

## What's On

October Marg and Peter Dumergue, Red Tree Gallery  
 28 September Opening Marg and Peter Dumergue exhibition, Red Tree Gallery  
 5 Oct Jindivick Country Market  
 7 Oct Jindi Jems Visit to Olinda Rhododendron Garden  
 23 Oct Jindivick Landcare AGM  
 27 Oct CFA Community Fire Planning Exercise  
 16 Nov Drouin West Fire Brigade 70th Birthday and Annual Awards

### It's Spring!

It's the time for luscious growth, cricket practice, Broughton Hall at its best, the return of cuckoos, the Jindivick Country Market, Clucker to meet the big guns, the AFL finals, CFA preparation for another long fire season and, of course, school holidays.



### Jindivick Primary School

congratulates the 'Jindi Kids'! On Thursday evening they entertained a packed Jindivick Hall with the sounds of 'The Beatles' at their annual soiree.

Parents and families need a huge thankyou for the wonderful effort they made with their children's costumes – the kids looked amazing!

We are all looking forward to a well-earned break after our very busy Term 3. Term 4 begins with a whole school trip to the Werribee Open Range Zoo.



Above and left: Photos from JPS "Beatles" annual soiree



This spring has seen plenty of good rainfall, leading to extra growth of grass and forest, providing a higher risk of fires. The **Drouin West Fire Brigade** has highlighted the need to prepare properties for fire risk. The East Gippsland Shire became the first municipality to enter the Fire Danger Period (from 23rd of September). October is the month to prepare your property, prepare yourself, and prepare your family, for fire. Have a fire plan in place and, most importantly, practise it.

**To learn more about bushfire behaviour and how to prepare for summer, come along to the Community Bushfire Exercise on October 27th at the Jindivick Community Hall from 10am.** A free lunch will be provided and all the family is welcome. Learn about the potential impact of different fire scenarios on the Jindivick region, be supported to develop or refine your plan, and have your questions answered. Please RSVP to [secretary@dwrfb.org.au](mailto:secretary@dwrfb.org.au) or through DWCFB Facebook events page.

## Regular Events

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

**St James Anglican Church, Jindivick** Christmas is coming quickly. It will be here in a matter of weeks. And you know how busy you are going to be then! So why not get in early and come to church now on any first or third Sunday at 11 am. It could be a good time to put your Christmas requests in with the Big Guy, you know, peace on Earth and that sort of thing. Anyway, come if you can, whenever you can. It's always lovely to see you. Faye 56285248

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

**Billiards/Pool Nights/Get Together** If you want to get away for a while, why not join us at the end of the week on most Friday nights from 7.00pm for some social banter (and a game of pool). Bucks and Does all welcome for \$2.00 a head, BYO Drinks. **No traps allowed! Call Phil on 0444 525 556 for further info. Pool table is also available for hire at other times.**



"Hopefully those Landcare people will never find us here".





**Red Tree Gallery** is hosting a selection of landscape photographs, and works sourced from photographs, by Peter and Marg Dumergue. The Dumergues, currently from Cape Woolamai, lived at Poowong for many years and were teachers, and stalwarts of the creative community in West Gippsland. October will see the new exhibition of their work

which includes paintings, photographs and digital art.

The opening is at 2pm on September 28<sup>th</sup> (AFL grand final day) and will have, as an added bonus, the singing of Gina Mezzino, supported by Wayne Foenander. Please come and join us for an arty afternoon with food and drink. The exhibition continues for most of October



## Jindivick Landcare Group AGM & BBQ

Will be held at the Jindivick Cricket Club, 23 October 6:30pm start.

All welcome – the more the merrier **BBQ**



**food provided, AGM** at 7:45, followed by **Beau Miles** at 8pm with stories about his local adventuring (descent of the Tarago; walking to work from Jindi;

marathon around the block; making canoe paddles from junk) and he will also show some film footage

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**Jindivick Petting Zoo** has been a bit quiet over winter re. attending events, but things certainly haven't slowed down



at the zoo! They have got lots of things done and the animals are certainly enjoying all of the new improvements: new stables have been installed, bunnies and guinea-pigs have moved

inside, and the goats are making good use of their new paddock shelter. We also have Lucy goose sitting on 4 eggs so hopefully next month there will be some new arrivals at the zoo!

Join past and present members of the Drouin West CFA as they celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the local brigade. All welcome on Sat 16 November, 3:30pm Please RSVP to [events@dwrfb.org.au](mailto:events@dwrfb.org.au) or PO Box 362, Drouin 3818



### September Lucky Clucker 500 blog

Rain, rain, rain and a touch of sunshine. Hmmm....183mm of rain last month...sounds like a dry year to me! A lot of skill required to avoid getting bogged while egg collecting, but boy, is the grass growing. A lustrous sweet pick of pasture that waves in the breeze with the rye grass glistening in the late afternoon sun. And there lies the dilemma; we can't gobble it up fast enough! We are well known for our yellow yolks from all the grass we devour and it's our job to keep the farm neat and trim, but it's getting away from us. The lambs born last month are now giving it a good munch but we are going to have to call in the big boys.

