

Drouin West Fire Station Extensions complete

On 20th July Drouin West CFA held an open day for the community to see the much needed extensions and improvements to Drouin West Fire Station. Drouin West's first station was built in 1969, and since then has undergone a number of extensions. In the past these works were completed by the Brigade. These most recent, much needed, improvements were made with the support of the CFA through the VESEP program. In July 2019 the extensions were fully completed and the CFA was able to officially handover the station back to the volunteers. The extensions included

- A dedicated Breathing Apparatus room.
- Separate male and female change rooms.
- An Office & Administration area
- Disabled access, including a disabled toilet
- A new Motor Room to house their tanker, slip-on and field command vehicle.

Brendan Witt, Drouin West Captain said *"The focus of these improvements was to create a safe workplace for our volunteers. I am pleased to say that the works have achieved this. They will also allow us to meet the demands of the ever growing communities of Drouin West and Jindivick that the Brigade is responsible for."* The Brigade will soon be connected to the Internet as part of the Internet rollout pilot program, thereby bringing your station up to date.

The Brigade thanked Bruce Rowley and his team for supporting Drouin West and facilitating the build, along with one of its members, Kevin Armstrong who took on the role of Project Manager on behalf of the Brigade.



Photos: Above
DWCFA members
welcome visitors
Below: View of
new extensions



What's On

- August** Bruce Langdon at Red Tree Gallery
3 Aug Bunyip Fires Benefit Concert
5 Aug Jindi Jems meet at Misty Hills Café, Neerim South
6 Aug Workshop for Women looking to run for local govt
13 Aug Laughter group starts
22 Aug BBSS Award Night, AGM
September Nursery opens at Broughton Hall
14 Sept Open Garden season starts at Broughton Hall
19 Sept Jindivick Primary School annual 'Soiree'
27 Oct CFA Community Fire Planning Exercise
NB. The Jindivick Country Market will not resume until 5 October

Regular Events

Jindivick Community Yoga Group 10am on Thursdays at the Jindivick Hall All welcome

St James Anglican Church, Jindivick Services on 1st & 3rd Sundays of month. Have a Cuppa at 11am. Church starts at 11:30.

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 from 7.00pm, at the refurbished billiard room in the Hall. Ph. Phil Rotteveel 0410682332 for more information. \$2 per head BYO drinks. All welcome.

Are you feeling down in the dumps?
 Are you sad, lonely, depressed OR
 none of the above?

Is it a long time since you have laughed?
 Then come to the Hall Supper Room on
 August 13, 20, 27 and/or September 3, 10
 And **LAUGH IT UP!!!**

with Faye
 who is a newly qualified Laughter Yoga Facilitator.
 No joking!
 Five Weeks of Laughter - See you there.

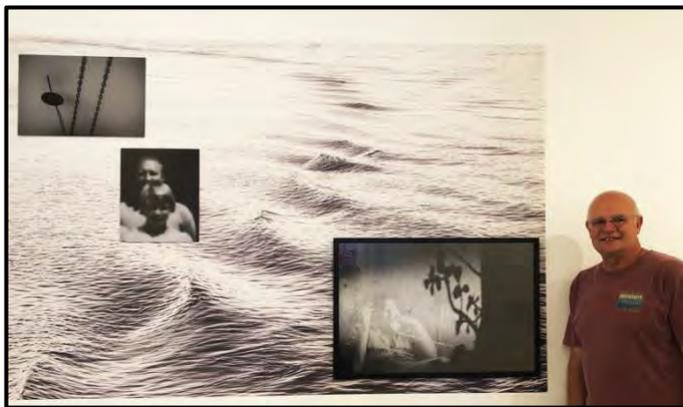
Tuesdays 11am – noon Gold coin donation

Research and anecdotal evidence says 30 + minutes of laughter in a group leaves your whole body buzzing for the rest of the day! Participants come away feeling energised, enthused and eager to share more laughter with their family and friends.

The **Jindi Jems** had their Kris Kringle for Olivia's Place on 1st July. CJ (of Olivia's Place) joined them and updated them on the organization's activities. They also passed on the baby items and money collected for them.



