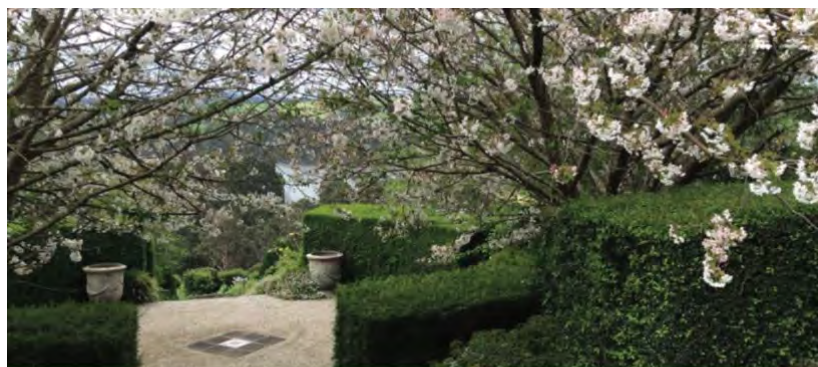


Spring has broken out in beautiful Jindivick – warm weather, wet weather, cold weather and windy weather are all changing the landscape; trees are bursting into leaf and flower, calves and lambs frolic, even Clucker and her friends are able to enjoy an intermittent bask in the stronger sunlight. Jindivick will be celebrating Spring with the return of the Jindivick Country Market and with several open Garden events. **The Cherry Blossom Open Garden** will take place at **Broughton Hall** on the weekends of October 6 & 7, and 13 & 14.



The garden at Broughton Hall presents:

## CHERRY BLOSSOM OPEN GARDEN

Three Jindivick gardens will be open during October as part of the **Gardivalia Festival**; **Bayview Gardens**, **Makindye (Nyumba Yaffe)** and **Laurie Collins Sculpture Garden**.



**The Jindi Jems** On 3rd Sept 6 the Jems enjoyed a trip up to the Rhododendron gardens in Olinda.  
*Photo: Maz with CJ (from Olivia's Place) at their fundraising dinner in Warragul, on 8 Sept. which raised \$40,594.* The Jems will meet up at Misty Hills Café, Neerim

South for coffee/cake on Mon 1st Oct at 2pm to catch up and to discuss where to go on 5th Nov.

### Jindivick Landcare Group - What Lives in Your Dam?

Farm dams play a significant role in rural aquatic landscapes, sustaining biodiversity and improving farm health. Healthy dams can lead to cleaner, cooler water, healthier and more productive soil and stock, and improved environmental values.

JLG has partnered with EnviroDNA to monitor the health and biodiversity of local dams via eDNA testing by collecting a small water sample! This project provides an opportunity for keen citizen scientists and landowners to see what is living in their dams. We are looking for 10 dams – to be involved in this innovative project, please contact: Helen Barclay hbarclay@envirodna.com, or Peter Ronalds peter@wpcn.org.au



Above Spring view from Palmer Rd, Jindivick

## What's On

- 1 Oct** Jindi Jems meet at Misty Hills, Neerim Sth
- 6 Oct** Jindivick Country Market
- 6 & 7 Oct** Cherry Blossom Open Garden, Broughton Hall
- 7 Oct** Red Tree Gallery opening Yvette Stubbs
- 8 Oct** Jindivick Progress Association Inc. AGM at the Hall, 7:30 pm
- 9 Oct** BBS Seniors Walk, Nangara Reserve 9 -2:30
- 13 & 14 Oct** Cherry Blossom Open Garden, Broughton Hall
- 17 Oct** Landcare Water themed field day
- 9 December** Carols

## Regular Events – All Welcome

**Jindivick Community Yoga Group** 10am on Thursdays at the Jindivick Hall.

**St James Anglican Church, Jindivick** A year or so ago I wrote here that we WANTED you to come to church but we did not NEED you - that our numbers were healthy. Well, times move on and now we really DO need you to boost our numbers. Come on, make a sacrifice to help our little church. It's only one hour a fortnight. St James has a lovely, but small congregation ready to welcome you to services on the first and third Sundays of the month. The services begin at 11.30am but we'd love you to come at 11.00 to join us for a cuppa. Come on, let's get this church moving. For more info contact Faye 0400014226