Yes, new cattle are being sort after to take care of the excess. Funny things, cows. They get into all sorts of mischief and shenanigans. I guess when you are as big as they are, you can do whatever you like! Old Clucker told me once about a steer who could open the egg collection car door with his tongue and stick his head inside. Another one used to lick at the taps until he would unwind them completely off the riser pipe and flood the paddock. Lol, what fun that would have been to splash about in. One Christmas Day a heifer decided to visit by jumping 3 fences to join our herd. We called her 'Santa'. Sometimes they walk straight through our fence to get a closer look at our living quarters. Now that's scary because they are huge up close. So scary that a girl could lay a pre-scrambled egg!

The cattle eat all the long grass so it's a good length for the sheep. The sheep then take it down to the perfect length for us chickens. They know just how we like it so we get all the fresh shoots and don't get lost in the long grass.

Lucky Clucker 500, Jindi Free Range Eggs, over and moo to you all.



### Jindivick Progress Association – Annual General Meeting

was held in the Hall on September 16.

The approx. 16 attendees agreed that the JPA would continue without an elected committee, hold a minimum of 3 meetings per year, and that Lindsay Linnell continue as Treasurer. Discussion focused on the Baw Baw Shire's various plans for Jindivick, including the Placemaking Project activities to date, and the validity of suggested improvements. It was agreed that the JPA would write to council expressing its views about the various plans and seeking a more formal community consultation process to determine options for the Placemaking Project. Since the meeting Cr. Tricia Jones has contacted the JPA indicating that "Council will host a community meeting in Jindivick to seek consensus on the proposed Placemaking projects. This meeting will provide all residents an opportunity to raise concerns and provide feedback. The date will be advised soon."

**The Jindivick Country Market** recommences on October 5 and we are looking forward to great weather and over 30 interesting stalls in the spring period.

New stalls include jewellery, paintings, goat soaps and other products, baby care products as well as the market's usual great range of products including potatoes, preserves, cakes and slices, hand crafts and wine and cheese.

The market provides a great chance to catch up with many of your friends and neighbours and the latest news, as well as supporting a project that helps a number of local activities.

If anyone is keen to become a stall holder please contact Don on 0427 968 503 to discuss the possibilities. The market season will run on the 1st Saturday of each of the following months: October, November, December, February, March, April and May.

### Nangara Notes – Clever Cuckoos

The first cuckoo for the season was heard recently in Nangara Reserve. The rather mournful descending trill of the *Fan-tailed Cuckoo* is a popular harbinger of spring for many bird watchers.



We get visits from several species of cuckoos here in Gippsland, each preferring their own habitat and host species.

Fan-tailed Cuckoos (*left*) migrate up and down the eastern seaboard, arriving here just in time for the nesting of their favourite nest-hoster. Cuckoos lay a

single egg in the nest of other birds and allow their young to be reared by the unwitting host.

The cuckoo's egg is timed to hatch earlier than the host's eggs and the young cuckoo hatchling is programmed to eject the other eggs from the nest. Fan-tailed Cuckoos seem to prefer to parasitize the dome-shaped nests of species such as fairy wrens and thornbills, birds that are much smaller than the cuckoo. As the baby cuckoo grows,

the sight of the much smaller host-parent feeding the larger cuckoo baby can appear bizarre.

Grubs and caterpillars are favourite foods of the Fan-tailed Cuckoo although they will take an array of arthropods. Like many of our native birds, Fan-tailed Cuckoos are nearly always heard before they are seen, and can sit still on an exposed branch for long periods before they are noticed.

### Musker's at Broughton Hall

The nursery and garden are open for visits until 17 November, Thursday to Sunday 10 am till 4 pm. Make the most of early October's cherry blossom and also enjoy the beautiful roses in high spring from late October to mid-November

The Nursery will be open right through to Christmas and is now full of amazing stock, so call in to get that special plant. Garden entry fee \$20 per adult. Children under 16 free



MUSKERS AT BROUGHTON HALL

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# Invitation to the Jindivick Community Bushfire Exercise



Sunday Oct 27, Jindivick Township

## YOU ARE INVITED TO:

*"The responsibility for surviving the fire season is shared between emergency services, local government and the community. We all – including you – share the responsibility for our Communities safety"*

**Trevor Owen – Assistant Chief Officer South East Region**

This interactive forum is specifically designed for residents of Jindivick, Drouin West, Crossover, Rokeby and surrounding areas. If you live in these areas you need to have a Bushfire Plan to ensure that you, your family and your pets are safe this coming fire season. A small time investment now, in developing a bushfire plan, may save your life.

This forum will work with the community through a specific fire-threat exercise. It will be very hands on and practical and will be facilitated by CFA. Brigade members will be on hand to answer your questions and assist.

### CFA will take you through:

- ☐ Fire Behaviour – how does fire work
- ☐ Interactive / simulated fire activities – Looking at maps of Jindivick and how fire will affect you, where fire could come from etc.
- ☐ Importance of a Bushfire Plan and what the plan needs to contain

***If you have an existing Bushfire Plan or you need to start from scratch  
this workshop is for **you**.***

**DATE:** Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**TIME:** 10:00 am (allow 3 hours for workshop and lunch)

**VENUE:** Cricket Club Rooms Kydd Parke Reserve, Jindivick

**ENQUIRIES:** Brendan Witt – Captain Drouin West CFA  
Ruth McGowan – Community Safety, Drouin West CFA

**A FREE lunch  
is provided and  
all the family is  
welcome.**

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