



Dargo Bush Bulletin



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Yesterday we held our Biggest Morning Tea at the Community House and would like to sincerely thank everyone who came along to support this wonderful event and help raise funds for the Cancer Council. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our community, we are proud to announce that we raised a total of \$611.45.

Last chance to purchase tickets to Hall Stories! This special production is being created especially for our local community and promises to be a fantastic night out while also supporting our local hall. **Damian will be coming to Dargo on Thursday 28th May, with a Meet & Greet at the Dargo Hall from 5.30pm. Come along, share your stories and memories, and help Damian bring the character and history of our community into the show.**

Wellington Shire Council is offering a free accredited Chainsaw course to be held at the Community House in June. If you are interested in participating, bookings can be made online via the Chainsaw Course flyer included in this edition of the bulletin.

Biggest Morning Tea

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Sally - Up to no good!



Hamper Winner - Mick Sweeney

Ps....Can you find the Bluebird? 

NEXT BULLETIN 26TH JUNE



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Angling Club

Friday 5th June - Angling Club End of Season Competition - Opens 6pm



BUSH NURSE CENTRE

Monday 8th June - Closed - Kings Birthday public holiday



COMMUNITY HOUSE

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

Wednesday's @ 10am - Chair Yoga

Wednesday 17th June - 9am - 4pm - Chainsaw Training Workshop



DARGO HALL

Thursday 28th May - @ 5.30pm -Damian Callinan - Hall Stories Meet & Greet

Saturday 30th May - @ 7.30pm -Damian Callinan - Hall Stories



DARGO HOTEL

Tuesday Nights - Pizza night

Friday 22nd May - Wheel - Museum

Friday 29th May - Wheel - Bush Nurse Centre

Friday 5th June - Wheel - Landcare

Saturday 6th June - DJ Yeehaw

Sunday 7th June - Angling Club Weigh-In @ 12 noon & Presentation @ 1pm in the Shed Bar

Friday 12th June - Wheel - Hall

Friday 19th June - Wheel - Angling Club

Friday 26th June - Wheel - TV Group

Friday 3rd July - Wheel - Cemetery Trust



DARGO RIVER INN

Every Friday Night Happy Hour - 5pm - 6pm

Sunday 24th May - Crazy Wheel - Museum

Sunday 31st May - Crazy Wheel - Angling Club

Sunday 7th June - Crazy Wheel - Cemetery Trust

Sunday 7th June - Matt-Peter Fry

Sunday 14th June - Crazy Wheel - Community House

Sunday 21st June - Crazy Wheel - Hall

Sunday 28th June - Crazy Wheel - Landcare

Dargo River Inn will be closed from Monday 29th June and will re-open on Friday 31st July

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**

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.

Dargo Family Reunion

Sunday 8th November at the Sale Showgrounds

Notice to Family and Friends of past & present Dargo residents, there will be a Dargo Family Reunion at the Sale Showgrounds on Sunday 8th November from 10am to 4pm.

Please watch this space for more information.

Enquiries please email Yvonne Curtain (Scott) at y_curtain@hotmail.com

Or

Please leave a message on my mobile
Ph: 0422 893 434



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



June

3rd Andrew & Janina Kee

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.



May

25th Warren Peters
26th Karen Garvey
28th Reece Guy-Watson

June

3rd Christine Bila
Paddy Eldred
6th Emily Theodorou
8th Sue Sherritt
9th Edward Paul
11th Damian Lee
Blaire Theodorou
15th Scott McCallum
17th Cameron McWaters
Bella Healey
20th Siarra Peters
24th Rebecca Ellis
Rick Peters
25th Barclay Stephens
Vicki Stobo
26th Donna Blackmore



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

Rural Frozen Meals Program

The Dargo Community House is proud to partner with Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House to offer the Rural Frozen Meals Program, providing nutritious frozen meals to members of our community who could use a little extra support.

Eligibility: You may be able to access the program if you:

- Hold a Pension, Concession, Healthcare, or Veterans Affairs Card
- Have a HCP or CHSP package
- Are experiencing ill health or recovering from an injury

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this program, please contact us for more information.

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

Dargo Cemetery Trust

The Dargo Cemetery Trust invite interested persons to apply for the position of grounds person at the Dargo Cemetery. The contractor to supply suitable machinery and equipment and have a public liability insurance policy.

For further details please contact the Cemetery Trust by 15th July, 2026 by Email: dargocemtrust@gmail.com or Phone Cath Noble 0427 149 253

Dargo Cemetery Trust

FOR SALE BY TENDER:
1 Shed, 5.64m X 5.49m X 2.64m.
Opening Width 4400mm,
Opening Height 2210mm,
Internal Wall Height 2170mm.

Tender Closes 19th June, 2026.

