



Dargo Bush Bulletin



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The Dargo Community House has had a busy month so far! Earlier this month, we hosted our Community House Luncheon at the Dargo River Inn, where the topic of Palliative Care was explored. Kelly from Palliative Care at Latrobe Regional Health gave an insightful and engaging presentation on this important yet often overlooked subject.

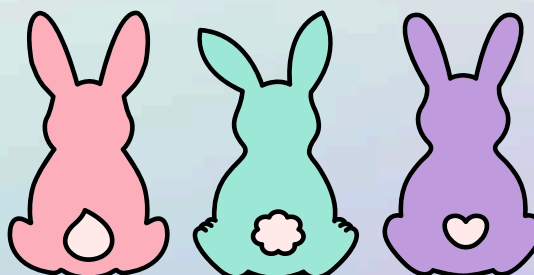
Last week, a group from Dargo enjoyed a bus trip to see the "Nearly Neil" Neil Diamond tribute show, which was a fantastic experience for everyone who attended. The day began with a delicious lunch at the Sale Bowls Club, followed by the show at the Wedge Theatre in Sale. This wonderful trip (including bus travel and the show) was made possible thanks to funding from the Wellington Shire Council and the Dargo Community House.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events planned. First, mark your calendars for the Dargo Old School Market on Sunday 20th April from 9 am to 1 pm. Plus, don't miss the kids' Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place that morning at 9 am – bring the little ones along for some fun!

If you are an Android phone user and would like to learn more about your device, join us at the Community House on Wednesday 30th April, from 10 am to 11 am for a free online presentation.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

DARGO BUSH NURSING CENTRE

Monday 31st March - RFDS Mobile Eye Clinic

Tuesday 1st April - RFDS Mobile Eye Clinic

Friday 18th April - Good Friday - Centre Closed

Monday 21st April - Easter Monday - Centre Closed

Friday 25th April - Anzac Day - Centre Closed

DARGO COMMUNITY HOUSE

Every Tuesday @ 10.30am - Jigsaw Puzzles

Every Wednesday @ 7.15am - Walking Group

Every Wednesday @ 10am - Chair Yoga

Monday 14th April - 11.30am - 2pm - Dargo
Community Climate Adaptation Platform Launch!

Friday 18th April - Good Friday - DCH Closed

Sunday 20th April - Kids Easter Egg Hunt - 9am
@ Dargo Community House

Sunday 20th April - Dargo Old School Market 9am -
1pm @ Dargo Community House

Friday 25th April - Anzac Day - DCH Closed

DARGO HOTEL

Friday 28th March - Wheel - Cemetery Trust

Friday 4th April - Wheel - Community House

Friday 11th April - Wheel - Catholic Church

Friday 18th April - Wheel - Landcare

Friday 18th April - Three Chain Road

Saturday 19th April - Single Income

Friday 25th April - Wheel - Museum

Saturday 26th April - Frankee Nowhere

Friday 2nd May - Wheel - Bush Nursing Centre

DARGO RIVER INN

Every Friday Night Happy Hour - 5pm - 6pm

Sunday 30th March - Crazy Wheel - Muscular
Dystrophy

Sunday 6th Apr - Crazy Wheel - Museum

Sunday 13th Apr - Crazy Wheel - Cemetery Trust

Saturday 19th April - Matt-Peter Fry

Sunday 20th Apr - Crazy Wheel - Community
House

Sunday 27th Apr - Crazy Wheel - Angling Club

Sunday 4th May - Crazy Wheel - Hall

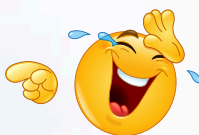
If you, or someone you know would like to
advertise in this community newsletter,
please contact the Dargo Community House
on

Ph: 5140 1333 or Mobile: 0488 035 133

Email: dargoch3862@gmail.com for more
information

Got a joke, or something interesting
you'd like to share with other
readers?

Please send it in to us at
dargoch3862@gmail.com



6 Apr 2025 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

When local daylight time is about to reach
Sunday, 6 April 2025, 3:00:00 am clocks are
turned backward 1 hour to
Sunday, 6 April 2025, 2:00:00 am local standard
time instead.

Smoke Alarms

The CFA are urging residents to please check your smoke
alarms when changing your clocks back.

If you require help to check your smoke alarm please
contact Sale CFA for assistance.



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**



April

1st Alan & Lorraine Paul

Community Library

The Dargo Community House offers a wide selection of books and DVDs available for free hire.

Library is open Wednesday to Friday
9am to 4pm.

Library is available to everyone in the community.

Jigsaw Puzzle Group

Come along and join in on Tuesday mornings from 10:30am onwards and take part in jigsaw puzzle fun with the ladies.

Everyone is welcome!

WALKING GROUP

Come and Join our walking group! We meet every Wednesday at the Dargo Community House at 7:15 am

Contact: Tracey 5140 1333 or 0488 035 133
Email: dargoch3862@gmail.com



March

29th Melissa Cooke

April

1st Sam Barton
5th Col Healey
6th Gary Sherwell
7th Robyn Cooke
8th Ashleigh Radford
Bernice Lee
12th Jeff Stephens
14th Patrice Watt
15th Rex Blackmore
Terri Phelan
17th Joanne McWaters
19th Bailey Websdale
25th Danny Campbell



CHAIR YOGA



It's time to get motivated!!

Chair Yoga every Wednesday
at 10am.

Come along and have a go, we
hope to see you there!



Contact: Tracey 5140 1333 or 0488 035 133
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Gold coin donation welcome



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Chimney Cleaning

Do you need your Chimney Cleaned?

Craig from Gippsland Wood Heater Repairs is available to come to Dargo to offer chimney cleaning services, but he needs at least 5 houses to make the trip worthwhile.

The cost for one chimney cleaning is \$180, and the second one is half price at \$90.

If you are interested please contact Tracey at the Community House:

Phone: 5140 1333 or 0488 035 133

Email: dargoch3862@gmail.com

Briag Farm Service: Jake Taylor 0427 070 030

The Briag Farm Service team will be coming to Dargo next Tuesday 1st April to service generators and machinery around the area.

They will be up here for a week or two, so if you require any of the following serviced, please give

Jake a call on his mobile number:

Service and repair for all:

- ☒ Generators
- ☒ Tractors
- ☒ Farm machinery
- ☒ Lawn mowers
- ☒ Pumps, etc.



Fires 2006

Article in the Bairnsdale Advertiser

Advertiser

Tel: 5150 2300

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006

Price 90c

Region under siege

Ember warning for Dargo

Towns north west of Bairnsdale were yesterday afternoon facing a direct threat from the approaching alpine bushfire as residents faced a nervous wait for a change in the weather.

At around 3pm yesterday Dargo, Watford and Castleboom were bracing for ember attacks, with the possibility of spot fires igniting in the region.

The areas around Glenaladale, Woodglan, Flaggy Creek, Bullunwaal, Seldom Seem, Dopford and Mount Taylor were also put on high alert.

Dargo's township assets were being protected with control lines, collar tanks and quick fills strategically located and generators located at major buildings.

Around 190 Country Fire Authority and Department of Sustainability and Environment fire fighters from the East Gippsland and Port Phillip regions were leading the assault with two slip on strike teams and one tanker strike team.

A fire over 41,000 hectares was raging within 10-15 kilometres of Dargo and was expected to reach the outer edge of the township by midnight.

Incident controller at Bairnsdale, Dean's Matthews, said Dargo had "bunkered down" as crews prepared for impending spot fires.

Mr Matthews said the late arrival of increased winds had brought the area valuable time before the change. How-

ever, he indicated Dargo would experience its worst conditions once the south west wind change arrives, as the surrounding fires are blown toward the town.

Heavy smoke and orange skies shrouded Bairnsdale yesterday afternoon, however Mr Matthews said the town would not be heavily impacted and conditions were not as bad as previously anticipated last week.

"If we are lucky, because the fire rons have started late in the day, Bairnsdale won't be heavily impacted. But we just have to wait and see what is happening with the turbulent situation that is about to be created (yesterday afternoon)."

