



Hello from Jirrahlinga.

Spring is a wonderful time of year with lots of babies here and at Chewton, and normally we would be on top of the world.

You may not have heard of our devastating fire which occurred in July this year, six koalas died in the fire which also destroyed the Koala Hospital. The Koala Hospital has housed Koalas for many years from babies when they were ill, road accidents dog attacks and Bush fire animals.

This has been a very sad and painful time for Hamish, myself and the staff. We have drawn much strength from each other and the wonderful people who supported Jirrahlinga at that time. The local newspaper has been keeping people informed on the progress as we rebuild. and hopefully work on our new Koala Hospital will commence soon. (awaiting council approval of plans).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful grandfather who gave us a very substantial cheque so that his grandchildren can continue to visit Jirrahlinga, to the school children who gave us their pocket money, and to the many other beautiful people who gave us their prayers, flowers, beautiful letters and donations, some raised through their fundraising efforts, thank you one and all.

The spirit of Jirrahlinga will live on with such faith and support by those who believe in us and the work we carry out

It has always been our wish to get back to normal as quickly as possible. Many people have asked if, after the tragedy of the fire and loss of some of our Koalas were we going to continue?

Just look at the cute photo of the baby Koala found in Mums pouch after the fire. How could you not continue? in memory of our lost Koalas we intend with the new Board of Directors Staff and Volunteers

To grow bigger ,better and stronger than ever

If you would like to help with the fundraising for the koala Hospital please contact Jirrahlinga , we are selling little toy koalas in the Jirrahlinga shop for \$3 each or 2 for \$5.00 and they sure are cute, what a great stocking filler for Christmas, great to send overseas to your friends, or what about starting a koala club?

Thank you for your support once again
From all at Jirrahlinga





Website

Jirrahlinga has a new look and we are all very pleased with the feedback we are getting, if you have visited the website recently you will note there are several changes and different areas. You can also make donations on the website, which helps with our ongoing programmes.

A special thanks to Paul and Derek from AFFORDAWEB for our new look keep them in mind if you need a website designed, your current website needs to be updated or you want a competitive quote for Hosting.

We are currently organising a fundraiser Dinner Auction for funding for the ongoing running of Jirrahlinga and our Dingo Conversation Centre at Chewton. The location has yet to be confirmed, so please continue to look on the website for the date and location. If you do have items that you would like to donate for the night we would be happy to come and pick them up or if you could drop them off to us that would be great.

SNAKES:

Have you heard on the news or read in the newspaper with the change of seasons the snakes have started to appear, don't take risks if you do see one in your garden or on your property check out the nearest snake handler now and place the phone number by the phone NOW

Keep children and pets inside if you do see a snake until help arrives. Remember most people get bitten trying to handle snakes without proper training or experience.

Snake handlers are specially trained to remove and rehouse snakes elsewhere, they will know whether they are venomous or not.

Most snakes in Victoria are venomous

DINGO PUPS

Some spring news, we have baby dingoes at both Jirrahlinga and Chewton, they are not only cute and mischievous, they create laughter and joy for anyone watching their antics. They are growing up so fast but we are happy that new dingoes are being bred in a lovely environment where they will be safe and able to enjoy their life. They will also have the opportunity to help educate people about the native dog the Dingo.

TRAINING:

Animal Rescue training is always ongoing and a refresher course will be held prior to Christmas and the dreaded fire season, no date has been set yet, all people will be contacted via email as to the location and timing. If you are interested in coming to the refresher course please make sure you advise us early of your intentions and that we have your correct email address.

Without our volunteers and visitors to Jirrahlinga we would not be able to continue with all our special programmes for people in need, animals in need, education and training programmes, so please continue to support the work we do.

Come visit us, tell your friends and before leaving the Sanctuary pop into the café and have a delicious cup of coffee and some yummy goodies to eat.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Tehree Gordon