**Jindi Craft Group** Thursdays 11:30am – 3:30pm at Jindivick Hall. Contact Nikki 0447 776 178

### Billiards/Pool Nights/Get together

Most weeks on Fridays 7.00pm, in the Hall's refurbished billiard room. More info. Ph Phil Rotteveel (0444 525 556) \$2/ head. BYO drinks. (Table available anytime with keys from The Jindi Caf)

**Jindivick Community Garden**, Sept 9, 1-3pm  
Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea  
Contact Nikki 0447 776 178 for more info.

*Did you know?* Young people of Baw Baw Shire are strongly encouraged to review and have their say on Council's draft Youth Strategy titled *Building the Best Years*. See the full release at:

[Have Your Say on Draft Youth Strategy](#)





It's been another busy month for **Jindi Zoo** - Rokeby



Market started again in stunning weather which brought plenty of visitors to the petting zoo. Jindi Zoo also visited the lovely children at Mary Beck Pre-School in Neerim South, where it was so

nice to see the children enjoying the animals so much. September includes visits to Trafalgar Kindergarten and Time 4 Tots Early Learning Centre in Pakenham, as well as the Lardner Park Craft Market.

October at **Red Tree Gallery** features poet and painter Yvette Stubbs's work where 'Colour and Collage Collide'. Yvette is a wonderfully flamboyant character and the opening on Sunday 7th at 2.00pm should be a real hoot. All welcome.



### Nangara News - Sounds of Spring

The tree canopy, understorey and fern gullies of Nangara Reserve are beginning to ring with a cornucopia of bird calls. This is the time of year many birds begin their Spring courting rituals and declarations of territory, mostly



accompanied with distinctive and recognizable song.

Stepping out of the car at the main gate recently, I was immediately aware of the calls of an Olive-backed Oriole – 'ori-ole', (see left) a fruit-eating migrant from

northern Australia and a Wonga Pigeon – 'wok-wok-wok...', a sedentary species that is resident year-round but very quiet during the Winter months. Orioles construct a beautiful basket-shaped nest from bark fibre, suspended over an outer branch by the 'basket handle'.

The two distinctive calls of the White-throated Treecreeper, a persistent 'beep-beep-beep...' and a melodic trill, indicated their presence and increased activity. Treecreepers are especially adapted to climb trunks and branches, (always upwards), and to winkle out spiders and insects from under the bark.

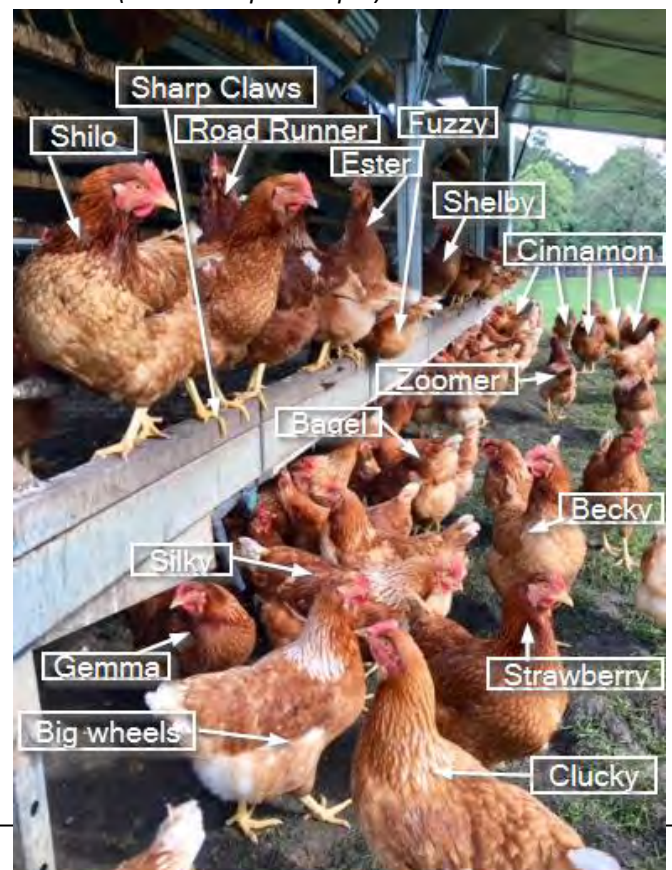
**Clucker 357's Blog.** Finally, some sunshine in the paddock and fresh grass growing ready to gobble up. Clucker here again! We have a new flock on the farm and they have started to lay eggs already. "The Babies " as I call them, need extra care, especially 'nesting practice'. This means lifting the hens into the nesting boxes so they can explore and learn where eggs are to be laid (we get into trouble if we lay eggs on the ground). This takes several weeks every morning for about a month until they all get the hang of it. At first the eggs are very small and are called pullet eggs. Will and Harley enjoy these first eggs as they are considered the best of eggs, but not as popular because of their size. Four poached pullet eggs fit nicely on one piece of toast!!! Then the sizes grow to 600s, 700s and large 800s like the ones that I produce. In the picture the "babies " are lined up waiting for their turn in the nesting boxes. A few more names from the Jindivick grade 2's. (in the photo above) Enjoy the Spring weather, Bye Bye

