

Jindivick NEWSLETTER

March
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 25 March

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

Mar & April Cathy Scott and Sondy Ward Exhibit at Red Tree Gallery

Mar 7 Jindivick Market

Mar 8 Working bee at Hall

Mar 9 – 15 Rabbit Monitoring

Mar 13 Hunt for Giants Launch

April 4 Garden at Broughton Hall opens for Autumn

April 11 Rare Plant Fair at Broughton Hall

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 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.



HUNT FOR THE GIANTS Launch Event – FREE to join Friday 13th March 5.30pm, Glen Cromie Caravan Park

Community members across **Jindivick, Drouin West, Neerim District** and **Labertouche** are invited to join the hunt for the most significant trees towering over paddocks, bushland and roadsides.



To launch the 'Hunt for the Giants', we're excited to welcome special guest speaker **Brett Mifsud**. Brett has spent years documenting, measuring, photographing and climbing some of Australia's tallest trees across Victoria and Tasmania, and is widely recognised as a leading expert on forest giants.

RSVP & learn more about the Tree Hunt

<https://forms.gle/s7KkFfZH6DrTaVip9>

BBQ dinner, Guest Speaker, Info about the Tree Hunt, Kids welcome (playground at venue)



Supported by Victorian Government & Melbourne Water through the Victorian Landcare Grants



Jindivick Memorial Hall news

There will be a **working bee** at the Hall on March 8 from 10am to midday. All welcome. It will mainly involve outside work so please bring your gardening etc tools.

Hall upgrade Congratulations to the Hall Committee on its successful grant submission from DEECA to paint the Hall interior

PLEASE NOTE: THE LETTER BELOW IS AN OFFICIAL LETTER FROM THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S BETTER BOATING DEPT. JPA HAS HAD NO INPUT TO THIS ARRANGEMENT

Letter from Better Boating Victoria Project Update – Tarago Reservoir Boat Ramp

Dear Tarago Reservoir Stakeholder,

Better Boating Victoria is working in partnership with Melbourne Water, the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action, Baw Baw Shire Council and other agencies to implement the Victorian Government's election commitment to open up Tarago Reservoir to on-water access for recreational boating and fishing. The project involves upgrades to water treatment facilities and the construction of a boat ramp to enable on-water access. We are pleased to advise that the detailed design for the ten-space car park and toilet block at the North Jindivick Road entrance to the reservoir has been finalised following a range of site specific investigations including geotechnical reporting as well as ecological and arborist reporting.

The North Jindivick Road location was identified, and subsequently confirmed by Government in 2024, as the most suitable location for the new boat ramp, following a detailed multi-criteria assessment that considered a range of factors such as environmental conditions, cultural heritage, public access and cost. To safeguard water quality, petrol motors will not be permitted on vessels used at Tarago Reservoir. Construction of the boating facilities is expected to commence mid-2026 and be completed by October/November 2026.

Tarago Reservoir is classified as a public inland water, meaning recreational fishers require a Victorian recreational fishing licence; Must use permitted equipment; Adhere to bag and size limits and closed seasons for recreational caught species such as: **Salmonids (brown trout)** • Bag limit of 5 trout per person per day • No minimum size limit No closed season **Blackfish** • Bag limit of 2 per person per day Minimum size 30 cm • Closed season 1st Sept to 31st Dec

Melbourne Water has successfully completed water treatment upgrades to the Tarago treatment plant, whilst Gippsland Water has successfully completed water treatment upgrades to the Warragul and Neerim South treatment plants. Melbourne Water will also install on-water safety and water quality protection infrastructure at Tarago Reservoir, including buoy lines and signage.

To support the opening of Tarago Reservoir for on-water recreation and the operation of a new boat ramp, Melbourne Water is developing a Recreational Area Management Plan and Waterway rules. These will ensure that recreational access is introduced safely, sustainably and in line with drinking water protection requirements. The plan will outline rules to safeguard water quality, including identifying permitted activities (such as electric motor vessels, portable canoes and kayaks), specifying non-permitted activities (such as camping and bushwalking), and establish requirements for site security and access management, among other considerations.

Engagement on the Recreational Area Management Plan and Waterway Rules will commence shortly, and Melbourne Water invites your participation—your feedback is important.

Better Boating Victoria will continue to provide you with bi-monthly updates on the progression of the boat ramp project between now and when the ramp is opened for public use. In the meantime, if you would like any additional information about the project, please visit Better Boating Victoria's website where Frequently Asked Questions and further details are provided (link below). Alternatively, please feel free to contact Better Boating Victoria bbv.communications@vfa.vic.gov.au.

