

Dargo Bush Bulletin



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On Friday 27th June, a group of local women participated in a Chainsaw Safety Course through the Dargo Community House and generously funded by the Australian Red Cross. It was a highly successful day, with participants walking away with new skills, increased confidence, and a sense of accomplishment.

Dargo experienced a significant weather event on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd July, with some areas reporting up to 120mm of rainfall. With the ground already saturated, this led to considerable flooding, particularly along the main street, where a few houses were affected.

The school building will be closed to the public from Monday 18th to Friday 29th August while interior painting works are carried out. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding—once complete, the space will look fantastic!

Just a reminder that Bush Bulletin subscriptions are now due. A copy of the subscription form is included in this edition.

Ps....Can you find the Bluebird? 🐦🤔

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

DARGO BUSH NURSING CENTRE

Friday 15th August - Podiatrist
(Bookings Required!)

DARGO COMMUNITY HOUSE

Every Tuesday @ 10.30am - Jigsaw Puzzles

Every Wednesday @ 10am - Chair Yoga

Thursday 7th August @ 11am - 1pm - Soup & Roll Day

Wednesday 13th August @ 9.30am - Rural Minds
Workshop

Monday 18th - Friday 29th August - School Building
closed for painting

Thursday 21st August @ 11am - 1pm - Soup & Roll
Day (in the office building)

DARGO HOTEL

Tuesday Nights - Pizza night

Friday 25th July - Wheel - Catholic Church

Friday 1st Aug - Wheel - Landcare

Friday 8th Aug - Wheel - Museum

Friday 15th Aug - Wheel - Flanno for a Farmer
Day Fundraiser

We are giving out some prizes for those
wearing their best flanno's (we will also have
some special fundraiser ones for sale), as well
as the regular wheel. If you are interested:
<https://www.flannoforafarmer.com.au/helen-halls-team> this is a fundraiser for Farm Angels.

Friday 22nd Aug - Wheel - Bush Nursing Centre

Friday 29th Aug - Wheel - TV Management Group

DARGO RIVER INN

Every Friday Night Happy Hour - 5pm - 6pm

Sunday 27th July - Crazy Wheel - Muscular
Dystrophy

Dargo River Inn Closed from Friday 1st
August re-opening on Friday 29th August

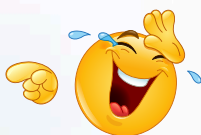
If you, or someone you know would like to
advertise in this community newsletter,
please contact the Dargo Community House
on

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



Soup & Roll Day

The Community House is hosting Soup &
Roll days every **fortnight** on a Thursday
11am - 1pm

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.

Dates: August - 7th & 21st

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





August

19th Bill & Rosalie Campbell
20th Phil & Sue O'Brien
21st David & Diane Guy

Community Library

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

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

Library is available to everyone in the community.

Jigsaw Puzzle Group

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

Everyone is welcome!

July

27th Abbie Websdale
Kim Sturgeon
28th Lee Viktorin
Emile Theodorou
30th Jackie Abrehart
31st Cooper Granville



August

1st Fred Tay
Dylan Radford
Joan Traill (Sale)
2nd Anastassia Campbell
8th Sarah Carr
10th Carole Driscoll
11th Joan Traill (Waterford)
13th Beth Pogson
14th Murray Websdale
17th Sheryl Mulvey
19th John Kane
21st Diane Guy
Rita McMahon
Brian Welsh
Levi McWaters
22nd John Tidey



Calling All Photographers – Dargo 2026 Calendar



We are putting together another local calendar for 2026 and would love your photo contributions!

To ensure the best quality, please submit your images in JPEG format, with high resolution and landscape orientation.

Submission deadline: 30th September 2025
Photos will be displayed for the community to vote on their favourites—location to be confirmed.

Please email your submissions to Tracey at dargoch3862@gmail.com

Images should feature Dargo and the surrounding areas.

We can't wait to see your amazing shots!

CHAIR YOGA



It's time to get motivated!!

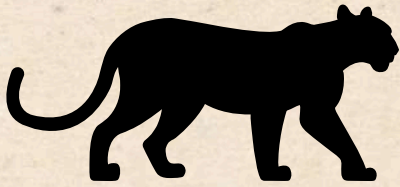
Chair Yoga every Wednesday
at 10am.

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

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

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The Elusive Black Panther – sightings in Victoria



Black panther sightings in Victoria, Australia, have been reported for decades, particularly in rural and forested areas. While no conclusive evidence has confirmed the existence of such large black cats, numerous eyewitness accounts and occasional photographs or videos continue to fuel speculation and intrigue.