Contact:

Email: dargocemtrust@gmail.com
Ph: Cath Noble 0427 149253 or
Brian Madigan 5140 1352



Expression of Interest – Computer Basics Course Learn Local Program

Boost Your Computer Skills and Confidence

Whether you are just getting started or looking to refresh your skills, this Computer Basics Course delivered by Learn Local is designed to help you feel more confident using technology in everyday life.

Topics will include:

- Setting up your computer and navigating programs
- Adjusting computer settings
- Internet use and online safety
- Understanding common computer terminology and functions

Participants are welcome to bring their own device, or desktop computers will be available to use at the Community House.

Learn Local programs are recognised Workforce Australia approved activities.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Dargo Community House to register your expression of interest.

Email: dargoch3862@gmail.com

Ph: 5140 1333 or 0488 035 133



Expressions of Interest – Cooking Classes

The Dargo Community House is seeking expressions of interest to run a series of cooking classes at the Community House or Hall, depending on participant numbers, and we would love to hear from anyone who may be interested.

These classes would be a great opportunity to learn new recipes, gain useful kitchen tips, and enjoy cooking and sharing food with others in the community. Possible class topics could include basic cooking skills, shared recipes, baking, preserving, and more – we are open to ideas based on what people would like to learn.

At this stage, we are seeking expressions of interest to see whether there is enough community interest to run the classes.

If you would like to take part, or if there is a particular type of cooking class you would be interested in, please contact the Dargo Community House.

A small fee may apply to help cover costs.

Email: dargoch3862@gmail.com

Ph: 5140 1333 or 0488 035 133



Anzac Day

Thank you to everyone who attended the Hall on Anzac Day to honour and remember those who served our country in times of war.

A special thank you to our Hall Committee members and volunteers for providing the food, helping with the set up and clean up, and to Brian for his thoughtful contribution and recognition on the day.

It was a beautiful day spent surrounded by wonderful people and a strong sense of community.



Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea

Yesterday, we held our Biggest Morning Tea at the Community House and would like to sincerely thank everyone who came along to help raise funds for the Cancer Council.

We were thrilled to raise a total of \$611.45. Although attendance was small, everyone had a wonderful time enjoying games, good company, heaps of laughs and our raffle hamper, which was won by Mick – congratulations!

A special thank you also goes to Des for being our auctioneer and doing such a fantastic job throughout the morning. Love your work Des!!

A big thank you also to Pam & Rita for selling raffle tickets you guys are amazing!!

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Dargo Hotel, Dargo River Inn and Dargo General Store for their generous donations of items for our auction. Your ongoing support and generosity are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed and supported this important cause.



PRE-SALE TICKETS!
ONLY \$17
UNTIL 1ST MAY

HALL STORIES

Damian Callinan



DARGO HALL
SAT MAY 30 AT 7:30PM

THE
WEDGE



CREATIVE VICTORIA



BOOK TICKETS: PH 5143 3200
WWW.THEWEDGE.COM.AU
100 FOSTER STREET, SALE

HALL STORIES



HALL STORIES IS COMING TO DARGO HALL

The Wedge Performing Arts Centre is supporting our hall by bringing Damian Callinan and his show Hall Stories to Dargo. It means we get our own show, created just for our community.

Damian is a comedian and actor. Some of you might know him from The Merger or Spicks & Specks. He's genuinely very funny and a great storyteller.

Hall Stories is part stand-up comedy and part local history. It's built from real stories from the community and turned into a live show. Last year he brought the show to Munro Hall, Port Albert and Glenmaggie, and by all accounts it was an incredible night.

There are two parts to how it works.

First, Damian comes to the community a couple of days before the show for a meet and greet session. He spends time meeting people, hearing stories. Then, a couple of days later, he performs the show, built from those stories he's learnt from the community. The night reflects the people, history and characters of Dargo. Afterwards, Damian creates a podcast about the hall and its stories, including the voices of locals who took part.

We would love for anyone with a story to tell to join us for the FREE Meet and Greet night. If you are not keen to share a story, we would love to see you at the show. This will be a really good night and we'd love to see a full hall.

Tickets are \$17 for pre-sale and will go up to \$35, so it's worth getting in early.

Tickets are available on The Wedge website, or you can call the box office on 03 5143 3200 or drop in to visit them.

On the night, the Hall Committee will put on a light supper at interval.
\$10 per person, payable on the night.

Bring a friend, bring a neighbour, and we will see you there!

Dargo Hall Committee

Meet and greet | Thurs 28 May at 5:30pm [FREE]
Show night | Sat 30 May at 7:30pm Dargo Hall
Tickets | \$17 pre-sale [until Thurs 16 April] \$35 full price
Bookings | The Wedge website Ph 5143 3200, or visit the box office
Supper | \$10 pp on the night



YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

SUNDAY MASS

On Sunday, 31 May 2026

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

DARGO & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB INC.