Kind regards,

Better Boating Victoria

Better Boating Victoria website – Better Boating Victoria | Easier and Cheaper Boating

Assist. Editor's note: This is the Melbourne Water site for information about the project:

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

In the 2nd last paragraph above locals are invited to provide feedback. Better Boating will be consulting on the *Community engagement on Draft Recreational Area Management Plan*. "Melbourne Water will capture your input and feedback on elements of the Recreational Area Management Plan". The latest news (Feb 2026) is the same as the above letter. *(My thanks to those who helped with this clarification. AE)*

Baw Baw Shire Council news Community groups and not for profit organisations are encouraged to reach out to Council's Community Grants team to discuss their project ideas for 2026 and 2027. To view the full media release, visit Council's website: Chat to Council about your community projects www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Latest-News/Chat-to-Council-about-your-community-projects

Seeking feedback on proposed Economic Development and Visitor Economy Strategy

To view the full media release, please visit our website: Seeking feedback on proposed Economic Development and Visitor Economy Strategy<<https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Latest-News/Seeking-feedback-on-proposed-Economic-Development-and-Visitor-Economy-Strategy>>

Jindivick Primary School

We have had a wonderful start to the 2026 school year and can't believe we are already halfway through Term 1. It has been fantastic to see our students settling so confidently into their learning and reconnecting with friends. Recently, we held our whole school picnic to welcome our new families and provide an opportunity for staff, families and students to come together. Events like this are such an important part of our school culture, strengthening the sense of belonging and connection that makes our community so special.

This year we changed up our picnic games and, thankfully, the weather was kind to us! With water relays and a whole-school water fight planned, it was certainly an afternoon to remember. The adults vs students water fight was a highlight, with plenty of laughter from both sides. I think it is safe to say we have created a new tradition! In the coming weeks, our senior students will be very busy with a number of exciting opportunities. These include the Senior Athletics Day, NDSC Discovery Day, and for our Year 6 students, a trip into the city to attend the National Young Leaders Day. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 leaders to hear from high-profile leaders from around the world and further develop their confidence and leadership skills.

Red Tree Gallery in March & April

DYNAMIC RESONANCE

Two Hearts - One Divine Echo

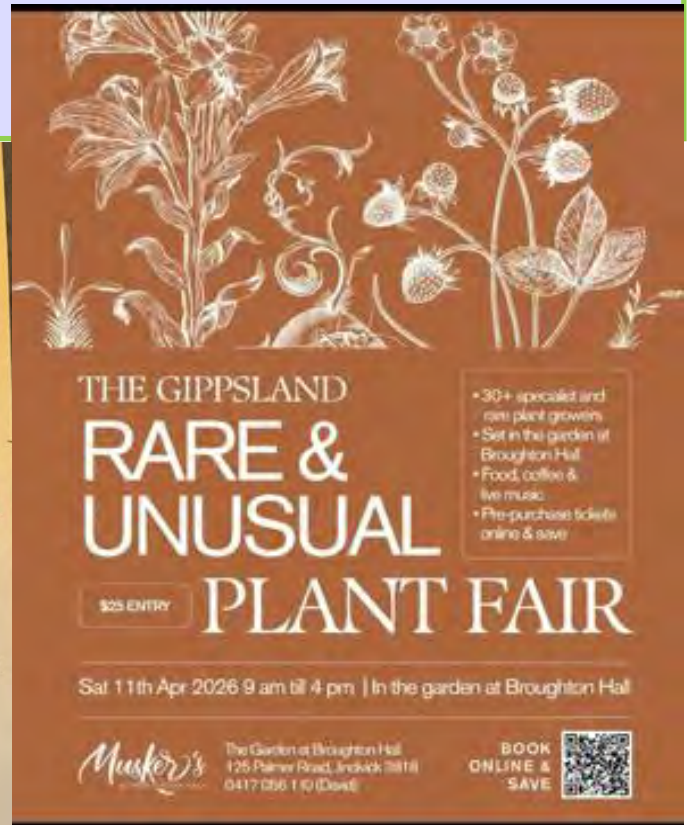
A PAINTERS' EXHIBITION FEATURING THE ART OF
CATHY SCOTT AND SONDY WARD

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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Broughton Hall news We are feeling Autumn lapping at the door, cooler nights, a chill in the air, dew on the lawn and some much needed rain. Autumn: the most beautiful season of all in Jindivick! The garden at Broughton Hall opens for the **Autumn season on the 4th April**, Thursdays to Sundays 10 am -4 pm Group bookings and dogs on leads welcome

The Gippsland Autumn Rare Plant Fair is on Saturday 11 April gates open at 9 am Don't miss this amazing event!



THE GIPPSLAND
RARE & UNUSUAL PLANT FAIR

- 30+ specialist and rare plant growers
- Set in the garden at Broughton Hall
- Food, coffee & live music
- Pre-purchase tickets online & save

\$25 ENTRY

Sat 11th Apr 2026 9 am till 4 pm | In the garden at Broughton Hall

Musker's The Garden at Broughton Hall
126 Palmer Road, Jindivick 3611
0417 026 110 (Doris)

BOOK ONLINE & SAVE 

JPA is looking for a someone to organize a **film night** for the Jindivick Community in the Jindivick Hall. The Hall has a state of the art projector, screen and audio system. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Paul on 0414 347 329



Atticus Health Jindivick is expanding its hours again!