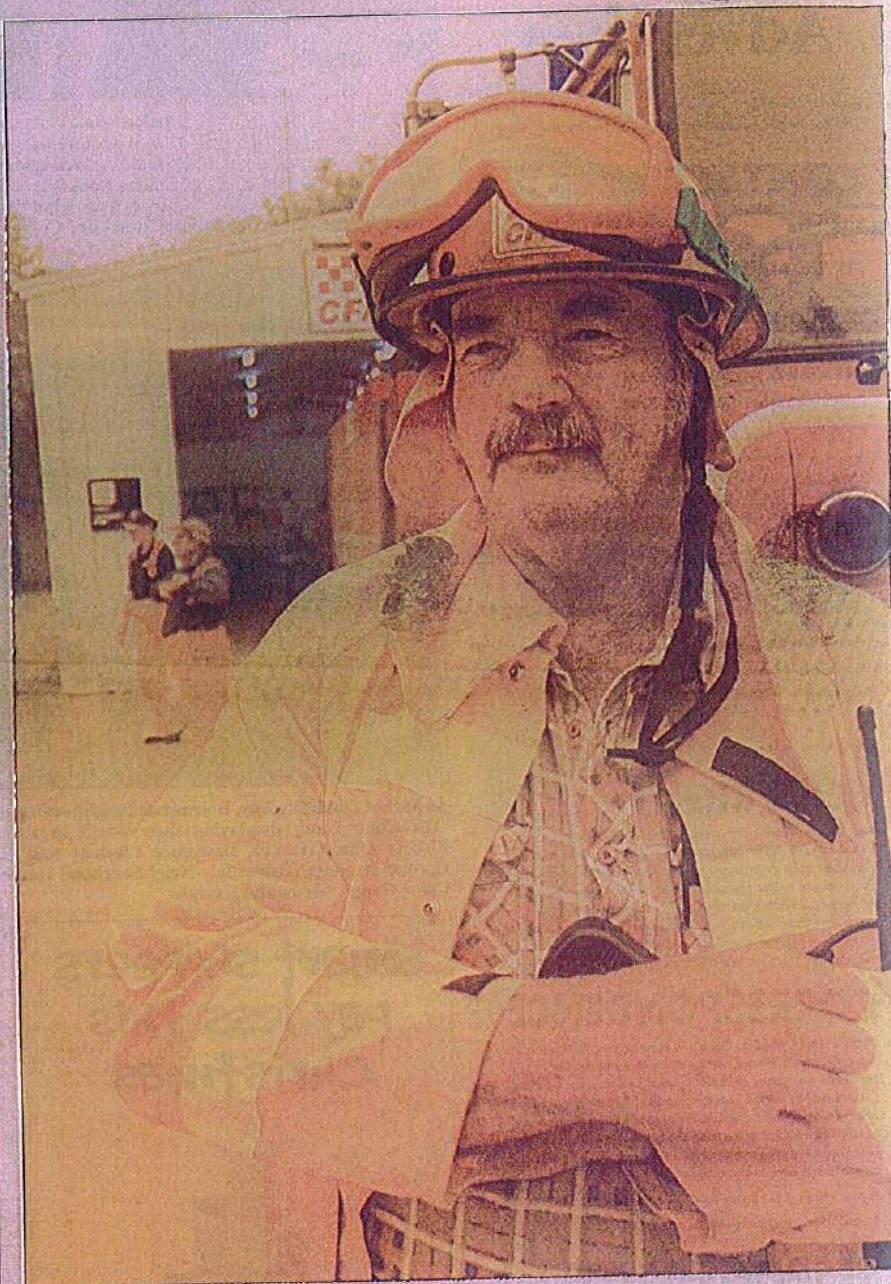
Around 400 CFA personnel had been spread north of Bairnsdale to keep watch over private property.

"The threat should ease substantially by Monday. At that time if the change comes through - if it is a weak one - we have to immediately start back burning along the new eastern flank in the vicinity of the Mitchell River National Park," said Mr Matthews.

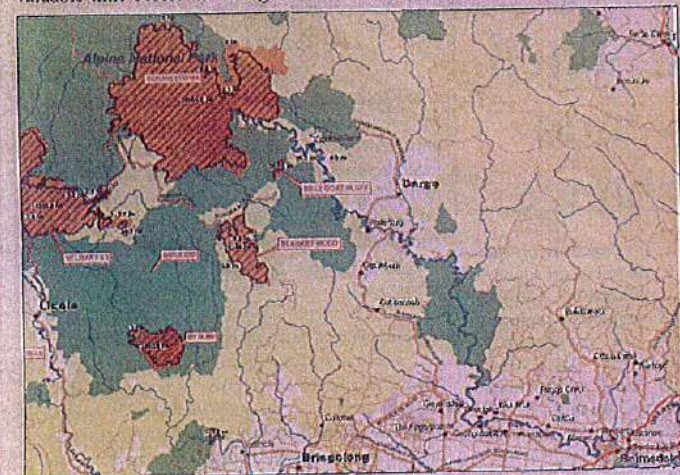
A 24-hour Relief and Registration Centre will operate at Bairnsdale Racecourse until the bushfire emergency has passed.

The centres are marshalling and information points for any residents who leave or cannot reach their homes because of the fires.

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"We'll definitely get something here; it's only natural the way the fire is going." This was the grim assessment by Dargo Fire Brigade captain, Keith Price, on Saturday afternoon as the town braced itself for ember attacks. Thick smoke turned Dargo's surroundings into an eerie shade of orange, ahead of yesterday's predicted strong northerly winds. *Resilience in face of fires* - page 12. K938-9832



* Fire affected areas as of 11pm Saturday. Courier Post

Resilience in face of fire

Dargo was yesterday a town under attack.

Like an army anticipating an invading force, locals could only sit and wait through Saturday and yesterday's heat and eerie calm, ahead of predicted strengthening winds and a change some time this morning.

However, many expect the south west wind change that could save Gippsland towns further south could push the flames back on to the township.

Several outer metropolitan Country Fire Authority (CFA) strike teams joined local crews in the town on Saturday afternoon, lining the main street with tankers and personnel.

There is the potential for the town to be cut off for several days, while several icons such as the school, hall, winery and pubs will be under immediate threat.

Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) staff have effectively invaded the township, but at the same time embraced the community.

Crews have closely monitored and worked on lines on the Mt Cynthia and Mt Darling blaze - affectionately known as "My Darling Cynthia", which spans over 40,000 hectares south west of Dargo.

DSE was buoyed by the few hours of quiet weather gained by Sunday morning, but said there was still a risk of the blaze joining up with the fire near Valencia Creek to the south.

A smaller spot fire was on Saturday positioned 12 kilometres away. "We've been preparing the township for what is likely to be a strong ember attack with the potential for several spot fires and running fire coming through grass land," explained DSE divisional commander, Rob Stewart.

"It is a community under siege. We are bracing ourselves for what is going to happen."



Dargo Store owner, Maggie Reeve, and her colleagues have been kept busy as the town faced an anxious wait for the fires. 2025 0013

Dargo CFA brigade captain, Keith Price, hoped that 80 per cent of private land assets would "be okay".

"We'll definitely get something here; it's only natural way the fire is going," he said.

"Everyone is bracing themselves; they've been through it before. The ones who were very concerned moved out and have done the right thing. "We can't be at every building, but we'll be checking before and after...you can't do much during."

One of the town's mainstays is the 108 year-old Dargo Hotel.

Dargo's biggest employer, the hotel acts as the community, information and social centre.

Publican David Austin is

not foreign to the weekend's scenario, having worked at the hotel during the 2002-03 alpine fires.

However, he said the lead up to yesterday had been an anxious one.

"Basically we just sit and wait, because that's what it is - it is just a waiting game."

While the wait is painful, there have been plenty of tasks to keep David and his 16 casual staff occupied.

In between preparing the building for ember attacks, it has been the hotel's role to cook meals each night for up to 140 fire fighters who arrived last Friday week. This is slightly less than the 300 plus personnel three years ago.

"We give them a snorgasbord, make sure everyone has a good feed and a bit of down time," he said.

"We've got about 15-16 casuals, everyone in town is working shifts. We have a good group of people who we can rely on."

"The town is like family. We don't get on all the time, but we are always looking out for each other."

David said he was confi-

dent the town would survive, although thought some outlying properties would be beyond rescue.

He ensured there was no danger of Dargo running out of beer should the power and roads be cut off.

"We just got our Christmas order, so we've got enough to get through to New Year."

One of the town's greatest concerns was the impact on the tourism industry.

These sentiments are echoed by Dargo River Inn proprietor, Matt Humphrey, who runs the business with Susan Hatwell.