The small and beautiful Spotted Pardalote, a eucalypt canopy specialist, for many weeks from now onwards into Summer, will declare its presence with a distinctive 'seet-dee-dee', or perhaps just the 'dee-dee' part. You might be lucky enough to get some close views of this 'jewel of the bush' when it comes to ground to dig its nesting tunnel in some soft earth.

Down in the deepest darkest fern gullies, the machine gun-like 'rat-a-tat-tat...' comes from the fairly secretive Lewin's Honeyeater, a sedentary species that can sometimes be heard year-round.

Fan-tailed Cuckoos and Brush Cuckoos too are starting to arrive from the north. Cuckoos parasitize the nests of other birds, leaving the other birds, thornbills, wrens, fantails, wattletails, etc to rear the cuckoo's babies as their own progeny.

Experienced birdwatchers will readily identify many hard to see birds from their calls. There are several internet sites where bird calls can be downloaded. Most bird apps available for phones and iPads, have an audio button that will play the various calls – be careful, many birds are great mimics of other birds and some birds even have regional dialects. (more bird photos p 3)





**The Jindivick Progress Association** is holding its **Annual General Meeting** in the Jindivick Hall, Monday 8th October, 7.30 pm. All Welcome!

**Guest Speaker will be Ken Jones, Baw Baw Shire Community Based Emergency Management Officer.**

Discussion, decisions and projects focus on issues affecting the community. The JPA works for the community issues. You may also like to contribute to your area through the JPA.



**Jindivick County Market** season will start on 6 October, 9am to 1pm. Come along and grab a bargain.... 4 jars of jam for \$10 from the JPA stall. We have lots of stalls booked in (30+), the Drouin West CFA are doing the BBQs for the markets, music and craft activity, something for all. Check the Face book page for who's coming... Pop the market flyer on the fridge and you will have all the dates for the coming season.

**Drouin West Cemetery Trust** are seeking new members to the Trust. There are 2 vacancies. If you are interested in being involved in the governance, maintenance or future planning, contact Jill Bayly 0427929947. The process of becoming a member of the Trust takes several months and as this is an election year will be even longer as appointments have to be approved by the Health Minister. We would encourage you to become involved as a volunteer.



## Notice to residents



- Fire Restrictions may be in place here in Baw Baw in the next few weeks. They are already on in East Gippsland & Wellington.
- This is your opportunity to clean up your properties prior to the Fire Season, especially residents that live in rural areas.
- If you are going to burn off please ensure you check with your local Council for any burning requirements as they do differ depending on where you live.
- DO NOT BURN OFF ON WINDY DAYS.
- Prior to lighting up please register your burn, no matter how small it is, by ringing the 'Burn off Notification line' on 1800 668 511.
- Never leave a burn unattended & ensure you have an adequate water supply.
- For further information to help you prepare for the Summer Fire Period, please check the CFA Website — [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

**BLACK SATURDAY 10th Anniversary** is coming up in February..... what would you like to see happen in Jindivick....?

Suggestions include a community BBQ on Friday night with music and kids activities... **Please send your thoughts to [cadzow@dcsi.net.au](mailto:cadzow@dcsi.net.au)**



### Drouin West CFA

It's still Springtime, but unfortunately, it looks likely that Gippsland is set to experience an above average bushfire season. You may know that the Fire Danger Period has already been declared for East Gippsland and Wellington shires in early September. Here, in West Gippsland, Council restrictions on burning-off could come in earlier than any time in the past decade. That means that if you haven't started cleaning up and doing your burn-offs, then it is time to get going and prepare your property!

