



# Dargo Bush Bulletin




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We had a fantastic turnout at the Community House Luncheon last Friday at the Dargo River Inn. Guests enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch followed by dessert, and there was plenty of excitement with door prizes and a meat raffle won by Heather Welsh. We were also pleased to welcome Christine Brooks from the Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre, who shared valuable information on planning Wills, Advance Care Directives, and funerals.

Coming up next, the Dargo Old School Easter Market will be held on Sunday 5th April at the Community House from 9am to 1pm, featuring a great range of local stalls. Be sure to bring the kids along for an Easter Egg Hunt at 9am. 


Hall Stories is coming to Dargo! With the support of the Wedge Performing Arts Centre, the Dargo Hall will host a special performance of Hall Stories by comedian and actor Damian Callinan. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy a show created especially for our community. Damian will be familiar to many from The Merger and Spicks & Specks, and promises a thoroughly entertaining evening.

Tickets are limited, so be sure to book early to avoid missing out. You can book online via The Wedge website, call the box office on 03 5143 3200, or purchase in person. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$17 if purchased before Thursday 16th April. A light supper will be provided by the Hall Committee during the interval for \$10 per person (payable on the night). BYO alcohol. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Ps....Can you find the Bluebird? 

## NEXT BULLETIN 24TH APRIL



**Deadline for any submissions for the next Bush Bulletin is COB Tuesday 21st April**



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## BUSH NURSE CENTRE

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday - Centre Closed

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Monday - Centre Closed**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - RFDS Mobile Eye Care

**Tuesday 21st April - RFDS Mobile Eye Care**



## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March @ 12Noon - Sunday Mass



## COMMUNITY HOUSE

Tuesday's @ 10.30am - Jigsaw Puzzles & Card Making

**Wednesday's @ 10am - Chair Yoga**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday - Closed

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - 9am - 1pm Dargo Old School Market**



## LANDCARE

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 9am - Working Bee at the Community Garden followed on at Landcare Shed for Meeting & BBQ



## DARGO HOTEL

Tuesday Nights - Pizza night

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Wheel - Bush Nurse Centre**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Wheel - Landcare

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Ethan Calway & Full band Feat. Jade Gibson**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Jade Gibson & Full band Feat. Ethan Calway

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Wheel - Hall**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Wheel - Angling Club

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Wheel - TV Group**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Wheel - Cemetery Trust



## DARGO RIVER INN

Every Friday Night Happy Hour - 5pm - 6pm

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Crazy Wheel - Angling Club**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April @ 7.30pm till late - Courtney Jane

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm - Shane Marshall**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Crazy Wheel - Cemetery Trust

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Crazy Wheel - Community House**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Crazy Wheel - Hall

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Crazy Wheel - Landcare**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Crazy Wheel - Bush Nurse

**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**

## **Dargo Community House Fundraising**

Proceeds from the fundraising wheels at both the Dargo Hotel and the Dargo River Inn have been partly used to support the Community Luncheon held last Friday.

We would like to sincerely thank the Dargo Hotel, Dargo River Inn, locals and visitors for your continued support.

## **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.

## **Expressions of Interest – Cooking Classes**

The Community House is looking at running a series of cooking classes and would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in taking part.

These classes would be a great opportunity to learn new recipes, pick up a few handy kitchen tips, and enjoy some time cooking and sharing food with others in the community. We are considering a range of options such as basic cooking skills, baking & preserving, we are open to ideas depending on what people would like to learn.

At this stage we are simply seeking expressions of interest to see if there is enough interest within the community to run the classes.

If you would like to participate, or if you have a particular type of cooking class you would be interested in, please let us know by contacting the Community House.

We would also be happy to hear from anyone who may be interested in sharing their skills and running a class.



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



## April

1st Alan & Lorraine Paul



## Card Making Group

Get creative and craft something special at our Card Making Group, the group meets every Tuesday from 10:30am onwards. It is a wonderful way to explore your artistic side and create beautiful handmade cards for any occasion.

Please bring along your own supplies and materials – inspiration and friendly conversation are provided!

Everyone is welcome, and a gold coin donation is appreciated.

## Jigsaw Puzzle Group

Slow down and enjoy a relaxed morning piecing together puzzles in great company. Our Jigsaw Group meets every Tuesday from 10:30am onwards and is the perfect opportunity to unwind, share a laugh, and enjoy a cuppa while working together to complete a puzzle. Whether you stay for a short visit or the whole session, everyone is welcome.

Gold coin donation is appreciated.



