

Jindivick NEWSLETTER

February
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 March newsletter is 25 February

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

Feb 7 Jindivick Market

Feb 8 Opening Susan Cock's work at Red Tree Gallery

Feb 15 CFA Fire Safety Community Information Night

Feb 26 Backyard Self-Sufficiency with Helen Wilson

Late February Launch of Landcare Giant Tree Hunt project

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 Weekdays 9am-4:30pm. Saturdays 9am-2pm

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 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 10-12noon 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.



Welcome to 2026, hope you all had enjoyable rest over the festive season. The first market for this year will be held on Saturday 7th February. Our little market is continuing to thrive. It offers a diverse range of goods, with a variety of

delicious foods / treats, unique crafts and even supplies for your 4-legged friends.

I'm sure you will find some hidden gems and some new and exciting items from our stall holders Pop in, say hello, enjoy a CFA sausage, or a coffee from the coffee van, as well as home made cakes etc from stalls in the hall, and explore your local market.



Backyard Self-Sufficiency Baw Baw Sustainability Network invites all to an inspiring evening with Helen Wilson, a passionate advocate for growing, harvesting, preserving, & enjoying home-grown food. Her thriving vegetable garden is complemented by a diverse orchard featuring espaliered apples & pears, stone fruit, citrus, and berries. 7-9:30pm, 26 February, at Yarragon Uniting Church Hall, Campbell St, Yarragon To register go to: <https://www.bbsn.org.au/events-1/backyard-self-sufficiency-with-helen-wilson>

Jindivick Primary School Welcome back to the 2026 school year. We are thrilled to be back and to see our wonderful students after the summer holiday break.

This year, we are pleased to welcome two new teachers to our school community. **Mrs Lea Naismith** joins us to teach **Art and Auslan**, and **Mr Mitchell Boatman** will be teaching in our **Year 4–6 class**. We look forward to the skills and enthusiasm they bring to our school.

Term 1 is always a busy and exciting time, with plenty of opportunities for students to reconnect and build relationships. Over the coming weeks, we will be focusing on *getting-to-know-you* activities, whole-school gatherings, buddy programs, and our **Junior and Senior Athletics**, which we will enjoy alongside other local schools.

At Jindivick Primary School, we place a strong emphasis on student leadership. Every **Grade 6 student** has the opportunity to take on the role of **School Captain throughout the year**, helping them develop confidence, public speaking skills, and a sense of responsibility while supporting our younger students. Our Grade 6 students will also travel to Melbourne to attend the **National Young Leaders Day Conference**, where they will hear from inspiring celebrities, business leaders, and sports stars about their leadership journeys.

We are very much looking forward to a positive and rewarding year ahead and to continuing our strong connections with families and the wider Jindivick community.

Red Tree Gallery Susan Cock's February show features many diverse pieces created with textiles, quilts and black stitch. (see right) A person of many talents, Sue also presents drawings, collage paintings, and much more to amaze and delight the viewer. Everyone is welcome to meet Sue at the exhibition opening on Sunday 8th of Feb ,2pm, to discuss her work and to partake of Laurie's unique catering. The show is open now and will run for most of February.



Atticus Health Jindivick

A new doctor , Dr Bahar Bakhtiari has joined the team. Currently she will work on Wednesdays 9am -4.30 pm, & Saturdays 9am to 2pm. We are excited that the clinic will resume weekends again. If there is enough support & a call for it, we will gradually start opening the clinic again on Sunday as well



A little bit about Dr Bahar:-

Dr Bahar Bakhtiari is a GP with over 17 years of experience & mum to a kind-hearted, funny boy. She has a special interest in mental health, women's health & geriatric medicine, & is passionate about building genuine connections with her patients to support them throughout their health journey.

Her approach to care is straightforward, compassionate & patient-centred, aiming to help people feel comfortable & understood.

Dr Bahar loves her work, believing it continues to challenge her, teach her & shape her growth.



Special thanks to David and Philip of **Broughton Hall*** who sent in beautiful garden photos on one of those horrible days in BOM's "Extreme Weather Event". Please take a break to enjoy them. (see also p.6)



*David and Philip also sent the following message:
Hi Jindivick gardeners, I'm guessing everyone is watering right now with the heat and dry. We are cutting back as well to encourage an autumn foliage flush We re open on April 4. The Gippsland Autumn rare plant fair is on April 11, so we are working like mad to get everything looking great for the autumn season, I think the most beautiful time of year in a garden in Jindivick. Hope to see you all at the fair, or over our open season April 4 to June 19

Jindivick Landcare Group



This February the Jindivick rabbit action group is seeking your help to monitor the latest rabbit issues in the area.

Have you noticed lots of bunnies around your property? Are you concerned about the damage that rabbits can cause to the environment? Rabbits dig under built structures, eat our gardens and crops, compete with native species, and cause erosion. Successful control of our feral rabbit population is possible if we work together.

The first step is to understand the size of our problem. Jindivick Landcare invites you to join our local team monitoring rabbits and rabbit damage (before we attempt coordinated control). We are using modern technology, which makes the task easy. FeralScan is a free downloadable app for your phone. With a couple of clicks, you can contribute to a detailed map of where rabbits are doing the most damage in our area. Or if you prefer, you can send through your observations to our action group via phone or email.

Would you like to help with the monitoring effort or learn more about rabbit management? Please contact us: Email Jindivick Landcare group at Jindivicklc@gmail.com or call Fiona Sinna-mon 0420 541 414 or Helen Barclay 0410 123 405.