TROUT & BASS END OF SEASON COMPETITION

Commencing: Friday 5th June (lines down at 6.00pm)

Closes: Sunday 7th June at 11.00am

Weigh-In: 12 Noon. (No late entries after 12.30pm)

Presentation: 1.00pm at the Shed Bar - Dargo Hotel

Please note the addition of Bass & associated conditions.

RULES

- Open to fully paid members only
- All fish must be presented cleaned for weigh-in
- All persons must carry current fishing licence
- Juniors - Up to & including 16th birthday

TROUT

- Max. 5 fish per person per day
- Only 2 over 35cm per person per day
- Seniors to remain minimum 26cm
- Juniors - no limit

BASS

- Max. 2 fish only, per person per day
- Min. length - 27cm

PRIZES

- Heaviest Trout, Heaviest Bass & Heaviest Bag)
- Introducing Longest fish (Released for sustainable fishing)
- Heaviest Carp/Eel (Garbage Fish)
- Secret Weight (Draw of all Fish weighed in)
- Prizes for Juniors too


WEIGH-IN STATIONS -

Toby Gibbs - Crooked River

Dargo Hotel - Shed Bar

Enquiries: - Hughie Sherritt - 0493 571 200

Toby Gibbs - 0400 946 614

Or  : Dargo & District Angling Club

**All Regulations in
Accordance with
Victorian Fisheries
Authority**

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FREE Chainsaw Training is available for people 18+ to boost emergency resilience and preparedness in the local community.

The Operate and Maintain Chainsaw training course covers the skills and knowledge needed to safely operate and keep a hand-held chainsaw in good condition. It applies to cutting up fallen timber using safe cutting techniques.

Includes light lunch and refreshments.



Wednesday 17 June 2026

9 - 4pm



Dargo Community House

137 Lind Ave, Dargo VIC 3862



**Scan to book
your spot online**



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FOR
MORE**



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Get the care you deserve with our **free women's health services** across the state. We're getting better, so you can too.

Learn more at womenshealth.vic.gov.au




Women's Health and Wellbeing Program





Are your **young workers** equipped with the right skills to stay safe?

If you're an employer, their safety is your responsibility.
Get the tools to support your young workers.
Ask yourself: would you work for you?

 **WorkSafe Young Workers**



Reducing workplace harm.



工作场所安全 是我们的 共同关切

了解您的权利和责任，
这样您就能讨论工作场所安全事宜。
如要使用中文咨询，
请致电131 450或访问
worksafe.vic.gov.au/chinese-simplified

Workplace safety is our common language

Understand your rights and
responsibilities, so you can talk
about safety at work.
To speak to WorkSafe with an
interpreter call 131 450, or visit
worksafe.vic.gov.au/languages



Scan for information in
Simplified Chinese.



THE PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE BIT

Head for the hills and discover Victoria's regional events. Try your hands (and feet) at various things you've never done before. You could find yourself cider quaffing, tulip sniffing, star gazing, maybe even grape stomping.

VICTORIA EVERY BIT DIFFERENT

VISITVICTORIA.COM

To celebrate Volunteers Week, we would like to acknowledge all the good work achieved by the volunteers in our community. Our Board of directors are all volunteers, along with many community group committees.

These people donate their time and knowledge to keep groups going and encourage the community to participate. Many organizations wouldn't continue without volunteers. Thank you for all the work you do.

Community Bank Maffra & District supports local community groups through sponsorships and grants. Sponsorships are available to help groups with equipment, events and activities.



Community Bank Maffra & District – Board of Directors

Johnswood studio.

Are you looking for something special in the way of a gift or for yourself? Then this unusual art gallery is worth a visit. Originally from the village of Woombah in NSW my woodwork includes timber from that area and local timber from Dargo. The Gallery boasts art works from local artists with probably the largest collection of handmade cards in Gippsland, all of the items are handmade and unique.

Located one kilometre south of Dargo at 8155 Dargo Road (look for the old truck) and open Saturdays from around 11am till 4 pm or by appointment ring 0455 840 190. So take the pleasant drive, grab a coffee at the general store or a meal at one of the two inns and maybe find that unique gift for someone special.





Dargo Bush Nursing Centre News

There has been a bit of activity going on here at the Bush Nursing Centre with a few funded upgrades!

The first of these upgrades, is the complete water system replacement project for the Centre and residence. This project has been funded under the Regional Health Infrastructure Funding (RHIF) grant which we were successful in applying for!!!

This project will see our underground tank replaced with an above ground tank. Ongoing leaking of the tank and sediment issues with the pump have hampered water supply in the past.

