



September
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 October newsletter is 26 September.

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

Sept Cathy Smith, Marginalia
at Red Tree Gallery
Sept 20 Marginalia Celebration
Sept 24 BBSN talk Waste into
green hydrogen
Oct 3 Garden at Broughton
Hall reopens
Oct 3 Jindivick Country Market
Season 2026/7 starts
Oct 8 AGM for both Hall & JPA
Oct 10 Rare & Unusual Plant
Fair, incl speakers

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 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 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 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.

Atticus Health Jindivick The Post Office has moved back to
the clinic now that the cafe has changed its hours to 9am to
2 pm. The clinic looks forward to seeing locals back
through the door to visit the Post Office, and the
Community Library.

The post office hours are now:

Monday to Friday: 9am-4.30 pm (closed 12.30 1pm for
lunch) Sunday: 9.30 am-2.30 pm

Vale Eileen Notman

Jindivick's long-term resident has died age 103.
Eileen's early life began at the McGrath family
farm at Bena. She attended Jeetho State School &
achieved her merit certificate. On leaving school
she worked at home on the family farm until she
was 18. Eileen then began work as a "sewing
mistress" at the Bena Primary School. This
involved teaching the junior students reading,
writing & maths. In later years when she went to
functions, many of her past students reminded
her that she had taught them how to knit.
She loved playing basketball, riding horses & going
to dances; she met her future husband, Jack, at a
dance.

Eileen moved to the Jindivick family farm in June
1952. She was immediately involved in the
community, playing badminton & coaching netball.
She was a founding member of the Drouin Netball
Association.

Once her children began school, Eileen was active
in the Mothers Club & each of the
Jindivick Flower Shows in various capacities.

Eileen took a great interest in her family, extended
family, and all her Jindivick friends, endearing her
to so many, as was evident at recent celebrations,
especially for her 103rd birthday, organized by
locals.

Eileen spent almost 74 years at the Notman family
home before moving to Warragul Community
Aged Care for her last 12 weeks.

Eileen enjoyed life to the fullest. She is survived by
her children Chris, Bill, Peter, Yvonne & Terry,
18 grandchildren, and 26 great grandchildren.
Her funeral was held at St Ignatius Church, Neerim
Sth on 2 September, followed by her burial at
Drouin West Cemetery. Afterwards her family &
friends went to the Jindivick Hall to share
memories, photos, a cuppa, accompanied by her
famous champagne biscuits.

The family would like to thank everyone for the
love & friendship shown to Eileen over the years.
See p.2 for photos of Eileen

*Jindivick artist **Gary Miles** also died in later August.
He will be remembered in the October *Jindivick newsletter*



Photos Clockwise from above left:
Eileen and her much loved garden,
Celebrating her 103rd birthday,
Cake at Eileen's (102) and
Jack Pretty's (99) birthday party,
Eileen at her 102nd birthday party

**THE GIPPSLAND
RARE &
UNUSUAL
PLANT FAIR**

\$25 ENTRY

Sat 10th Oct 2026 9 am till 4 pm | In the garden at Broughton Hall

- 35+ specialist and rare plant growers
- Set in the garden at Broughton Hall
- Live Music, Talks & Guided Garden Tours
- Pre-purchase tickets online & save

Musker's
of Broughton Hall

The Garden at Broughton Hall,
125 Palmer Road, Jindivick 3816
0417 056 110 (David)

BOOK
ONLINE &
SAVE

The Garden at Broughton Hall

The garden is looking beautiful as we head towards opening for the Spring season on Saturday October 3 Trading is from Thursday to Sunday 10 am - 4 pm until 6 December. We hope to see you all in the garden some time!

A special event at the **Rare and Unusual Plant Fair on 10 October: Craig Castree** will be talking about *RegenEdible Gardening*, his method that combines regenerative agriculture & horticulture with practical, backyard food growing. Afterwards he will be joined by **Paul Day** from Vue Garden, Jindivick and **Ben Brooker** of Treasured Perennials, Drouin, for an in depth Q & A session on soil health.