## March

29th Melissa Cooke

## April

1st Sam Barton  
 5th Col Healey  
 6th Gary Sherwell  
 7th Robyn Cooke  
 8th Ashleigh Radford  
 Bernice Lee  
 12th Rick Banfield  
 Jeff Stephens  
 Jenny Jones  
 14th Patrice Watt  
 15th Rex Blackmore  
 Terri Phelan  
 17th Joanne McWaters



## 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.**



# NOTICES

*Thank You*

## Thank you to KidzFix Foundation



Back in September 2025, the Kidzfix Foundation Rally passed through Dargo and stopped in at the Dargo Hotel, where many locals had the chance to meet the group. On the night, the Community House was running the wheel, and the Kidzfix Foundation generously donated a brand-new oven to the Community House.

We would like to sincerely thank the Kidzfix Foundation for their generous support of our community.



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## Thank you to High Country Hooch Distillery

From the Dargo CFA and the wider Dargo community, we would like to sincerely thank High Country Hooch Distillery for their generous donation of \$840 to the Dargo CFA.

On Sunday 1st March, Brian Madigan and Phil O'Brien were invited to Glenaladale for the opening of the donation barrel, which had been filled by generous contributions from local patrons and staff. Over a six-week period during the fires, an incredible \$2,500 was raised and shared between the Glenaladale, Lindenow and Dargo CFA brigades.



A fantastic effort by everyone involved!

*Thank You*



TO ALL WHO KNOW TERRI ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING HER 60TH BIRTHDAY.

# Terri Phelan's 60TH BIRTHDAY



Saturday,  
4th April, 2026.



Start at  
12 Noon

Dargo Hall  
177 Lind Avenue, Dargo.

Lunch provided  
BYO Drinks

**FOR SALE**

Sterling Reverse Cycle Inverter Split System Air Conditioner  
\$500 ONO

Please contact Wally Zwissler  
138 Lind Avenue, Dargo



*Thank You*

To Dargo CFA  
In appreciation of your efforts this and every year.

**\$1,000**

From the Residents of  
Eastwood Retirement Village



Last week, Brian Madigan and Phil O'Brien were presented with a generous donation of \$1,000 from the residents of Eastwood Retirement Village.

The Dargo CFA, along with the local community, would like to extend a special thank you to the residents of Eastwood Retirement Village for their support and generosity.

## Community House Luncheon

We'd just like to say a huge THANKYOU to everyone who came along to our Community House Lunch last Friday!!

It was our pleasure to welcome Christine Brooks, from the Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre, who provided us with some fantastic information about planning our Wills, Advance Care Directives and Funerals.

We were also each given a "Peace of mind planner" booklet which guides us on writing down information that loved ones can use if needed such as important document locations, passwords, bank accounts and log ins, insurances, Will location, assets and funeral wishes. If you need a copy of this booklet please contact the Community House and we will provide you with one.

A big thanks to the Dargo River Inn for a delicious BBQ and fruit salad dessert.

Congratulations to Heather who won the meat tray in our Raffle, we made a profit of \$114.00 which is incredible!!!





# First Inaugural BASS FISHING COMPETITION



The waters in the Mitchell and Wonnangatta system were dirty, brown, slow and uninviting, so the prospects were not encouraging for our inaugural Bass Fishing Competition. The recent fires had created these conditions and there had been insufficient rain in the headwaters to "flush" the rivers.

Despite all of that, a dozen members spent many hours combined, to try their skills. A big variety of live bait, plus a huge variety of lures were used off the banks or in the watercraft, but very little action!

After all the effort, only 2 bass were banked, measured and photographed. The longest bass at 37cm was caught by Greg "Chuck" Norris, at Lower Dargo in the Mitchell, while Micke Herbstreit caught his 27cm further down stream. Mike, Steve and team also caught some eels, while a couple of carp were netted in the Wonnangatta (one member was disqualified trying to claim a European Bass!! Alas it was a Carp!! Ha! Ha!).

Completed survey sheets detailed fish caught, how, when, where and what they were caught on. Surveys plan to establish records of Bass, movement, growth, population and is in conjunction with the Bass release in November, by Victorian Fishing Authority and our Members.

Members who attended are confident that this event will gain momentum in years ahead, and therefore another positive cited to maintain fishing sustainability for future generations.



Greg "Chuck" Norris' impressive 37cm Bass!

*"A bad days  
fishing is better  
than a good day  
at work!"*

# FIREWOOD Raffle



**Don't forget to get your tickets in our Dargo Angling Club "Wood Raffle"! Imagine starting Winter off with a trailer load of wood ready to go!**

Tickets are \$2 each and are available at the Dargo River Inn and from any of your friendly Angling Club Committee Members! Drawn Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at the Easter Old School Market in Dargo. Trailer not included, and there is the option to take \$150 in lieu of firewood if requested (particularly if not local and can't pick up).