Matt has already been forced to cancel several bookings and indicated major fire damage would destroy Dargo's hopes of attracting visitors these holidays.

"If the fire comes through, this Christmas and New Year is going to be stuffed," he said.

Renovations due to be finished before the inn's big New Year's Eve weekend - which includes the Dargo Muster and the Show - have been put on

hold, but Matt said the events would still go ahead.

Live bands and other entertainment will be provided, with funds raised going to farmers suffering from the drought.

The hotels generate only a small profit from supporting fire crews and any money made no way reflects the 12-16 hour working days.

And the workshop has been non-stop since the DSE phoned for support following the initial lightning strikes.

The inn's staff numbers have swelled from four to 12 to assist with making breakfast and lunch packs for all fire crews and other DSE staff.

"We got up at 4am and start making around 200 sandwiches," Matt explained.

"Then at 4-5am we start cooking to have everything ready by 6am. We have about 70-80 people in our go, then the last 30-40 trickle in."

Dargo Store proprietor, Maggie Reeve, has also been extremely busy with the fires.

thing, whether it be or pull cord for a generator," she said.

Leslie Wehsda lived in Dargo years and vividly remembers the 1965 fires, which rounded the town burnt well past date.

"You've just got and bear it really, it to come," Leslie.

"I was here in fires where you go outside without hat on your head, towel around your dors."

"It was very hot, muggy... worse than The day before would've burnt rained. It got down terford at the which is not away."

Leslie said this conditions were in 1965, but said no in a state of panic.

"I'm quite confident town will be safe are a lot of people around here and time (in 1965) and ered around the Wherever they went, they were."

The fires have a few new things Dargo.

Residents never had quite mobile CDMA service until established for the south and received an surprise when message alerts all e den started ringing.

They also have 4,500 units of meat sausage rolls and fi to eat for free after ous offer from Foods in Bairnsdal.

However, everyone had to contend with flux of blowflies smoke.

With the exception of fuel and the occasional ice cream, some of the most popular buys have been personal hygiene items.

However, Maggie made that point that no stock was running out.

"I can assure you there is no shortage of razor blades in Dargo," she joked.

"We are actually not selling much at all other than fuel, biscuits, tea, coffee - just the things that keep everyone going."

Maggie explained the past couple of days had been "shear frustration" trying to work at the store and prepare her own home, but had plenty of assistance from store assistant Cathy and her son from Melbourne.

"Somebody is always coming looking for some-



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Fire Fight

SNAPSHOT OF EAST GIPPSLAND'S SMOKE-FILLED LANDSCAPE



SMOKEY VIEW: The view from the top of the fire tower at Mount Taylor early on Monday afternoon. Pictured is the smoke drifting over Bairnsdale. (rs)



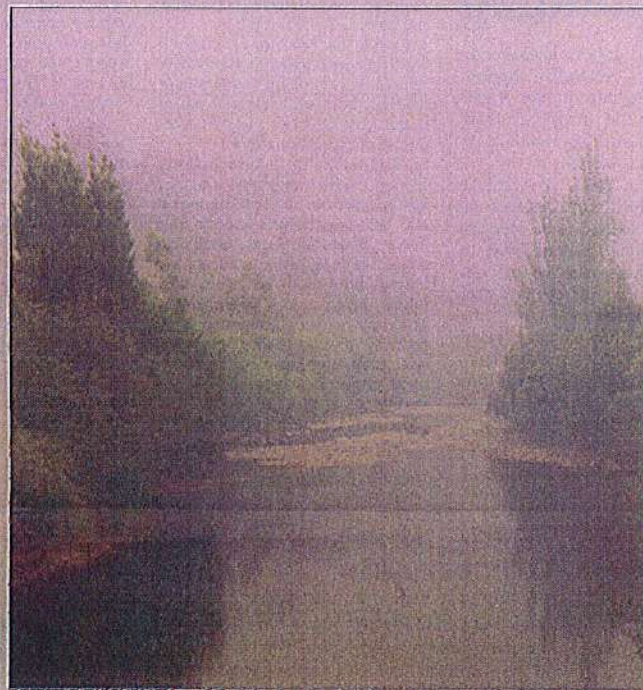
THANKS BOYS: Langwarrin CFA members have been among a huge visiting contingent of fire fighters that have assisted local brigades and the Department of Sustainability and Environment. (rs)



EXTREME: There was certainly no mistaking the fire danger reading at Dargo last Saturday. (KRS:0045)



COLORFUL: With filters on cameras and color adjustments common practice on many photographs in the modern era, you could be excused for thinking that's what had taken place here. Not so, Tim Grampton captured this image with a normal clear lens at 7.30pm on Sunday evening at Lake Tyers Beach. (rs)



NOT AGAIN: In 1965 fires reached this area near the Waterford Bridge on the Wonnangatta River, some 10km south of Dargo. Some 41 years later Waterford residents were again hit with ash and embers in the same region last Sunday as the current fires made their way south. A heavy cloud hung over the water and surrounding hills last Saturday afternoon as the front drew nearer. (KRS:0055)



TRUCKS IN TOWN: The presence of a fleet of fire trucks lining Bairnsdale's Main Street below the water tower brought some reassurance to many members of the public. Crews had travelled from towns from the Mornington Peninsula and other outer suburban towns to assist East Gippsland crews in protecting private property. (KRS:0005)



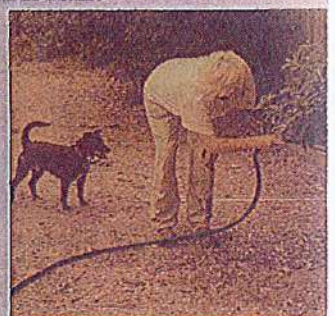
READY FOR ACTION: Country Fire Authority tankers line the Lindenow Sports Ground in the evening before heading out on their next battle as part of the war against the raging bushfires. (rs)



FREAKY FIRE: Wendy Bentley captured this image after the storm that passed through on Monday. There was a lightning strike in John Hanecek's paddock (just behind the Bentleys on Bengworden Road). The lightning hit the top wire of the fence and started a fire below. Luckily for everyone John had a water pipe running along the fence and it burst when the fire started to melt it! (rs)



HOWZAT: The Australian cricket team is well on top in its Ashes series with England, however local and visiting CFA members have had a far more important battle with the ashes (and flames) of the Gippsland fires. (rs)



PREPARED: Lindenow's Jill Steinberg makes sure her home is prepared for the possible fire threat. (rs)

THE GAP

The Gap was a school magazine that was produced by the teachers of the Bairnsdale Inspectorate from 1920 to 1969 and circulated to schools in the Inspectorate

EARLY DAYS OF DARGO

When settlers first came to Dargo there were no roads or bridges and they used to come along the tops of the hills because there was not so much scrub and trees. It was not agriculture which brought settlers here. At one time there were only two settlers, then when gold was discovered crowds of men came, eager to try their luck in the new goldfields. There were a great number of miners working in the rivers flats and creeks in the district—many having claims.

When McMillan, the Pathfinder of Eastern Gippsland discovered Dargo, he took a "run" not long after for Mr. Foster. More came and took other "runs." In those days all provisions had to be brought from Port Albert on pack horses, many of the men walking and leading their pack horses, and everything was very dear. The old pioneers must have had a very hard struggle in those days.

When the quartz reefs were found on the hills at Grant a large town was built, and the people who lived on the flats at Dargo used to grow produce and sell it to the miners. The miners from all around used to bring gold and sell it to the storekeepers and to the Bank of Victoria at Grant. When the mines were worked-out a number of people settled on the land at Dargo and Crooked River.

There is now a good road to Stratford and we have a motor mail service to Dargo, which is a different way from what the old pioneers had of travelling. When my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Traill came to the district more than 60 years ago they settled on the banks of the Mitchell river; there was no bridge there then. When the river was high everything had to be brought across in a boat.

I used to love to hear my dear grandma talking of the olden times. They have both gone to the country over the range.

—MADGE KING, 10 yrs., Grade VI., Dargo.

DARGO.

Dargo, a little township, with a population of about two hundred, is situated amongst the hills 45 miles from Briagolong, the nearest railway station. The Dargo River flows through the town, and supplies fresh water to the residents. In the river many trout are set free annually, and in the fishing season many anglers visit the district. Oats, maize, potatoes, pumpkins, and marrows are grown, but, owing to the cost of cartage, these products are not sent to market, but are used as food for the animals, which are afterwards driven away to be sold at the Melbourne markets. There is now a motor mail service where formerly we had only a pack horse. The car runs twice weekly. There are two churches, a general store, post office, school, hotel, and a mechanics' institute. The provisions are brought to the store from Briagolong in motor buses. In summer time many tourists visit the township. The scenery is very beautiful. Wild flowers and tree-ferns grow profusely, and willows and wattles flourish along the river banks.

