



# Dargo Bush Bulletin



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The kids are back to school on Monday – we hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful break!

Our recent Community Luncheon at the Dargo Hotel on Friday 12th September was both enjoyable and informative. We were fortunate to have guest speakers share important information on Prostate Cancer Awareness. A reminder to all men in our community – please take the time to get checked, even just for peace of mind. Early detection can make all the difference.

The Dargo Old School Market held last Saturday was a fantastic success! With perfect weather, a wide variety of stalls, and plenty of visitors, it was a day to remember. A sincere thank you to all the stallholders, and the volunteers who worked hard behind the scenes. These events simply wouldn't happen without your support.

Looking ahead, our Buchan Caves Bus Trip is just around the corner on Friday 17th October. There are only a couple of spots left, so don't miss out!

And finally, we are still collecting photos for next year's Dargo Calendar. If you've captured any great shots of the local Dargo area, we would love to see them.

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Dargo Old School Market

Ps....Can you find the Bluebird?



## NEXT BULLETIN 24TH OCTOBER

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



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### DARGO BUSH NURSING CENTRE

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Footcare Clinic

### DARGO COMMUNITY HOUSE

Every Tuesday @ 10.30am - Jigsaw Puzzles

Every Wednesday @ 10am - Chair Yoga

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Soup & Roll Day  
12pm - 2pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Buchan Caves Bus Trip

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Soup & Roll Day  
12pm - 2pm

### DARGO HOTEL

Tuesday Nights - Pizza night

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Wheel - Catholic Church

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Wheel - Landcare

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Wheel - Museum

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Wheel - Bush Nurse Centre

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Wheel - Beyond Blue

### DARGO RIVER INN

Every Friday Night Happy Hour - 5pm - 6pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Crazy Wheel - Bush  
Nurse Centre

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Crazy Wheel - TV Group

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Crazy Wheel -  
Muscular Dystrophy

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Crazy Wheel - Museum

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Crazy Wheel -  
Angling Club

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](mailto: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](mailto:dargoch3862@gmail.com)



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### October

5th Danny & Christine Campbell  
6th Brian & Heather Welsh  
14th Brian & Carole Driscoll

## 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!



### September

26th Ellie Woodgate  
Renae Kane  
27th Zack Peters  
Chris Wellins  
28th Brian Driscoll  
29th Jason Paul

### October

1st Melissa Peters  
3rd Jack Ellis  
4th Tom Freeman  
5th Michael Freeman  
Richard Vance  
Tania Kane  
6th Heidi Knott  
7th Darcy Dyer  
Scotty Davey  
8th Megan Lee  
9th Heidi Winter  
Harrison Falk  
12th Caitlyn Taylor  
Kerry Gilbert  
14th Shan Christie  
17th Sharon Peters  
Thomas Lee  
18th Jaden Cooke  
19th Paul Borondy  
21st Kasey Bila  
Ivy Wellins



## 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.**



## Daylight Savings Begins Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

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1 hour Forward

5 Oct 2025, 2:00 am



## Soup & Roll Day

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October and  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
12pm - 2pm

We invite you to join us for a delicious cup of soup and a fresh bread roll. Most importantly, come in and join us for a friendly chat.

Hope to see you there.

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



## Dargo Cemetery Trust

The Dargo Cemetery Trust wish to invite members of the Dargo Community and other interested people, to join us for morning tea and an up-date on the Cemetery plans. Meeting is to be held at the Dargo Hall, on Saturday 8th November, 2025, starting at 11.30.

For enquiries phone Cath Noble 0427 149 253.



## Get Fire Ready this October

As Victoria heads into what is expected to be a challenging fire season, it's more important than ever to understand your local fire risk and take steps to prepare.

Visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/getfireready](https://cfa.vic.gov.au/getfireready) to learn more.







## CASTLEBURN

John Foster (1792-1875) was a pastoralist, merchant and member of parliament. He developed cattle and sheep properties in Gippsland, producing large numbers of fat stock for Victorian and Van Diemen's Land markets. One of the properties he owned or controlled was Castleburn in 1856.

Harry Louis Treasure (1877-1961), cattleman, was born on 20 July 1877 at Wandiligong, Victoria. When rabbits ravaged the bush pastures in the immediate vicinity, Treasure bought a property at Castleburn, south of Dargo, as the family's winter abode.

### Bark Huts at Castleburn

These two bark huts at Castleburn (below Dargo) were built by Harry Treasure and his family for workmen. In 1910 the country was totally over-run by rabbits, and there would have been at least a dozen men at any one time, trapping in the wintertime and poisoning in the summer. The small huts were built to accommodate the various workers.





## CASTLEBURN SCHOOL NO. 3308



A VIEWED FROM THE EAST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL.

(Referenced from "Vision and Realisation" – Victorian Education Department)

Castleburn is about 16 miles South of Dargo in East Gippsland and while gold brought pioneers to this area, rural pursuits hold those that remain.

A school was opened on the 21<sup>st</sup>. of February 1898 under the direction of Henry W. Gay. Not a great deal of information is available but when this school worked part-time with Glenaladale for a time, the teacher had to travel 25 miles between the schools on horseback on alternate weeks. When the teacher asked for an increased allowance to enable the purchase of good feed for his horse the Department refused to help

1899 Edward Sweetman, 1900-1902 Charles Tilson

Castleburn closed on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. of September 1908





A letter sent from a student at Castleburn School to "Aunt Patsy", a column in "The Advocate". September 24<sup>th</sup>. 1904



Children's Corner.

Castleburn, " Bulgoback," 2/9/04

Dear Aunt Patsy,—This is the first time I have written to you. I hope you will have room for another niece in the M.F.B. (Merry Ferry Boat)I go to a half-time State school. There are eight children attending it. I am ten years old, and in the fourth class.

The Catholic school is twelve miles from here. I have four sisters and five brothers. Their names are Kate, Mary, Dan, Pat, Julia, Tom, Peter, Dennie, and Lizzie. My little brother Dennie has been ill for a long time, he is now in the Bairnsdale Hospital, which is fifty miles from here. We all feel very lonely without him but trust he will be home shortly. I am staying with my aunties for a few days; they live about a mile from our home. Hoping to see my letter in the "Advocate,"

I remain, — Your loving niece, MAGGIE DONOVAN.

Yes, I have room for you, Maggie,

Your writing is very neat and legible.

I hope Dennie is recovering.

**The Advocate** was a weekly newspaper founded in [Melbourne, Victoria](#) in 1868 and published for the [Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne](#) from 1919 to 1990.