# DARGO OLD SCHOOL MARKET

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Time: 9am - 1pm

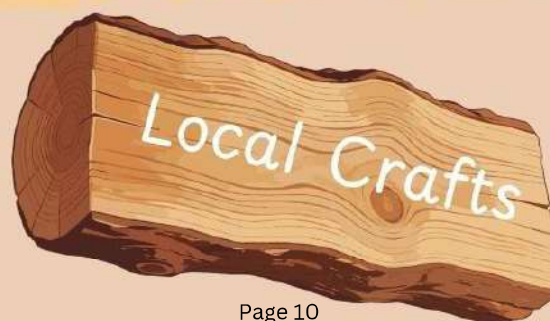
Dargo Community House  
137 Lind Ave, Dargo.

Local Arts & Crafts  
Local Produce  
Food & Coffee  
Bric-a-Brac  
Old Wares  
and lots more.....

Join us for a wonderful day of local  
shopping, food and community  
connection!



Including Kids Easter Egg Hunt



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MORE**



# Dargo Bush Nursing Centre News

We've had a very busy and eventful March. We have welcomed the lovely Deb Saltmarsh as our new Administration Officer. It's been so wonderful to welcome her lovely friendly face to the team! We were also so pleased to see the gorgeous Sarah back on deck too! We've missed her during her time away, but we're very happy to have her back!



A big welcome to the team Deb!



Mr Sarkar returned for another Skin Clinic here in Dargo and was able to see and treat a number of our local residents. Such an amazing service to have in Dargo. The silver lining for him was he headed back home with a wonderful haul of local produce!

We've got lots of things coming up over the next few months and in April, it's our RFDS Mobile Eye Clinic. Make sure to check out the details in the flyer included in this month's Bush Bulletin. You will need to contact the number on the flyer to book your appointment time. If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to pop into the Centre and we can help you to make your booking.



Welcome back Sarah!

## What's on - April 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30th March	31st March	1 <sup>st</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> April <i>Good Friday</i> <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> April <b>EASTER MONDAY</b> <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> April	8 <sup>th</sup> April	9 <sup>th</sup> April	10 <sup>th</sup> April
13 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> April	17 <sup>th</sup> April
20 <sup>th</sup> April  <b>RFDS MOBILE EYE CARE</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> April  <b>RFDS MOBILE EYE CARE</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	24 <sup>th</sup> April
27 <sup>th</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> April	29 <sup>th</sup> April	30 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> May

# Staff Training Day

Our recent Training Day on 5<sup>th</sup> March was a great opportunity to update our CPR, Immunisation Emergencies and Fire Training for all staff.

These opportunities are a great way to bring all of our staff together whilst ensuring our skills are kept up to date!

A big thanks to Steph at 3 Rivers Training and John and the crew from CFA!



## SKIN CHECK CLINIC

The most recent Skin Check Clinic went ahead on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

A big thanks to Mr Sarkar for making the trip to Dargo again to provide such a wonderful service!





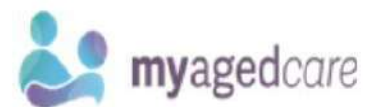
VICTORIAN VIRTUAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (VVED)

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:**

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



Our Community Consumer Representatives are Des Knott & Rachael Herral. 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.