—M. TRAILL, 10 yrs., Dargo.



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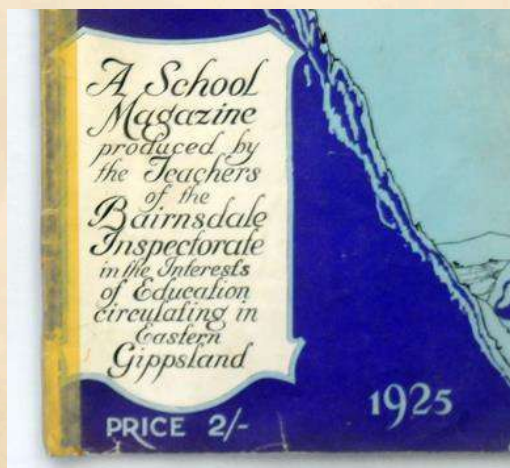
Dargo, which is situated among the hills of North Gippsland, was discovered by the great path finder, Angus McMillan. When the settlers first came to Dargo, they had many hardships to endure. All the provisions had to be brought from Port Albert on pack horses, a journey of one hundred miles through rough bush and heavily timbered country. When the rivers were high all the loading and saddles had to be brought across in a boatswain's chair, and the horses were forced to swim.



REENWOOD

It was gold which originally brought settlers here, and when this was discovered, many people of all nationalities and creeds came to seek their fortunes and join in the frantic scramble after wealth. When the gold gave out most of the miners left the district. Some of them selected land and grew produce for the miners. There are very few of the old pioneers left now.

—M. KING, 13, Dargo.



Community House Luncheon

On Friday 14th March, the Dargo Community House hosted a community lunch at the Dargo River Inn, with the topic of Palliative Care taking center stage. While not the most popular subject within our community, it is undoubtedly an important one to address.

Kelly from Palliative Care Latrobe Regional Health delivered an informative yet light-hearted presentation that helped make the topic feel more approachable. The presentation covered several key areas, including:

- What is Palliative Care?
- What does death look like at home?
- What defines a "good death"?
- Understanding the community health services available to Palliative Care patients
- Voluntary Assisted Dying

As always, Kelly, Termite, and staff served a delicious two-course meal, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A big thank you to everyone involved!

The lucky winners of the door prizes were Margie Knott and Sue Neale. Congratulations ladies!





Trip to Sale – Neil Diamond Tribute Show

“Nearly Neil”



Last Thursday 20th March a group of us headed to Sale to enjoy the Neil Diamond Tribute Show at the Wedge Theatre. We had a fantastic turnout, with 15 people joining in on the fun. The show was outstanding, and we all had a wonderful time, starting with a delicious lunch at the Lakeside Bowls Club in Sale.

Our bus driver, Graham from Dysons, picked us up in Dargo in the morning and safely brought us home later that afternoon.

We also had the pleasure of catching up with former Dargo resident Doreen Sherwell, who looked absolutely amazing! A big thank you to her lovely daughter Sharon for bringing her along – it was lovely to see you both.

Lastly, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Wellington Shire Council for their generous support in providing us with a quick response grant, which helped cover the cost of the bus and part of the tickets. Thank you so much!



Dargo Community Climate Adaptation Platform Launch! - YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for the Dargo Community Climate Adaptation Platform Launch!
Monday, April 14th - Dargo Community House 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM FREE
lunch provided!

Over the past few months, the Dargo community has worked together to create a new online platform designed to build stronger, safer and more sustainable communities. This tool brings together important information about our local environment, strengths, risks, assets and community needs—all in one easy-to-use place.

At this launch, you'll:

Learn why this platform matters and how it's been built so far with your input

See a live demo of the tool, now featuring community-generated insights

Get easy, step-by-step training on how to:

- ☒ Use the platform (it's simpler than you think!)
- ☒ Add your own insights to help strengthen community resilience
- ☒ Find useful information when you need it

This platform is for everyone—whether you're retired, a farmer, a volunteer, a business owner, a tourist or just curious about how to better prepare for the challenges of extreme weather events.

No tech skills are required—just bring yourself, your questions, and your appetite!

Come along, enjoy lunch, and be part of building a stronger, safer and more sustainable Dargo.

RSVP appreciated - We can't wait to see you there!

For questions about the event or to RSVP:

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Wanted STALLHOLDERS



DARGO OLD SCHOOL
MARKET



WE'RE LOOKING FOR ...

20
APRIL
2025

Crafts, art, giftware, food,
jewellery, clothing, produce
... & anything quirky

CONTACT TRACEY OR SUE:

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Dargo Community House

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday
20th April 2025
@ 9am



At the School – 137 Lind Ave, Dargo



Australian Government

Be Connected

Every Australian online.

Android Phones

Where: Dargo Community House

When: Wednesday 30th April

Time: 10am - 11am

If you are interested in attending this free online presentation please contact Tracey at the Community House on Ph: 5140 1333 or 0488 035 133
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Android phones are more than a way to stay connected with others through text and calls. They can make your life easier by providing access to important information, online services and entertainment. Get the most out of your Android phone by exploring its settings and discover more features and useful tips to help you do more with your device.



Get to know your Android phone

There are a range of important features on your Android phone, including:

- a.** front camera for video chats and selfies
- b.** volume up and down button
- c.** ring/silent switch to mute sounds and alerts
- d.** power button on the side of the phone for screen wake and sleep
- e.** charging port and headphone jack (in older models)
- f.** home screen and apps.

The examples in this document may appear different on your device, depending on your Android phone model.



The TV Management Group request for Volunteers/Helpers

The TV Management Group was established to provide the town of Dargo with free access to major free-to-air channels such as Channel 7, 9, and 10. However, maintaining this service comes with costs, including land lease fees, insurance, licenses, equipment replacement, and ongoing maintenance.

To support these expenses, the TV Management Group volunteers work hard to raise funds with help from local businesses like the Dargo Hotel and the Dargo River Inn. These businesses generously allow us to participate in their community wheel, alongside other local groups. We are truly grateful for their support, which enables us to continue offering this service free of charge to the community.

To ensure the continued availability of this service, we are seeking additional volunteers/helpers to assist with the maintenance of the TV Tower. This would involve regular trips to the tower to check the equipment, with financial compensation provided. Volunteers would also assist when issues arise, similar to recent situations. Currently, we have only one volunteer handling this and their availability is limited due to work commitments.

If you are able to help, please contact Tracey on 041 615 7846.

Obituary for Common Sense

An Obituary printed in the London Times.....Absolutely Dead Brilliant!!

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,
-by his parents, Truth and Trust,
-by his wife, Discretion,
-by his daughter, Responsibility,
-and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepchildren;

- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing



Dargo Bush Nursing Centre News



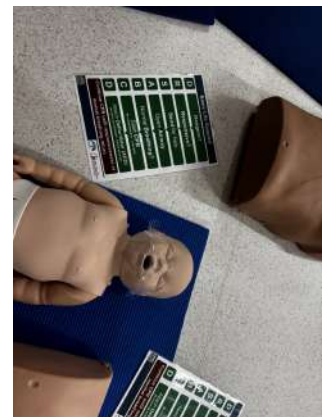
ANNUAL STAFF TRAINING DAY!



We recently held our annual staff training day at the Centre and as you can see it was filled with learning and fun!

It was so great to welcome back Steph from 3 Rivers Training, who provided updates, education and refreshers on CPR and Defib AED use, managing immunisation emergencies, manual handling and how to keep our staff and clients safe if needing to assist someone who has had a fall. Our Home Support Workers, Tracey at the Dargo Community House, Mick our cleaner and maintenance worker, Admin staff and Nurses all participated in this valuable training.

A big thanks to the Dargo General Store for providing our yummy lunch and to Steph for coming to Dargo for the day!












THANK YOU!!

Once again we are so thankful for all the volunteers who assist with raising money on the community wheel nights! Special thanks goes to Phil Davies & Heather Welsh who helped us to raise over \$500 in one month!



If you know of a Podiatrist who would be interested in coming to Dargo, contact our Nurses on 03 5150 2420!!