The paper was founded in Melbourne in February 1868 as an outlet for Irish Catholic news and opinions. In March 1919 the paper was purchased from the Winter family by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and continued weekly publication until 1990.<sup>[3]</sup>



HOTEL at CASTLEBURN (Dargo Road)

This hotel was established by the Hardy family about 1864, between the current Castleburn houses and Peels Gap. When the road bypassed them, the licence lapsed in 1916. They then took over the Cobbannah Hotel, much further down the road towards Stratford, and operated that for many years. (It will come in a later post). The photograph by H.B. Hammond of Maffra is from the Pelletier album, courtesy the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland. It was taken around 1910-1914.



HOTEL		LOCATION		LICENSING DISTRICT	SCOUT CENTER	CONVENTION
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OWNER		LICENSEE				
Lapsed Dec 1916		Roadside Licence				
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RACON DAILY SUMMERS ISSUED	REMOVED	SHOW CLUSE SUMMERS ISSUED	REMOVED			
CONVENTION	"	CONVENTION	"			
DETERMINATION NOTICE	"	DETERMINATION NOTICE	"			
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## For All Those Born Before 1945



We are survivors! Consider the changes we have witnessed. We were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball-point pens. Before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes...and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time closets were for clothes, not for “coming out of”. Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and outer space was the back of the Outdoor Theatre. We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages. We were before day-care centres, group therapy and suntan parlours. We never heard of FM radio, tape-decks, VCR's, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, word-processors, yoghurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, time sharing meant togetherness...not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hammers and nails and software wasn't even a word.

Back then “Made in Japan” meant junk and the term “making out” referred to how you did in your exam. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffees were unheard of.

In our days, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was a grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office. We were certainly not before the different sexes were discovered, but we were definately before unisex and “operations”. We made to do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was naive enough to think you needed to have a husband to have a baby.

No wonder our kids don't understand us!!

(Ed Note - We tend to disagree with some of these claims but consider them interesting reading).



## Community Luncheon – Prostate Awareness



On Friday 12th September, we welcomed Moss Mahony and John Rodwell, along with their wives, to the Dargo Hotel for an important talk on Prostate Cancer Awareness.

Both Moss and John have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and are currently at different stages of their treatment journey. Despite the personal challenges they face, they are generously dedicating their time to raise awareness about the importance of early detection. They reminded us that a simple PSA blood test can often be the first step in identifying prostate cancer early, when treatment is most effective.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australian men. Around one in six men will be diagnosed in their lifetime, and while it often develops slowly, in some cases it can be more aggressive. Regular check-ups, especially for men over 50—or earlier if there is a family history—are strongly recommended. Early detection not only improves treatment outcomes but can save lives.

We sincerely thank Moss and John for sharing their personal experiences with such honesty. While the conversation was at times raw and difficult, if their words encourage even one person to take action, it has been truly worthwhile.

A big thank you also goes to Helen and her wonderful team at the Dargo Hotel for providing such delicious meals and warm hospitality.





## Dargo Old School Market

What a fantastic day we had at the market last Saturday! The weather was amazing — apart from a few gusts of wind, nothing we could not handle.

There was a wonderful variety of stalls to explore, including jewellery, bric-a-brac, pottery, arts and crafts, candles, beeswax balms, flowers, homemade sauces, meat rubs, and even a distillery. And of course, the ever-popular coffee van kept everyone happily fuelled.

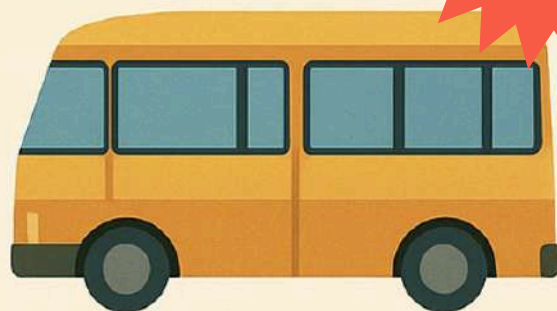
It was lovely to see people catching up with friends and neighbours, enjoying the atmosphere, and supporting local stallholders. Even the four-legged visitors seemed to have a great time!





# COMMUNITY BUS TRIP TO BUCHAN CAVES

Only a couple of  
spots left!



**Friday 17th October**

**Destination:** Buchan Caves Reserve

**Departure:** 8.45am at the Dargo Community House

**Return:** Approx. 4.30pm

**Cost:** No bus or tour fee – the only cost is paying for your own lunch

**Lunch Stop:** at the Buchan Caves Hotel

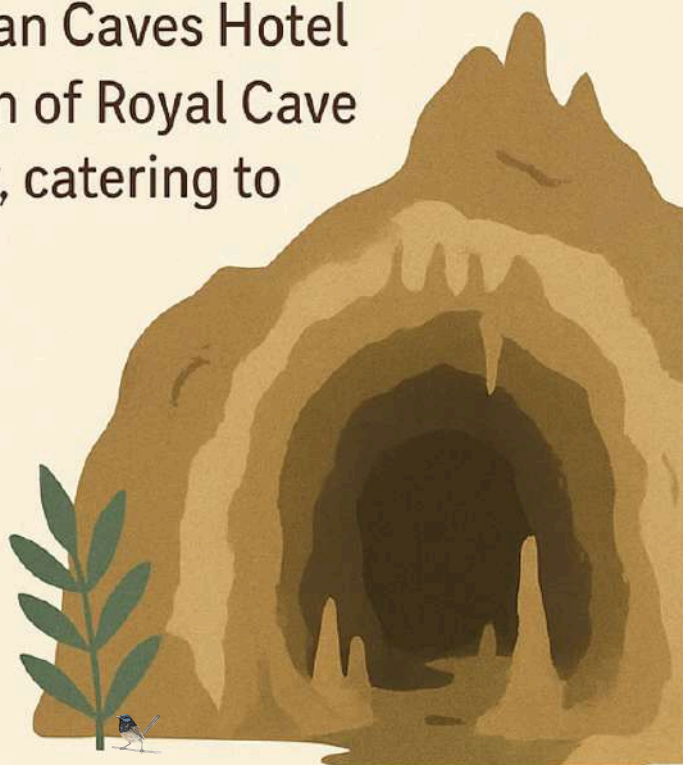
**Cave Tours:** Combination of Royal Cave and Blackwood Chamber, catering to different abilities

**What to Bring:**

- Comfortable shoes, water bottle, jacket

**Bookings Essential!**

Seats are limited – don't miss out!



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A wonderful day out for all ages – join us for an unforgettable trip!



## 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](mailto:dargoch3862@gmail.com)

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## AMY GIBBS - Heading to the Nationals



Congratulations to Amy Gibbs on taking out Gold in the 70kg Open Final at the Victorian Boxing Titles in Bulleen on 14th September!

With this incredible win, Amy has earned her place on the Victorian team and will be heading to the Nationals in November — we wish her all the very best!







## **DARGO & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB UPDATE OPENING TROUT AND BASS FISHING COMPETITION RESULTS 25/26**

Anglers were greeted by hugely different mornings to Open the Trout/Bass Season. Frosty and very cold Saturday compared to a balmy Sunday. There was a good flow and colour in the rivers, so high expectations all round.