Sunday clinic has arrived again. From Sunday 1st March the clinic will open on Sundays from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm. The exception will be public holiday weekends and odd occasions when there is no cover during Leonie's much anticipated leave in Europe. Leonie is looking forward to being away from the end of March until early June, and says photos & reports will come later! We will definitely miss her. Sarah will help in Leonie's absence.

Monday to Friday 9.00 am — 4.30 pm

Saturday - 9am - 3pm - Dr Bahar Bakhtiari, Sunday - 9.30 am - 3.00 pm - Dr Bahar Bakhtiari

Hop to It!

Jindivick Landcare Group is running the JINDIVICK'S RABBIT MONITORING WEEK from 9–15 March

Help us build a baseline of rabbit activity in Jindivick that will identify hotspots and inform approaches to coordinated control. Over the course of a week we invite people to help contribute their findings to help map things like:

- * Warren locations
- * Rabbit numbers
- * Rabbit damage

How to get involved? Pick a day/evening during the week of 9th – 15th March. During a set period of time you can monitor for rabbit numbers and damage. Contact us to learn more about the approach. Both online and manual rabbit survey submissions are possible – or a local rabbit action group member can come and help you. Contact us for instructions or to discuss - Fiona Sinnammon – 0420 541 414 or Helen Barclay P 0410 123 405 or email Jindivicklc@gmail.com

So exactly what did their Sat Nav say?

The text below is part of an article that appeared in 'The Gazette' 24/2/26 p. 7, and is reproduced with permission of the Editor of The Gazette.

Sign of the times

Maybe it really is a small world after all. Jindivick locals may have felt a little lost last week after a sign was seen outside their Hall incorrectly labelling it as the Labertouche Hall. A photo of the rogue sign was posted on Facebook.

While many saw the lighter side of the situation, others were more stinging in their criticism, labelling it a sign — excuse the pun — of the Baw Baw Shire Council's shortcomings. When asked by the Gazette, a council representative said, "unfortunately, the incorrect sign was installed outside the Jindivick Hall. Council is aware of this and it has since been removed. We apologise for any confusion this caused."

Time will tell if it's a sign of things to come

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 bushland**
3. Submit observations/entries through an **easy tree survey form** (available at and after the **Launch Event**)
4. Join us for a **Giant Tree showcase** to reveal the results in May 2026

Project contacts:

Jindivick Landcare group: Helen Barclay P 0410 123 405 Jindivicklc@gmail.com
Neerim District Landcare: Phil Darton P 0408 351 915 info@ndlg.org.au

See P1 for more details of the Hunt for the Giants launch



Top image: Hall sign on 12 Feb.

Lower: Order is restored

Thanks to the locals who supplied these photos



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 Ros, 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 ap-

preciated.

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

The Jindivick Newsletter is kindly printed at Wayne Farhnam's Electoral Office, Warragul.





COUNCIL News

Tonnes of fun at Family Friendly Expo!

Bring the family along for a fun filled morning at the West Gippsland Arts Centre on Saturday 21 March.

The Family Friendly Expo, previously the Paint Baw Baw ReAD Expo, will connect families with local services in the early years sector, and showcase what's on offer for our young people in the community.

Local playgroups, members from the performing arts, children and paediatric health services and physical education groups will have demonstrations going, as well as giveaways on the day, so there will be no shortage of activities to keep the little ones busy!

Find out what activities you can get your children involved with and make the most of the services available in your local area.

Visit <https://bawbawshire.co/familyfriendlyexpo> for all the details!

Upcoming Events:

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



Economic Development & Visitor Economy Strategy Have Your Say, Your Way!

YOUR SAY,
YOUR WAY.

Council is welcoming community and industry feedback on a proposed strategy focused on growing the local economy and tourism sector over the next four years and beyond.

The draft Economic Development and Visitor Economy Strategy 2026-2030 proposes a coordinated plan to strengthen the local economy, support small businesses, attract investment, create new jobs and and position our community as a leading destination to live, work, visit, and do business.

Visit Baw Baw Connect today and have your say, your way on this future focused strategy!



Free pet tag engraving at Farm World

Come along and meet the Baw Baw Shire Councillors and chat to staff at our stand at the 2026 Farm World event.

Farm World will run from Thursday 26 – Saturday 28 March, and Council is excited to have a stand for the full three days, where we will speak to community members about our advocacy priorities and discuss the rollout of the Food Organics Garden Organics for our community.

We will also be running a free pet tag engraving service! See you there!

For more information, visit www.lardnerpark.com.au/event/farm-world-2026/



Upcoming Council Meetings:

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

Wednesday 25 March – 5.30pm
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