



Dargo Bush Bulletin



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The silly season is nearly here, and the school holidays are just around the corner! You will soon notice the town coming to life with our festive Christmas Tree Ribbons! We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help out this Monday, so if you are free, we would love your assistance. We will be meeting at the Community House at 10am.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to the Wellington Shire Council for generously providing a grant for new Christmas lights. These will be displayed at the Bush Nurse Centre, the Community House, and the Hall, ensuring Dargo is well and truly shining in the Christmas spirit!

The Dargo Community House is excited to be hosting our Christmas Carols & BBQ on Saturday, 6th December. Everyone is welcome—bring the kids, bring your friends, and come join in the fun! We will have a special visit from Santa, plenty of carols to sing along to, a delicious BBQ dinner, and some tasty desserts. Feel free to bring your own drinks and a chair if you are able. There will also be a raffle and lucky dips for the kids. We hope to see you there for a great community night!

Lastly a big thank you to the Community Bank Maffra & District for their ongoing support of the Bush Bulletin. Their generous donation of \$2,000 helps us continue to share community news each month.

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Oaks Day at the Dargo Hotel

Ps....Can you find the Bluebird?



NEXT BULLETIN 19TH DECEMBER



COMMUNITY EVENTS

BUSH NURSE CENTRE

Monday 1st December - Massage Clinic with Bruiser

Tuesday 2nd December - Massage Clinic with Bruiser



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 30th November @ 12pm - Sunday Mass



COMMUNITY HOUSE

Every Tuesday @ 10.30am - Jigsaw Puzzles

Every Wednesday @ 10am - Chair Yoga

Saturday 6th December @ 5pm - Christmas Carols
& BBQ



DARGO HOTEL

Tuesday Nights - Pizza night

Friday 28th November - Wheel - Community House

Monday 1st December @ 3pm - Hotel Closed for
private function will reopen Tuesday at 11am

Friday 5th December - Wheel - Cemetery Trust

Friday 12th December - Wheel - Catholic Church

Friday 19th December - Wheel - Landcare



DARGO RIVER INN

Every Friday Night Happy Hour - 5pm - 6pm

Friday 28th November - @ 8pm - Courtney Jane

Sunday 30th November - Crazy Wheel - Landcare

**Sunday 7th December - Crazy Wheel - Bush Nurse
Centre**

Sunday 14th December - Crazy Wheel - TV Group

**Sunday 21st December - Crazy Wheel - Muscular
Dystrophy**



LANDCARE

Saturday 6th December 11am @ Parsons Flat -
Landcare Christmas Break Up & 30th Birthday
Celebration

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?

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**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**



December

7th Paddy & Petra Eldred
13th Gary & Jackie Abrehart
17th Rex & Donna Blackmore

Community Library

The Dargo Community House offers a wide selection of books 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!



Well done to the Dargo Hotel and community for raising a total of \$601 for Beyond Blue at the Melbourne Cup long weekend.
Great Effort!



November

28th Miriam Scott
30th Daniel Blackmore

December

1st Makayla Ellis
Samuel Alan Paul
Greg (Termite) Travers
2nd Calarnee Stephens
3rd Greg Doolan
4th Pam Bila
5th Jim O'Brien
8th Anthony Campbell
9th Aaron Knott
11th Angela Bila
12th Sue Neale
14th Lesley Eccles
16th Luke Cooke
Travis Knott
17th Sharon Woods
Leah Blackmore
18th Glenn Heather
19th Braiden Winter
Ivy Theodorou



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
Email: dargoch3862@gmail.com

**We kindly ask for a gold coin donation to
help us continue running events like this.**



Dargo Bush Bulletin Friday 28th November 2025
Freda Treasure Tree Reserve
Dargo High Plains Road.

As soon as the winter snows melted, the Treasure family traditionally drove cattle from their home at Castleburn up to the Victorian Alps and the rich grasslands on the Dargo High Plains. The pioneering family could trace its pedigree on the High Plains back to 1878, where they held long-term grazing leases over about 100,000 acres of unoccupied Crown Land and State forest.



Clare Freda Treasure was born at Bairnsdale in 1922 as the only daughter of Harry and Clara Treasure. She had three older brothers – Don, Jim and Jack. Freda, as she was better known, was initially educated by correspondence with the support of her mother but later, during the 1930s, at the prestigious Methodist Ladies College (MLC) in Melbourne.

