1-5 pm

Dr Bahar - in clinic Tuesday, Wednesday & Sunday (9.30 am - 3.00 pm)

Dr Juliana - in clinic Tuesday & Friday

Dr Gabriel - in clinic Monday & Thursday

Wombat Mange

At first you think it's odd, a wombat out gazing during the day, but on closer inspection you may notice that the wombat isn't in great shape. Is there fur missing, scabs on the body & around the eyes, and it's madly scratching? Could be that the wombat you're observing is suffering from Wombat Mange. Sarcoptic mange is a fatal skin disease caused by microscopic mites burrowing under a wombat's skin, leading to severe fur loss, thickened crusts, constant itching and hypothermia. If left untreated, it is 100% fatal. However, the disease is treatable using pour-on medications. If you suspect that a wombat has mange, please contact Mange Management via their web page mangemanagement.org.au. You can fill out a report and a volunteer will contact you. If this is not possible, please call 0431 600 125. Treatment is completely free and is available locally to collect.





Drouin West CFA

100% Volunteers
Keeping Our Communities Safe



Breathing Apparatus* Room Upgrade/Enhancement Completed

DWCFA is pleased to share that the BA Room Upgrade/Enhancement project has been completed. This project began in February 2025 & has transformed our existing BA Room into a more functional & effective facility to support BA operations, firefighter Personal Protective Clothing (PPC) cleaning, and contamination management. At the August 2025 Brigade meeting, it was decided that DWFB would purchase & install a washing machine. Following this decision, and after the Safety-First Working Group Report was finalised, the BMT continued planning different layouts and upgrades for the BA Room to better support members in handling & processing contaminated Personal Protective Clothing (PPC).

Enhancements included upgrading the bench space to stainless steel, increasing storage, improving plumbing & electrical services, installing cabinetry, painting, fabricating a stainless-steel sink, & installing a washing machine capable of washing & drying large loads of firefighter PPC.

***Breathing Apparatus** is used when firefighters need to go into an area of dangerous atmosphere.

Thank You to Our External Supporters

This project was made possible through the generosity, skills & time contributed by many individuals, local trades, businesses, & community organisations. The brigade sincerely thanks everyone who played a role in delivering this important improvement to our station, including:

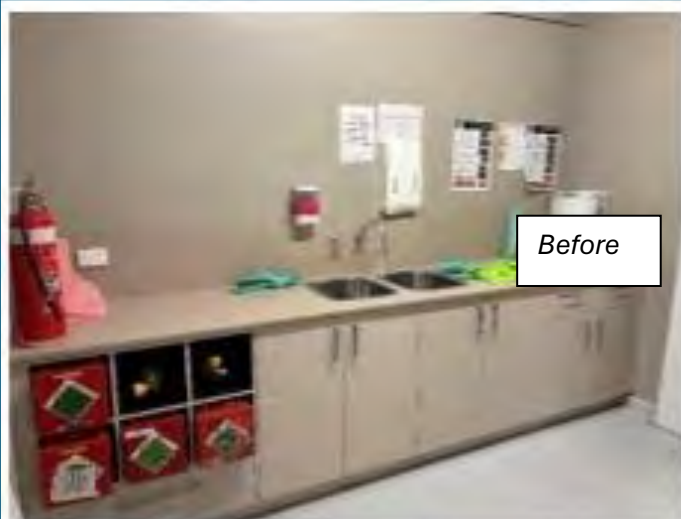
- Ablett Plumbing & Gas Fitting, Michael Ablett, for plumbing works at a reduced cost.
- Drouin Anglican Church, for a \$1,000 donation.
- Gregory Fitness Centre, for their ongoing donations.
- Harvey Norman Warragul, for providing the washing machine at a reduced cost.
- Jindivick Progress Association, for ongoing donations.
- Riley's Cabinetry, for donating and installing the cabinetry.
- Corkserve Pty Ltd, Joe Gazzola, for painting works at a reduced cost.
- Stylelines Stainless Custom Fabrications, Richard and Sharon George, for providing the benchtop.
- Southern Ridge Electrical – Simon Lee Gardiner, for electrical works at a reduced cost.