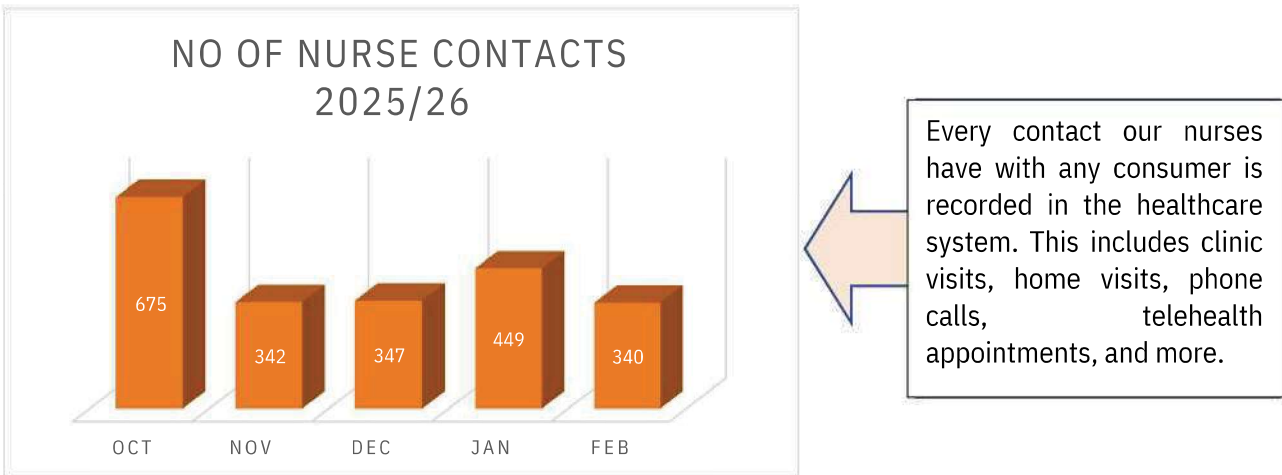
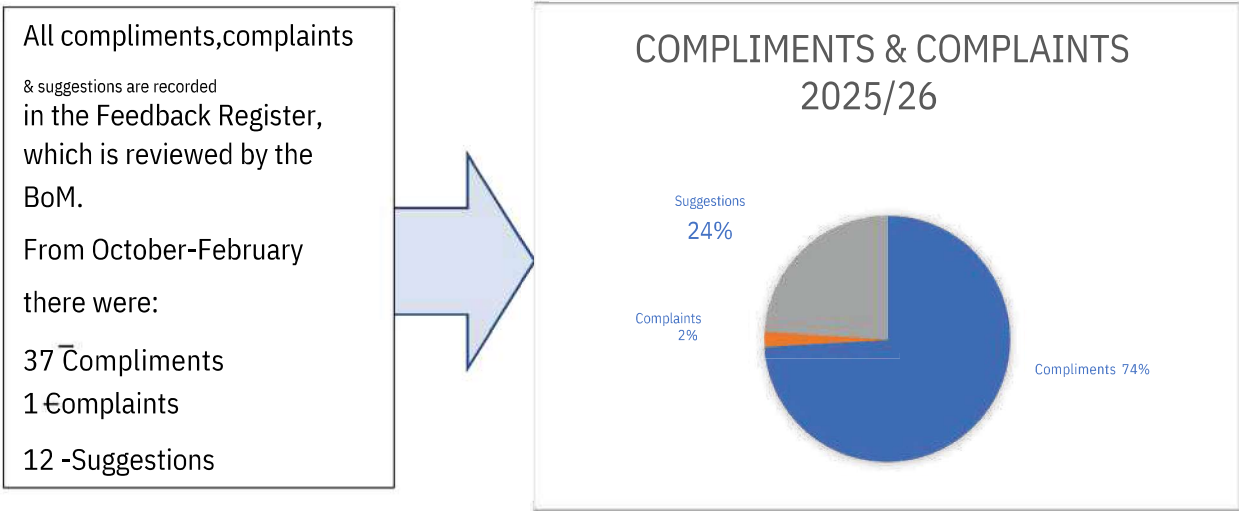
**Our mission:** To provide innovative solutions for the healthcare and wellbeing needs of the Dargo community.

- 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

Dargo Bush Nursing Centre  
Quality & Safety Report\_March 2026



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. 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.





A Joint Australian, State and Territory Government Initiative

## National Immunisation Program Influenza (Flu) Vaccination Consumer fact sheet

### About influenza

Influenza (the flu) is a common viral infection that affects people of all ages.

While it may be a mild disease for some, it can also cause serious sickness and may even lead to hospitalisation, even in healthy people.

Getting an Influenza vaccine every year from a health professional, is the safest and most effective way to protect yourself and others from influenza.

### About the influenza vaccines

The flu changes every year, so the Influenza vaccine changes too. This is why you need an Influenza vaccine each year. The type of vaccine you get depends on your age and health, and your health professional will tell you which one is right for you or your child.

Australia uses different types of Influenza vaccines that all work well and are latex-free. Both egg-based and cell-based vaccines (for people aged 5 to 64 years) are available through the National Immunisation Program (NIP).

A nasal spray flu vaccine for children aged 2 to 17 years will also be available through some state or territory programs or by private prescription.

### Influenza vaccine safety

The influenza vaccine has been around for many decades and has a strong safety record.

Common side effects from the vaccine include mild pain, redness or swelling where the vaccine was given. These side effects usually last for a few days and go away without any treatment. Serious side effects, such as severe allergic reactions, are rare.

Influenza vaccines given as an injection do not contain live flu virus, so they cannot give you the flu. The nasal spray flu vaccine is a live vaccine, so it is not recommended for some people with certain medical conditions.

People with an egg allergy, including those who have had anaphylaxis, can safely receive all Influenza vaccines, but it is a good idea to talk to your health professional if you have concerns.

### Who should receive the influenza vaccine

Everyone 6 months and over is recommended to get an influenza vaccine each year. The flu vaccine protects you, but it also can help protect those around you.