Harry took all his children into the family farming and grazing business, among them his daughter Freda who helped on the family property. Her father later gave Freda a paddock at Castleburn, known as Bryce's. Harry and his sons built a substantial weatherboard homestead on the High Plains from local timbers.

The 1939 bushfires inflicted heavy losses on the family, as it did for many others. They lost 700 stock, miles of fences, several huts and yards, but they saved the homestead complex.

Harry made impassioned submissions to the Stretton Royal Commission regarding the causes of the 1939 fires and his views about the lack of burning in the high country. He was also an Avon Shire councillor for over thirty years.

After the 1939 fires, Harry gave Freda a 28,000-acre bush grazing block, known as Jones', where she lived in an existing hut and used the cattle yards. She stayed in the hut throughout the winter and was occasionally visited by her mother. Freda was said to be a magnificent horsewoman who could shoot a rifle, whistle her dogs, and crack a stockwhip with the best of them. She camped out on the Dargo High Plains miles from anywhere on her own, and she knew the land better than any other Victorian woman. It was also said she was a keen and expert skier and had never been lost. Freda became a bit of a celebrity and was often pursued by newspaper journalists and became known as the "Maid of the Mountains", or "Cowgirl of the Alps".

In 1957, Freda married Wally Ryder from another pioneering high plains family, and the couple moved over the Great Dividing Range to a property at the base of Mt Bogong near Tawonga.

In 1959, there was some trouble brewing in Dargo over the establishment of a new sawmill in the town and the commencement of alpine ash logging on the high plains by the Forests Commission Victoria (FCV). Relationships were strained. Freda's older brother Jack Treasure and other cattlemen expressed concerns about the impact of heavy log trucks on the Dargo High Plains Road (DHPR) and particularly interference with their traditional use as a cattle route.

The ownership and maintenance of the DHPR was the responsibility of the Avon Shire and they were a bit grumpy too. They wanted it reclassified as a "Forest Road" under the 1943 Legislation #4953, and for the Country Roads Board (CRB) to take over the maintenance, but that never happened.

Meanwhile, Freda never lost her passion and interest in the Dargo High Plains. She had a reputation for being gentle and generous but, when required, she could be very forthright and direct. In early 1960 she successfully lobbied her local MP, Sir Albert Lind, to protect several strips of alpine ash, or woollybutt, (*E. delegatensis*) from timber harvesting along the family stock routes she so often rode. Freda's letter was forwarded to the Minister for Forests, Alexander Fraser on 24 February 1960, for consideration. The Chairman of the Forests Commission, Alf Lawrence, noted his suspicions about the motives behind the letter and the links to the disquiet from the Treasure family about the new Dargo sawmill. Despite the Chairman's misgivings, Stuart Calder, the District Forester at Briagolong, was subsequently asked on 22 March to identify, map and assess the impact on timber resources for a possible new reserve. Stuart dutifully responded on 8 April 1960 recommending a new reserve on State forest, 5 chains (100m) wide on each side of the DPHR (200 m total) in three parts –

The first area near Spring Hill junction set aside 90 acres of bush with a total length of 133 chains. It also covered the old Bandicoot Arms Hotel site on the road to Grant.

Another 100 acres of alpine ash was identified on a stretch of 60 chains further north near Mt Ewen springs.

A 5-chain buffer around the old Grant Cemetery was also recommended.

The Freda Treasure Tree Reserve, as it eventually became known, was subsequently excluded by the Forests Commission from logging along the edges of the DPHR. The manager of the Dargo sawmill, W. D. Downey, was subsequently advised. But despite recommendations from the District Forester the Commission decided not to formally set the land aside as a Scenic Reserve under Section 50 of the Forest Act (1958). However, a very clear instruction was issued to FVC staff in June 1960, not to organise logging within the strip, and this arrangement worked very effectively over the subsequent decades. The Land Conservation Council (LCC) conducted a review of the Alpine Area in 1979, but the long-standing arrangements with the reserve were somehow overlooked.

In 1984, the Shire of Avon wrote to Graeme Saddington, the District Forester at Maffra, seeking clarification of the status of the land and suggesting it become known as the Freda Treasure Reservation. Local Commission staff once again supported the proposal, but there was still no action on a formal Section 50 Reservation, probably because the Forests Commission was going through a major disruption at the time to create the Department of Conservation, Forest and Lands (CFL).