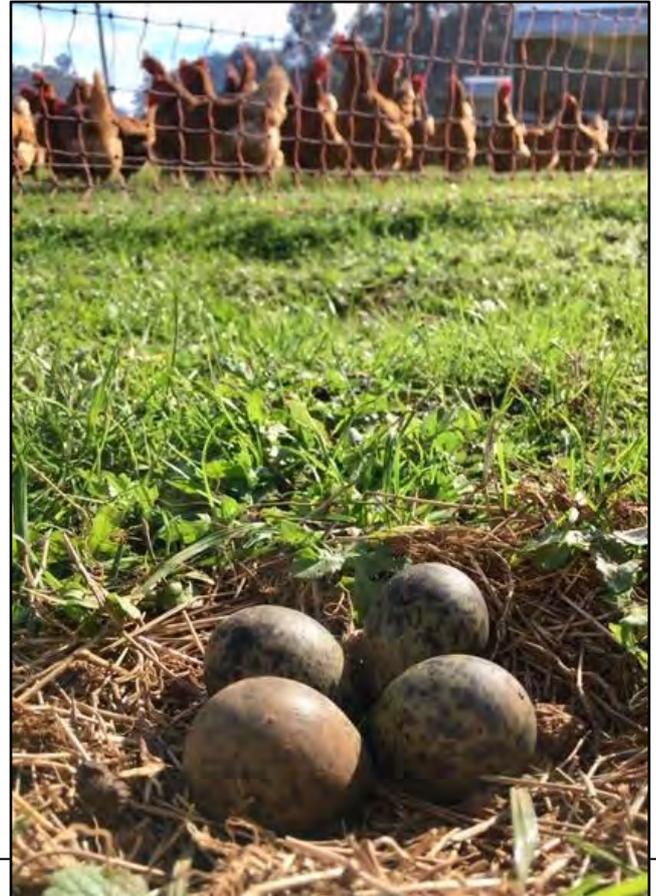
Their next get together will be Mon 5th August when they will meet at 2pm at Misty Hills Cafe in Neerim South, new ladies always welcome. If you need any information, please call Maz 0447491502.



In August **Bruce Langdon** will fill **Red Tree Gallery** with his creative photography exhibition, *Missing time*. Bruce's show opened on 28th July and can be seen for most of August. Bruce is an experienced professional photographer from Warragul – drop in and enjoy his highly-crafted work.

Baw Baw Shire Council will support the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) to run a free, informative workshop on 6 August 2019 for women across Gippsland who are considering running for local government in 2020. See the full press release: Local Women Leading Change: Gippsland women to benefit from workshops ahead of 2020 elections.

The **Bureau of Meteorology** will be transferring its rain gauge to the centre of Jindivick at the end of July. Many thanks to Faye Parke who has diligently recorded our rainfall (or lack of) figures for many years.



Jindivick newsletter welcomes a new blogger: Clucker 500

Hello, hello to you all - I am finally here. Lucky **Clucker 500** is here to entertain you. I am easy to pick out amongst the other girls because I am the fair one, but at times my followers reckon I'm a bit of a blonde. Not sure what they mean by that?

Now the old boiler is out of here I am here as 'numero uno', (whatever that means!) But let me share with you my immediate problem and I don't know how to fix it. It's the new neighbours, you see, although old Clucker would call them squatters and rudely or crudely tell them to shove off. They just don't take me seriously, and neither do the rest of the flock for that matter.

The irritating endless noises they make. Jumping over our fence and taking swipes at us while we are minding our own business picking on the worms. They even take on the sheep! But that's not all, there are more of them coming. I just don't know what to do. It's not in the job description.

The Plovers is what they call themselves with a clutch of 4 eggs in a nest smack bang in the middle of our paddock. I mean, really, who do they think they are? To only lay four eggs in two weeks! And they look like sheep's droppings. Now a Resistance group has formed by some of our Right Wingers, or are they Left Wingers? (I can't tell coz they seem to have one of each.) They send out dispatch units which slip under the fence and circle around the intruders to harass them, only to cause more mayhem and noise. The sheep are in on it too with trampling detail.

