Jindivick NEWSLETTER

November 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 December/January newsletter is early December.
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

Nov Trav Hendricks, RTG
Nov 3 Cup Day Holiday
Nov 6 Celebration of Terry Le Lievre's life
Nov 7 Jindivick Country Market
Nov 7 Opening of Trav Hendrick's exhibition at RTG
Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 13 Landcare AGM and Birthday party
Nov 15 Landcare Rabbit Management Field Day
Nov 28 State Election
Dec 5 Last day of Garden at Broughton Hall Spring 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 bickie 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 9-3 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 the Warragul Golf Club. 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 the Hall. 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 Friday Nights Contact Phil 0411 433 40.
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.





All who would like share memories of **Terry Le Lievre**, are invited to join A **celebration of his life** at Jindivick Hall on Nov 6th starting at 11 am
Terry was the Head Teacher of the Jindivick Primary School from 1989 until 2010. He played cricket for Jindivick for most of this time as well.
Jindivick was a memorable and a very happy time for him.



Our next market will be held on Saturday 7th November and we are all hoping that the rain will stay away, but if not, you'll find us in the Hall.
With only 8 weekends left until Christmas, now is the perfect time to begin your shopping, or to place an order with one of our many talented stall holders to collect your goodies at our December market.
A full list of stall holders will be posted on our Facebook page on Friday 6th November.
On behalf of our stall holders l would like to thank those who came out to our first market (in October) – a smaller market due to the predicted weather. We managed to get everyone under cover (we were quite cosy in the hall) excepting Tom, our fruit and vegie man, whose set up kept him dry.
If you have any questions, or would like to have a stall at our next market, feel free to contact me on 0438 390 633 or email: countrymarket@jindivick.org.au
Looking forward to seeing you all on 7 Nov. Debbie

State Election News

Remember to **enrol /change your details** by 8pm, 3 Nov
As candidate nominations open on 4 November and close on 9 November, candidates for our electorate cannot be listed at this stage.
Early voting can be made at booths in both Warragul and Drouin from 18 – 27 November.

Vote Local, Support Local! at your local Primary School
On election day, **Jindivick Primary School** will be running a **sausage sizzle and cake stand from the opening of polling**, with **EFTPOS available**.
Come along, cast your vote and support your local school by picking up a sausage or a delicious treat. We would love to see our community there!

Barb was a farmer and a baker, a sister, daughter and mother, and a pillar of her community.



Although Barb was born in Warragul, and attended primary schools in Melbourne, her heart was always in the country.

Upon leaving school Barbara commenced training to be an airhostess. She met her beloved husband, John Goodwin, on a blind date. They married at Neerim South in 1963, and moved to the family dairy farm in Jindivick where they enjoyed a life filled with good times and the warmth of a close-knit community, eg their barbecues, joined by the Anderson, Cummo and Kercheval families on summer Sundays.

Barb raised her children Mick, Bryan, Chris, Shane, Robyn and adopted legacy son John Meli, on the farm. She knew the meaning of hard work, but also the pleasure of her 11 grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren.

Barb was a steadfast community worker who turned up for others. She proudly supported the Neerim South Football Club, where the Goodwin name especially enjoyed seeing the scoreboard renamed “Shane’s Shack” — a loving and lasting tribute to Shane’s many years keeping score. Barb served on the Jindivick Hall Committee and the Jindivick Primary School 100 Years Co

In 2013, a new life chapter began when the family purchased the Jindivick Café She loved baking: the absolute pinnacle of her talent came in March 2019 when the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival came to town for ‘The Village Feast’, and hosted a competitive cake contest. Barb entered her signature sponge cake — *and won the entire competition*. Celebrity chefs Matt Moran and George Calombaris pronounced it the lightest and fluffiest sponge they had ever tasted.



However, Barb's real joy came from the everyday moments at the café. She loved to sit outside, chatting to all the locals, taking it all in.

Barb is survived by her loving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as memories of those special cakes - her collection of recipes has been handed down to her family.

Left: 4 generations of Goodwins: Carly, Bryan and Bard, and (at time of photo, baby) Harper Stevens



A Busy Term Ahead at **Jindivick Primary School**

Term 4 has begun with plenty of energy and excitement at Jindivick Primary School! We have a huge term ahead, filled with activities to round out an amazing year of learning and connection.

Last Thursday evening, we held our annual Soiree, with this year’s theme, **Jindi Jukebox**. It is always a wonderful celebration of our students and their talents, and this year was no exception. Each class performed a piece showcasing the instruments they have been learning throughout the year, with individual singing and dance performances interspersed throughout the evening.

The night culminated in a whole-school performance of *A Sky Full of Stars*, with every student playing a percussion instrument. It was a special way to finish an evening full of music, confidence and community spirit. Thank you to our students, staff and families for making the night such a success.

How's the serenity!