Freda died on 25 April 1988, and just seven days later her husband Wally died too. On 8 December 1991, a plaque dedicated to Freda's memory was unveiled in the bush near Spring Hill by the Mountain Cattlemen's Association.

The original 1960's Freda Treasure Tree Reserve was subsequently incorporated into a Special Management Zone (SMZ) during the Central Gippsland Forest Management Planning process in 1998. An extended reserve stretches along most the DHPR which was later ratified in the Federal Regional Forest Agreement (RFA), signed in March 2000.

Freda's letter – January 1960.

Sir Albert Lind, MLA, Dear Sir Albert

To whom this letter should really be written I am not just sure, but I will leave it to you if it should be sent elsewhere.

Yesterday I rode from Dargo to Mt Ewan with cattle. On the way I suddenly felt impelled to stop and look for something. I couldn't find what it was and felt mystified. Yet I know that Our Lord intended me to see something.

Later in the day I was again called strongly to look about me, but again saw nothing. Early this morning I rode again down from Mt Ewan, and it was then at each place that I saw the reason. A beautiful forest of the greatest magnificent stands there, with cool gullies and tree ferns – undisturbed for many hundreds of years, now nature's perfection.

Next time I ride along all this will be destroyed by the destructive hand of millers. I think that I am intended to ask that these two stretches of road be spared and left in their present glory, to reward nature lovers who travel far to see such beauty.

Perhaps a width each side of the road could be left stand. 4 chain wide.

Perhaps just a stretch of $\frac{1}{4}$ mile or better still $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on each side should be left.

Warmest wishes to yourself, sincerely, (Mrs) F Ryder (nee Freda Treasure)

P.S. The first place of beauty is at the foot of the first cutting towards Dargo from the Grant turnoff.

The other place is starting up the first cutting on the Dargo side of the Mt Ewan water gully going towards Dargo.

The letter has illegible pitman shorthand markings written in pencil, and I suspect these were made by the Minister's Secretary in preparing a response.

Albert Lind then wrote to the Minister for Forests, A J Fraser MLA, on 24 February 1960 asking that Freda's proposal be considered.

Source: – <https://www.highcountryhistory.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/10015.pdf>



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Dargo Community House

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & BBQ

SATURDAY

5 PM 6 2025

DECEMBER

LOCATION: 137 LIND AVE, DARGO

Come and join us for an evening of festive fun and community spirit! Enjoy a free BBQ, Sing along to Christmas Carols, visit from Santa, and a cheerful night together.

BYO Alcohol and chair.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

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MEDIA RELEASE

200 Neighbourhood Houses at Risk of Closing Without Urgent Funding Boost

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria is calling on the State Government to increase annual funding by \$11.7M or risk the closure of 200 neighbourhood houses across Victoria.

“Neighbourhood houses are under unprecedented pressure,” said Neighbourhood Houses CEO Keir Paterson

“Rising costs, growing community demand, and eroded core funding are forcing houses across the state to cut hours, staff, and programs.

“Years of underfunding has pushed almost half into deficit, leaving them at risk of closure.”

Each week, more than 185,000 Victorians access community support and local services through the 400+ neighbourhood houses in the state.

Many neighbourhood houses and community centres are grappling with increased community need due to cost of living pressures, while having to deal with cost increases themselves.

“Without urgent action, communities risk losing the safe, inclusive spaces thousands of Victorians rely on every week.

“Our data show that for every \$1 of ongoing neighbourhood house funding received from the state government, communities benefit to the tune of \$21.94.

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria’s analysis shows that without additional funding of \$11.7M per year is needed to ensure the sustainability of the sector and continue delivering for Victorians.

“We know that 94% of neighbourhood house visitors experience improved physical wellbeing and 96% report improved emotional wellbeing as a result of participating. We calculate the overall benefits to the Victoria community at \$922M per year.

“We are saving the government money, now it’s time to save our sector and keep our doors open.”

The state peak body is also calling on the state government to fund 25 currently unfunded neighbourhood houses, and commit to 20 new neighbourhood houses in Victoria’s outer metro and regional growth areas.

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Annual General Meeting



We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the Dargo BNC members that attended our AGM on the 27th October, it was an amazing turn out!

