



Jingellic Hub Inc Newsletter 1/2020

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Better late than never! It has occurred to us that we have omitted to keep our community up to date with activities on the Jingellic Showgrounds.... No newsletter since the JDPAH AGM or during the period of these two states of emergency which we have had to endure during this, a truly horrible start to 2020! We have been quite busy

AGM:

Our AGM was held on 24 September 2019, the last for the entity in the guise of **Jingellic and District Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Society Inc.** It was well attended, and officers provided summaries of activities and financial reports of the organisation. A busy and productive year of growth and development of the grounds and the organisation and a series of events that were popular and well attended by our community and visitors. Elections determined the committee for the next Financial Year comprised of: Joy Gadd (President), Ebony McNamara (Vice President), Jen Vinge (Secretary), Janice Newnham (Treasurer) and committee members: Sonia Reichelt, Trevor Toholka and Chris Ford. Since the onslaught of the horrors of 2020, we have seen the resignation of two of our committee members due to pressures of work in a climate of disaster: Joy Gadd resigned as she was experiencing an escalation of her work activities supporting the health and well being of clients of Upper Murray Health during bush fire recovery and we lost Sonia to her studies. **Trevor Toholka has stepped up as Acting President of Jingellic Hub** and we have a casual vacancy on the committee - if you are keen to be involved please make contact.

New Name – Jingellic Hub Inc

After community consultation earlier in the year, a special resolution was made at the AGM and supported by the attendees: *That the existing incorporated name of Jingellic & District Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Society Inc. be replaced by **Jingellic Hub Incorporated** under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016 (NSW). That the new name applies to the operations of the Jingellic & District Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Society Incorporated as from its adoption by this Annual General Meeting.* This was approved by Department of Fair Trading on 4 October 2019. In keeping with the new name, we had Nicole Phillips redesign our logos to match.



Membership fees were set for the forthcoming financial year – it was decided to retain the fee at \$10 per person (>18 years) for the year (measured from AGM to AGM, children (<18 years) are free. Membership not only provides members with a sense of belonging and demonstrates commitment to the Jingellic Hub entity but entitles them to certain discounts (such as venue and equipment hire) and the funds support administration of Jingellic Hub. Please make contact to come on board as a member!

Initiation of Jingellic Emergency Welfare Centre

Part of the funding to build the new pavilion on the grounds was via the Emergency Relief Infrastructure Grant 2016/17 (ClubGrants) and the thrust of our application was that in times of emergency, the Jingellic Showgrounds and facilities would fulfill the role of Jingellic Emergency Welfare Centre and provide a neighbourhood safer place for our community and support both the community and emergency aid agencies such as RFS and SES by providing a staging point, catering and a relief centre. During the horrific Black Summer Fires, which exploded into our district on 29/12/19 and continued well into January 2020, the Jingellic Emergency Welfare Centre and volunteers from Jingellic Hub (assisted by other organisations), delivered in spades. It was really a baptism by fire with the pavilion producing meals and snacks at all hours during the fire emergency and continued in the recovery phase. It provided a distribution point for all the donations of food, supplies and fodder and then later, the showgrounds supported BlazeAid from



25/1/20 until 25/4/20. The committee cannot thank the volunteers and fire fighters enough, we are so grateful for your selfless sacrifice to support our community.



Kerryn Daly and Kylie Hoffman from Jingellic, Jenni Papworth (middle) from Holbrook, essential volunteers!

Jingellic Recovery Committee (JRC)

Early in January, the Jingellic Recovery committee was formed. This is a subcommittee of Jingellic Rural Fire Service and is chaired by Peter Hoodless. The committee has worked tirelessly to advocate for the NSW community members and has facilitated assistance to impacted farmers and community members. The Snowy Valley Council was so impressed by the governance and organisation shown by the JRC that it has used them a model for Recovery Committees across the SVC local government area. The JRC mediated with Greater Hume Shire and Snowy Valleys Council to ensure that all community members in NSW were provided with information and support through the difficult first months post the Bush Fire Disaster and created events on the showground to support the community and negotiated with BlazeAid to set up a camp to assist farmers on both sides of the border with fencing assistance. The Community BBQ and Movie night were extremely popular and provided an escape for the community from the pressures and stress post bush fire, an opportunity to relax and debrief.

