

Jindivick NEWSLETTER

MAY
2026

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The deadline for the June newsletter is 26 May

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

April 30 Australia Post moves to Willing Enable

May Exhibit at Red Tree Gallery Bbaa Life Drawing Group

May 6 National Family Violence Remembrance Day

May 14 Jindivick's Biggest Morning Tea

May 17 Opening of Life drawing exhibition, Red Tree Gall.

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.

Changes at Atticus Health Jindivick Australia Post parcel collection will move to Willing Enable next door on Thursday 30th April.

Toria and the team at the Clinic will be sorry to see you all go, but feel sure we will still see a number of you through the door either to the doctor, or the library. Feel free to come in for a chat

Exciting news!! You can once again have a cup of coffee (and it's good coffee) and a light lunch or sweet treat in Jindivick. Mr. Pretty's barn has opened again to everyone of all ages, this time as **Willing Enable Jindi Cafe**.

With a vision of a community hub, as well as a gateway to providing advice and equipment/aides to older members of the community, *Willing Enable cafe* is a concierge service designed to have community interaction helping older people maintain independence and live at home for longer.

From Thursday 30 April *Willing Enable* will also provide Australia Post parcel collection. You will be able to

collect your parcels and have a coffee and a chat, all at the same time. Don't forget to bring your ID to collect your parcels.

Join Ella, North, Shane and cafe manager Helene at any time from 8am - 4pm, Monday to Friday, and enjoy the best view in West Gippsland, while soaking up our beautiful Autumn weather.



Australia's
Biggest Morning Tea

27th year of this important fundraiser on May 14
See p 3 for details

Community to unite in candlelight vigil against family violence

The community is invited to attend a candlelight vigil on 6 May from 6pm at the West Gippsland Arts Centre to honour and remember those who have lost their lives to family violence.

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Tragically, Gippsland remains overrepresented in family violence statistics.

Last year, Baw Baw Shire recorded the 28th highest number of incidents in the state, with 1,211 reports made to police and 400 breaches of family violence intervention orders.

Community members are encouraged to attend, light a candle in hope and show their support.

Baw Baw Shire Mayor Councillor Kate Wilson said *the annual vigil provided an important opportunity for the community to stand together in support of victims, survivors and their families.*

"Family violence continues to have a devastating impact on individuals, families and communities across Australia. This annual vigil is a moment for us to pause, remember those who have lost their lives and reaffirm our shared commitment to ending violence," said the Mayor.

"This is a whole community issue and everyone has a role to play. We remain committed to working closely with our community, support services and authorities to prevent and ultimately eliminate family violence."

The vigil will include a short address from community leaders and a moment of silence to honour those affected. Representatives from local support services will also be on hand to provide information and assistance to community members.

If you or someone you know is experiencing family violence, support is available through 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732 or at www.1800respect.org.au

Friends of Drouin Trees. Report that they "spend oodles of time monitoring nest boxes."

There are 10 at Golden Whistler Reserve in Drouin as well as some out at Jindivick.

We check on them monthly just for starters. So who lives in them?

Ringtail Possums,
Krefft's Gliders
and
Antechinus.



NEST BOXES

- 10 nest boxes at GWR
- Checked monthly
- Ringtail Possums
- Krefft's Gliders
- Antechinus
- Vue Jindivik



Jindivick Country Market

As we now shut down our market until October, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the Jindivick Market.

While we maybe only be small in comparison to some of the other markets, we pride ourselves in being the friendliest around with that real country feel.

Thank you also to our tireless stallholders, Ros and Annie for helping with the signs, my daughter Emily for the tea and coffees each market morning and for running the April Market.

Without you all, we wouldn't be able to exist.

Planning will continue during the winter months for the 2026 / 27 season and if you have any suggestions / feedback, feel free to contact me; it is always welcome.

Thanks again Debbie 0438 390 633



Jindivick Primary School News Welcome back to Term 2! We hope all of our families and community members had a relaxing break. We're looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. It's wonderful to see students settling back into their learning so quickly and making the most of the great weather. This term, we are pleased to welcome back Mr Parker, who will be working with our senior students across the week.

In the coming weeks, we are excited to host our Junior Sports Afternoon, welcoming neighbouring schools for a fun day of activity and connection. Our senior students will also take on leadership roles, helping to run events and support younger students. We would like to congratulate the students who have qualified for District Athletics and wish them all the best as they represent our school.

We also extend our thanks to our School Captains and senior students who represented Jindivick Primary School at the local ANZAC Day ceremony. They did our school proud.

Thank you for your continued support of Jindivick Primary School.

Hunt for the Giants – Final Call

We are looking for the biggest trees in the region. Join the hunt and help us celebrate our local Tree Giants upcoming Tree Showcase Event (June date TBA). Look in paddocks, roadsides and backyards...we aren't expecting to find an Ada tree, but there still are some very impressive trees out there.

We have over 20 tree submissions so far, can we get to 30? The photos have been wonderful to see, and we look forward to

sharing them for all to enjoy.

The final due date for tree submissions is Sunday 10th May.

Reach out to the Jindivick Landcare committee if you need – we are happy to help you measure and photograph your tree.

Jindivicklc@gmail.com Ph: 0410 123 405



(Helen Barclay), 0402 650 382 (Pete Ronalds)

Below right: John & Anne Palmer's Big tree submission

Rabbit Action Group update

The group is actively monitoring/documented rabbit sightings and warrens – thanks to the Feral Scan app and people's contributions we are building a visual map of issues. We are sharing learnings and ideas with each other from rabbit proof fencing through to ferreting. One of our members is also offering to help with fumigating warrens as an initial control method. We anticipate upcoming education and control collaboration opportunities.