During the AGM we held a special presentation to recognise 25 years of service and awarded a life membership to board member Phil Davies, HUGE congratulations to Phil and his many years of amazing service



What's on - December 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1st December Massage Clinic with Bruiser  BOOK THROUGH COMMUNITY HOUSE	2nd December Massage Clinic with Bruiser	3rd December	4th December	5th December Foot Care Clinic 
8th December	9th December	10th December	11th December	12th December
15th December	16th December	17th December	18th December	19th December
22nd December	23rd December	24th December  CHRISTMAS EVE Centre Closing at 3pm 	25th December CHRISTMAS DAY Centre Closed  	26th December BOXING DAY Centre Closed 



Community Notice – Dargo Bush Nursing Centre

The Board of Management wishes to inform the Dargo community that **Sarah will be taking extended leave until further notice.**

During Sarah's absence, we will be commencing the recruitment process for a new Nurse Manager. In the meantime, there will be some temporary adjustments to the Centre's operations to ensure that we continue providing safe and accessible care to our community.

At times, there may only be one nurse on duty. To help us manage workflow and minimise waiting times, we kindly ask that clients **phone ahead to make an appointment whenever possible.** We understand that emergencies and unplanned visits occur, and we will continue to do our best to accommodate everyone's needs.

When you arrive at the Centre, please use **the video intercom** so the nurse on duty can respond and guide you. We ask that you **wait in the waiting room until the nurse is ready to assist you**, and for everyone's safety, please do **not open the door for other visitors**—the attending nurse will manage all entries to the Centre.

As we work through this interim period, there may be occasions **when wait times are a little longer than usual.** We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding while we navigate these changes.

If the Centre needs to close temporarily, a notice will be placed on the front door. Should a full-day closure be necessary, updates will be shared via our **Facebook page, community noticeboards, and Centre signage.**

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation during this time. If you have any questions or wish to discuss these temporary arrangements, please contact **Joan Trill, President of the Board, on 0473 911 847.**



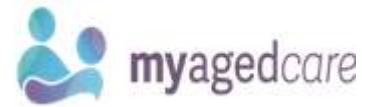
VICTORIAN VIRTUAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (VVED)

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



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

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Dargo Bush Nursing Centre
Quality & Safety Report – November 2025



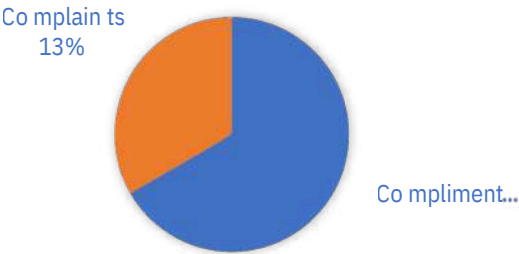
Dargo Bush Nursing Centre is committed to providing the Dargo community with the best possible standard of health care. There are many ways by which we measure and analyse our performance. Each quarter we would like to share some of the statistics that we use to improve this performance. We encourage you to read through this brief report and ask questions or provide some feedback.

All compliments & complaints are recorded in the Feedback Register, which is reviewed by the BoM.

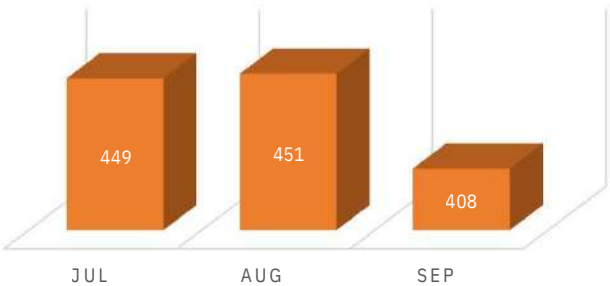
From July -September there were:

- 2 Compliments
- 1-Complaints

COMPLIMENTS & COMPLAINTS
2025/26



NO OF NURSE CONTACTS
2025/26



Every contact our nurses have with any consumer is recorded in the healthcare system. This includes clinic visits, home visits, phone calls, telehealth appointments, and more.

DBNC is committed to continual improvement. All improvements are recorded in our Continual Improvement Register.

These can include new and improved services, addressing safety concerns and new ideas from consumers.

No of Improvements
2025/26



Mental Health Online Peer support Drop in Sessions



In response to the vast need for Mental Health support in East Gippsland, Latrobe Regional Health Lived Experience workers will facilitate weekly sessions offering accessible and supportive information online to communities across East Gippsland. These sessions aim to foster connection, share knowledge, and promote wellbeing through lived experience perspectives.