Jindivick Primary School As we wrap up Term 3, we want to take a moment to celebrate some of the wonderful learning outcomes our students have achieved this year. We have recently received our **NAPLAN results**, as well as completing the statewide **Year 1 Phonics Check**, and there is certainly lots to celebrate!

It has been particularly wonderful to see the learning growth demonstrated by our students in **Years 3–5**. Our results show **medium to high levels of learning growth**, with students performing above the state and similar-school averages in most learning domains. This is a fantastic reflection of the effort, persistence and commitment our students are putting into their learning each day.

We have also recently completed the **Year 1 Phonics Check**.

This short assessment checks how well students are developing their ability to recognise and use the sounds represented by letters and groups of letters. It provides teachers with valuable information about students' early reading and phonics development and helps us identify where additional teaching and support may be needed.

We are incredibly proud to share that **100% of our Year 1 students met or exceeded the benchmark target this year!**

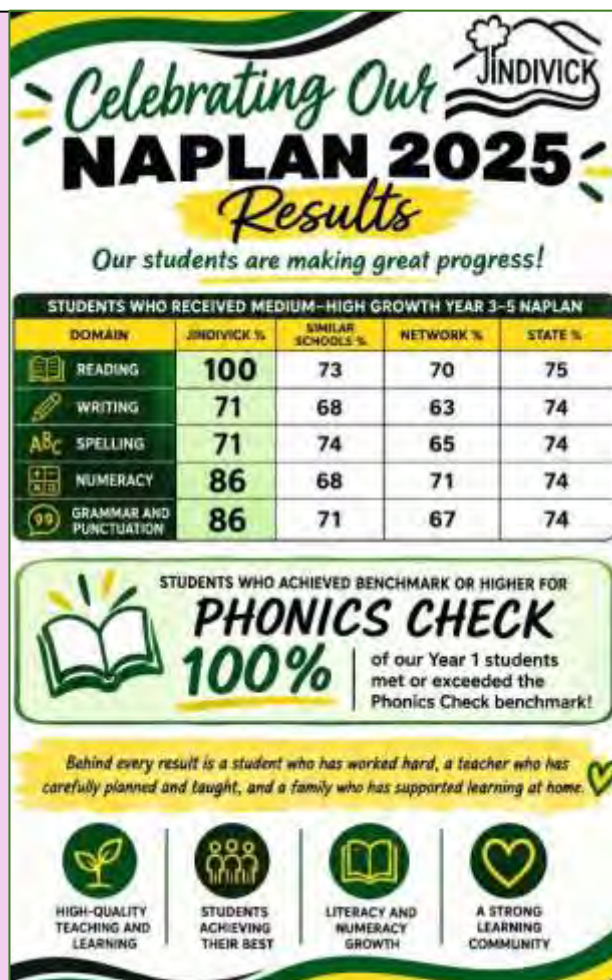
This is a fantastic achievement & reflects the hard work our students put into their learning every day, as well as the dedication of our teaching & education support staff to ensuring every student is supported to achieve their best.

We also recognise the important role that families play in supporting student learning. Thank you for encouraging your children, valuing the importance of school and learning, and supporting them to give their best each day. **Student learning is a partnership between students, families and school, and these results are something we can all be proud of.**

In September **Red Tree Gallery** is showing **Marginalia**, drawings, paintings and sculpture by **Cathy Smith**. Produced in 2026, the work includes medieval animal musicians, flying carpets, telescopes, comets, Halley and landscapes. Meet the artist for celebration and cake on Sunday 20 September 2-4pm (vegans catered for) Take advantage of this opportunity to chat with Cathy and discover how her tiny, easily distracted mind produced these eclectic works. Laurie Collins has many metal sculptures on display in his sculpture garden as well as smaller objects on show inside. Red Tree Gallery is open daily from 9-4pm For further information Ph. 56 285224 Email: info@lauriecollins.com.au



*From far right:
Reviewing device,
comet study, design
for flying carpet*





Drouin West CFA
100% Volunteers
Keeping Our Communities Safe



Prepare for the fire season with CFA's Get Fire Ready

Victoria's fire seasons are becoming increasingly challenging and it's more important than ever for residents and property owners to understand their local fire risk and take steps to prepare.