However, hard effort was the order of the day, as the fish did not want to join in, with many anglers not banking anything or just one or two for the weekend. No Bass were recorded and the majority of the 68 trout weighed in, were caught on garden worms.

A strong crowd of anglers, family and friends gathered at the Dargo River Inn for presentation day. Really pleasing to see several new members, plus some previously registered anglers, join in this year, all of which adds to the Club stability.

**Dick Vance**, Committee Member, brought in two good trout, with one at 925gms, winning the title for **Heaviest Fish**. **Justin Sherritt** was pleased to pick up **Heaviest Bag**, with 6 fish to a total of 2.635kg. His only fish from the Wonnangatta at 819gms, tipped the scales in his favour.

Rex Blackmore placed an "unlucky" second with 4 fish at 2.253kg. Others who fared well, Chuck Norris 2.170kg, Alex Kidd (former 4 times Senior Champion) 2.075kg, (great to see Alex back!), and Toby Gibbs 1.923kg.

Total catch 26.183kg was an average 422gms, which is better than the previous Season. Note - the average catch has now increased in each of the past 3 Seasons - a good sign for anglers. Also **Jack Gibbs** produced his two catches one of which was an 8kg carp, which won the **Garbage Fish Prize**...another "Mud Marlin" out of our system - well done Jack!

A new **Junior**, **Rex Hunter**, showed the way with his 614gm trout to win the **Junior Heaviest Fish** and was delighted in relating how he did it to Toby and Rex! **Olivia Simpson** won **Junior Heaviest Bag**, her 2 fish totalled 747gms. No Garbage Fish in Juniors. Great effort - stay involved!





# Seniors

## SENIORS:

**Heaviest Trout:** Dick Vance 925gms

**Heaviest Bag:** Justin Sherritt 2.365kg

**Garbage Fish:** Jack Gibbs 8kg

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE SENIOR PRIZE  
WINNERS!

# Juniors

## JUNIORS:

**Heaviest Trout:** Rex Hunter 614gms

**Heaviest Bag:** Olivia Simpson 747gms

**Garbage Fish:** no entries

**Encouragement Awards:** Stella Simpson and  
Willow Herbstreit

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE JUNIORS - LET YOUR  
FRIENDS KNOW WHAT FUN YOU HAD!





# *Championship Awards for 24/25 Season*

Presented to winners by President Toby Gibbs.

**Senior Champion Heaviest Bag** went to **Emil Nillson**. His total 3.622kg earned him a trophy and named badge on the Club Shield. Unfortunately Emil was not present.

**Olivia Simpson** was **Junior Champion** and won a nice trophy plus a \$50 voucher from BCF.

**Garbage Fish Champion** was **Rob Duck** from Sale. He earned himself a very nice trophy.

Well done to all our winners!

## *Raffle Results and Winners*

Hughie then called the Raffle and acknowledgments of our Main Sponsors

**Dargo General Store**

**Dargo Hotel**

**Dargo River Inn**

Plus **Maffra Sheet Metal (Mick Pleydell)** for the sign frame which was donated.

**David Lucke's Bairnsdale, BCF Bairnsdale** and **Bairnsdale Trophy Centre** for donations of prizes and discounts for Seniors.

The Raffle raised \$629, many tickets sold by Dargo River Inn over the past week!

Some of the winners were:

Nick Walsh with 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> prizes - Meat and Veggie voucher courtesy of Lucke's valued at \$85, plus a nice tackle box full of lures etc.

Willow Herbstreit also doubled up with Prizes 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, a meal for 2 at Dargo River Inn and a pair of waders (for Dad my guess!).

While Olivia Simpson continued her great day with a \$50 voucher to Dargo General Store.

Other winners included Russell Blackmore, Darryl Thomas, Adrian Sherritt, Will Haines and Toby Gibbs. Some excellent prizes for each winner!



# *Final Word and Round up*

So the day concluded with some catch up and fellowship.

A big thank you to Termite and Kelly and staff at the Dargo River Inn for their hospitality.

Thanks to all competitors and the public attending to support Dargo Angling Club.

Delighted to see Tom and Tina Howson, Allan and Allison Sinnott and other new members enjoying the day!

Stay tuned for our next competitions. We have Kids Fun Fishing Day to come in early 2026 and also our Bass Competition.



## Skin Check Clinic

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of September we held our third successful Skin Check Clinic, with 14 community members receiving comprehensive assessments and a range of procedures including mole mapping, biopsy and lesion excision. We are very grateful to Mr Sarkar for continuing to bring this valuable service to Dargo.

The next Skin Check Clinic is planned for March 2026, with attendance available to Centre members. Community members can contact us to join the waitlist and obtain a referral letter for their GP.



We are fortunate to provide access to such important services in our remote location, and we thank our dedicated staff for making this possible.




## RFDS Dental Clinic

The RFDS Dental Truck is here for the next few weeks with many community members already having their teeth checked!

There are limited appointments left so contact RFDS on 03 8412 0444.



## What's on - October 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6th October	7th October	8th October	9th October	10th October Foot Care Clinic Pre-booking required 
13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October	17th October
20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October	24th October
27th October AGM - 5pm at the Dargo Community House BBQ to follow 	28th October	29th October	30th October	31st October Happy Halloween! 





## **DARGO BUSH NURSING CENTRE**

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

This is to advise you of the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the financial members of Dargo Bush Nursing Centre Inc. The details of this meeting are as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Time:</b>	5.30 pm
<b>Place:</b>	Dargo Community House, 137 Lind Avenue, Dargo 3862

**Copies of the agenda and the minutes of the last annual general meeting will be provided at this meeting.**

**At the meeting, financial members will be asked to vote to:**

- accept the minutes of the last annual general meeting
- accept the annual report
- accept the auditor's report
- accept the annual financial statements
- appoint the auditor for 2025-26

A BBQ will be provided. Please remember – *you must be a financial member* to attend the annual general meeting.

Regards,

Emily Theodorou  
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### 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



# DARGO HOTEL

Est. 1898

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**NOV 1**

SATURDAY / 8.30PM

### DADBOD

Rock out to some classics with DadBod on the Shed Bar Stage.

Tickets on sale now.

**NOV 2**

SUNDAY FROM 11AM

### HIGH COUNTRY HOOCH W/ CAM & J

Come down and try High Country Hooch's range of locally made spirits and enjoy free music by Cam & J From 1pm



**NOV 3**

MONDAY / 8.30PM

### CALCUTTA NIGHT

Grab a crew and bid on your favorite horse in the big race! in the lounge after dinner, everyone welcome.

**NOV 4**

TUESDAY / 11AM

### MELBOURNE CUP

Come and watch the race that stops a nation. Enjoy sweeps and specials on the day!