Please don't leave cleaning up your property to the last minute. Burn off any trash and remove green waste now, before things get too dry and risky. Just remember, before you light up, call and register your burn. It takes less than 5 minutes. All you need to do is phone 1800 668 511 and provide the required information such as your address and time of the planned burn off. Notifying the authorities of your planned burns prevents unnecessary false alarms for CFA Brigade members.

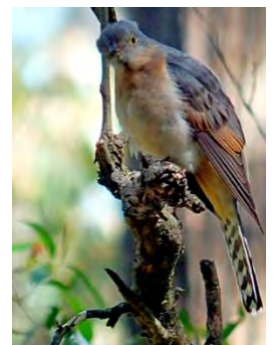
Our Brigade is here to help residents prepare for the coming fire season. Come and say hello to us at the Jindivick Market BBQ, first Saturday of each month. We are happy to chat and answer your questions about your plan to stay safe this summer. We will also have some Drouin West Fire Brigade stubby holders that you can purchase for only \$10.00

For more information, see [www.CFA.vic.gov.au](http://www.CFA.vic.gov.au) follow us on Facebook:

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

**Nangarra birds (cont)** l-r White-throated tree creeper, Spotted

pardalote,  
Fan tailed  
cuckoo







## Stay aware of the Fire Danger Rating and know what to do.

The Fire Danger Rating predicts how a fire would behave if one started, including how difficult it would be to put out. The higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions. The rating is your trigger to act, so to stay safe you need to stay aware of the Fire Danger Rating in your district. During the Fire season, the Fire Danger Rating will feature in weather forecasts, be broadcast on radio and TV and appear in some newspapers. It can also be found on the of CFA and VicEmergency websites or by calling the VicEmergency Hotline **1800 226 226**

CODE RED	<b>WHAT DOES IT MEAN?</b> <p>These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.</p>	<b>WHAT SHOULD I DO?</b> <p>Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option – do not wait and see. Avoid forested areas, thick bush and long, dry grass. Know your trigger – make a decision about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– when you will leave</li> <li>– where you will go</li> <li>– how you will get there</li> <li>– when you will return</li> <li>– what you will do if you cannot leave</li> </ul>
EXTREME	<p>Expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Spot fires will start, move quickly and will come from many directions. Homes that are situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, that are well prepared and actively defended, may provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider staying with your property only if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to be situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, you are well prepared and you can actively defend your home if a fire starts.</li> <li>• If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving high risk bushfire areas early in the day is your safest option.</li> <li>• Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to <a href="http://cfa.vic.gov.au">cfa.vic.gov.au</a>, <a href="http://emergency.vic.gov.au">emergency.vic.gov.au</a> or call the VicEmergency Hotline on <b>1800 226 226</b>.</li> </ul>
SEVERE	<p>Expect hot, dry and possibly windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – check your bushfire survival plan.</li> <li>• If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire prone areas early in the day is your safest option.</li> <li>• Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to <a href="http://cfa.vic.gov.au">cfa.vic.gov.au</a>, <a href="http://emergency.vic.gov.au">emergency.vic.gov.au</a> or call the VicEmergency Hotline on <b>1800 226 226</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>VERY HIGH</b> <b>HIGH</b> <b>LOW-MODERATE</b>	<p>If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety. Be aware of how fires can start and minimise the risk. Controlled burning off may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check your bushfire survival plan.</li> <li>• Monitor conditions.</li> <li>• Action may be needed</li> <li>• Leave if necessary.</li> </ul>

For more information contact the VicEmergency Hotline **1800 226 226**

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