HUNT FOR THE GIANTS

Across the Jindivick, Drouin West, Neerim District and Labertouche regions stand remarkable old gum trees. Towering in paddocks, bush land and roadsides, they have watched over farms, families and landscapes for generations.



Join us for the "Tree Hunt"

Anyone's participation in our regions is welcomed across March/April 2026.

1. Look for large or old gum trees on your own properties
2. Keep an eye out along roadsides, paddocks and nearby bushland
3. Submit observations/entries through an easy tree survey form
4. Join us for a Giant Tree showcase to reveal the results in May 2026

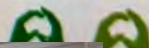
Coming soon

Register interest so you don't miss details
<https://forms.gle/s7KkFzH6DrTaVip9>
Launch event (late Feb) – BBQ & Speaker
 Glen Cromie Caravan Park / Playground.



This is a community-led Landcare project to reveal, celebrate and in some instances protect significant gum trees before they are lost to age, stock damage or extreme weather.

Support by Victorian Government & Melbourne



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Australia Day Celebrations in Jindivick Locals gathered at the Hall on the evening of 26 January to celebrate Australia Day with an enjoyable catch up and a community provided meal.



COUNCIL News

Downton Park Pavilion Upgrade

The upgrade to the sporting pavilion at Downton Park in Yarragon is well underway.

Construction of the coaches' box, power, water and hydrant works are now complete.

Construction of the new pavilion has begun with framing, services rough-ins, roof, doors and windows now complete.

This project will transform the pavilion into a modern and accessible facility for the community to enjoy. Works are expected to be completed in March 2026.

This project is funded with the support of a \$1.8M contribution from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and a \$250,000 contribution from the Victorian Government's Community Sport and Recreation Projects Program.

For more information on this and other major projects please visit www.bawbawshire.co/MajorProjects



Baw Baw Shire residents who need to safely dispose of hazardous household chemicals from their garage, cupboards and under kitchen sinks can register to drop them off at the upcoming free Baw Baw Shire Detox Your Home event on Saturday 14 March 2026.

To view the full media release, please visit our website: Residents invited to safely dispose of hazardous household chemicals <https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Latest-News/Residents-invited-to-safely-dispose-of-hazardous-household-chemicals>

NB Farm chemicals and chemicals used by businesses WILL NOT be accepted at the Detox Your Home event. For more information on the disposal of agricultural chemicals residents can visit www.agsafe.org.au or free call 1800 008 182 for collection of unwanted rural chemicals.

Baw Baw Shire Council is proud to be working alongside the Australian Red Cross to help build disaster resilience in local children.

To view the full media release, please visit our website: Local students benefit from Resilient Kids program <https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Latest-News/Local-students-benefit-from-Resilient-Kids-program>

NEW Emergency Dashboard

Council has launched a new Emergency Dashboard. For more information on how to stay informed, prepared and connected this fire season and to view the Emergency Dashboard visit www.bawbawshire.co/emergency or follow the link on Council's website.



Baw Baw Connect – Have Your Say, Your Way!

Council currently has one community engagement opportunity open for consultation!

- Trial mobility car parking spaces at Warragul Leisure Centre
- Visit bawbawconnect.com.au to have your say, your way.



YOUR SAY,
YOUR WAY.



FOGO
Feed Organics and
Garden Organics

From July 2026, residents with a Council kerbside waste service will be able to place food scraps into their green bin – helping support the natural environment by creating compost and reducing waste to landfill.

To find out more visit bawbawshire.co/FOGO



Small acts make a big impact

Sustainability Victoria

Upcoming Council Meetings:

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

Wednesday 25 February – 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



Drouin West CFA

100% Volunteers Keeping our Communities Safe
Drouin West CFA February Update



Members of the Drouin West CFA have been particularly busy in recent weeks, with several volunteers deployed to a large fire in northern Victoria. Our brigade was represented across a range of critical roles, including Strike Team Leader, driver, and support within the Incident Control Centre (ICC). We sincerely thank these members for their commitment, professionalism, and dedication during this response.

From a local perspective, we have also been actively using our social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram, to keep our community up to date. As a 100% volunteer brigade, community support is vital. If you feel you could help in any way, we encourage you to get in touch via our Facebook page or the CFA website. There are many opportunities available from front-line firefighting to behind the scenes support roles and everything in between. Volunteering is a rewarding way to learn new skills, make lifelong friends, and give back to the community.

Recently, members of Drouin West CFA were also proud to attend the Australia Day celebrations at Drouin Civic Park alongside Drouin CFA, engaging with locals and celebrating our community spirit. *(see photo top left)*

Important Community Information

Evening. Drouin West CFA will hold a fire safety information evening at the Jindivick Hall on Thursday, 15 February, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. We strongly encourage all community members to attend. This is a great opportunity to have a chat with local firefighters, learn more about fire safety and preparedness, ask questions, and find out how you can help protect your home and community. Please pop in - everyone is welcome.

We've heard quite a lot about 'Extreme Weather Events' recently. Please stay safe & hydrated, check that your neighbours are safe & well, and if there are relevant warnings for our area, leave early if that's your plan. *Assist. Editor*

BE FIRE SAFE THIS SUMMER



- Get the help and support you need to respond to the threat of fire this summer.
- We will answer all your questions
- Get advice on how to prepare your home and property
- Come along to this friendly community Q&A session with trained local CFA volunteers.

You're invited to chat with CFA
SUNDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY
4PM - 6PM
JINDIVICK HALL



Confused about warnings?
Not sure what to do if a fire threatens?
What about pets and stock?

**CFA can help
with advice & resources**

MORE INFO AT

DROUIN WEST CFA FACEBOOK



Photos from Broughton Hall

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.
Marcus Tullius Cicero