Expected Outcomes


- Increased community engagement with peer-led digital support.
- Feedback and insights to inform future digital peer support models.
- Strengthened partnerships with local health and community services.


Session Structure

Peer Sessions (Anyone Welcome)	Family, Carer, Supporter Specific Sessions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 24th November @ 2:30pm• Tuesday 2nd December @ 10:00am• Monday 8th December @ 2:30pm• Tuesday 16th December @ 10:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 25th November @ 2:30pm• Wednesday 3rd December @ 10:00am• Tuesday 9th December @ 2:30pm• Wednesday 17th December @ 10:00am

 **Format:** Online drop-in style, open to all community members.

 **Duration:** Each session will run for 1 hour.

 **Facilitation:** Senior Peer support workers will co-host and assist with facilitation.

 **Content:** Each session will feature a speaker or themed topic (e.g., recovery, self-care, navigating services etc.).



Microsoft Teams

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-au/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>
Meeting ID: 474 878 720 145 4
Passcode: 6VC76YW2

Email Tyson.hill@lrh.com.au for more Info

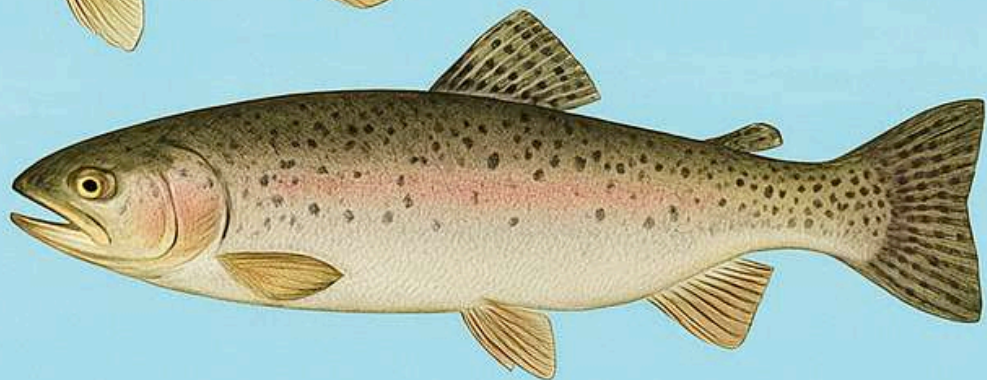
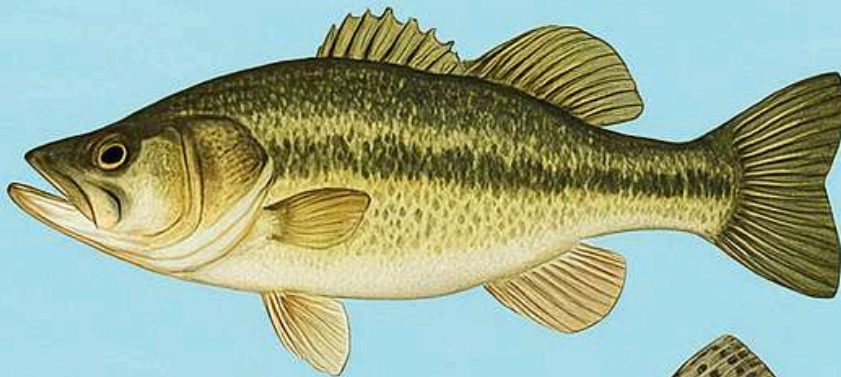
SAVE THE DATE

Dargo & District Angling Club

PRESENTS

3rd ANNUAL KIDS FREE FUN FISHING CLINIC

21st JANUARY 2026



Contact Toby on 0400 946 614
or Hughie on 0493 571 200

Bass release

VICTORIAN FISHERIES



Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) were joined by members of the Dargo & District Angling Club to release 40,000 Bass hatchlings, in the Wonnangatta River at Waterford recently. VFA technical support leader Frederik had collected the fish from Narooma NSW that morning, releasing half the load into the Timbarra and the balance into the Mitchell River system, Wonnangatta at Waterford.

The transporter tank, stainless steel construction, heavily insulated with aeration and temperature control, proved ideal with minimal losses considering at least 10 hours on the road.

Frederik declared river conditions ideal after testing the river's temperature and oxygen levels prior to release. The tiny hatchlings disappeared into the rocks and snags almost immediately.