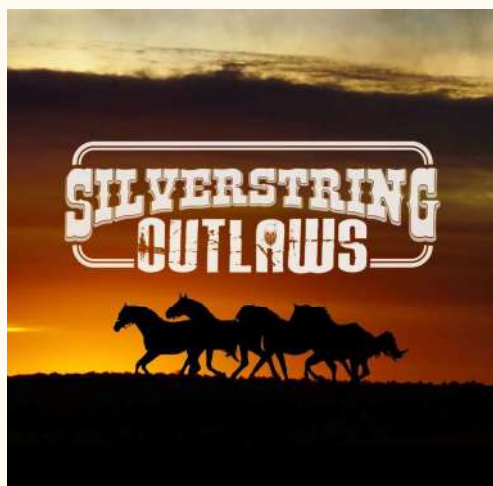
**NOV 6**

THURSDAY / 12PM

### OAKS DAY

Get your fanciest frock ready! Oaks day is back for 2025

Bookings essential call 5140 1231



**DEC 27**

SATURDAY / 8.30PM

### UNCOVERED BAND

UnCovered are a three-piece band from Gippsland, playing your favorite classic and modern pub rock. Tickets available soon.

**DEC 31**

WEDNESDAY / 9:00PM

### NYE W THE SILVERSTRING OUTLAWS

Celebrate the New Year in true Dargo style! Tickets on sale soon.

## Cajun Rice and Sausage Skillet

## RECIPE

This delicious Cajun Rice and Sausage Skillet has become an instant favorite in our house! It's easy to make in one pan with flavourful andouille sausage, veggies and rice with an incredible cajun seasoning blend. A complete meal on the table in just 30 minutes!

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 8 People

### Ingredients

14 ounce andouille sausage, cut into ¼ inch rounds

1 tablespoon cooking oil

1 red bell pepper, sliced

1 green bell pepper, sliced

½ yellow onion, diced

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 tablespoon Cajun Seasoning

10 ounce can diced tomatoes with green chilies

1 cup long grain white rice

1 ½ cups chicken broth

green onions sliced for garnish



### Instructions

1. Heat 1 tablespoon cooking oil in a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat. Add 14 ounce andouille sausage, in and saute for 3-5 minutes, mostly browning the sausage.
2. To the skillet, add the sliced 1 red bell pepper, 1 green bell pepper, and ½ yellow onion, and continue to saute everything for another 5 minutes. The vegetables should brown and become tender.
3. Add the minced 3 cloves garlic, and 1 tablespoon Cajun Seasoning and saute for another 1-2 minutes, just until the garlic becomes fragrant.
4. Add in 10 ounce can diced tomatoes with green chilies 1 cup long grain white rice, and 1 ½ cups chicken broth, and bring everything to a boil. Once the liquid is boiling, cover the skillet and reduce the heat to low, keeping the liquid at a low simmer.
5. Continue to simmer the liquid, covered for about 20 minutes. The rice should have absorbed all the liquid.
6. Remove the skillet from heat, keep it covered, and let it rest for another 5 minutes. Remove the lid and fluff the rice to redistribute all the vegetables and sausage throughout.

Serve fresh with sliced green onions, and enjoy!

**Notes: This recipe calls for andouille sausage but you can use a kielbasa or other link sausage of your choice!**



## JOKES

During a check-up, this man asked the Doctor, "Do you think I'll live a long and healthy life then?"  
The doctor replied, "I doubt it somehow. Mercury is in Uranus right now."  
The man said, "I don't go in for any of that astrology nonsense."  
The doctor replied, "Neither do I. My thermometer just broke."

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Three escapees from a prison are hiding in a barn when the police come searching. To stay hidden,  
each climbs into a big empty sack.  
The police officer kicks the first sack. "Meow!" He shrugs, "Must be a cat," and moves on.  
He kicks the second sack. "Woof!" A bit suspicious, he mutters, "Probably just a dog," and moves on.  
He kicks the third sack. "POTATOES!"

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A guy gets a call from a local radio station. "Congratulations," says the caller. "Your phone  
number has been selected randomly. We're with KCLA, and we're having a contest. All you  
have to do is answer one question correctly, and you win the grand prize."  
"Fantastic!" says the guy.  
"It's a math question," says the caller. "Feeling confident?"  
"I am," says the guy. "I have a degree in math, and I teach it at the local school."  
"Great!" says the caller. "Okay, to win backstage passes and two VIP tickets to the Justin  
Bieber concert... What is  $2 + 2$ ?"  
And the guy says, "Seven."

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The doctor says to the old lady, "I can't determine the cause with certainty, but it would be best  
if you reduced your alcohol consumption and we'll see if it improves."  
The old lady replies, "Can't I just increase it and we'll see if it gets worse?"

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A woman became so disgusted with her husband she finally packed his bags and ordered him to  
get out.  
While he's walking toward the door, she yells out at him, "I HOPE YOU DIE A SLOOOOW, PAINFUL,  
DEATH!!"  
He turns around, puts his stuff down, and says, "So, you want me to stay?"

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## "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](mailto: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.

### Last Quiz



Answer: Deer Antlers

Last month's winner: Bill Holyoake

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### New Quiz



Clue: I go in circles to help you connect,  
yet I never move from my place.

### Community Bank Maffra & District

The warmer weather is here and we held a community BBQ to celebrate. Maffra put on a sunny day with music from the Maffra Municipal Band.

The past month has seen some staff changes. Kirsty is on maternity leave, we are patiently awaiting news. Reece & Erin have settled in well and become part of the team.

Reece, What motivated you to apply to work at Community Bank Maffra & District?

I have been a customer for a long time, I visited the branch regularly, loved the customer service and the vibe overall so I jumped at the opportunity to be a part of the team!

Giving back to the community is also important to me

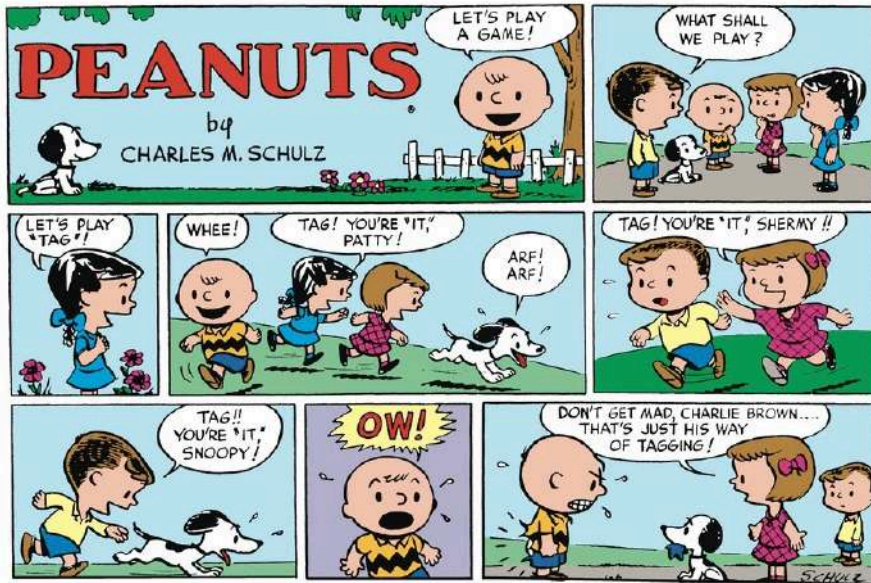
Erin, what motivated you to apply to work at Community Bank Maffra & District?