What's on - March/April 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31st March  RFDS MOBILE EYE CLINIC 	1st April  RFDS MOBILE EYE CLINIC	2nd April	3rd April	4th April
7th April World Health Day 	8th April	9th April	10th April	11th April
14th April	15th April	16th April	17th April	18th April <i>Good Friday</i> Centre Closed 
21st April  <i>Easter Monday</i> Centre Closed	22nd April	23rd April	24th April	25th April  ANZAC Day Centre Closed



VICTORIAN VIRTUAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (VVED)

We want to help everyone understand the wonderful benefits of VVED. Should you require further advice on a medical condition, and it is not an emergency, VVED is a great service to access 24/7. Simply scan the QR code opposite on your phone or tablet camera for the link to register and you will pop into the virtual waiting room to be consulted by a Health Professional for FREE!



DARGO BNC OPENING HOURS

Monday	9am - 5pm
Tuesday	9am - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Thursday	9am - 5pm
Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed



myagedcare

Are you over 65?

Have you signed up for My Aged Care?
If not, please come and see us at the BNC.
You may not need a Home Care Package
for years but when you do it's so much
easier when you've already registered!

ALWAYS CALL 000 IN AN EMERGENCY

We encourage you to please speak with any of our Board of Management members if you want to discuss any issues about the BNC. We welcome all feedback and strive to incorporate any suggestions/improvements you give us into our service.

Current BoM members are:

Joan Traill (President)
Therese Smyth (Vice President)
Phil Davies (Treasurer)
Terry Riley (Secretary)
Mick Eccles
Emile Theodorou



Our Community Consumer Representatives are Des Knott & Rachael Herrald. You can speak to Des or Rachael anonymously (if you'd prefer) and they will give us your feedback.

Dargo Bush Nursing Centre Strategic Plan 2023-2027

Our Vision: To ensure the entire healthcare needs of the Dargo community are met.

Our mission: To provide innovative solutions for the healthcare and wellbeing needs of the Dargo community.

Our Values:

Integrity - We are honest and transparent

Trust - We are capable and reliable

Respect - We strive to earn the community's respect

Safe - We provide a safe environment for all

Community Bank Maffra & District

There has been a great response to the announcement of the 2025 Grant round. With 40 people attending the launch. For details on guidelines and application process for the current grants & sponsorships follow the link

<https://communitybankmaffra.smartygrants.com.au/>

In the coming weeks the Community Bank Maffra & District will be announcing a major investment in a local project. Stay tuned to our socials and newsletters for the exciting details.

Sponsorships & Grants are only possible due to the continued support of our customers and community.

This month also sees Dividends being paid to shareholders. Shares are available to purchase. Be part of you Community Bank. For more information contact admin@mdcfs.com.au



VAM Paddock Productions Presents

JUST A FARMER



LEILA
MCDUGALL

JOEL
JACKSON

AND

ROBERT
TAYLOR

FREE EVENT

SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025

BUCHAN HALL MAIN ROAD BUCHAN

MOVIE SCREENING 2PM

4:00 PM – LIVE MUSIC: LOCAL DUO

**5:30 PM – SAUSAGE SIZZLE: A DELICIOUS MEAL WITH VEGETARIAN
OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

**• CHILDREN/YOUTH ENTERTAINMENT: FUN GAMES, ARTS
AND CRAFTS**

BUS AVAILABLE GELANTIPY TO BUCHAN (BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 51 559 216)

RECIPE

Blueberry Lemon Upside-Down Cake

By: Alyssa Rivers

Be prepared to fall in love with this blueberry lemon upside-down cake! A delicious and moist lemon sponge cake bursting with juicy caramelized blueberries on top!

PREP TIME:	COOK TIME:
25 minutes	45 minutes
TOTAL TIME:	SERVINGS:
1 hour 10 minutes	8 Servings

Ingredients

Blueberry Topping

- ☐ 4 tablespoons [unsalted butter](#)
- ☐ ½ cup [granulated sugar](#)
- ☐ 2 teaspoons [lemon zest](#)
- ☐ 1 tablespoon [fresh lemon juice](#)
- ☐ 2½ cups fresh blueberries

Lemon Cake

- ☐ 1½ cups [all-purpose flour](#)
- ☐ 1½ teaspoon [baking powder](#)
- ☐ ½ teaspoon [salt](#)
- ☐ ½ cup [unsalted butter](#), softened
- ☐ 1 cup [granulated sugar](#)
- ☐ 2 [large eggs](#)
- ☐ 1 tablespoon [lemon zest](#)
- ☐ 1 teaspoon [vanilla extract](#)
- ☐ ½ teaspoon lemon extract



Instructions

Blueberry Topping

- 1 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray the bottom and sides of a 9-inch round cake pan with non-stick cooking spray and set aside.
- 2 In a small saucepan, add 4 **tablespoons unsalted butter**, ½ **cup granulated sugar**, 2 **teaspoons lemon zest**, and 1 **tablespoon fresh lemon juice**. Cook for about 2 minutes until the mixture starts to bubble.
- 3 Add in 2½ **cups fresh blueberries** and stir to combine.
- 4 Pour the blueberry mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan.

Lemon Cake

- 1 In a medium-sized mixing bowl, whisk together 1½ **cups all-purpose flour**, 1½ **teaspoon baking powder**, and ½ **teaspoon salt**, then set aside.
- 2 Beat together ½ **cup unsalted butter**, and 1 **cup granulated sugar** in a stand mixer or with an electric hand mixer. Beat together until fluffy, about 2 minutes.
- 3 Add in the 2 **large eggs** one at a time, followed by 1 **tablespoon lemon zest**, 1 **teaspoon vanilla extract**, and ½ **teaspoon lemon extract**.
- 4 Add in the dry ingredients and continue to mix until combined.
- 5 Spread the batter on top of the blueberry mixture.
- 6 Bake for 45-50 minutes or until the cake is firm to the touch.
- 7 Let the cake rest for 10 minutes, and then carefully flip it over on a plate. Serve with fresh whipped cream on top!

"Guess the Item" Competition – Win a Prize!

Think you've got a sharp eye? Here's your chance to show off your skills and win a great prize!

How to Participate:

Take a close look at the mystery item pictured below.

Guess what the item is!

Submit your answer to Tracey via email at dargoch3862@gmail.com or by phone on 5140 1333 or 0488 035 133.

The First Correct Answer Wins!

Don't miss out – the winner will be announced in next month's bulletin!

If no winner another clue will be supplied until item is revealed.

Good luck, and happy guessing!

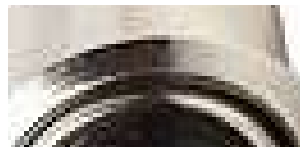
Terms and conditions apply. One entry per person per month.



A fly

Last month's winner -
Emile Theodorou
\$20 Bunnings Gift Voucher

New Quiz



Clue 1 - I am rare now but the socket I once lived in still has value

To keep this competition going we are looking for sponsorship from individuals or businesses. If you can help please contact Tracey at the Community House for more details.



JOKES

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"



Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?"

The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?"

The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."



A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch.

At the counter, the husband asked the blonde waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burrrr-gerrr Kiiing."



A guy said to God, "God, is it true that to you a billion years is like a second?"

God said yes.

The guy said, "God, is it true that to you a billion dollars is like a penny?"

God said yes.

The guy said, "God, can I have a penny?"

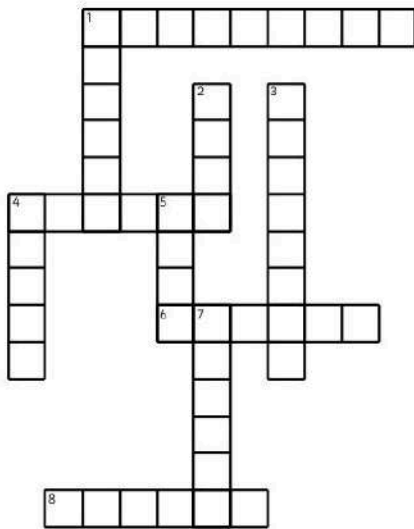
God said, "Sure, just a second."