Recent Sightings and Reports

Mitta Valley (2021): A woman driving near Mt Beauty reported seeing a large black feline with a tail about a meter long. She described it as "as tall as our kitchen bench" and noted that it darted across a remote dirt road before disappearing into the bush. This sighting added to the lore of the so-called "Mitta panther."

Ballarat (2024): A video surfaced showing a large black animal running through a field near Ballarat. The footage sparked debate online, with some viewers suggesting it depicted a black panther, while others believed it was an oversized feral cat.

Great Ocean Road (2025): A tourist claimed to have filmed a large black cat near the Great Ocean Road. She described the animal as having a "classical slimline body and long tail with a flick-up at the end," estimating its height at up to 70 cm.

Notable Regions with Frequent Sightings

Otway Ranges: This area has a long history of black panther reports, dating back to the 1960s. In 2019, brothers Royce and Ben Chaffey claimed to have captured video evidence of a large black cat in the region.

Grampians National Park: Known for the "Grampians Puma" legend, this region has been the subject of numerous accounts of large black feline sightings.

Gippsland: The "Gippsland Panther" is another local legend, with residents reporting encounters with large, sleek black cats in the area.

Yarra Ranges and Dandenong Ranges: These regions are considered hotspots for big cat activity. Vaughan King, a former big cat keeper and researcher, stated that a black panther could "100 per cent" thrive in the Dandenong Ranges due to the dense bushland and ample prey.

Expert Opinions and Investigations

Despite the numerous reports, experts remain skeptical about the existence of black panthers in Victoria. A 2012 inquiry suggested that many sightings were likely misidentifications of large feral cats. In 2003, a New South Wales State Government inquiry found it "more likely than not" that a colony of big cats existed in the wilderness outside of Sydney, which borders Victoria.

Simon Townsend, a researcher at Big Cats Victoria, expressed doubts about the legitimacy of some viral videos, stating that certain footage did not resemble a black leopard.

Cultural Impact

The legend of black panthers in Victoria has become a part of local folklore, inspiring documentaries, news segments, and online communities dedicated to tracking sightings. While definitive proof remains elusive, the continued reports and public interest ensure that the mystery endures.

For those interested in exploring this topic further, the Facebook group "Black Panther Sightings in Victoria" serves as a platform for sharing experiences and information related to these enigmatic creatures.

Theories Behind Black Panther Sightings in Australia

Military Mascots from World War II: One prevalent theory suggests that American servicemen stationed in Australia during World War II brought exotic big cats, such as pumas or leopards, as mascots. It's believed that some of these animals were released into the wild, either intentionally or accidentally, leading to subsequent sightings.

Escaped Circus or Zoo Animals: Another explanation posits that big cats escaped from traveling circuses or private zoos, especially during the 19th and early 20th centuries. These escapees could have established breeding populations in remote areas.

Exotic Pet Releases: Some theories suggest that individuals who kept big cats as exotic pets might have released them into the wild, either due to the challenges of care or legal restrictions.



A reported black panther sighting in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney. The stationing of US troops in Australia during WWII lines up with some of the sightings of big cats in the country.



A Victorian prospector has captured compelling footage of what appears to be a large black cat bounding across Ballarat plains



A photo of a large, sleek black cat in South-West Victoria has reignited theories that panthers roam the Australian wilderness. (Great Ocean Road)



A 'big cat' spotted in the Blue Mountains.

Dargo's Catholic School- 1895 to 1912



Dargo Catholic School 1901. Mrs. McCarthy and students.

Dargo had a very large Catholic community. In 1883 the Bairnsdale Parish was established and Fr. Patrick O'Donoghue was the first parish priest. "The Advocate" carried an advertisement seeking a "certified female teacher" for a Catholic School in Dargo. Under the care of lay teachers it remained open until 1912. Names of teachers still recorded include Miss Baille of Ballarat (appointed by Fr. Hoyne, 1896); Miss Cullinan, 1897; Miss Mary McCarthy, 1901; and Miss McSweeney, 1904 In 1884, a school building was built next to St. Patrick's Church.

In 1888, a

teacher's residence was built with material conveyed from Bairnsdale and donated local labour. Besides seeking subscriptions to fund the church, school,



school teacher and other parish necessities, the main source of funds came from a series of annual social activities that occurred in "Dargo Week".

The local paper commented "The Dargo Week is becoming an annual institution which is famous throughout Gippslandthe annual Catholic Ball attracts visitors from all parts of Gippsland."