I wanted to move closer to family and return to a customer focused role.

Make sure you say hello to Reece & Erin next time you're in the branch







## Jokes

A plane crashed in the jungle and every single person died. Who survived?

*Married couples!*

If an electric train is traveling south at 10 miles per hour and the wind is blowing North at 10 miles per hour, which way does the smoke blow?

*Electric trains don't have smoke!*

What did the bald man say when he received a comb for his birthday?

*Thanks, I'll never part with this!*

What's worse than finding a worm in your apple?

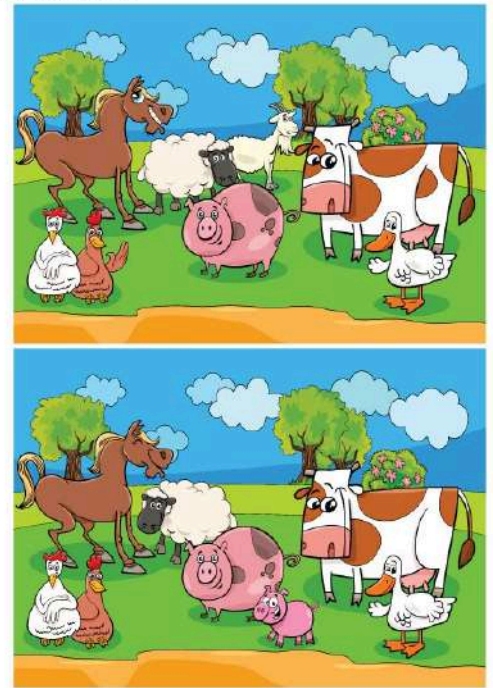
*Finding half a worm!*

What's worse than finding half a worm?

*Finding half a spider!*



Find six differences.



## CROSSWORD

FOR KIDS



Solution:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1

Last month's solutions

Crossword Solution from 22nd August

1	T	O	T	E		5	P	A	L	L	S		10	T	A	P	E		
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67	S	T	I	R			68	S	T	E	N	O			69	S	T	Y	X

Sudoku Solution from 22nd August

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

SUDOKU

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



# CROSSWORD

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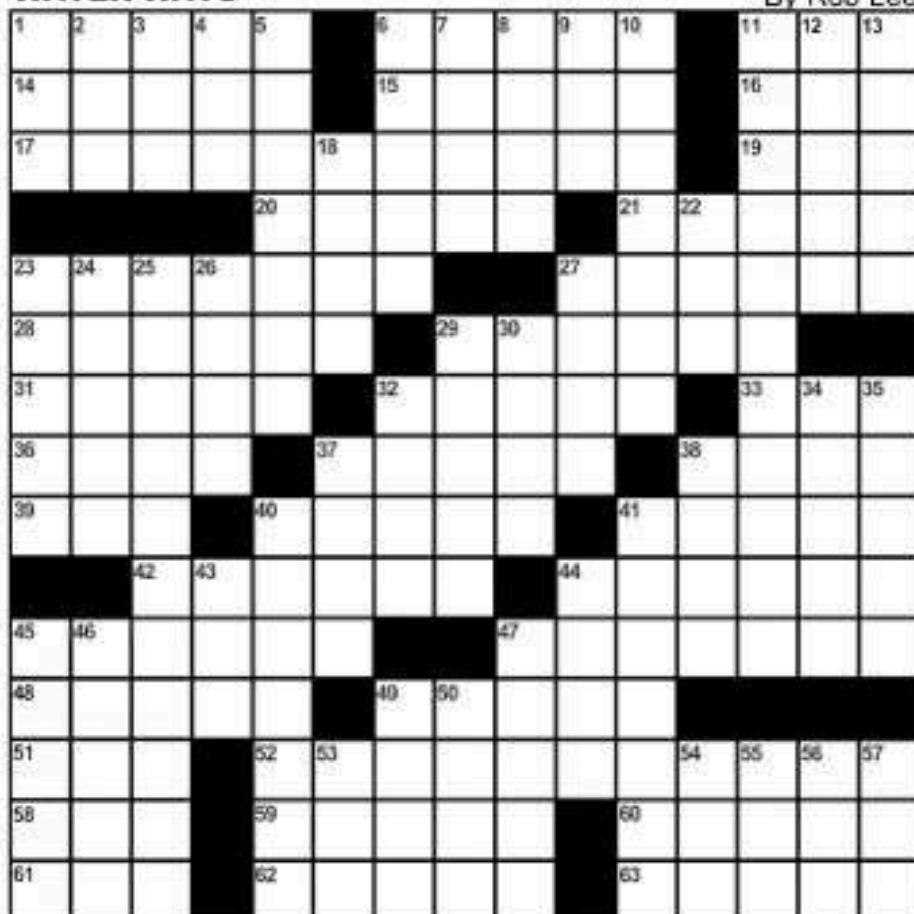
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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) Dried-up riverbeds                | 38) Orchestra tuner               |
| 6) Apparently amazed                 | 39) "Lanka" preceder              |
| 11) "Cool" amount                    | 40) Quite similar                 |
| 14) Public square, in ancient Greece | 41) Elliptic                      |
| 15) Mouselike rodents                | 42) Seedless oranges              |
| 16) Certain tax shelter              | 44) "Summer Nights" musical       |
| 17) Shake things up                  | 45) Got back, as hair             |
| 19) Made use of a divan              | 47) Computer accessory            |
| 20) Kind of silence                  | 48) Smoldering ash                |
| 21) Rushers make it                  | 49) Town noted for its shroud     |
| 23) High beams                       | 51) Shout of disapproval          |
| 27) Triangle corner                  | 52) What a destroyer might target |
| 28) "Local" groups                   | 58) Airport info, informally      |
| 29) Turn informer                    | 59) Cleans up text                |
| 31) Proctor's handouts               | 60) String quartet instrument     |
| 32) An Aussie call                   | 61) Pig tail?                     |
| 33) Cincinnati threesome             | 62) Audition tapes                |
| 36) They're just for laughs          | 63) City near Salt Lake           |
| 37) There are five in this puzzle    |                                   |