The above ground tank will also have a multi-stage water filtration and disinfection system.

The old underground tank will be repurposed and become a reserve for fire fighting water. This is a fantastic upgrade for the Centre and ensures that water quality is of the highest standard.

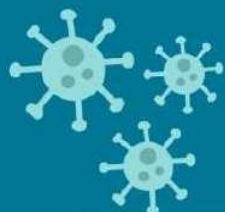


Gutter replacement on the Nursing Centre and residence has been underway this month by plumber Jamie

What's on - June 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 st June	2 nd June	3 rd June	4 th June	5 th June
8 th June KINGS B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY CENTRE CLOSED	9 th June	10 th June	11 th June	12 th June
15 th June	16 th June	17 th June	18 th June	19 th June
22 nd June	23 rd June	24 th June	25 th June	26 th June
29 th June	30 th June	1 st July	2 nd July	3 rd July

Stay Healthy This Flu Season!



Thursday
28th May 2026

Book in for your annual Flu Vaccination at the Dargo Bush Nursing Centre!

Contact Us To Book In

You are also welcome to contact us to book on another day and time if you can't make the Clinic day.



5150 2420

*Non-Members will incur an additional \$10 service fee



Our second successful grant project is our new portable office building! This building has multiple purposes for our Centre. These include, holding meetings, additional office space and a room for visiting services to utilise, such as Allied Health clinics. The portable frees up the residence to improve privacy for our clinical team.

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the **Community Bank Maffra & District** for the Grant they awarded us to complete this vital infrastructure project.

Without the voluntary assistance of Phil Davies, Mick Eccles and George Elias, and equipment borrowed from Hally, we would not have been able to move the portable into place and can't thank them enough for all the hours they have contributed!!!



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 Traill (Vice President)
- Phil Davies (Treasurer)
- Terry Riley (Secretary)
- Mick Eccles



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

Dargo Bush Nursing Centre 2026 - 2027 Annual Membership Application



NAME	MR/MRS/MS/MISS/DR		
ADDRESS	HOME		
	DARGO		
PHONE	HOME	MOBILE	
EMAIL			

Membership Rates (please tick your choice):

Single — \$45

Double — \$70

Family — \$90
(Includes children under 18 years)

Donation's Welcome

All donations we received are used for improvements at the Centre that benefit our clients (see over the page for more information). Our regular funding doesn't enable us to implement most of these improvements so we rely on donations from our community — both near and far.

We thank you in advance for any donation that you are able to make.

MEMBER DETAILS						
SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	D.O.B	GENDER	MEDICARE NO:	MEDICARE REF NO:	Aboriginal or TSI (Y/N)

PAYMENT	
Membership Fee	\$
Donation (Voluntary)	\$
Total Payment	\$
Date Paid	

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Bank Transfer: Dargo Bush Nursing Centre Inc.
BSB: 063 526 — ACC: 0090 1405 Reference: Surname / Subscription

If payment is via Bank Transfer please email or post this Membership form

Cheques: Payable in person or via post: 72 Lind Ave, Dargo VIC 3862

Cash/EFTPOS: Payable in person at 72 Lind Ave, Dargo VIC 3862

IMPORTANT: Please read and sign the form over the page.

Dargo Bush Nursing Centre — Ph: 03 5150 2420 Mob: 0498 514 012 E: dargoadmin@gha.net.au ABN: 47-993-819-412



How your donations have been used:
 New waiting room furniture
 New bariatric bed
 Skin specialist subsidised fee
 Purchase of a knee scooter
 Purchase of a Cholesterol monitoring device

MEMBER BENEFITS	
FREE Consultations with Nurses	FREE Emergency and Urgent care
Allied Health Services inc. Optometrist, Dental, Hearing Screens, Podiatrist	Health and Wellness Education including training courses and First Aid
FREE Pathology collection	Vaccinations
FREE home visits (Within Dargo)	Discounts to Health Promotion events
Appointment bookings with Doctors and Specialists including Telehealth and HoloLens	Palliative Care Nursing
Script ordering and medication assistance	Pre and Post Natal Care including Infant Checks and Domiciliary visits
Pre-admission services and assistance in preparation for hospital stays	My Aged Care application assistance
Post-operative discharge care, including Hospital in the Home (HITH)	Chronic Disease Management
FREE use of wheelchairs, medical aids, crutches, etc.	
Voting rights at Annual General Meeting	Opportunity to join the Board of Management (BoM)

I wish to receive emails notifying me about upcoming events and/or Healthcare services the Bush Nursing Centre will be organising throughout the year

Yes

No

Please provide the email address all notifications are to be sent to:

I CONSENT THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS FORM IS CORRECT AND WILL BE SECURELY STORED AT THE DARGO BUSH NURSING CENTRE.