Easter Crossword



Solve the crossword using the list of words and the clues



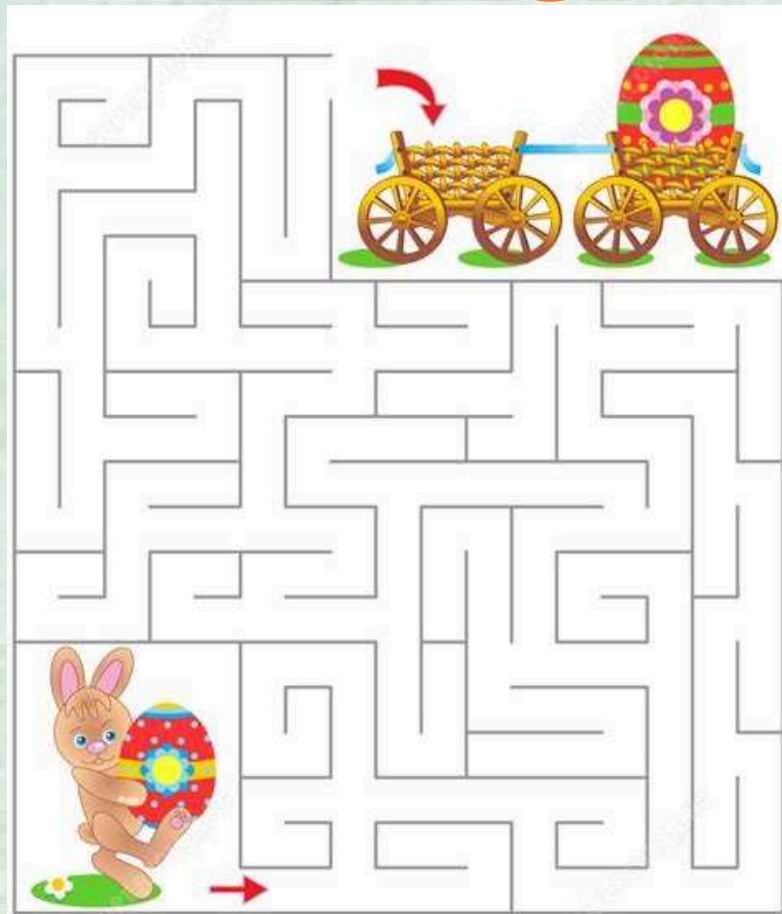
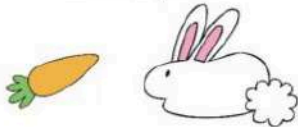
basket
bonnet
bunny
chicks
chocolate
daffodil
eggs
hunt
parade
spring

Across

1. Easter eggs are often made out of this treat!
4. Collect your eggs in this.
6. The season in which Easter is celebrated.
8. You may wear one in the Easter parade.

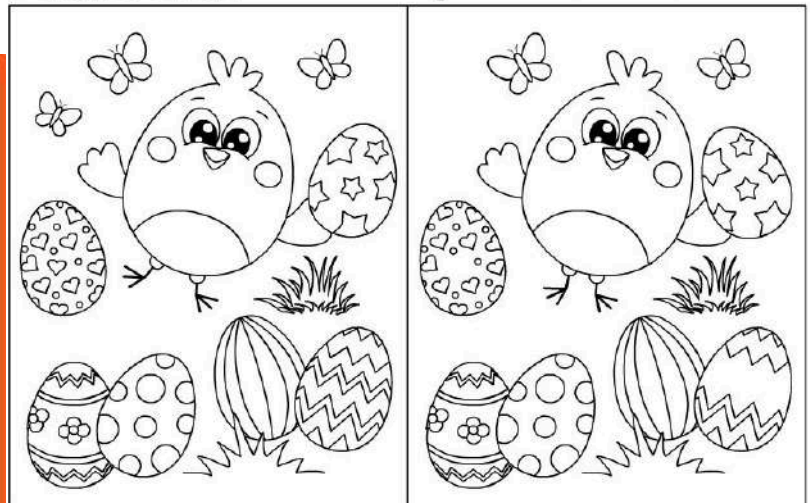
Down

1. These hatch out of real eggs.
2. You may go on an Easter egg ...
3. Cheerful, yellow spring flower.
4. Will he visit you this year?
5. We give chocolate ones at Easter.
7. Show off your Easter bonnet at one!

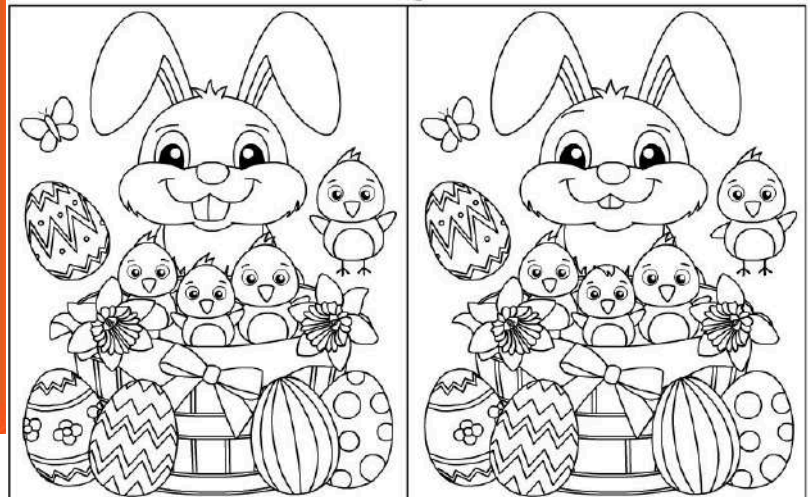


Easter

Spot 5 differences!



Spot 10 differences!



Name: _____ Date: _____

SCRAMBLED EGGS FOR EASTER

The Easter Bunny decorated some of his eggs with words, but when he delivered them, they got a little scrambled. Can you unscramble the words and find the answer to his favorite riddle?



1. _____ 1 2 _____
2. _____ 3 4 _____ 5
3. _____ 6 _____
4. _____ 7 8 _____
5. _____ 9 _____
6. _____ 10 11 _____

What do you call a rabbit who tells good jokes?

11 6 3 2 7 8 10 9 1 4 5

Last month's solutions

Crossword Solution from 28th February

1	A	T	O	P		5	T	O	A	D		9	C	L	A	I	M
14	B	A	B	U		15	O	L	L	A		16	H	E	N	R	I
17	E	X	I	T		18	N	E	A	R		19	A	C	T	O	N
20	L	I	T	T	L	E	O	R	N	O	T	H	I	N	G		
				23	S	O	P			24	S	A	T				
25	C	A	B			28	G	O	E	R		31	T	I	P	P	E
36	O	G	R	E		38	E	V	E	N		40	L	E	A	V	E
41	S	H	O	R	T		42	M	E	M	O	R	Y	S	P	A	N
44	T	A	I	G	A		45	S	A	G	O		46	T	A	D	S
47	A	S	L	O	P	E		48		49	P	O	O	L		51	L
						52	I	L	O			54	T	E	A		
56	R	U	N	T	O	F		60	T	H	E	L	I	T	T	E	R
65	I	S	A	A	C		66	H	O	N	E		67	L	A	D	Y
68	D	E	B	R	A		69	E	M	I	T		70	A	L	G	A
71	E	S	S	E	S		72	R	E	D	S		73	S	E	E	N

Sudoku Solution from 28th February

1	7	5	9	3	6	8	4	2
6	2	9	4	8	1	3	7	5
4	8	3	2	5	7	6	1	9
3	9	6	7	1	5	4	2	8
8	1	4	6	9	2	7	5	3
7	5	2	3	4	8	1	9	6
9	6	1	5	7	3	2	8	4
2	4	8	1	6	9	5	3	7
5	3	7	8	2	4	9	6	1

SUDOKU

	3		6		2	8		
8	4					3	6	
1			8				7	
		9			1			5
					9	2	4	
3		4		2				
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Results of this Sudoku puzzle will be in next month's edition of the bulletin