## DOWN

- 1) Dove's aversion
- 2) Reminiscer's word
- 3) Disney dwarf
- 4) Aggravate
- 5) Cotton fabrics
- 6) Asserts
- 7) Expanding desert
- 8) Hand lotion ingredient
- 9) Ammo in a harmless shooter
- 10) Connoisseur of beauty
- 11) Be too late
- 12) More than ticked
- 13) Surgical glove material
- 18) Towel monogram
- 22) Continuing story line
- 23) Buzzi and Ginsburg
- 24) Lend \_\_\_\_ (pay attention)
- 25) Common sight in Alaskan waters
- 26) Typically messy eaters
- 27) Competes
- 29) Douses
- 30) Do, for one
- 32) Heater component
- 34) Bing, bang or boom
- 35) Exodus commemoration
- 37) Exploded, as a tire
- 38) Hansel and Gretel's weapon
- 40) Sidestepped
- 41) Venezuelan river
- 43) "What \_\_\_\_ the odds?"
- 44) Crossword framework
- 45) Confederate soldier
- 46) Go overboard on stage
- 47) Newspapers, collectively
- 49) Barbershop touch-up
- 50) "What've you been \_\_\_\_?"
- 53) Lyric work
- 54) Dog command
- 55) Antiquated
- 56) Pale pub potable
- 57) Unit of weight

## WATER WAYS

By Rob Lee



# Domestic Firewood Collection Area

Firewood collection seasons: 1 March to 30 June (inclusive)  
1 September to 30 November (inclusive)

## Firewood Collection Rules

Only collect firewood from within a designated domestic firewood collection area and during a domestic firewood season.
Only collect fallen or felled trees.
Do not collect more than 2m3 per person per day. Note: 1m3 is approximately a 1.8m (6') x 1.2m (4') trailer of split firewood neatly stacked to a height of 0.5m (20").
Do not collect more than 16m3 per household per financial year.
It is illegal to sell firewood collected from domestic collection areas or to use the wood in a commercial enterprise.
Heavy vehicles (> 4.5 tonne GVM) (including any trailer) must not be brought into or used in a domestic firewood collection area.
Heavy machinery (e.g. a bulldozer, crane, excavator, forwarder, hydraulic log splitter, saw bench, skidder, skid steer loader and tractor) must not be brought into or used in a firewood collection area.
Do not tow or winch fallen or felled trees along the ground.

Do not collect firewood within 20m of a watercourse.
Do not drive your vehicle off formed roads or tracks.
Do not cut, break off or damage standing trees or shrubs (living or dead).
Do not take away fallen or felled trees that are visibly hollow or growing moss or fungi with a coverage of >50%.
Do not damage, disturb or destroy native flora and fauna.
Do not injure, damage, deface, desecrate, destroy or remove cultural heritage sites and artefacts.
Take all litter with you when you leave.
Do not enter the forest on days of Code Red Fire Danger rating.
Do not use chainsaws on days of Total Fire Ban.
Use only chainsaws fitted with a proper exhaust and spark arrester.
Only refill chainsaw oil and fuel on an impermeable surface.

## Safety

Please take care of yourself and others at all times when collecting firewood. In particular:

- Avoid collecting firewood when conditions are wet, windy or hot
- Assess your work area for hazards before you start work
- Avoid working near hazards
- Avoid working alone or with children
- Be trained and competent in the use of firewood collection equipment (including chainsaws) and use well maintained equipment
- Wear appropriate safety clothing and equipment

Hazards found in designated firewood collection areas may include, but are not limited to:

- broken overhead branches, dead standing trees
- uneven or slippery ground conditions
- vehicles
- mine shafts
- snakes and stinging insects.



Video surveillance cameras may be installed in this firewood collection area.

Authorised Officers conduct regular patrols of the forest.

Please ensure you abide by collection rules, as significant penalties apply.



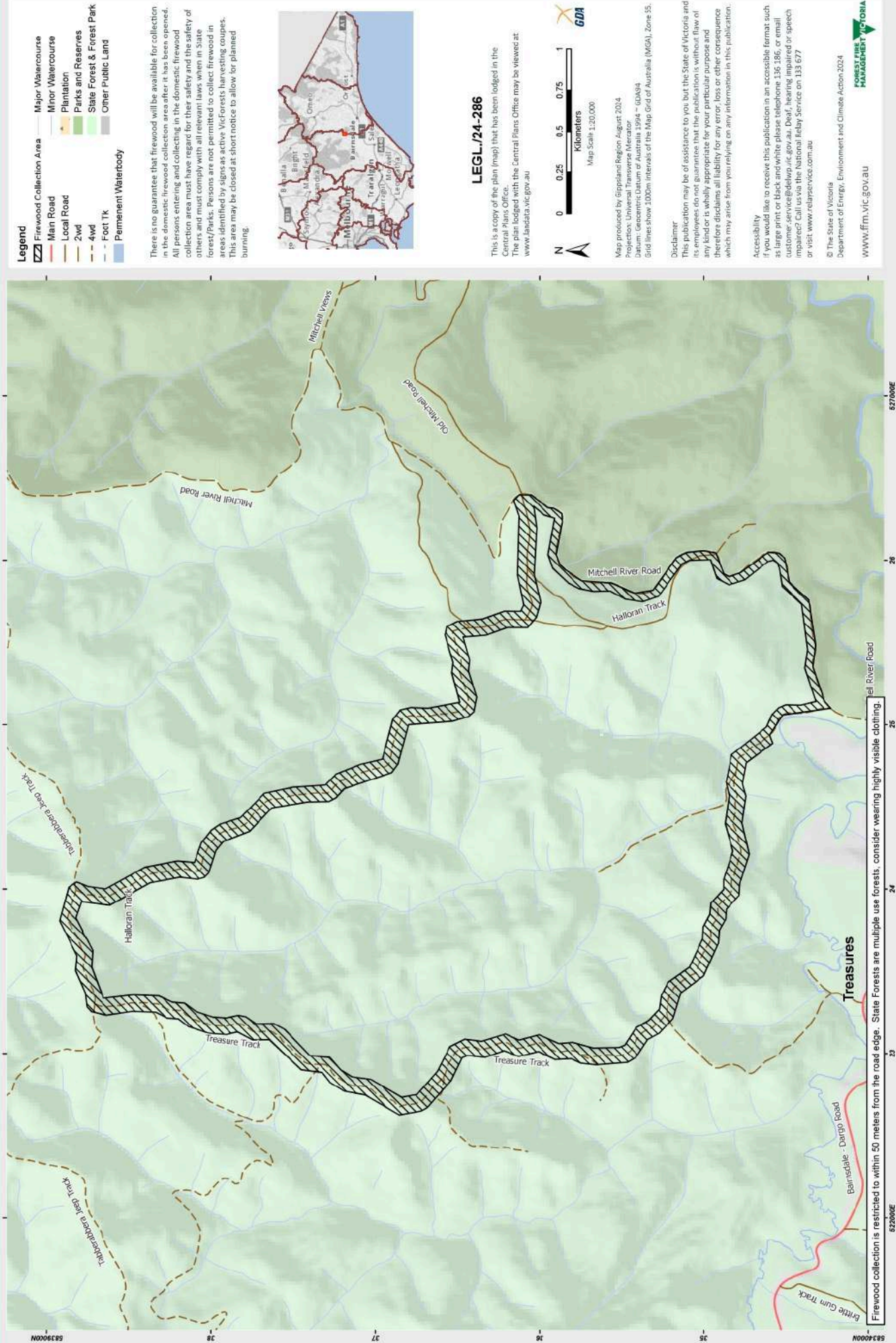
If you suspect illegal activity, or  
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DOMESTIC FIREWOOD COLLECTION AREA MAP