#### Influenza vaccination is especially important for some people

The flu vaccine is strongly recommended and free under the NIP for the following people most at risk of complications from influenza:

- Children aged 6 months to less than 5 years
- Pregnant women for every pregnancy and at any stage of pregnancy
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over
- People aged 65 years and over
- People aged 6 months and over with certain medical conditions.

Some states and territories may offer free vaccines for other groups. Talk to your health professional or visit your state or territory health department website to find out.

If you are not eligible for a free vaccine, you can buy the vaccine. Talk to your health professional to find out how much it will cost.

### Children under 5 years

Babies and children under 5 years old have a higher risk of complications from influenza and can lead to hospitalisation. Even healthy children can become very unwell with the flu.

Your child can get their Influenza vaccine at the same appointment as their routine childhood vaccines, or at a separate visit.

Children under 2 years who are getting the Influenza vaccine for the first time need 2 doses, given 4 weeks apart, to help build a stronger immune response.

## Pregnant women

Influenza can be more serious for pregnant women and their babies. The Influenza vaccine is recommended and free in every pregnancy, and it is safe to have at any stage of pregnancy and while breastfeeding.

During pregnancy, changes to the immune system, heart and lungs can make women more likely to get very sick from Influenza.

Getting vaccinated also protects your baby, as protective antibodies pass through the placenta and help keep them safe in the first few months of life.

If you had last year's Influenza vaccine early in your pregnancy, or before you became pregnant, you should still get the current Influenza vaccine before your baby is born.

The Influenza vaccine can be safely given at the same time as pertussis (whooping cough), RSV and COVID-19 vaccines if recommended by your health professional. Pregnant women should receive the inactivated flu vaccine (the standard injection), rather than the nasal spray version.

## People with certain medical conditions

The influenza vaccine is free for people 6 months and over with the following conditions:

- cardiac disease
- chronic respiratory condition
- immunocompromising condition
- haematological disorder
- chronic metabolic disorder
- chronic kidney disease
- chronic neurological condition
- long-term aspirin therapy in children aged 5 to 10 years.

Talk to your health professional about your medical history and eligibility.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are at higher risk of getting really sick and going to hospital from influenza.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over can get the influenza vaccine for free every year.

## People aged 65 years and over

Influenza can be especially serious for people aged 65 years and over, so getting vaccinated every year is very important.

All adults in this age group can get a free Influenza vaccine that is specially designed to give a stronger immune response and better protection.

Flu vaccines can also be safely given at the same visit as COVID-19 vaccines, RSV vaccines and the shingles vaccine.

## When to get your influenza vaccine

You should get vaccinated each year from when the vaccine is available in March or April to be protected before the influenza season. In most parts of Australia, the peak flu season is from June to September. It is never too late to get the Influenza vaccine, because flu can spread at any time of the year.

If you had last season's Influenza vaccine late last year or early this year, you should still get the new season's vaccine when it becomes available.

## Where to get the influenza vaccine

Vaccination appointments can be booked at a range of health services including:

- local doctors or general practices
- local council immunisation clinics (available in some states and territories)
- community health centers
- Aboriginal health services
- participating pharmacies.

Not all these health services will have the free NIP vaccines. Check with your preferred health service to find out:

- about the specific vaccines they can provide
- when they will be available
- when you can book in to have the vaccine
- if there is a consultation fee or service charge to get the free vaccines.

## Australian Immunisation Register

Your health professional is required to report all influenza vaccinations to the Australian Immunisation Register to ensure your records are accurate and complete.

Ask about the flu vaccine today [health.gov.au/flu](http://health.gov.au/flu)

State and territory health department contact numbers:

ACT	02 5124 9800	SA	1300 232 272
NSW	1300 066 055	TAS	1800 671 738
NT	08 8922	VIC	<a href="mailto:immunisation@health.vic.gov.au">immunisation@health.vic.gov.au</a>
WA	8044 08 9321 1312	QLD	Contact your local Public Health Unit



## Cheesy Garlic Bread (Pull Apart Recipe)

The ultimate Cheesy Garlic Bread! A crusty sourdough loaf stuffed with homemade garlic butter, melted Mozzarella, and sharp Cheddar. Easy, crispy, and addictive.