IT MAY BE SHARED WITH OTHER HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS IF NECESSARY.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Dargo Bush Nursing Centre — Ph: 03 5150 2420 Mob: 0498 514 012 E: dargoadmin@gha.net.au ABN: 47-993-819-412



Winner's are Grinners Dargo Hotel Presented with The Award of "Heart Of The Community"

Congratulations to The Team Dargo Hotel on taking out a Win at the Victorian AHA Awards on Monday Night the 18th of May. We were up against tough Competition with 17 Finalist's including Lindenow Farmer's Arms, Glengarry, Korumburra and Welshpool Hotel's.

We are so very Proud of the Whole Team and Grateful to bring this one Home for the Team. Everyone work's so hard and genuinely cares about their job, the Customer's, The Hotel and The Community. We now have a "Pigeon Pair" having won this Award in 2023 as well as Top Ten Parmas.

Congratulation's also to Our Amazing Joy Hurley who was also a Finalist in the category of "Local Legends". An amazing Tribute to such a Hard Worker and Hard Working Volunteer within Our Community. We are ALL so Proud of you "JoyBell".





**SAT
6TH
JUNE**

**Welcome Back DJ YEEHAW
Come along for a Fun Night with
DJ YEEHAW playing all your
favourite Tunes in the Lounge
\$10 Cover Charge**

**THUR
16TH
JULY**

**Look Out For the 250 Car Strong
SHITBOX RALLY - Scheduled to
get to Dargo between 3 and 5pm
Approx 500 People**

**SAT 1ST
AUG**

**Gareth Leach & The Narratives of
Hope; Popular Aussie Country
Band are hitting the Shed Bar
Stage - Get Your Country On and
WIN!! - Hats and Boots a MUST**



Dargo Community Engagement Group

Date	28 th April 2026	Location	Dargo Community House
Start Time	9.30am	Close Time	10.29am
Chair	Sue Neale	Minutes	Deb Saltmarsh

1.0 Attendees/Apologies

Details	
1	Attendees: Megan Lee - Dargo Angling club & Dargo Bush Nursing Centre, Tracey Bower Dargo Community House, Brian Madigan Dargo Museum, TV Group, Cemetery Trust & Dargo CFA, Des Knott – Community Representative for BNC, Liz Dargo Landcare Group, Tehan Parks Vic, Stuart Brewer Vic-Police
2	Apologies: Joan Traill, Rachel, Nick Kelly Underwood

2.0 Introduction

Details	
1	Sue 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. Sue welcomed all attendees to the Community 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, if confidential information is relayed.
3	Attendees were reminded of the expectation that this meeting is a safe space for enquiry and open, respectful conversation.

4.0 Input from Community Leaders

Details	
1	Dargo Angling club – Presented by Megan Lee on behalf of Hughie Sherritt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wood raffle at the market was a success, raising \$1002.45 Also sold some merchandise at the market Next up – Trout fishing is closing on the Kings Birthday weekend
2	Dargo Bush Nursing Centre – Presented by Megan Lee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breast screen bus trip was successful-feedback received highlighted a male focused promo trip, but all trips are open for all health screening and other activities. Funded by ‘Look Over the Farm Gate’ Skin Check Clinic with Mr Sarkar treated 15 people, sadly this will be his last visit to Dargo due to retirement. BNC are looking for a replacement. The eye clinic, which ran on Mon & Tues was successful and booked out.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new radio for the car was installed, unfortunately wired to the primary rather than the secondary battery which resulted in a flat battery. This will require rewiring however in the meantime can work around this using the handhelds if required.• Red Cross is hosting a dinner on the 15th to gather, discuss and debrief following the recent fires. Two guest speakers will be in attendance.• Fluvax clinic is booked for 28th May and advertised in the Bush bulletin and Facebook.• Christmas in July will be held in the Hall on 24th July, local politicians will be invited.• Reps from the shire were in town recently checking the way finder signage including the public toilets, they have offered to re-erect the DBNC sign which was pulled out over Easter• The centre is awaiting the arrival of a new portable building to site which will contain an office space and a meeting/board room with teleconferencing abilities. The additional space will also provide for additional consultation/clinic space and remove the need for these to be carried out in the Residence.
3	<p>DargoCFA – Presented by Brian Madigan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGM was held on Sunday 26th April. Brian has stepped down as Captain and Mick Sweeney has stepped into that position. Brian will remain for the next 12 months to support Mick• Received new hose reels and adaptable for the truck• Dargo CFA were heavily involved in the recent fires.• Brian was going to apply for funding to replace the slip on due to its age and WHS issues (over weight capacity) however been told that the Ute is not old enough to qualify, Ute is currently 14 years old.
4	<p>Dargo Community House – Presented by Tracey Bower</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biggest Morning Tea will be held at 10am on 21st May and hoping for good attendance• Currently contacting businesses for donations to Cancer Council to auction off• On 30th May, Hall Stories will be playing at the Hall, tickets are available. Damian will be coming to town on Thursday 28th to chat to locals about their Dargo stories which he will integrate into his comedy routine. Tickets are currently \$17 with light refreshments at \$10• Taking expression of interest for free Chainsaw training in June. Require a minimum of 6 people and max of 10• Free first aid training will be held on 29th June• Soup and roll day to start in June, just waiting for renovation of the Kitchen. Tracey will be cooking the soup• Community lunches will start up again in September• Other events coming up:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Looking at a bus/boat trip possibly in Sale○ Movie screening 'Just a farmer' later in 2026○ Trivia night later in 2026• Community House website is up and running
5	<p>Dargo Landcare Group – Presented by Liz</p> <p>Liz provided the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemical subsidy has been really popular again this year. We have distributed \$8000 worth of chemicals among farmers and property owners. Big thanks to Wellington Shire, Dargo Hotel and Dargo River Inn for their support with this project and the Wheel raffles. This year, the subsidy was concentrated on fire affected farmers who are 1st on the list.• Community garden. It was passed in the minutes of our last meeting that Rosie Freeman is having a get together at the garden on the last Saturday of each month between 9 10am to weed, plant and generally tidy the garden.• Swimming hole area. We had a kind donation of several shade trees and solid tree guards that were planted at our last working bee on 28/3/26. We are waiting to hear from Wellington shire in regard to help with further cleaning up of the Riparian zone. There is some confusion regarding who owns the land which is causing issues with regular mowing. Megan advised that the East Gippsland Catchment area could possibly offer some advice on this.• Early discussions around organising a pizza day at the DCH