Get Fire Ready encourages Victorians to take simple, practical steps before the fire season begins.

Know your risk: Every town, property and community is different.

Know where to get up to date information:

Learn about fire danger ratings, safer places, brigades, clean up around your property and how to take action and [Prepare a fire plan](#). Whether you live, work or travel in a high-risk area or just want to be better prepared.

Come join us at Drouin West Fire and Get Fire Ready.

For more information about bushfire basics google: [Bushfire Basics](#) | [CFA \(Country Fire Authority\)](#)



Drouin West Fire Brigade
530 Main Road
Drouin West 3818
Sunday 25
October 10am-2pm
Free sausage Sizzle.
and Activities for the Kids

For more information about Drouin West Fire Brigade visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/drouinwestfirebrigadecfa>

Or to apply to be a Drouin West Volunteer use this link: [Apply to Volunteer](#) | [CFA \(Country Fire Authority\)](#)

Employment Opportunities Applications now open to work at the 2026 State Election

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is looking for more than 25,000 people to fill a wide range of roles across Victoria for this November's state election. Roles include working at a voting centre and counting ballots on election day Saturday 28 November, or supporting operations during the entire election period.

'Working with the VEC is a great way to contribute to your local community, making sure every Victorian can have their say at this state election,' Electoral Commissioner Sven Blummel said.

'We have many casual election staff who return each election because they enjoy the fast pace, pay and purpose of the role. But you don't need past experience, we encourage anyone interested to apply.'

Casual election staff receive training, and the experience can help develop skills in administration, customer service and teamwork, while supporting democracy in their community.

Applicants must be 18 years or older, eligible to work in Australia & available on election day, 28 November. People who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, live with a disability, or who don't have secure housing are encouraged to apply.

There is no specific closing date for people to register their interest in election work. Individuals who wish to work at the election can register via the VEC website and create a profile in the Election Staff Self Service Portal. The information they provide, including their skills, experience, and availability, is then added to the staff database from which candidates are considered for election employment opportunities.

We encourage interested individuals to register as early as possible to ensure they can be considered as recruitment activities progress. The VEC is a proudly independent organisation. During recruitment, applicants will need to declare any political activities they are currently or have previously been involved with.

People interested in working at the election can register their interest at <http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/workatelections>

Jindivick Country Market

After the winter break, our 2026-2027 market season will commence on Saturday 3 October 2026. Mark the date so you can enjoy the variety of Applications to apply for the market became available on 31st August on our new facebook page, **Jindivick CM** and we have seen great interest from existing and new stall holders. New stalls include Ace Dog Supplies and Colourful Kids Crafts and the Queen of Thermo, and regulars eg Tom Hardman and his wide array of in-season vegetables, are returning. Looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying the spring weather in beautiful Jindivick.

Please take the time to follow our new facebook page and share it to your friends and family.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me on 0438 390 633 or countrymarket@jindivick.org.au Thanks Debbie



A message from Atticus Health Jindivick:

To the person in the mid blue ute who thinks it is ok to come up the clinic driveway and straight out onto the Main Jindivick-Drouin Road on a Sunday to cut the corner - it is not ok ! It is rude and this is private property.



Early Spring at Broughton Hall



Baw Baw Sustainability Network upcoming events

On **Thursday 24 September**, join BBSN at Yarragon Uniting Church Hall, Campbell St, Yarragon, 7 – 9pm for: **NextGen: Turning Waste into Green Hydrogen in Gippsland**, a conversation with project developer Scott McArdle about transforming waste and residual biomass into low-carbon fuels. Scott is an experienced Gippsland-based project developer with a background spanning agriculture, waste, energy and emergency management.