Some recently reported key pain points of local rabbit issues

*Warrens established under buildings, causing hazards for livestock and horses, humans and compromising building structures e.g. houses, barns, stables, sheds.

*Garden damage *Revegetation damage
Feel free to reach out to let us know of your rabbit issues and where you need help. Ph: Fiona Sinnamon 0420541414, Helen Barclay 0410123 405



Above: Rabbit Warren entrance compromising shed floor



In May **Red Tree Gallery** hosts drawings by members of the **Warragul Life Drawing Group** from 1-26 May. The formal exhibition opening will be held from 2pm, Sun 17th May. Come and celebrate another year of life drawing.

The group meet every fortnight on 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at the VRI hall in Warragul. New members welcome. Contact Jessie McLennan on 0401073049 for further info.



May 14 marks the 27th year that **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea** has been held in Jindivick. Everyone is welcome to join Nikki and helpers in the Jindivick Hall from 11:30 am until 4pm-ish to enjoy a yummy morning tea/lunch and to catch up with friends. There will be raffles, a lucky door prize, and trading table etc. For further info contact Nikki: 0447776178



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Important Updates from the Victorian Electoral Commission Issued 2 April 2026

Electoral Act amendments in time for 2026 state election

New timelines for party registration and an earlier close of roll are just some of the changes the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC)

is implementing for state elections, following legislative reforms passed by Parliament on Tuesday.

The changes will impact election timelines with the close of electoral roll now occurring on the same day a writ is issued – now even more reason for Victorians to keep their enrolment details up to date.

The close of all candidate nominations will align and happen earlier in the election timeline, with the new deadline now 6 days after issue of writs for general elections.

For more amendments and further details go to:

https://comms.vec.vic.gov.au/v/59119/1525828/email.html?k=1,59IU1NeMRz_CcXwy3j-QI-8QsjE6ZP8jtjbk07mMXwl



Drouin West CFA -

100% Volunteers - Keeping Our Communities Safe.

What a busy couple of weeks we at Drouin West have had! We would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Jindivick Country Market for the season. Your support has meant that we were able to upgrade our breathing Apparatus Room to include a washing machine. We would also like to thank our community of Drouin West, Brandy Creek and Jindivick for supporting us during 2026 Fire Danger Period. And a very big thank you to all our members for keeping our community and our neighbouring communities safe during this time.

Drouin West recently attended Jindivick Anzac service and was represented well by our Brigade and locals. (see also p 5)

Please remember to download the Vic Emergency app if you have not already done so. This app is vital in keeping you informed of emergencies are happening in your area not only during the fire danger period but all year round of what emergencies are happening in your area. For a copy of your guide to survival go to:

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/.../CFA%20Your%20Guide%20to...>



With the end of the Fire Danger Period, some activities such as **private burn-offs** may now be permitted. However, these must be conducted in accordance with local laws and safety requirements. Residents are encouraged to check conditions carefully and ensure they are complying with all relevant regulations before lighting any fire. Residents are reminded that:

- Burn-offs must be conducted safely, with appropriate equipment on hand.
- Fires must be supervised at all times and fully extinguished before being left.
- Total Fire Ban days can still be declared and will override all other permissions.

Council also encourages residents to continue maintaining their properties and reviewing their fire plans as part of year-round preparedness.

Baw Baw Shire Local Laws and Permit requirements can be found at:

www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Resident-Information/Local-Laws-and-Permits

Anzac Day at Jindivick

On a beautiful autumn day locals of all ages joined returned service personnel and DWCF members at the 2026 ANZAC Day commemoration which was organized and led by Kath Burke.

As is customary students from Jindivick Primary School participated and laid a wreath. Leslie Green spoke about Vera Lynn and sang "We'll meet again", and with attendees joining in with the last chorus

The service was followed by community coffee and delicious Anzac biscuits in the Hall.

Photos clockwise from right: Members of CFA attended the ceremony, Leslie Green sang 'We'll meet again', Anzac biscuits and coffee at the Hall, Anzac memories





COUNCIL News

FOGO kitchen caddies are coming!

This month, Baw Baw Shire Council will begin delivering kitchen caddies to households with a standard Council waste collection service as part of the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) program, which will commence in July this year.

Keep your eyes peeled for the caddies, which will also include a roll of certified compostable liners and an information pack.

Caddies can be used to collect and empty your food scraps into your existing green bin along with your garden clippings.

The introduction of the FOGO program will see the frequency of the green bin collections increase to weekly, while the red general rubbish bin will be collected fortnightly, as more than half of what is normally placed in the average red bin can be composted or recycled.

A new, local industrial composting facility in Morwell will process your FOGO materials into compost and soil conditioner.

For more information on this program, visit www.bawbawshire.co/FOGO

Baw Baw Connect

Council currently has two community engagement opportunities open for consultation!

- **Draft Annual Budget 2026/27**
(open until 14 May)
- **Draft Civic Arts and Public Arts Policy**
(open until 13 May)

Visit www.bawbawconnect.com.au to Have Your Say, Your Way!

YOUR SAY,
YOUR WAY.



Upcoming Events:

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



Upcoming Council Meetings:

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

Wednesday 27 May – 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