6	<p>Dargo Museum Presented by Brian Madigan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paddy O’Brian came to the museum with a channel 7 camera operator and chatted to Brian for approx. 20 mins about Dargo history. The museum will feature in a documentary to be completed in a few months. • Rob Christie and another camera operator interviewed Brian yesterday, could possibly add that to the DCH movie night. • The committee has some new members Terry, Megan and Clare replacing others who have left.
7	<p>Dargo TV Group – Presented by Brian Madigan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No complaints received and TV running well no updates
8	<p>Parks – Presented by Tehan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been very busy following the Wonnangatta complex fires, Parks have been heavily involved. There was a total of 58 days of active fire recorded. DEECA are still involved as Parks are now concentrating on recovery. Fortunately, many of the assets survived but there is impact to signage and tracks, possible timescale for continuing works up to 12 months. • We have received good cash injections to manage including the track work. • The heritage work to be completed includes the Grant area where the fires exposed unknown mines in the area. Heritage Victoria will be involved with maintaining these sites. • DEECA recovery work across the fire site • Parks Vic are going through a restructure which is removing one level of management. Dargo is now part of Gippsland Alps which includes Licola and up to the NSW border. • Currently monitoring for pigs around Hotham and High Plains • Recruiting for a third ranger in Dargo • Quality of Wonnangatta River is still poor. The river has a large catchment area with much burned creating a sediment dump after each rain. Much of the seed bed has been destroyed following repeated burns so reseeded is necessary. This may take 3.6 months until the spring rains arrive.
9	<p>Victoria Police – Presented by Stuart Brewer</p> <p>Stuart advised that there have been a couple of incidents that Vic Pol are aware of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car stolen in Morwell caught stealing fuel and used to break in to the River Inn, unfortunately unable to identify the occupants with CCTV – Silver Hyundai Getz • An incident at DCH last week after speaking with Grant and Tracey involved a vehicle and two men with ties to the metro area. Identified one man but no history of theft or burglaries. Known to some in Dargo with historical ties to Dargo. • Ran a successful Easter campaign, up to 6 officers in Dargo over that long weekend. Noticed tourist numbers slightly down from last year and campsites were light. • Sue advised there was some damage to signs in Dargo including speed signs and DBNC sign removed. Stuart was unaware of this. • Vic Pol will again be up over the Kings Birthday weekend • Have been busy with recovery of tourists in the bush and there was a nasty accident 6 weeks ago • Resources are stretched across the area, but Stuart is committed to keeping Dargo highlighted • There was a discussion regarding issues with spotlighting, poaching and speeding in the area with a request for CCTV at Waterford to identify vehicles coming and going. Stuart advised that this would be led by the Shire with game management and Vic Pol supporting. Stuart advised that with the speed issue in town, he will speak with his colleague as we will need a plan. The town can put through a petition to reduce the speed limit and link this to the number of visitors the Shire has recorded recently.