He is the founder of Nexsys Industries Consulting and a Director of Zerogen, working on innovative projects that bring together waste recovery, renewable energy and low-carbon fuel production. Scott will discuss the Gippsland Sustainable Fuels Precinct, which aims to transform materials currently treated as waste - including municipal and commercial waste and residual biomass from regional industries - into valuable low-carbon fuels such as hydrogen and methanol.

Discover how this innovative approach could help reduce waste, support Gippsland's circular economy and contribute to decarbonising hard-to-abate sectors such as heavy transport and stationary energy.

To find out more & to register for catering purposes please visit: www.bbsn.org.au/events-1/nextgen-turning-waste-into-green-hydrogen-in-gippsland

On 29 October, soil microbiologist and plant pathologist Dr Mary Cole will share her decades of expertise on soil health and sustainable agriculture, exploring how healthy soil biology can support productive gardens, farms and resilient landscapes.

Then on 26 November, our Electric Vehicle Expo will give you the chance to see EVs on display and hear honest, practical advice from local owners about charging, running costs, battery life, road trips and everyday EV ownership.



COUNCIL News

Get Ready, Get Techy, Go!

Baw Baw Shire Council is proud to support a series of sessions being held across the Shire to build emergency readiness and resilience, within the community.

The Get Ready, Get Techy, Go! sessions are being held during September and October.

The sessions will cover bushfire planning and safety and go through resources available to help prepare for these kinds of events.

The following workshops will be held:

- Home Care Workers Emergency Readiness Workshop, 4 September, 8.45am to 1pm, Warragul Country Club.
- Willow Grove Emergency Readiness Community event; 2 October, 5.30 – 8.30pm at the Willow Grove Hall.
- Seniors Festival Emergency Readiness Workshop, 20 Oct, 2 – 4pm, Warragul Country Club.

Email Cherie Howe at Cherie.howe@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au for more information.

Special Consideration Program here to support FOGO rollout

Baw Baw Shire Council has introduced a Special Consideration Program (SCP) to support members of our community with the new collection schedule for the red general rubbish bin.

In July, Council introduced the Food Organics Garden Organics program, and under this new program, residents are now required to place their food scraps in the green lid bin alongside their garden clippings.

The introduction of this program also saw a change in frequency for collection of the green FOGO bin to weekly and the red general rubbish bin to fortnightly, and the SCP is here to provide support, following this big change.

To find out more and to see what the eligibility criteria is, visit bawbawshire.co/FOGO or scan the QR code.



Following a restructure, Baw Baw Shire Council has announced the appointment of two new Directors

- Nathan Kearsley - Director Customer and Corporate Service
- Jill Colson - Director Infrastructure and Environment Services

Keen to try a new class at gym, heard about pickleball but don't know how to play, or feel like you need to be an expert to give that dance class a go? Well, women and girls, September is here and it's your chance to try those things you've been putting off in a fun, supportive and accessible environment. For details visit <https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Latest-News/Gippy-Girls-Can-is-back-in-Baw-Baw?transfer=0a2b9145-a899-4824-b1de-81da9906572c>

Community members, event organisers & local businesses are invited to have their say on Baw Baw Shire's first draft Events Strategy. For more info go to:

<https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Latest-News/Have-your-say-on-Councils-draft-Events-Strategy>

Councillors have unanimously endorsed a revised Community Engagement Policy for Baw Baw Shire Council. It will guide how Council connects with and receives feedback from the community. For more info, visit Council's website: <https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Latest-News/Council-endorses-new-Community-Engagement-Policy>

EMPLOYMENT EXPO THIS MONTH!

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!

Upcoming Council Meeting:

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

Wednesday 14 October – 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