Project Management and Fundraising

The project would not have been possible without the commitment of the small project team, including Craig, Simone and Graeme. We thank them for their enthusiasm, persistence & hard work in helping bring this important upgrade to completion.

The Brigade has also worked hard to raise funds to support this project. Money raised through community engagement events, Santa runs, and other fundraising activities helped make the upgrade possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the project's success.

The BA Room Official Opening Presentation was held at our Brigade meeting night on 15 July 2026, where the brigade was proud to formally recognise those who contributed to this valuable enhancement.



Hunt for the Giants unveiled at showcase event

More than 65 people gathered in June to celebrate one of our district's greatest natural assets—the remarkable giant trees that still stand across the agricultural landscapes of Jindivick, Drouin West, Neerim District and Labertouche.

The Jindivick Hall came alive with large images of ~ 40 tree entries submitted by local landholders, revealing an extraordinary collection of towering eucalypts, magnificent old paddock trees and local favourites. **Incredibly it looks like one or two trees might break some national tree register records (more to come).** A cinematic film of some of the trees was also shown, and tall tree expert, Brett Mifsud joined the night to help judge some special awards – “The Beauty” (**~60meters tall**) and “The Beast” (**circumference >13M**). Add in a pizza dinner and it was a wonderful community night for the young and not so young!

Did you miss out on the tree hunt?

We hope to run another Hunt for the Giants in the coming years, giving more landholders the chance to share their special trees. Eventually we hope to create an online map so these significant trees can be celebrated and remembered for generations to come.

Preserving our tree giants – next steps

The project is now moving from discovery to on-ground action. We want to help preserve these significant trees that provide wildlife habitat, livestock shelter and a living connection to our region's history. Thanks to Landcare Victoria funding via Melbourne Water, Jindivick Landcare can work with interested landholders to fence and revegetate around giant paddock trees where appropriate. We will be reaching out to the Tree Hunt participants soon, or don't hesitate to contact with interest

Jindivicklc@gmail.com or phone Helen on 0410 123 405



**Thank you to everyone who submitted a tree (or more),
attended the showcase and helped bring to life this
Tree Giant initiative!**

**Keep an eye out – Willing Enable café in Jindivick is rotating giant tree
submissions on the notice board!**



COUNCIL News

Master Plan proposed for Roberts Court Bushland Reserve

The community is invited to review a draft master plan guiding future use and ongoing management of Roberts Court Bushland Reserve in Drouin.

The draft master plan aims to deliver a long-term, cohesive vision for the reserve which reflects the ecological importance of the site and provides structure for future use, access and long-term management.

Have your say, your way
by 5.00pm on **Thursday 20
August** and make sure your
voice is heard!



FOGO now underway across Baw Baw

The Food Organics Garden Organics Services has now commenced in Baw Baw, so residents should be placing their food scraps into their green FOGO bin, alongside their garden clippings.

All households should have their new kitchen caddy by now. By using your kitchen caddy to collect food scraps before emptying them into your green bin, you can help make a positive difference.

These changes are an important step towards reducing landfill and creating a more sustainable future.

What can go in your green bin?

For a full list of accepted FOGO items, visit Council's website at bawbawshire.co/FOGO or scan the QR code.



EMPLOYMENT EXPO

Baw Baw Shire Council will host the annual Employment Expo in September this year.

When: Wednesday 30 September

Time: 10am - 1pm

Where: Fountain Room, West Gippsland Arts Centre

Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for more information!

CURRENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Council currently has one community engagement opportunity open for consultation!

Visit Baw Baw Connect to
Have Your Say, Your Way!

- **Roberts Court Bushland**



Upcoming Council Meeting:

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

Wednesday 26 August - 1.00pm
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



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