5.0 Final Comments



Creamy Vegetable Tortellini Soup

A cozy, comforting soup loaded with tender veggies and cheese tortellini in a creamy broth. It's hearty, flavorful, and comes together easily.

Prep Time:10 minutes

Cook Time:20 minutes

Total Time:30 minutes

Servings:6 servings

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 celery ribs, sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt more to taste
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 (440g) can diced tomatoes undrained
- 1 (250g) package refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 2 cups fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ½ cup shredded Parmesan cheese plus more for serving
- 2 tablespoons chopped basil plus more for garnish



Instructions

Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add 1 medium yellow onion, diced, 2 medium carrots, peeled and sliced, 2 celery ribs, sliced, and 3 garlic cloves, minced. Cook until the vegetables begin to soften, about 5 minutes.

Stir in 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon black pepper, 3 cups vegetable broth, and 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium and simmer for 5 minutes, until the carrots begin to soften.

Stir in 1 (9-ounce) package refrigerated cheese tortellini and cook for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally until the pasta is tender.

Reduce the heat to low and stir in 2 cups fresh baby spinach, 1 cup heavy cream, ½ cup shredded Parmesan cheese, and 2 tablespoons chopped basil. Cook until the spinach has wilted, about 2 minutes.

JOKES

You donate a kidney, and everyone is happy and calls you a hero.
You donate 30 kidneys, and suddenly people start asking questions.



An assassin is running towards Trump.
His personal bodyguard sees him and shouts, "Mickey Mouse!" This startles the assassin, and he runs off
in the other direction.
Trump turns to his bodyguard and says, "Thank you, but why did you yell Mickey Mouse?" The bodyguard
replies, "Sorry, Sir, I meant to say Donald, Duck."



What does a mortician and an electrician have in common?
They're both shocked when they touch a live one.



Two aliens are reviewing a galactic survey report.
First alien: "Hmmm, the life forms on planet Earth have developed nuclear weapons."
Second alien: "Are they an emerging intelligence?"
First alien: "I don't think so. They're aimed at themselves."



Two children ordered their mother to stay in bed on Mother's Day morning. As she lay
there looking forward to breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen.
But after a good long wait, she finally went downstairs to investigate. She found them
both sitting at the table, eating bacon and eggs.
"As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "we decided to cook our own breakfast."



A man who was in court for stealing a bag was sentenced in just 3 minutes
It was a briefcase.



The Chinese man who invented the camera lens has passed away.
Rest in peace, Zu Min.



A woman fainted and fell onto the baggage carousel at the airport.
But she's slowly coming around now.



Did you know Albert Einstein died from a blood clot in the brain?
It was a stroke of genius.

Last month's solutions

Crossword Solution from 24th April

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
M	A	K	O	A	B	L	E	I	C	A	L	L
14	A	L	A	N	M	A	I	L	G	O	A	P
17	M	I	N	I	I	R	M	A	U	M	A	S
20	B	E	Y	O	N	D	B	E	L	I	E	F
23	O	N	E	N	E	S	S	N	S	Y	N	C
27	D	A	T	N	A	T	S	A	H	A		
32	A	S	T	I	D	E	L	E	S	D	I	X
37	K	E	E	P	A	L	O	W	P	R	O	F
41	I	D	E	N	A	I	L	S	A	R	I	D
44	N	E	T	A	T	T	Y	A	S	S		
48	R	H	E	T	P	L	A	T	T	E	R	
54	T	H	E	B	O	O	K	O	F	E	L	I
57	B	A	T	H	E	O	K	L	A	O	P	E
62	A	T	E	A	M	O	R	A	L	O	I	N
65	G	E	E	N	A	S	A	R	I	D	D	A

Sudoku Solution from 24th April

6				3	7			
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	7			5			6	8
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				6	8			3
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SUDOKU

	7		8		5		1	
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Results of this Sudoku puzzle will be in next month's edition of the bulletin