Maybe I should send a text to Clucker 357 for help and bury my head in the sand. This job is tougher than I imagined!

Lucky Clucker 500, over and clueless. Jindi Free Range Eggs.

[You're not alone Clucker 500, my partner and his fake kelpie dog are terrified of the plovers at our place - Editor]

Jindivick Primary School students ended Term 2 with a



'Crazy Hair' day to raise money for 'Shave for a Cure'. The children had a terrific day, helped

by some very creative parents.

Photos: Grade 3 and 4 show off their 'crazy hair'.



The school has its annual 'Soiree' on

Thursday evening at 7.00pm, September 19, at the Jindivick Hall. The Soiree is an annual, whole school musical evening. The theme this year is 'The Beatles'. Everyone is welcome to attend (gold coin donation at the door).



Term three School Captains are Leila and Annabel, who are looking forward to their leadership positions. (see photo left)

Term 3 is also the start of our Wednesday afternoon 'Clubs'. A huge thanks to

parents and community members who have generously offered to help.

Nangara Notes – Winter Sightings

Don't cross Nangara off your list of places to visit just because it's a bit cold! You may discover:



Dusty Miller, a green-grey shrub, well represented throughout Nangara Reserve and nearby Bunyip State Park where in some places it is particularly prolific. Dusty Miller has begun flowering and will continue to do so for several more months.

The flowers will attract insects, making it a valuable part of the food web in Nangara. Various forms of Dusty Miller have been commercially produced for the home garden and are available in any good native plant nursery.

Mountain Correa, another shrub or sometimes small tree that has begun flowering. It is distributed spasmodically through the eastern ranges and in a few places is called locally abundant. The best places to see Mountain Correa in Nangara Reserve are along Boundary Track at the northern edge of the reserve, and near the top of Bunyip Link.



Tall Greenhood Orchids. A few winter flowering greenhood orchids are beginning to appear. Tall Greenhoods have been appearing for some weeks and will continue to flower for the next month or two. These orchids are quite common throughout Victoria, and there are several variations. In places, Tall Greenhoods can reach 80cm but the Nangara variety seldom grows more than 30 or 40cm.



Eastern Yellow Robin

always provide some winter colour in Nangara. These little birds are year-round residents in the reserve and they always charm visitors with their accommodating perch and pounce feeding habit alongside the walking tracks. (see July newsletter for more information)

Baw Baw Sustainability Network Eco Awards Night with AGM and supper.

It's time to celebrate mother nature's champions. Do you know someone who's gone above and beyond to nourish and fight for mother nature? Send through their name and why they've amazed you to inge.fredmitchell@gmail.com

We'll have some award presentations, our annual general meeting and welcome in a new committee for 2019/ 2020. Nominate yourself or someone else for a role on the **committee via bawbawsn@gmail.com** Where- to be confirmed

When- Thursday 22nd August 6.30pm-9.30pm Cost \$9 members or \$12 non members. Includes supper.

Drouin West Fire Brigade - Time to clean up and burn off. With spring in the air, it won't be that long till we welcome the warm days of summer. The predictions are for a long, dry summer ahead so now is the ideal time to prepare for the potential threat of fires this summer. All residents who live in the Jindivick area are at risk of fire; either from the forest or grass. Prepare your property for fire risk before summer starts and get any burning off completed before the fire restrictions are announced by the council. Consider the need to create fuel breaks around your property and remove fuel, trash and combustibles near the assets you wish to protect. If you want more tips and advice, see **Your Guide to Property Preparation** on the CFA website (www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property). And don't forget to register your burn off by phoning 1800 668 511 and providing the required information.

Vale ANNE MAREE PLANT
11/04/1967 - 09/07/2019

“A much loved and diligent community worker”
“I was caring and wanting to help,” Anne explained of her early days. Anne continued this intention in all aspects of her life. Belonging and/or attending many local community clubs, committees & groups came easy for Anne.