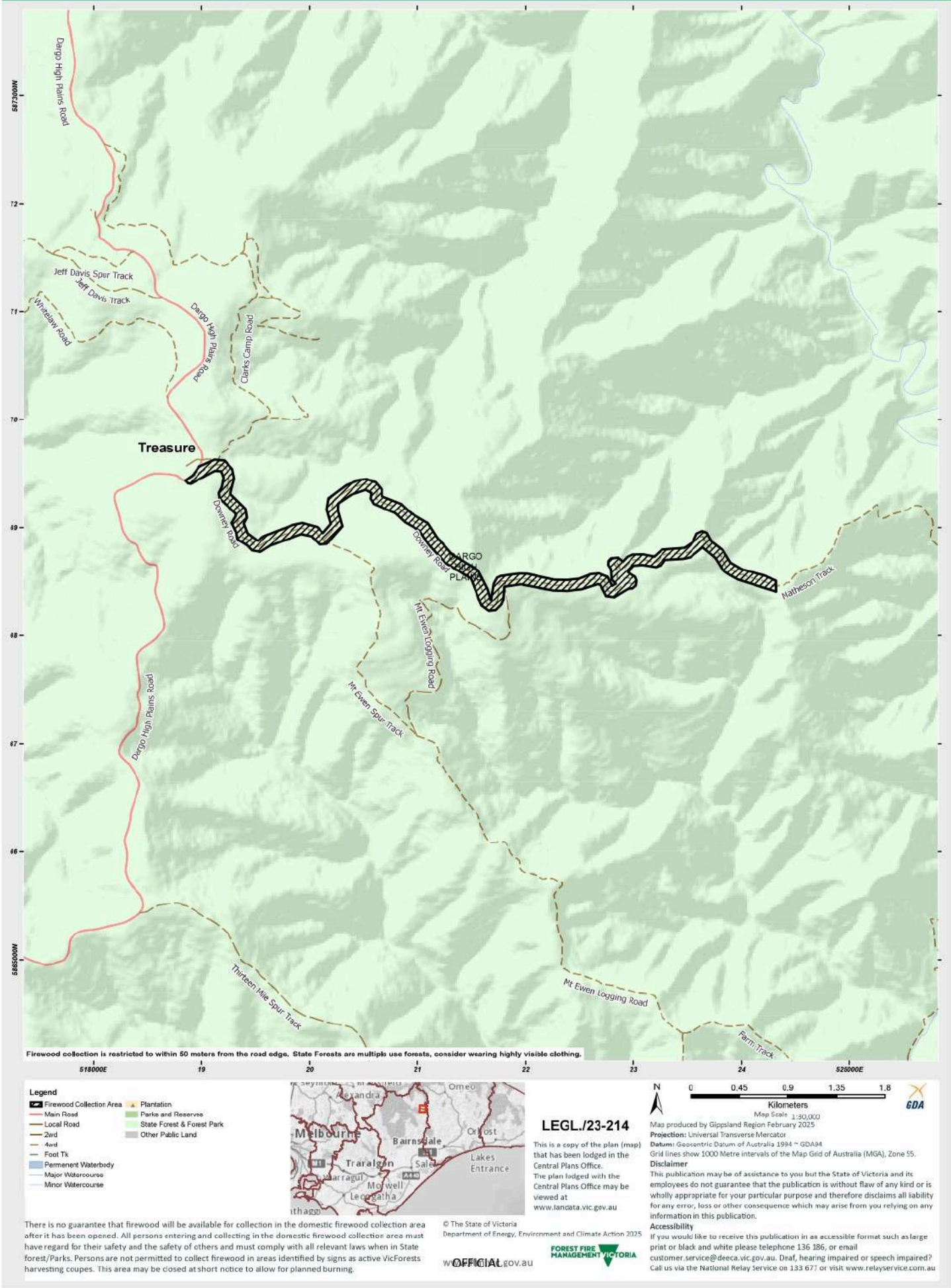
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DOMESTIC FIREWOOD COLLECTION AREA MAP

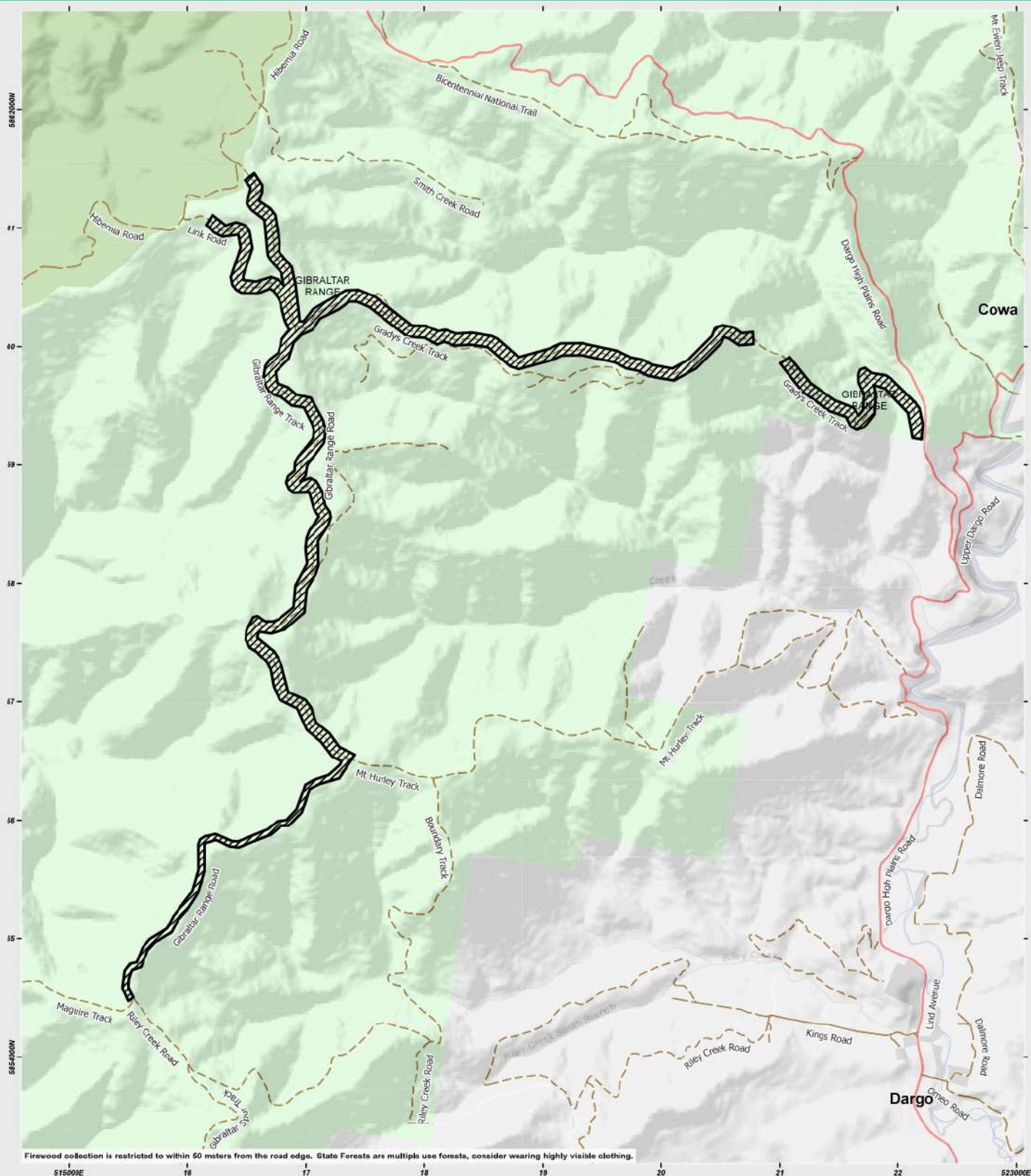
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# DOMESTIC FIREWOOD COLLECTION AREA MAP