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

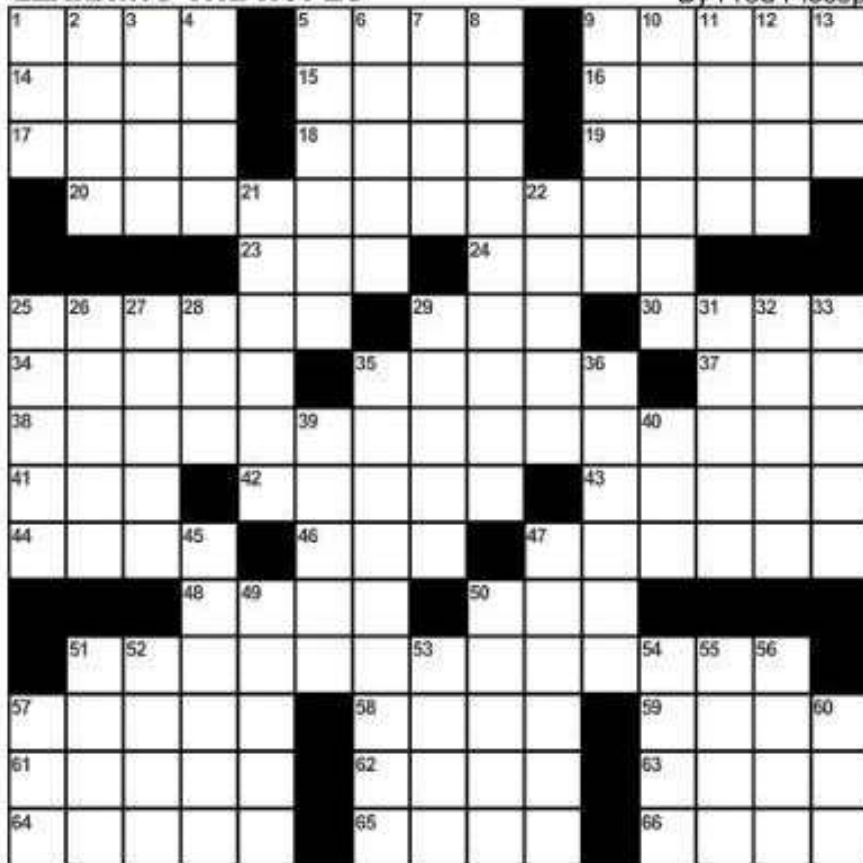
- 1) Swampy areas
- 5) Dele undoer
- 9) Atomizer outputs
- 14) Not intravenous
- 15) Spa treatment, for short
- 16) Milo of "Ulysses"
- 17) Girl in a Beatles title
- 18) Copier insert (Abbr.)
- 19) Seaweed, e.g.
- 20) Similarities in series of events
- 23) Sales rep's advantages
- 24) Needing darning
- 25) Stylish
- 29) Dr. Leary's turn-on
- 30) Gossip, slangily
- 34) Gold-related
- 35) Brownish tone
- 37) Prefix with "natal"
- 38) Where many items are assembled
- 41) Sleep cycle letters
- 42) Campaign verb
- 43) Sweet filling, in ads
- 44) "Pronto!"
- 46) Highest minor league
- 47) Went at it
- 48) Hippocratic Oath word
- 50) Pine-__ (cleanser brand)
- 51) Fender or Gibson necessities
- 57) Rich kid in "Nancy" comics
- 58) Has markers out
- 59) Kirkuk's land
- 61) 1998 Robert De Niro thriller
- 62) Time to give up
- 63) Jot down
- 64) Rickman's role in "Harry Potter" movies
- 65) Gives the green light
- 66) Left speechless

DOWN

- 1) Gift tag word
- 2) Former Attorney General Holder
- 3) Albania joined it in 2009
- 4) Insult, slangily
- 5) Enamored, in a silly way
- 6) Fork-tailed fliers
- 7) Do copy work
- 8) Predicament
- 9) Gloomy Gus
- 10) Christmas or Easter
- 11) Source of roe
- 12) Till stack
- 13) Did nothing
- 21) Billiards blunder
- 22) "The Kiss" sculptor
- 25) "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- 26) Angler's boxful
- 27) Diner's enticement
- 28) Tom Sawyer's half-brother
- 29) Digilux camera maker
- 31) Word before "strength" or "city"
- 32) Summons from the boss
- 33) Washed outdoors, perhaps
- 35) Totally crush
- 36) High-pH compound
- 39) Bow of the silents
- 40) Sales rack abbr.
- 45) Elizabeth II's husband
- 47) Bottom-of-the-barrel stuff
- 49) Make amends
- 50) Surgeon's insert
- 51) Hockey thug
- 52) Radius neighbor
- 53) __'Pea (Popeye's kid)
- 54) One of a 15th-century trio
- 55) Spring up
- 56) Fill to the gills
- 57) Four Monopoly properties (Abbr.)
- 60) End-of-proof letters

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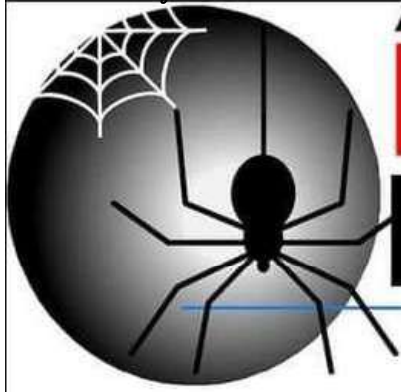
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