### Ingredients

500g sourdough bread unsliced loaf  
125g butter melted  
2 cloves garlic finely chopped or minced  
50g green onions chopped, about 4-5 green onions (scallion)  
8g fresh parsley chopped, divided  
1 pinch salt  
5 slices Cheddar cheese Use sharp cheddar slices  
120g mozzarella Cheese fresh shredded



### Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 180°C | 350°F. Lightly grease a baking sheet or tray with nonstick oil spray; set aside.
- Cut bread in a criss-cross pattern (just over 1-inch wide), without cutting all the way through. Place bread onto prepared baking sheet/tray.
- Combine butter, green onions and 1 tablespoon of parsley in a small bowl. Season with salt and pepper to your taste.
- Spoon garlic butter/onion mixture into bread cracks. Arrange cheese slices and shredded cheese between the bread cuts.
- Cover with foil and bake for 15 minutes. Unwrap and bake for another 10 – 15 minutes until the cheese is melted and bubbly.

### Notes

**Bread Selection:** The type of bread makes or breaks this recipe. You must use a loaf with a hard, sturdy crust (like a La Brea Sourdough or a crusty Vienna). Do not use soft white sandwich bread or soft supermarket French loaves, or the bottom will turn completely soggy and fall apart when you lift it. No need for homemade bread.

**Cheese Tips:** For the best melt, buy a block of Mozzarella and shred it yourself. Pre shredded bags contain anti caking agents that prevent the cheese from fusing together.

Best Cheddar slices: use Thick Cut Sharp Cheddar Slices. Just cut the square slices into strips and slide them right into the cracks alongside the mozzarella.

**Make Ahead:** You can stuff the bread, wrap it tightly in foil, and refrigerate it for up to 24 hours before baking. Just add an extra 5–10 minutes to the baking time if going straight from the fridge to the oven.

**Storage & Reheating:** Leftovers? Wrap them in foil and reheat in a 350°F oven for 10 minutes. Microwaving makes the bread chewy/tough, so the oven is best!

# JOKES

What spell did Harry Potter use to fight off Dementors at the Strait of Hormuz?  
Expectno! Petroleum!!

————— ◆ —————

A ninety-five-year-old man was asked, “Do you still call your wife ‘darling’, ‘sweety’, or ‘honey’ at this age? What’s the secret?”  
He said, “It’s been ten years, I’ve forgotten her name, I feel scared to ask now.”

————— ◆ —————

What do you call a man with a shovel on his head?  
Doug.

————— ◆ —————

A stoned hippie tourist flies into Australia for a holiday. The immigration officer looks at him and asks, “Have you ever been convicted of a crime?”  
Stoned tourist replies, “Is that...is that still a requirement to enter Australia?”

————— ◆ —————

What’s made out of leather and sounds like a sneeze?  
A Shoe!

————— ◆ —————

A guy says to his therapist, “Before I got involved with drugs, I had a loving family, a nice house, and a decent car.”  
The therapist says, “And now?”  
And the guy says, “Now I also have a private jet and a yacht.”

————— ◆ —————

Just before Grandpa died, they put him in a wheelchair.  
After that, he went downhill pretty fast.

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The waiter asked me, “Sir, how do you like your steak?”  
Husband explained, “Like winning an argument with my wife.”  
The waiter replied, “Rare it is.”

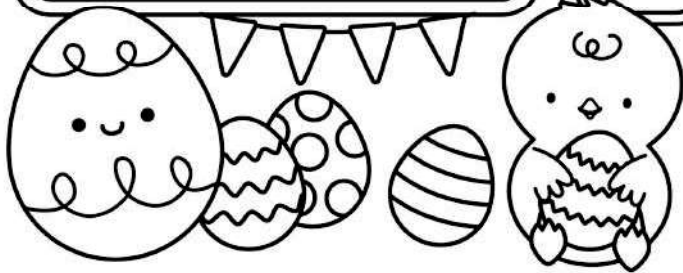
# EASTER



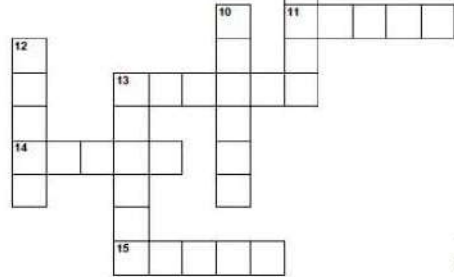
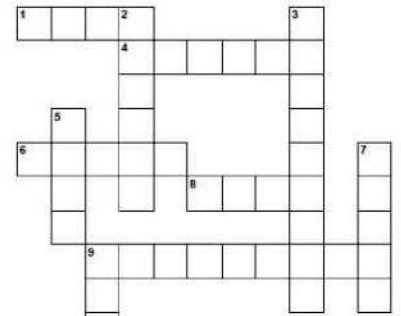
WORD SEARCH