Dargo's Catholic School- 1895 to 1912 Continued

Such social success ensured financial success, money solely required to keep the school open now that the State's purse no longer provided support from the tax pool. By 1897 attendances at the state school had become so small it had to be closed altogether. The church and state school lack of choice had been reversed. Mr. Park, the Education Department's Inspector, visited Dargo and after a house-to-house canvass, was unable to discover the 13 school-age children required to re-open the school. The state school re-opened in 1898, this brought renewed pressure on the Catholic school numbers. Bishop Corbett's Confirmation visit to Dargo coincided with this concern. He readily joined the enrolment battle, preaching what the press called "a very strong sermon on the necessity of parents educating their children in accordance with the teaching of the Church. He stressed the sinfulness of Catholic parents who failed to send their children to a Catholic school where one existed. His Lordship's homily had the desired effect. The next day, Catholic children attending the state school returned to the fold. But not enough to close the state school. The Catholic school closed in 1912.

From the Omeo Mining and Standard Gazette. January 12th, 1909 (a shortened version)
DARGO ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL CONCERT 1908

The annual concert; and distribution of prizes in connection with the Roman Catholic School, Dargo, took place in the Mechanics' Hall on Friday, December 18. Taking into consideration the number of children taking part in all only 21—and the difficulty of procuring accessories in the shape of fancy costumes, scenery, etc., in this way-back valley of the hills, it may be said that the concert compared favourably with any similar function in Victoria. The concert was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by a large audience, among whom was the Rev. Father O'Brien, of Omeo.

An operetta, Inspector for an Hour, was next given, and showed that there are many sweet singers among the children, notably, Elsie Cahill and Alick Hurley, whose singing gave great pleasure. The cast of the operetta was as follows :—Miss Pointer, (schoolmistress), Elsie Cahill; Major Twig (inspector) Arthur Boyce; Servant to the Major, Martin Coloe; Truant Officer, Alick Hurley. The song, God Save Ireland, played and sung by Nellie Gray and the children, was a pleasing item, as was also, The Rataplan -Chorus, given as a march with small Australian and British flags.

Final, God Save the King.

The prizes were presented to the children by the Rev. Father O'Brien, who congratulated them on the very nice concert they had given and wished them all a Merry Christmas. The concert was followed by a juvenile dance. This, of course, gave more delight to the children than all that had gone before.

After being regaled with refreshments, fruit and lollies, kindly provided by the parents, the children returned to their home well satisfied with the Speech Day of 1908.

—Gippsland Mercury.

This information has been mainly gathered from "A Journey of Faith" - "A History of Catholic Education in Gippsland 1850 - 1981".

Chainsaw Safety Workshop Empowers Local Women

On Friday 27th June, a group of local women took part in a Chainsaw Safety Course hosted by the Dargo Community House and proudly funded by the Australian Red Cross. The course was delivered by Kelvin from STAR Training, who provided an enjoyable and informative session focused on safe and effective chainsaw use.

The day was a great success, with participants gaining valuable skills and confidence.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Australian Red Cross for their generous support in funding the workshop for our local women. A special thank you to Emile and Emily Theodorou for kindly providing the venue for the practical component of the training. And a big shout-out to Phil and George for cooking up a delicious BBQ lunch – great job, guys!



Dargo Community House

Subscription to the Dargo Bush Bulletin



1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

All subscriptions MUST be accompanied by this COMPLETED form.

Post or deliver to 137 Lind Ave, Dargo Vic 3862 or email to: dargoch3862@gmail.com

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**~~\$9350~~
per person
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RURAL MINDS

**Join us to have a chat
about mental health and
wellbeing in rural Australia**

This Rural Minds Workshop is a relaxed way to learn about mental wellbeing and resilience for you, your family, friends and community. Specifically designed for rural and remote communities, and delivered by people who know what it's like out here, Rural Minds is just good, solid, practical, information without all the bull...dust.

Dargo Community House

Wednesday August 13th

9:30am morning tea for 10:00am start

Lunch supplied



Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House



Bairnsdale Agricultural Services

Please contact Tracey Bower 0488 035 133



Dargo Community House Luncheon

We are pleased to welcome a guest speaker who will be delivering an important presentation on prostate health and awareness. This is a valuable opportunity to learn more about men's health in a relaxed and supportive setting.

Ladies, we encourage you to bring along the important men in your lives —partners, fathers, brothers and friends—as this information could make a real difference.