Domestic Firewood Collection Area Name: GIBRALTAR RANGE Region: Gippsland District: MACALISTER Forest Name: Hibernia



- Legend**
- Firewood Collection Area
  - Main Road
  - Local Road
  - 2wd
  - 4wd
  - Foot Tk
  - Permanent Waterbody
  - Major Watercourse
  - Minor Watercourse
  - Plantation
  - Parks and Reserve
  - State Forest & Forest Park
  - Other Public Land



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This is a copy of the plan (map) that has been lodged in the Central Plans Office. The plan lodged with the Central Plans Office may be viewed at [www.landata.vic.gov.au](http://www.landata.vic.gov.au)

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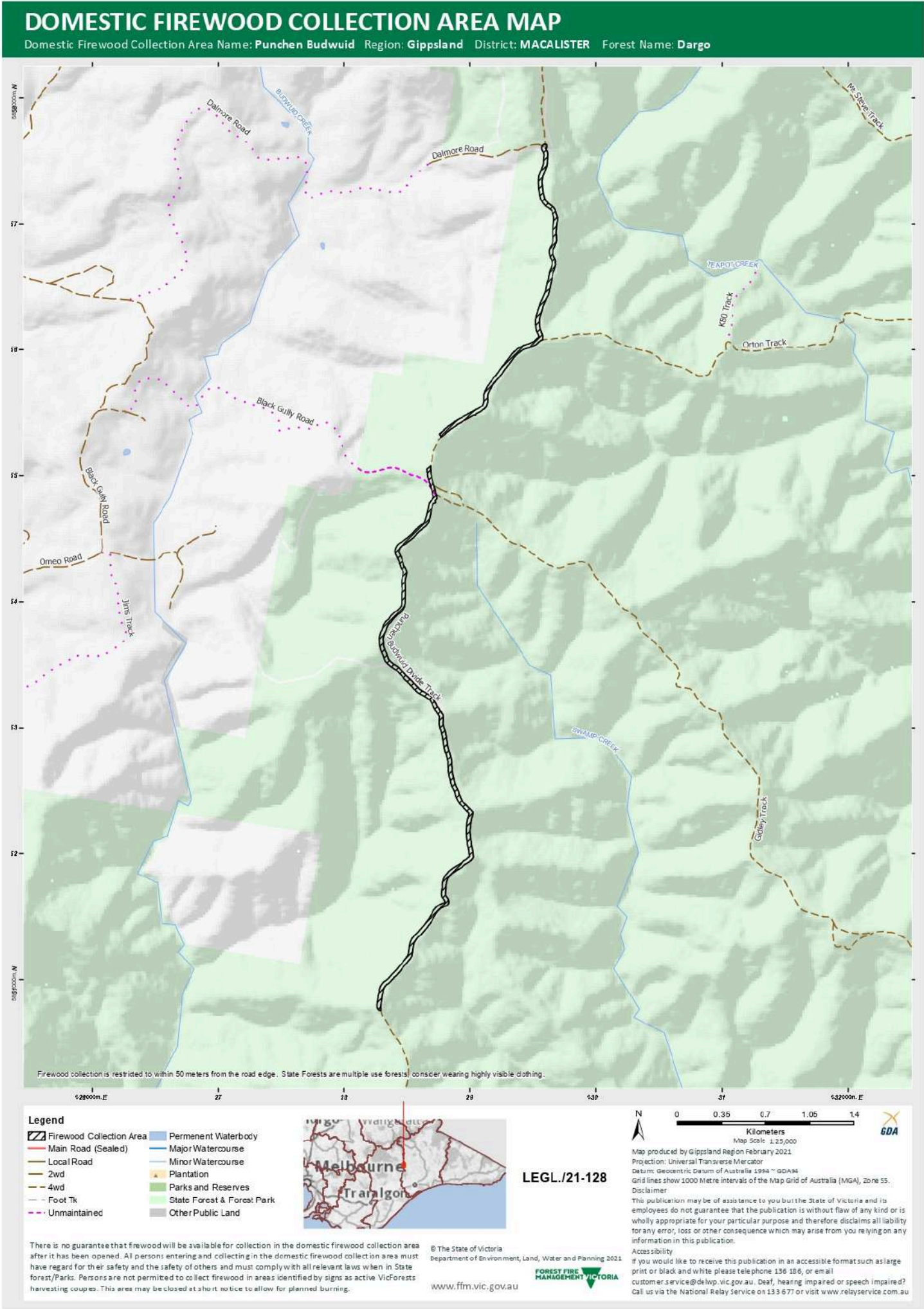
There is no guarantee that firewood will be available for collection in the domestic firewood collection area after it has been opened. All persons entering and collecting in the domestic firewood collection area must have regard for their safety and the safety of others and must comply with all relevant laws when in State forest/Parks. Persons are not permitted to collect firewood in areas identified by signs as active VicForests harvesting coupes. This area may be closed at short notice to allow for planned burning.

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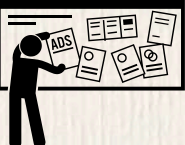


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