Beginning at 7 years old in 1974:

Neerim South Brownies & Guides

Neerim South Venturers

Baden-Powell Revues

Warragul Youth Theatre - *Pinocchio*

Neerim South High School - Stage Productions of *The Wiz*, *Hans Christian Andersen* and *A Little Dab'll do Ya*

Mary Beck Preschool

Jindivick Primary School Parents and Friends Committee

Jindivick Primary School Garden Gang

- Water tank mosaic

The Jindivick Mechanics Institute - Secretary

- *Jazz It Up @ Jindivick* ‘Strengthening Jindivick Community Spirit’ - Visionary & chief
- Jindivick Masquerade Ball - A core organiser

Jindivick Progress Association - Secretary / member

- Co-wrote grants and co-ordinating the formation, planning, building &/or upkeep of
 - Jindivick’s interactive welcome sign.
 - 2009 Bush Fire Grants (FRRR)
 - Family and individual women & men wellness retreats,
 - Artful Bollards in Nangara Reserve & Jindivick.
 - Many more

- Walking track between Jindivick Primary School & Kydd-Parke Reserve
- Jindivick Community Garden
 - Community BBQ Herb Garden
- Jindivick Community Market



Jindivick Playgroup

Jindivick Flower & Craft Show

Labertouche Ladies & Friends Craft Group

A founding member, volunteer contributor & tireless worker of the

- Friends of Nangara Reserve
 - Anne created the beautiful lyrebird mosaic that greets visitors at the entrance to Nangara Reserve
 - Passionately researched the history of the local area, i.e. logging, tramway, and all who influenced the area before
 - Carols by Dappled Light
 - Nangara Community Fire Guard
- Jindivick Community Yoga Group
- Jindi Craft Group - Last attended June 2019

45 years involved in local community groups.

Anne was always ready to arrange a meal or provide a listening ear for any community members in their time of need. A local reflected that she “was always on hand to guide through many, (sic) until her illness prevented her doing so”.

Anne kept an eye on all things that were community. A childhood friend since 1977 said “...that smile was infectious! Anne was always a fantastically enthusiastic, bright, bubbly member of the groups she was involved in and always prepared to contribute ideas and leadership to groups she was involved in. ... Her ongoing interest and support even as her strength waned, was significant to me and encouraged more effort to succeed.”

Anne was colourful, talented, good natured, positive, a monument of warmth, and a beautiful person. All of the community groups are grateful for the person that she was, and she will be greatly missed. Anne’s involvement was her legacy.



More opportunities to shape the future of Jindivick township – HAVE YOUR SAY!

(Please refer to the map on the previous page. It has been provided by Matthew Robinson of Baw Baw Shire, and was developed after a community consultation meeting held in the Hall on 18 July, 2019)

Matthew has provided the following information about the Baw Baw Shire ‘Placemaking’ Project:

Jindivick is one of the four communities selected by the Shire to implement a ‘Placemaking’ plan. Each community has a project budget of \$50,000 and the objective of the project is to:

- Work with the community to develop a placemaking project that has a positive impact,
- Add to the physical and social character of the township, and
- Bolster a commitment from Council to communities outside of the major townships.

Through consultation with the School, the Cricket Club, the Jindivick Progress Association, and the Hall Committee, some ideas surrounding the main street (Jacksons Track), including parking and drainage improvements, have been compiled.

An overview plan is attached for your information which summarizes what is being proposed. If you have any comments, feedback or concerns, please send an email to: connectingcommunities@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au before **Wednesday 21 August**. Further information will be provided before any construction works commence.



Wildlife DNA in farm dams across Jindivick & Neerim District – the big reveal! (Report by Helen Barclay)

On July 16, 40 locals huddled from the cold, warmed by hot soups (thanks Jindi Caf’) at the Jindivick Hall. While the ‘big reveal’ night marked the end of the farm dam DNA biodiversity project, it marked the beginning of a new found interest in farm dam wildlife.

Over two citizen science days in November 2018 and April this year, more than 110 eDNA water samples were collected from across 18 farm dams.

Melbourne company EnviroDNA, teamed up with Jindivick Landcare and Neerim District Landcare groups to make this innovative project happen. With the efforts of 30 locals and landholders the project has provided an exciting insight into wildlife relying on farm dams.

All up, 60 different species were identified, including 41 native wildlife, 13 invasive wildlife, and of course, livestock and domestic animals.