The VFA continue its program to breed and release native fish to waters throughout Victoria. Our local anglers offer support to ensure sustainable levels of fishing continue for years ahead. Our involvement in the release is very educational, appreciates the work and allows us to learn more about native fish.

Dargo & District Angling Club proposes to monitor the development of the Bass over the next few years and is planning a new initiative "Catch and Release" Bass Competition in March of 2026. More details to be provided in future news releases!

Thanks to Victorian Fisheries Authority team and in particular Frederik, on his first visit to the area.



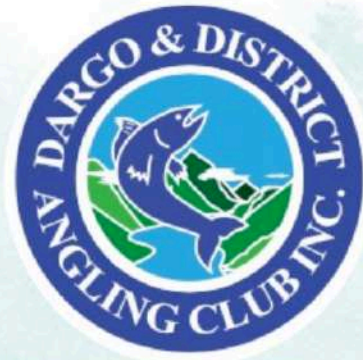
The well equipped fish transporter!



Monitoring oxygen levels, temperature - conditions ideal in Wonnangatta!

Bass release

VICTORIAN FISHERIES



Angling Club President Toby Gibbs helps VFA's Frederik release the hatchlings



Tech Support Leader Frederik



From tank to buckets



A satisfying job done!

Dargo Landcare Group at the Community Garden

On Saturday the 2nd of November at the community garden, we have been busy weeding, tidying up, digging and planting tomatoes, carrots, sweetcorn, zucchini, beans, bok choy, blueberries, strawberries & much more.



Incredible edibles we can all enjoy in the near future.



Thank you to all the landcare members who helped.



Dargo Landcare Group Inc Subscription 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026 **\$20**

Please email this completed form to Dargo Landcare Group C/o Membership Secretary dargo.landcare@mail.com to make sure your details are correct

Direct Banking: Dargo Landcare Group Inc: Bendigo Bank BSB: 633108 Acc.No: 169666294
(Please put your name and initials on the payment description to ensure correct registration)

If paying by cheque, please mail this completed form with cheque to
Dargo Landcare Group C/o Membership Secretary 56 Upper Dargo rd, Dargo 3862

Surname: _____

Christian names: _____

Dargo Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone numbers: _____

Email: _____



YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!
SUNDAY MASS

On Sunday, 30 November 2025
at 12:00 noon

St Joseph's Catholic Church, DARGO

Fr. Edwin Ogbuka (Parish Priest of St Mary's Maffra)
looks forward to celebrating Mass for the people of Dargo
and visitors to Dargo.

All are welcome to attend – locals, visitors and other parishioners

<div>SUMMER</div>	<div><div><div><div>DARGO HOTEL</div><div>Est. 1898</div><div></div><div>VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA</div></div></div></div>	<div>2025/2026</div>
<div>Mon 01 DEC</div>	<div>HOTEL CLOSED FROM 3PM</div>	<div>FOR A PRIVATE FUNTION - WE WILL BE BACK 11AM TUESDAY</div>
<div>Fri 19 DEC</div>	<div>LAST WHEEL FOR 2025</div>	<div>COME AND JOIN US!</div>
<div>Sun 21 DEC</div>	<div>DROP OFF FOR THE MONSTER RAFFLE OPENS</div>	<div>BRING YOUR DONATIONS DOWN & GET YOUR TICKETS</div> <div>ALL DAY</div>
<div>Wed 24 DEC</div>	<div>XMAS EVE DINNER AND MOSTER RAFFLE</div>	<div>COME DOWN FOR A HUGE NIGHT OF FOOD AND FUN - BOOK NOW!</div> <div>06.00 - LATE</div>
<div>Thur 25 DEC</div>	<div>HOTEL CLOSED - MERRY CHRISTMAS!</div>	<div>WE WILL BE BACK BOXING DAY!</div> <div>ALL DAY</div>
<div>Sat 27 DEC</div>	<div>LIVE MUSIC W UNCOVERED BAND</div>	<div></div> <div>8.30 - LATE</div>
<div>Wed 31 DEC</div>	<div>NYE W THE SILVERSTRING OUTLAWS</div>	<div></div> <div>9PM - LATE</div>
<div>Sat 24 JAN</div>	<div>COURTNEY JANE AND FULL BAND</div>	<div>TICKETS ON SALE SOON</div> <div>8.30 - LATE</div>

Dargo TV Group – Annual General Meeting

The Dargo TV Group will be holding its Annual General Meeting

When: Wednesday, 17th December at 5:00pm.