- BASKET
- BUNNY
- CANDY
- CARROT
- CHICKS
- DYE
- EGGS
- GRASS
- HUNT
- PEEPS



## Easter Crossword



### Across

- [1] Something painted at Easter Time
- [4] Something you march in
- [6] Animal that delivers Easter Goodies
- [8] A baby sheep
- [9] Easter Eggs are made of \_\_\_\_\_
- [11] Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_
- [13] A pretty hat worn on Easter
- [14] Name for Resurrection
- [15] Yellow or white spring flower that grows from a bulb

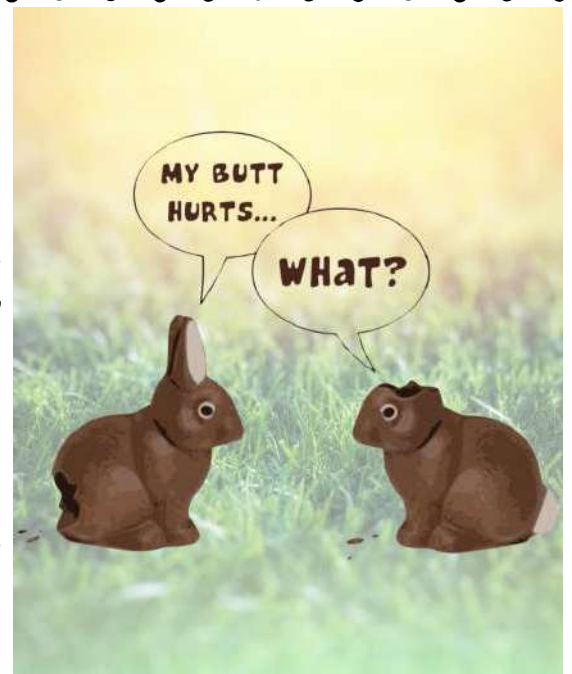
### Down

- [2] We celebrate Easter in this season
- [3] A colorful candy found in the Easter basket
- [5] An Easter Egg \_\_\_\_\_
- [7] Symbol of the Crucifixion of Jesus
- [9] What a rabbit likes to eat
- [10] Day of week Easter is celebrated
- [12] Baby chicken
- [13] What you carry to gather eggs



## Spot The Difference Game

There are eight differences in the images below. Can you spot them all and win the game?



## Last month's solutions

### Crossword Solution from 27th February

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### Sudoku Solution from 27th February

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## SUDOKU

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Results of this Sudoku puzzle will be in next month's edition of the bulletin

# CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

- 1) Emulate a quarterback
- 5) Leak through slowly
- 9) Prepares for a boxing match
- 14) With the bow, to a violinist
- 15) All done
- 16) Hushed
- 17) 1986 "fish out of water" film
- 20) Hot and sultry
- 21) Condiment in gourmet cooking
- 22) Perspiration
- 23) Nicholas I was one
- 24) Become embedded
- 27) Tire protector
- 32) Recede like a tide
- 35) One way to cook eggs
- 37) Common beverage
- 38) Cause for ahem?
- 42) Edible Pacific tuber
- 43) Part of a drum kit
- 44) Ribonucleic acid, familiarly
- 45) Old sailor
- 48) Rustic poems (var.)
- 50) Christian Coalition, e.g.
- 52) \_\_\_ Island (immigration landmark)
- 56) Partial paralysis
- 60) Not at all harsh
- 62) Good thing to have in the jungle
- 64) Farm mudholes
- 65) Big-mouthed pitcher
- 66) Noted canal
- 67) Is inclined
- 68) "Friends" friend
- 69) Changes hair color

## DOWN

- 1) Formal accords
- 2) It points the way
- 3) Rifle attachment
- 4) Like a party animal
- 5) 37-Across, e.g.
- 6) Opposite of good
- 7) Anago, really
- 8) Fourth estate
- 9) Shape learned in preschool
- 10) Corny bits of wordplay
- 11) Verdi classic
- 12) Walk dizzily
- 13) Proofreader's direction
- 18) Multi-armed creatures
- 19) Unable to hear
- 23) "Poly" attachment, in school names
- 25) Have on
- 26) B-movie machine guns
- 28) Major ATM manufacturer
- 29) It can open for you
- 30) Impressive style
- 31) Pro \_\_\_ (in proportion)
- 32) Semiaquatic salamanders
- 33) Hillside, to the Scottish
- 34) When doubled, one of the Society Islands
- 36) Be in charge of
- 39) "In \_\_\_ We Trust"
- 40) Make an attempt
- 41) Cosmetics queen Curtis
- 46) Be preoccupied with
- 47) Flippant
- 49) Assaulted with goo
- 51) Purple willow, e.g.
- 53) Distrustful
- 54) Private film producer, informally
- 55) Eyelid lumps
- 56) Whispered attention-getter
- 57) Poker pay-in
- 58) Form of precipitation
- 59) Barely managed
- 60) Bottom of the barrel
- 61) Does the wrong thing
- 63) A couple