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

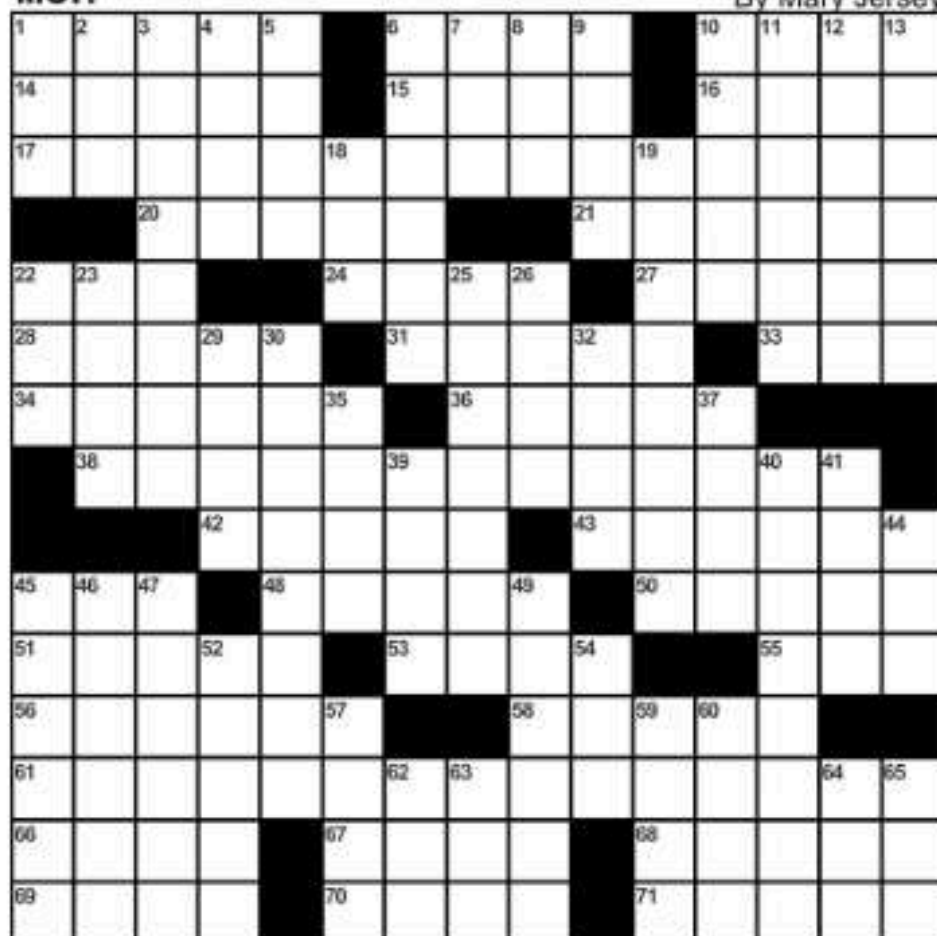
- | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1) Botch | 42) Adult nit |
| 6) Mountain passes | 43) Copier fluids |
| 10) Drizzly day phenomenon | 45) Fraternity characters |
| 14) "He's ___ nowhere man ..."
(Beatles lyric) | 48) Moisten, as a roast |
| 15) "Once ___ a time" | 50) Target practice place |
| 16) ___ Spumante (sparkling wine) | 51) Built-out window |
| 17) Source of a formal written request | 53) All-time strikeout king Nolan |
| 20) Depth charge target | 55) Boston clock setting |
| 21) Person who holds property in trust | 56) It may keep you on your toes |
| 22) That lady | 58) Come up with, as money |
| 24) Gesture of greeting | 61) Friendly with each other |
| 27) Air traffic control device | 66) Weight-loss plan |
| 28) Kind of pasta | 67) Ireland, to locals |
| 31) Harder to find | 68) Soft, crinkled fabric |
| 33) Letters on an ambulance | 69) Maneuverable, as a yacht |
| 34) Knowledge of the mysterious | 70) Breed, as animals |
| 36) Like Brutus or Caesar | 71) Green fence? |
| 38) Pry or snoop | |

DOWN

- 1) Damage
- 2) Fury
- 3) Succession
- 4) Smear, as paint
- 5) Mingle-mangle
- 6) Musical "ax"
- 7) Suitable
- 8) Baked Hawaiian dish
- 9) Self-styled superior
- 10) Puzo subject
- 11) King Mark's bride
- 12) Small waterway
- 13) Stopwatches, e.g.
- 18) Carpenter's cutter
- 19) One who does accounts?
- 22) Mineral baths
- 23) Rosemary or basil
- 25) The spice of life
- 26) Winged god of love
- 29) Catch, as a criminal
- 30) Dignifies
- 32) Give off
- 35) Blue-green shade
- 37) Ship of Columbus
- 39) Russia, once
- 40) Like most modern furniture
- 41) Dynes at work
- 44) Matching collection
- 45) Not a single person
- 46) Astronomy Muse
- 47) Lone Ranger's horse
- 49) One making money
- 52) Glitterati, e.g.
- 54) Pester
- 57) Stadium level
- 59) Thing to scratch
- 60) Desperately dry, as land
- 62) Make a bow
- 63) Savings vehicle
- 64) Hybrid's selling pt.
- 65) Take in visually

MOI?

By Mary Jersey



DARGO BUSH NURSING CENTRE INC
MINUTES FOR CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT MEETING
"Our Growing Future"

Date:	Tues, 25th March 2025	Location:	Dargo BNC Residence
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Start Time:	9.34 am	Close Time:	10.58 am
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1.0 Attendees

	Details
1	Joan Traill – President Dargo BNC, Emily Theodorou – Dargo BNC & Public Hall and Rescreation Reserve Committee, Tracey Bower – DCH Coordinator, Brian Madigan – Dargo CFA and Museum, Phil Davies – Treasurer Dargo BNC, Des Knott – Dargo BNC Consumer Representative, Rob Christie – Dargo Flat Cemetery Trust, Sarah Carr – Dargo BNC RAN, Mick Eccles – BoM Member Dargo BNC, Emile Theodorou – Red Cross Resilience Officer, Liz Lamble – Dargo Hotel
2	Apologies: Stuart Brewer – Victoria Police; Sue Neale – Dargo BNC, Ilias Antonopoulos – DEECA; Tehan Ricketts – Parks Victoria

2.0 Introduction:

	Details
1	Joan acknowledged the Gunaikurnai people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and paid our respects to their Elders – past, present and emerging. Joan welcomed all attendees to the Consumer Engagement Group Meeting.

3.0 Integrity Moments:

	Details
1	Attendees were asked to disclose any conflict of interest in relation to matters arising in this agenda or issues of compliance with relevant ethical codes and legislation.
2	Attendees were reminded to be mindful of meeting confidentiality and privacy requirements, <i>if confidential information is relayed</i> .
3	Attendees were reminded of the expectation that this meeting is a safe space for enquiry and open, respectful conversation.

4.0 Update:

	Details
1	Emily explained The DBNC Board of Management has decided to transition the current CEG meetings under the Dargo Community House, to ensure equal participation for all Dargo organisations. Originally intended to share DBNC updates and activities, these meetings have evolved into a broader platform for community information exchange. Given the positive feedback over the past two years, the CEG will now become the Dargo Community Engagement Group , allowing all organisations equal time to share updates. The Dargo Community House is expected to facilitate these meetings, with logistics still open for discussion. Additionally, as per NSQPCH requirements, DBNC must establish a separate Consumer Advisory Group , as the current CEG does not meet the necessary criteria. While DBNC is forming this new group, it remains committed to maintaining the Community Engagement Group under the new structure.

5.0 Carried Forward Tasks:

	Details
1	<p>Dump & Water Point in Dargo</p> <p>This item was discussed by the meeting in length with the following key points highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant increase in the number of caravans staying in Dargo and local free campgrounds. Reports of illegal waste dumping at private property access points and in the Dargo River. This poses a significant health issue to the community members relying on river water for drinking water. Discussion on obtaining numerical data from Parks Vic/DEECA to track visitor numbers and free camping usage. <p>Des Knott emphasised the importance of keeping this project going and to gather physical evidence, e.g. photos of illegally dumped waste & factual numbers of tourists in area, to take to WSC.</p> <p>Joan Traill suggested that over the Easter holidays, anyone who witnesses illegal waste dumping to take photos. Meeting attendees agreed this would be a good idea.</p> <p>Action items from discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily Theodorou to liaise with DEECA/Parks Vic to see whether they can provide signage (preferably multilingual), on the correct disposal of waste/need to take all waste with you, to display around town. Emily will also ask whether photos of the campgrounds can be taken when patrols are done over the long weekend, as further evidence of rubbish/waste that is being left behind. Emile Theodorou to liaise with DEECA to find out whether they have traffic counters that can be installed pre-Easter long weekend.