Most excitingly, the blue billed duck, an endangered species, was detected at two farm dams across both surveys. (report continues p. 7)



Blue billed duck



BUNYIP FIRES

BENEFIT CONCERT

SAT. 3 AUGUST 1PM – 4PM

FEATURING :

The Dusty Millers
The Swamp Dogs &
The Maryknoll Fire Choir

Followed by a good old fashioned arvo tea!

The Dusty Millers & Sam Lemann
Lisa Miller, Tracey Miller &
Loretta Miller
<http://dustymillers.com.au/>
<https://www.facebook.com/TheDustyMillers/>

The Swamp Dogs - local band
<https://www.theswampdogs.rocks/>
<https://www.facebook.com/thaswampdogs/>

The Maryknoll Fire Choir - directed by the talented
Clancy Milne *Clancy Milne - Home*
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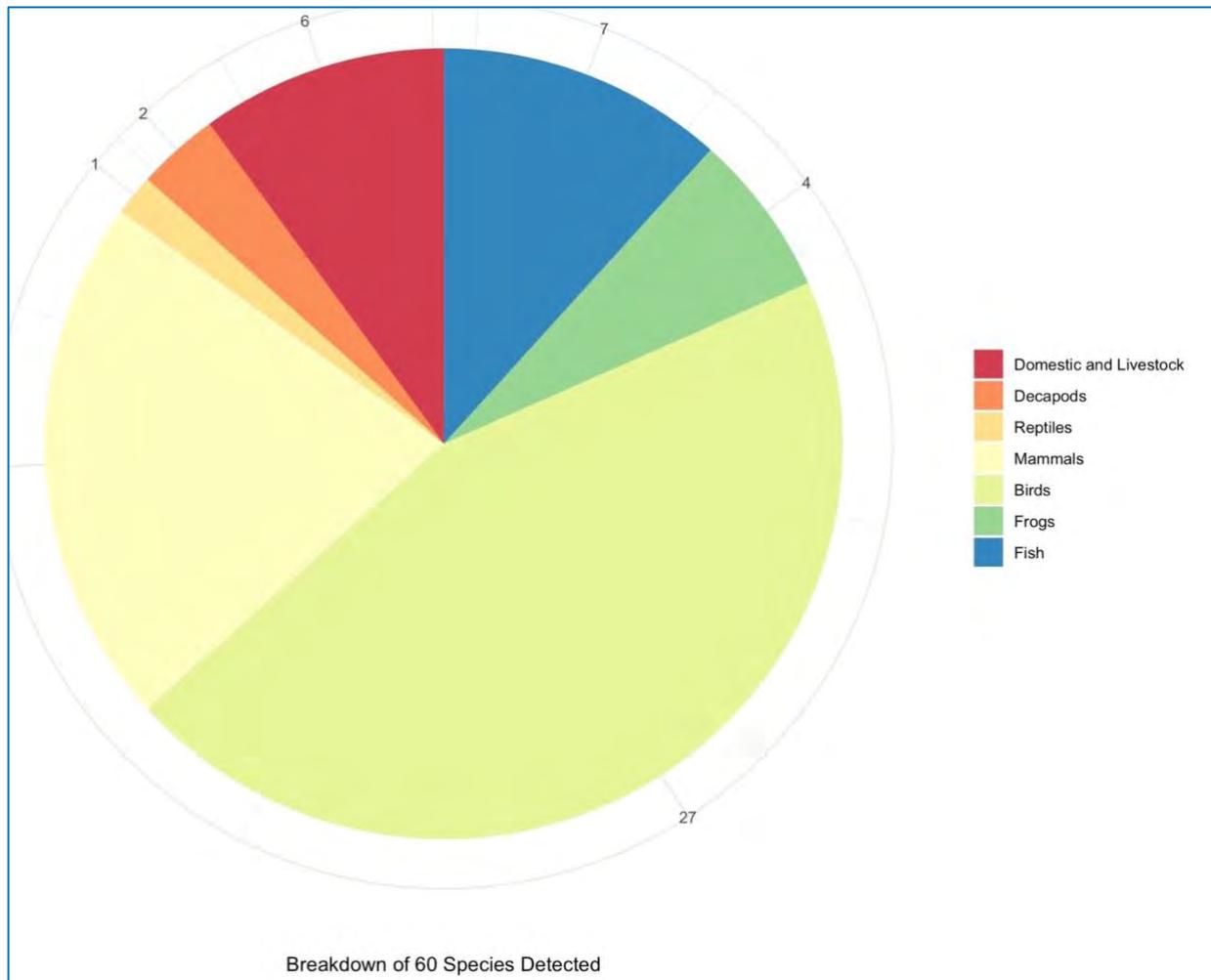
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GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY