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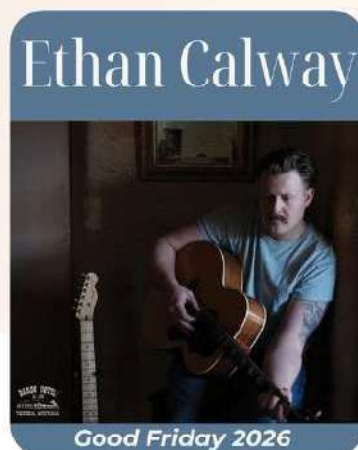
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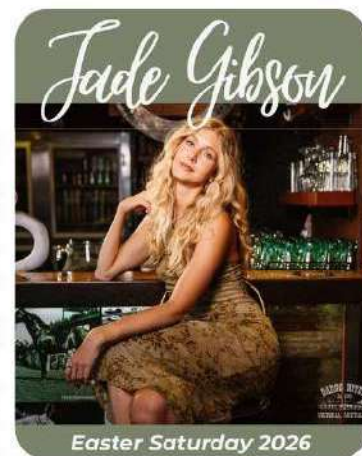


# upcoming events

**GOOD FRIDAY-**  
**Ethan Calway & Full Band. Feat. Jade Gibson - Ethan, from Drouin recieved a 4 Chair turn on The Voice 2025.**



**EASTER SATURDAY-**  
**Jade Gibson & Full Band. Feat. Ethan Calway. Jade is a Favorite of Ours. Both have just returned from CMC Rocks**



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# EASTER SATURDAY COMMUNITY EVENT DARGO HERITAGE MUSEUM



Saturday 4th April | From 9:00am



Dargo Museum  
Gold Coin Donation

Join us for a fascinating morning exploring our rich local history!

### Guest Speaker: Graham Watt

Graham will share his knowledge and stories, followed by a guided tour to local gold diggings, including the battery and other gold mining workings.

Try your luck with gold panning in the Lower Dargo River under Graham's guidance!

Refreshments available  
Tours accessible for 2WD vehicles

Come along for a great morning of history, exploration, and community connection!



## Community Bank Maffra & District News

Over the past ten years the Community Bank Maffra & District has supported local community groups through the grant & sponsorship programs. In this time over 1 million dollars has been given to help projects, events and clubs.

The current renovations to Maffra Auto Museum & Maffra Hospital are proudly supported by the Community Bank Maffra & District. Each year many sporting clubs, Mardi Gras, local town newsletters, Maffra Show and Christmas festival receive funding.

Does your community group have a project they are working towards?

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

Check the guidelines on our website and requirements for applications. We look forward to continuing to support local community groups and the great work they do.





# Dargo Landcare Group



## Next Working Bee

Sat 28th March 9:00 AM at the Community Garden  
Meeting & BBQ to follow at the Landcare Shed 11:00 AM

## Chemical Subsidy

**Supported by Wellington Shire, Dargo Hotel Wheel, River Inn Wheel**

The Chemical Subsidy for 2026 is now available. This is the same as previous years, 50% subsidy up to a maximum of \$200. You must be a financial member and if the program is over subscribed, preference will be given to Active Members.

The following chemicals are available:

	Purchase Price	Subsidy Price
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Metsulfuron (brush off) 5 x 1KG	\$275	\$137.50
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Note: Prices may vary slightly.

Email your expression of interest to [dargo.landcare@mail.com](mailto:dargo.landcare@mail.com)  
or call Trish on 0475302747

### 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](mailto:dargo.landcare@mail.com)  
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**YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!  
SUNDAY MASS**

**On Sunday, 29 March 2026 (Palm Sunday)  
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

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### **BUILDING**

Deposit \$ 100.00  
**This is refunded when hall is returned in a clean state**

FULL DAY HIRE OF HALL \$ 120.00  
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(Local Comm Groups/Com)

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Eg: Spit roast, BBQ food, finger food, sandwiches and cakes.

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**Please contact one of our committee members for further information.**

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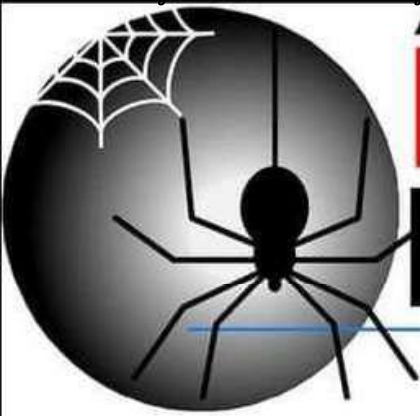
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