Where: Dargo Community House

All community members are welcome to attend.

Community Bank Maffra & District News

We would like to wish all our customers a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

2025 saw the Community bank Maffra & District celebrate 10 years of community banking, with the branch opening in 2015. During this time the Community bank has given back over \$1 Million to the community through sponsorships and grants. Many local sporting clubs, schools, community groups and events have benefited from the sponsorship program. This wouldn't be possible without our customers and community support.



"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.

Old Quiz



Rotary Phone



New Quiz

Clue: Under the microscope, it looks like a miniature coral reef – but it's actually something you use every day without thinking about it.

Winner: Emily Theodorou
\$20 Gift Voucher from Bunnings

Also guessed correctly by:
Bill Holyoake & Rita McMahon



This competition is proudly sponsored by Bunnings Warehouse - Bairnsdale

On behalf of the Dargo TV Management Group and the Dargo community, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Wellington Shire Council for their generous grant of \$2,495 to upgrade the TV Tower equipment on Mount Thompson.

Thank You

Cranberry Christmas Cake

Cranberry Christmas cake is a show-stopping dessert you have got to try this holiday season! It's an amazing white cake filled with cranberries and topped with indulgent white chocolate buttercream!

Prep Time: 40 minutes

Cook Time: 35 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Servings: 12 slices of cake

Ingredients

1 ½ Cups Granulated Sugar

☐ Zest of 2 Oranges

☐ 2 ¼ Cups Cake Flour divided

☐ 1 Tablespoon Baking Powder

☐ ½ Teaspoon Baking Soda

☐ ½ Teaspoon Salt

☐ 1 Cup Buttermilk

☐ ¼ Cup Fresh Orange Juice

☐ 1 Teaspoon Vanilla

☐ ½ Cup Vegetable Oil

☐ 4 Egg whites

☐ 1 ½ Cup Fresh or Frozen Cranberries

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease 2, 8 inch round cake pans and set aside.

In a small bowl combine the sugar with the zest of the oranges until fragrant.

In a large bowl whisk together the orange sugar, 2 cups of flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. To the same bowl add the buttermilk, orange juice, vanilla, and oil and beat with the paddle attachment of a stand mixer or a hand mixer just until fully combined.

In another bowl whip the egg whites until medium-stiff peaks form. Fold ⅓ of the egg whites into the cake batter to loosen it up, followed by the remaining egg whites. Fold until only a few streaks of egg whites remain. Toss the cranberries with the remaining ¼ cup of flour. Fold into the cake batter until just combined. Separate the cake batter evenly into the two cake pans and bake for about 30-35 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean and the center of the cake springs back when lightly pressed. Let cool completely before frosting.

White Chocolate Buttercream

In a small bowl melt the white chocolate in the microwave in 30-second intervals. Allow the fully melted chocolate to cool down for at least 10 minutes until it is room temperature, not warm to the touch.

In a large bowl add the softened butter and beat for 2-3 minutes until smooth and light. Reduce the mixer speed to low and slowly add in the cooled white chocolate until fully combined and smooth.

Add in the powdered sugar, vanilla, and salt and mix on low until nearly completely absorbed before increasing the speed to high. Whip for 2-3 minutes until smooth and fluffy. Add the tablespoon of heavy cream and mix on medium speed until smooth and silky.

Top with sugared cranberries.

RECIPE



White Chocolate Buttercream

12 Ounces White Chocolate

☐ 1 1/2 Cup Unsalted Butter Softened

☐ 3 Cups Powdered Sugar

☐ 1 1/2 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract

☐ 1 Dash Salt

☐ 1 Tablespoon Heavy Cream

☐ Sugared Cranberries for Garnish

JOKES

A guy decides to go to confession for the first time in many years. He enters the confessional, and there's a shelf with cigars, brandy, and chocolate.

The priest enters the confessional and the guy says, "This is great! Things have changed a lot since the last time I was here."

And the priest says, "Get out of here. You're on the wrong side."



A chemist walks into his shop and sees a man leaning against the wall.

"What's wrong with him?" he asks his assistant.

"He came in for cough syrup," the assistant explains. "But I couldn't find any, so I sold him some laxatives instead."

"What?! You can't treat a cough with laxatives!" the chemist says, horrified.

The assistant replies, "Of course you can... look at him — he's way too scared to cough!"



Boss: "Do you believe in life after death?"