6.0 BNC Centre Operation: Presented by Sarah Carr**6.1 Upcoming Events**

	Details
1	RFDS Mobile Eye Care Clinic on 31st March & 1st April – Currently booked out. Skin Check Clinic on 30th April – Currently booked out.
2	
3	BNC/DCH looking at holding a morning tea or lunch on Dementia towards the end of May.

6.2 Allied Health & Other Services

	Details
1	Podiatrist Stephen from CGH has retired from visiting Dargo. BNC is looking at alternative options.
2	Unfortunately, RFDS Wellingbeing Counsellor has resigned and will not be replaced face-to-face in Dargo. Potential for current clients to access telehealth appointments.
3	BNC will host the annual Fluvax clinic in April/May.

6.3 Current Projects & Funded Health Projects

	Details
1	Sarah advised Sue Neale has applied for a grant to cover a counselling service in Dargo every 3 weeks. Notification of successful/unsuccessful applications will be in August 2025.
2	The HoloLens is now back in working order.
3	Due to staff leave arrangements a casual 'short term contract' nurse will commence in June to cover annual leave periods.

7.0 Dargo Community House: Presented by Tracey Bower

7.1 Upcoming Events/Programs

	Details
1	<p>Markets: Easter Sunday Market – Sunday 20th April 2025. Tracey is still looking at more stalls joining the market. DCH will also host an Easter Egg hunt for children in the morning. Kings birthday Long Weekend – Sunday 8th June 2025. Tracey asked whether this may conflict with Mower Races? Liz Lamble felt it would probably compliment the races and offer something else for tourists to go to. Meeting attendees agreed. Tracey will pursue this.</p> <p>Be Connected Online Course. Tracey is facilitating this on Wednesday 30th April form 10-11am. It is for</p>
2	<p>community members with Android phones. Emile Theodorou has offered to support Tracey with this. Biggest Morning Tea – Thursday 22nd May. More information to come.</p>
3	Community Lunch – Originally pencilled in for Friday 6th June at the Dargo Hotel. Tracey looking at changing
4	<p>date to May due to June Market. Tracey has Latrobe Community Health Service attending to discuss their carers program and Dementia support.</p> <p>Soup and Roll's Day will commence on Thursday the 12th June, then continue fortnightly. Des Knott asked</p>
5	whether this requires a coin donation and Tracey advised it does.

7.2 Current Programs

	Details
1	Jigsaw puzzle's & card/craft is on every Tuesday from 10:30am onwards. All welcome.
2	Walking Group. The 7:15am walk is on hold at the moment due to the attendees having other commitments.
3	Chair Yoga is held every Wednesday at 10am.
4	Bush bulletin is out this Friday 28th March.

8.0 Input from Community Leaders

	Details
	<p>Dargo Museum – Presented by Brian Madigan Brian started by thanking Rob Christie for donating a copy of his book to the Museum in exchange for a VHS video. Brian advised he is facing challenges in keeping the museum open for tourists. Due to time constraints and other commitments, he is sometimes unable to attend, and the museum cannot remain open to the public without supervision to safeguard the artifacts. Additionally, the museum committee has a limited number of members, with little interest from new participants. Brian expressed concern that the museum's closure would be unfortunate for the town, as it serves as a valuable historical site for visitors.</p>
	<p>Dargo CFA – Presented by Brian Madigan Brian reported the CFA has 2 new part time members. Brian is considering applying for a grant to fund the replacement of the ultralight. Brian finished by saying while there is no set date in place, it is looking like fire restrictions may be lifted soon. With this, a discussion was started around Daylight Savings ending next month and how it coincides with checking your smoke alarm batteries. Joan Traill asked Brian whether the CFA would be organising checks noting that CFA installed smoke alarms with 10year lithium-ion batteries to community members</p>

	<p>over 65 a number of years ago. Brian is not aware of any CFA initiatives at the moment. Emile Theodorou mentioned the CFA website states: 'Trained CFA Members can install smoke alarms in homes for people who cannot obtain, install or maintain smoke alarms themselves. This service is targeted, but some CFA Districts will also take community requests. Talk to your local Brigade or District Office to see if you are eligible for this service.' and asked Brian whether community members would be eligible. Brian didn't believe Dargo CFA would be in a position to offer this service.</p>
	<p>Dargo Hotel – Presented by Liz Lamble</p> <p>Liz reported the pub has been very busy with group bookings. Liz added there is a wedding coming up as well as live music on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Anzac Day the following Friday. All live music events will have security on site.</p>
	<p>Red Cross – Presented by Emile Theodorou</p> <p>Emile provided the meeting with an overview of the ongoing WEO Pilot Project in which the Dargo Community is participating, including providing a rundown of the platform and how they anticipate it be used. He noted that two workshops have been conducted, with a third scheduled for Monday, April 14th. Emile also stated that they will be collaborating with WSC, Emergency Services, and landowners to collect comprehensive information for the platform.</p> <p>Phil Davies asked whether the platform may assist in gathering information for the dump point. Is hopeful the platform will be able to gain enough data to support the installation of a dump point.</p>
	<p>Dargo Flat Cemetery Trust – Presented by Rob Christie</p> <p>Rob advised the trust have applied for several grants to cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal plan of the Dargo Cemetery, including new pathways, seating areas, ashes memorial wall/area and a gazebo. - New shedding. - Repair/upgrade boundary fencing <p>Rob presented the draft plans for the Cemetery to the meeting adding that the Heritage gates have been ordered.</p> <p>Additionally, Rob explained how majority of Cemetery Trust members reside outside of Dargo and they are in need to Volunteers to assist with the Dargo Hotel & Dargo River Inn wheels. Meeting suggested contacting Heather Welsh which Rob will look in to.</p>
	<p>Dargo Public Hall and Recreation Reserve – Presented by Emily Theodorou</p> <p>Emily reported the hazardous trees surrounding the Dargo playground have now been cut back & mulched. Mulch is located on CFA grounds and Brian Madigan confirmed it is still there for anyone to help themselves too. Emily added the committee is waiting on a quote to have the final bollards installed to the right-hand side of the hall.</p> <p>The Hall committee will be participating in/hosting the following upcoming events:</p> <p>Easter Market Stall – Roast meat & rolls will be on offer again along with a raffle</p> <p>ANZAC Day – Morning Tea with flag raising as well as the possibility of 2-up.</p> <p>Emily concluded by stating that Trent Lee's has resigned from the committee as Treasurer and that Meg Traill is currently acting Secretary & Treasurer.</p> <p>Mick Eccles raised an issue stating the concrete surrounding bollards on the playground site of the reserve has cracked. Emily advised will get someone to have a look at this.</p>
	<p>Dargo TV Group – Presented by Tracey Bower</p> <p>Tracey advised there is no TV at the moment as the batteries have been removed and transported to Melbourne to be assessed. There are 2 new batteries on their way buy Tracey was unsure when these can be installed. Tracey added there are a number of other issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solar panels are approx. 20 years old and not compatible with new batteries – Will need replacing - Tracey to contact DEECA to clear track to tower - The TV group is needing more members for this service to continue <p>Tracey finished by saying the committee have raised removing the batteries all together however more discussion with community members is needed.</p>

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Joan Trill thanked all members of meeting for attending.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 27th May 2025 at 9:30am – Zoom Link will be available for anyone who wishes to attend online

Abbreviations used in CEG Meeting:

Abbrev	Description
AED	Automated External Defibrillator
AV	Ambulance Victoria
BNC	Bush Nursing Centre
BoM	Board of Management
BRHS	Bairnsdale Regional Health Service
CEG	Consumer Engagement Group
CGH	Central Gippsland Health
CHSP	Commonwealth Home Support Programme
CPR	Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
DBNC	Dargo Bush Nursing Centre
DCH	Dargo Community House
DEECA	Dept of Energy, Environment & Climate Action
DoH	Department of Health
EA	Enterprise Agreement
GLCH	Gippsland Lakes Complete Health
GMA	Game Management Authority
HACC	Home and Community Care Program
HCP	Home Care Package
HITH	Hospital in the Home
LCHS	Latrobe Community Health Service
LRH	Latrobe Regional Hospital
NFA	No further action
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
NSQPCH	National Safety & Quality Primary & Community Healthcare Standards
NM	Nurse Manager
OT	Occupational Therapy
P&P	Policies & Procedures
PHN	Primary Health Network
RAN	Remote Area Nurse
RHIF	Regional Health Infrastructure Fund
RFDS	Royal Flying Doctor Service
VHBA	Victorian Health Building Association
WSC	Wellington Shire Council

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