Never doubt our little community's ability to come together for successful action. This month marks 20 years since we were successful in efforts to protect our beautiful natural forest environment for everyone to enjoy today.

Whether you've strolled through **Nangara Reserve**, ridden a bike or horse through State Forest, or stopped to marvel at the local birdlife, you'll appreciate the unique natural beauty right on our doorstep.

But things weren't always so peaceful. Decades ago, our local forest was a hot spot for recreational trail bike riders and off-road four-wheel-drive enthusiasts. Each weekend, the forest buzzed with the noise of hundreds of drivers travelling from metropolitan Melbourne to Jindivick for off-track adventures. Unfortunately, the forest was literally getting trashed.

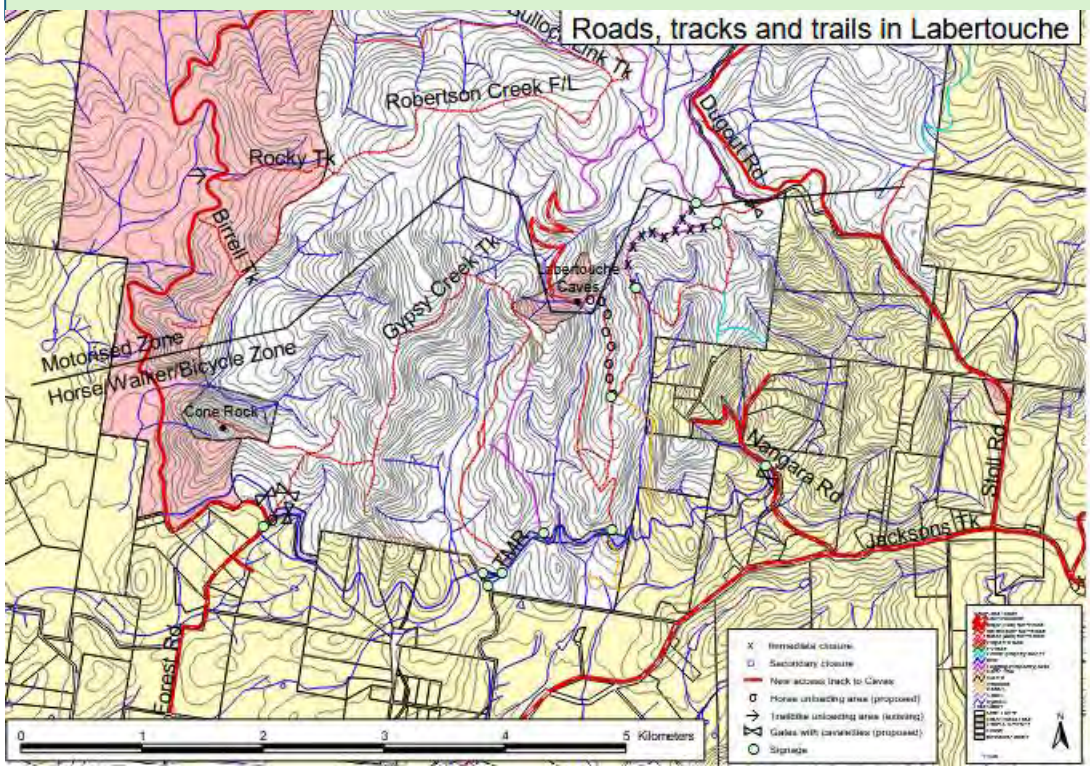
For locals living west of Jindivick (especially along North Jindi Rd, Nangara Rd and Jacksons Track), weekends were filled with the noise of buzzing motorbikes tearing around nearby tracks; emergency services were kept busy rescuing bogged and abandoned cars; and locals had to pick up trash and put out campfires afterwards. Careless drivers and riders heading off-track to carve out new access routes caused major erosion, and disturbed waterways.

These activities were unsustainable and in 2006, the community had the opportunity to act. The Victorian Government announced it was developing a recreation framework for public land use in the Labertouche/Bunyip Forest, stretching from the Tarago Reservoir in the east to Gembrook in the west, and including all forest north of Jacksons Track in Jindivick.

Public meetings were held in the Jindivick Hall, and dozens of locals put in submissions asking for a more sustainable approach to public land management that would preserve our precious forest for generations. Although there were conflicting views, discussions were respectful. Some people wanted all tracks closed across the forest; others recognised the need to keep some tracks open for recreation by trail bikes and 4WDs. Ultimately, a compromise was reached. A new forest management plan was released in late 2006. Locally, the changes were welcomed. The area west of Stolls Road to Forest Road in Labertouche was declared a **non-motorised zone**. A new access track to Labertouche Caves was created off Dugout Road, and trail bike unloading areas were built in Labertouche North and Crossover to support trail bike activities away from residential areas.

So, next time you enjoy the serenity of the local forest, remember that community action helped protect our beautiful local nature for everyone to enjoy. And – if you come across a vehicle or trail bike in the non-motorised zone (and it's safe to do so), please report it to the local authorities.