BOOKINGS:
\$10 single
\$20 Family (4)
Inquires: bonesy.mackinnon@gmail.com
0418 429 025
<https://www.trybooking.com/521311>

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO:
People affected by recent Bunyip State Park fires, in collaboration with the Bushfire Recovery Group, Tonimbuk

Wildlife DNA in farm dams across Jindivick & Neerim District – the big reveal! *(continued from p.6)*



Birds made up the majority of the wildlife count, with 27 different species. There were also 13 mammal species including the platypus and the Australian water rat, even the southeastern free tailed bat, and a sugar glider. A couple of crayfish species, a range of fish species and the eastern long necked turtle helped to round up the count!

Agriculture and wildlife conservation can co-exist!

The number and diversity of species detected helps to demonstrate that farm dams can provide an important resource for wildlife as extra habitat, refuges, or “stepping stones”. With scarce water and habitat fragmentation in agricultural landscapes, dams are an opportunity for more ecological farming practices. Landholders have the opportunity to improve their farm dams not just for productivity purposes but to also support wildlife. Along with fencing out stock from dams, providing habitat in and around dams, such as logs, rocks and wetland plants are great ways to encourage and support wildlife.

At the reveal night, we heard from Gabe Marsden of Habitat Creations, who noted the importance of selecting the right plants for your dam considering things like depth of water – ask a local nursery for advice.

What is eDNA you ask?

Every creature leaves traces of their DNA in their surrounding environment, through skin cells, hair, scales, and other bodily secretions. This is an exciting new, non-invasive way to detect wildlife in its environment. You can learn more about it at www.envirodna.com.

Want more info?

If you would like a copy of the farm dam biodiversity project report, further resources and guidance on improving your farm dam to support biodiversity, or something else, please reach out!

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Phil Darton, Secretary, Neerim District Landcare, darton@dcsi.net.au, 0408 351 915

Helen Barclay, EnviroDNA, hbarclay@envirodna.com, 0410 123 405

Thank you to everyone who has been involved – it has been a wonderful way to bring locals together in Jindivick and Neerim District. Do join up to your local Landcare group if you think this sort of stuff is up your alley!

*This project has been funded by the Australian Government’s National **Landcare** Program.*

Muskers at Broughton Hall nursery will be closed until September this year. David is busy potting and working in his 23 year old garden. The nursery will open from the beginning of September, and the garden from September 14. Both can be visited on Thursday to Sunday, from 10 am till 4 pm.

The garden is looking beautiful as we head into spring and the nursery is full of fabulous stock. David hopes to see Jindivickites and others during the lovely spring season at Broughton Hall.

Photos below: Late winter Muskers at Broughton Hall



SAVE THE DATE: The CFA in conjunction with DEWLP and other agencies will be conducting a **Community Bushfire Exercise in Jindivick on October 27** at the Jindivick Cricket Clubrooms, commencing at 10:00 am. This interactive, hands-on workshop will explain fire behaviour and help you develop your bushfire plan with the latest knowledge on fire behaviour. More information in the next newsletter.

Have an event coming up, interesting local news you would like to share with others in Jindivick, like to promote your local organization? Contact the editor at newsletter@jindivick.org.au or phone 56 253 556 Photos are always welcome

The Jindi Caf' has been very busy recently providing the catering for local organizations and events, hosting lots of people who missed the Food and Wine Festival earlier in the year, as well as providing meals for groups from retirement villages on a regular basis. With all this activity they are now looking for more staff – if you are interested in helping out, contact Sue on 56 285 227