The JRC has obtained funding to produce a couple of Bushfire Recovery funded events later in the year (Post Covid): A family friendly Winter Bush Dance (In collaboration with Jingellic Hub) and a Thank you To Firies Event (dates to be confirmed once Covid restrictions are lifted) The JRC was supported by the GoFundMe page created by the Jeffries Family connections in Darwin (Fabulous effort, Josh and Mandy Jeffries and extended family) some of these

funds were utilised to contribute towards a mobile coolroom and a container used for storage at the showgrounds. The donations also funded a Grant writer, Catherine Marriot (Maz), who has been successful in winning grant funding to support JRC community events and two of the Jingellic Hub Events later in the year: Our flagship event Jamming@Jingellic (10/10/20) and the Upper Murray Beef Producers' Dinner (15/8/20).

If you are a resident of NSW, impacted by the fires and needing some form of support, please do not hesitate to contact JRC via Peter Hoodless on 0428 621 381.



Jingellic RFS Fire Captain Alby Maras busting some moves with the WA Strike Force Team

Irrigation Project:

We were fortunate to be awarded a grant of \$90,604 in December 2018 under the Stronger Country Communities Fund (NSW). After much planning and plotting, and issues with permits, the bore was installed in July 2019, 40m deep and produces good, potable water at a rate of 10L/sec. Delayed by Bushfires, the irrigation contractor came onto the grounds in March and completed the installation of sprinkler system across the entire oval. The system is fully automated and provides for remote operation so the water can be applied in an efficient manner. Final tweaks to bring the project home on time and in





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budget are erection of shed to protect the pumps. some rehabilitation of turf post installation and creation of an operations manual. We anticipate a grand opening of the irrigation project will be in Spring.

Claim the date

We have several events scheduled for later in the year and planning is on fast track mode (Covid restrictions have impacted on our opportunities for brain storming.) We will recommence the Friday Funday activities on the second Friday evening of the month as soon as we are able to gather. Perhaps the first one back, will be the **Winter Friday Funday scheduled for 10 July, 2020** at 6pm at which we intend to have a warming bush dance event with a fabulous feast created by a popular smokey BBQ caterer, music from a creative and energetic band. This will be a real hibernation buster post Covid! Stand by for further information as we confirm details and date.

The Upper Murray Beef Producers Dinner was



spectacularly popular last year and we will recreate it this year on 15 August 2020. Because of disasters and drama, we have elected to cancel the UM Beef Competition for 2020 but the lavish gala dinner will go ahead. We are

tweaking it this year and promise it will be better than ever. A catered 3 course meal, enticing beverages, fabulous dinner speakers and décor to suit! Be sure to book early as we sold out quickly last year!

Jamming@Jingellic 10 October 2020, our flagship



event will be a spectacle... more musicians, more food options, more flashy vehicles, more inspiring art Just more!!!

In addition to these events we are planning something completely new, exciting and different... so stay tuned!

Grants and Funding

As you are aware, Jingellic Hub Inc is a Not For Profit organisation. We aim to make our events and activities sustainable and financially viable but any profit we make is ploughed back into maintenance and developing the Showgrounds, leveraging grants for projects and providing cash flow for future events and activities all for the benefit of our community. We rely on grants to assist us with our activities and decrease cost to patrons. In Covid Lockdown we have been quite active in grant writing and are appreciative of Ms Marriott's efforts with some grant applications submitted with Jingellic Recovery Committee's assistance. These grants have provided our community with funding to support these events: Jamming@Jingellic (\$10,000) and Upper Murray Producers Dinner (\$5,000) both events are under NSW / Destination River Murray funding streams. The Winter Family Friday Funday (\$9,900) grant was provided under a Department of Industry and Investment Drought Resilience funding opportunity.

These grants will certainly assist us to provide our community with events that will promote social inclusion / cohesion and encourage mental health and well being after a very challenging start to 2020.

In addition, Jingellic Hub has just been awarded \$2,880 under the NSW Volunteer grant scheme to purchase an industrial vacuum cleaner, to support our administration via subscription to an accounting software package and support for cartage of supplies to the grounds. We have also submitted grant applications with a view to replacing our mower with a more efficient, modern model with a wider cut and ROPs, another grant to improve the aesthetics and safety of the apron around the pavilion and yet another to support our project called "Conversations on the Couch" an initiative to host inspirational speakers in an informal setting to promote mental health and wellbeing support to our disaster impacted community whilst providing entertainment and fun.

In closing: Our community has faced a challenging start to 2020. We have all been toasted and tested. By standing together and supporting one another we will emerge on the other side a more resourceful and resilient community. Be kind and smile!