The map of the local forest below shows the motorised zone (where vehicles are allowed) and the non-motorised zone (for walkers and horse/bicycle riders only).









Red Tree Gallery In November we have **Trav Hendricks** and his exhibition of meticulously drafted, brightly coloured cartoon type characters. The exhibition coincides with Travis's 50th Join Travis to celebrate both his 50th birthday and his latest artwork at the opening on November 7 at 2pm





News from **Atticus Health**
Dr Fatemeh Etemadi Far will now be consulting at the Clinic on Wednesdays only.
We would like to congratulate Dr Fatemeh on passing her final exams: she now has her Australian Fellowship, earning her eligibility for specialist registration with the Medical Board of Australia .
Employment Opportunity Atticus Heath Jindivick is currently looking to employ a parttime EN nurse for the clinic. Anyone in the community who is interested is welcome to give Toria a call or to email their resume to:
receptionjindivick@atticusheath.com.au



Santa is coming to Jindi Market



Santa will be at Jindivick's December market for families to take your own photos for Christmas. Bring your phone or camera. Pets welcome to have their photo taken as well. *NOTE: PETS are **not** allowed in the main hall area due to Health Regulations.*
Saturday, December 5th 9:00am – 11:00am
Bookings are not required
Donations of $5.00 per family to Drouin West Fire Brigade Cash or EFTPOS. EFTPOS facilities will be available on the day at the CFA Stand.

Drouin West CFA
100% Volunteers
Keeping Our Communities Safe



Thank you to everyone who attended our **Get Fire Ready** event on Sunday, 25 October. As Victoria's fire seasons become increasingly challenging, it is more important than ever for residents and property owners to understand their local fire risk and take practical steps to prepare.
Despite the rain, our members remained in high spirits. They cooked sausages, spoke with visitors about fire safety and preparedness, helped children explore the fire truck and hosted a range of other enjoyable activities.
We would also like to welcome our two prospective new members.
For further information about bushfire preparedness, visit Bushfire Basics | CFA (Country Fire Authority).
For news and updates from Drouin West Fire Brigade, visit our Facebook page.
To apply to become a Drouin West CFA volunteer, visit Apply to Volunteer | CFA (Country Fire Authority).



The Garden at Broughton Hall
The Spring Gippsland Rare Plant Fair was a great success with guest speakers and even a TV crew. The DW CFA sausage stall was very busy.
We are now relaxing in the garden enjoying this most unusual season where roses are in full bloom weeks before they normally are, and many Acers are yet to leaf up, we like all of us a waiting for more rain and hoping the Summer is kind.



Above: Costa Georgiadis and Clarence Slockee lead the filming for Gardening Australia at the Spring Gippsland Rare Plant Fair.

We are offering High Teas in the garden room on Saturdays. These can be booked through Apple Spice Catering in Warragul.
The Gardens are open until 5 December, then closed until Autumn 2027, so there's still time to enjoy the Spring display with a quiet wander or a catch up with friends. Picknickers are welcome!





November is a very busy month for local Landcare.

Upcoming activities are extremely varied and include learning how to deal humanely with the ever-increasing hordes of rabbits digging holes in your pasture, garden and vegie patch, an AGM (new members most welcome) and a celebration of over 20 years of Landcare in Jindivick.





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COUNCIL News



Make a splash in Warragul

You told us that you wanted the Warragul outdoor pool open earlier in the season and we listened!

The outdoor pool at the Warragul Leisure Centre is now open and you can find the new opening hours here by visiting **https://bawbawshire.co/swimming** or scan the **QR code.**

Family day care educators wanted

Are you an Early Childhood Educator looking for a change? Consider Family Day Care.

Baw Baw Shire's Family Day Care is an award-winning service and provides a rewarding career opportunity for anyone local to the area that is interested in childhood education.

If you have a minimum Certificate 3 qualification in Early Childhood Education, experience with children, can provide a warm, secure and family focused environment, and want to build your own successful home based child care business, we would like to hear from you.

For more information, visit: **https://bawbawshire.co/become-an-FDC-educator** or scan the **QR code.**

Remembrance Day 2026

Several commemorative services will be held across Baw Baw Shire on Wednesday 11 November in honour of Remembrance Day.

Guests are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the service.

To find your nearest service, visit **https://bawbawshire.co/RemembranceDay** or scan the QR code.

For enquiries, please contact your local RSL or Baw Baw Shire Council on 1300 229 229.

Baw Baw Connect – *Have Your Say, Your Way!*

Council currently has one community engagement opportunity open for consultation!

- Community book boxes

Visit **bawbawconnect.com.au** *to have your say, your way.*

Upcoming Council Meetings:

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

- **Wednesday 11 November at 5.30pm (Mayoral election)**
- **Wednesday 25 November at 1pm**

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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"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."
— Cicero