Employee: "No, why?"

Boss: "Because after you left early yesterday for your mother's funeral, she came in looking for you."



A rich guy with a Porsche drives every morning, waving at the neighbors to show off his wealth. Every morning, since he owned his Porsche, he drives by windows rolled down, waving through them.

One day, a delivery truck loses control and crashes into his car. The man yells, "My Porsche! Do you know how much it costs?"

A passerby tells him, "Stop being so materialistic, you didn't even see it ripped your arm off!"

"What? My Rolex too?"



A mean drill sergeant was addressing a squad of twenty-five exhausted men and said, "I have a nice cushy job for the laziest man here. Raise your hand if you are the laziest."

24 tired blokes quickly raised their hands, and the sergeant asked the other man, "Why didn't you raise your hand?"

The man replied, "Too much trouble raising the hand, Sarge."



Two whales walk into a bar. The bartender asks, "What can I get you?"

The first whale says, "Waaaaa woooooo whooooooo waaaaa."

The second whale says, "Shut up Frank, you're drunk."



My uncle once told me, "If you love what you do, you'll never have to work a day in your life." And it's so true.

He loved being unemployed.





Colouring In



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ACROSS

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| 1) One of the common people | 40) Ambulance letters |
| 5) Horse habitat | 41) Tadpoles, in time |
| 10) Goalie's wear | 42) Lofgren who rocks with Springsteen |
| 14) Freight car hopper of old | 43) Friendly ground-up bait? |
| 15) "Sesame Street" resident | 44) Shape learned in preschool |
| 16) Cain's victim | 46) Video game giant, once |
| 17) Clickable item | 49) Where babies grow |
| 18) Church tenet | 51) Times 3? |
| 19) Emulate a drunkard | 57) Remove, as a knot |
| 20) Times 3? | 58) Rugged box |
| 23) Short choral composition | 59) One named in a will |
| 24) The nine of some batteries | 60) Angler's equipment |
| 25) Back out on a promise | 61) Extreme hardship |
| 28) King of the jungle | 62) Cogito-sum link |
| 30) Brilliant thought | 63) "___ quam videri" (North Carolina motto) |
| 31) Emotionless, as a stare | 64) Board for a manicurist |
| 33) Mr. Potato Head part | 65) "General Hospital" e.g. |
| 36) Times 3? | |

DOWN

- 1) Punxsutawney ___
- 2) Mathematical sets of points
- 3) Black, in poesy
- 4) Source of some fertilizer
- 5) Put under
- 6) Figurative expression
- 7) Gut-wrenching feeling
- 8) Certain citrus fruit
- 9) "Able to ___ tall buildings ..."
- 10) Paying customer
- 11) Bubbling on the stove
- 12) Bus station
- 13) Cold-weather coasters
- 21) "Put another ___ on the fire"
- 22) Conjure up, as a memory
- 25) Customary observance or practice
- 26) Dutch cheese
- 27) Beaks
- 28) Scottish miss
- 29) Pen filler
- 31) "___ me up, Scotty"
- 32) "Acid" used in some trips
- 33) Film with many extras
- 34) What cheerleaders do
- 35) Emerald Isle language
- 37) Body of values
- 38) Costello of old comedy
- 39) Betters or improves
- 43) Louisiana cuisine
- 44) Crunchy vegetable
- 45) Anger
- 46) Cloudless sky color
- 47) Firms up, as muscles
- 48) Chilean range
- 49) Electric bill listing
- 50) One-on-one teacher
- 52) 4,840 square yards
- 53) Straitlaced
- 54) "Bics" or "dynamics" prefix
- 55) Baltic port
- 56) Let slip from one's hands

ALL TIME BEST

By Timothy E. Parker

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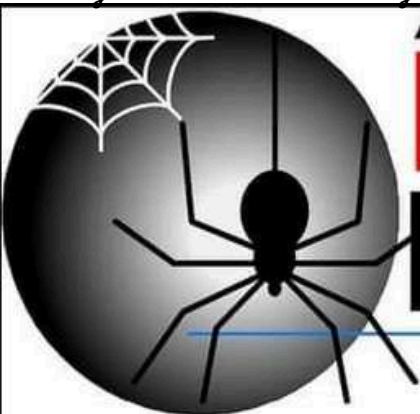
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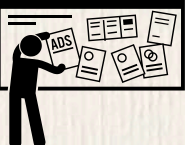


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