Date: Friday 12th September 2025

Time: 12pm

Place: Dargo Hotel

Cost: \$15.00 per person
for a 2 course meal
(Main + Dessert)

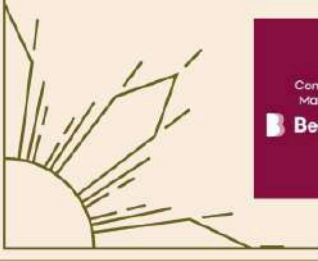
RSVP: Tracey 5140 1333 or 0488 035 133

Email: dargoch3862@gmail.com

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL



**WE THANK THE MAFFRA & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY BANK FOR SUPPORTING
THIS EVENT**



Wanted STALLHOLDERS

DARGO OLD SCHOOL
MARKET



WE'RE LOOKING FOR ...

27
SEPT
2025

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

CONTACT TRACEY OR SUE:
Ph: 0488 035 133 or dargoch3862@gmail.com



20 YEARS



On 11th July, Sarah Carr marked 20 years working at the Centre—a remarkable milestone! Over the years, Sarah has provided dedicated care in our remote mountain community, mastering the art of nursing outside a hospital setting and often improvising with limited resources.

Sarah shared how meaningful it has been to build long-lasting relationships and care for patients she's known for years—a truly special part of remote area nursing. Congratulations and thank you, Sarah, for your ongoing care and commitment!

What's on - August 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28th July	29th July	30th July	31st July	1st August
4th August	5th August	6th August	7th August 	8th August
11th August	12th August	13th August	14th August	15th August  Podiatrist (Bookings Required!)
18th August	19th August  World Humanitarian Day	20th August	21st August  Daffodil Day	22nd August



We recently held our annual Winter Christmas Lunch at Dargo Hall, and it was a fantastic day filled with great food, conversation, and community spirit! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended.

Special thanks to our guest speaker, Malcolm Hackett, who shared a powerful and moving talk about his experiences during the Black Saturday Bushfires and the inspiring community-led recovery effort in Strathewen.

Helen and her team from the Pub treated us to a delicious roast and dessert—thank you for the amazing catering! We also extend our thanks to the Australian Red Cross for their support and participation, and to Emile Theodore for updating us on the Dargo Climate Change Adaptation Pilot.

A big shoutout to Joan Traill for organising the raffle, which raised an impressive \$428!

We loved catching up with everyone and hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did!





Increase in COVID, flu and RSV in Victoria

- There is an increased risk of respiratory illnesses heading into the winter months.
- Immunisations are available for many respiratory illnesses such as influenza (flu), COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). It is never too late to get vaccinated.
- Early antiviral treatments for influenza and COVID-19 can help to reduce severe disease for high-risk individuals.
- Simple hygiene and preventive measures like covering coughs and sneezes, regular hand washing and staying home when unwell can help reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses.

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



OPENING HOURS

Effective from 1st June 2025

Monday	9am - 5pm
Tuesday	9am - 4pm
Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Thursday	9am - 5pm
Friday	9am - 4pm

Always call 000 in an emergency

NOTE: Hours on Mon, Wed & Thurs subject to change to 4pm closure based on rostering



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

Federation Physiotherapy Virtual Care Clinic

Access FREE 60-minute physiotherapy sessions via telehealth. Treatment is provided by Fed Uni Physiotherapy students, supervised by accredited physiotherapists.



We can help you with:

Musculoskeletal

- Advice before and after joint surgery
- Rheumatoid arthritis management
- Injury management
- Muscle and joint pain
- Osteoarthritis
- Tendinopathy management

Neurological

- Post-stroke advice
- Falls and balance issues
- Parkinson's and multiple sclerosis
- Minor head injuries

Cardiopulmonary

- Asthma
- Lung disease
- Long COVID
- Pulmonary rehab



How can you access the service?

Ask your health provider (GP, chronic disease nurse or other health professional) to send us a referral, or refer yourself on the website. The physiotherapy clinic will then contact you to make an appointment and explain the process.

Your telehealth appointment is provided via video call. You will be given the option to access this from home, or with free computer access in a private space at a community hub close to you.

(03) 5122 6015

fpvcc@federation.edu.au

(03) 5326 1254

<https://federation.edu.au/federation-allied-healthcare/physiotherapy-clinic>



An initiative of the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone.



We're excited to announce that we have a new Podiatrist Phillip Carter and his Allied Health Assistant Sarah, who are going to visit Dargo on a regular basis!

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

If you are interested in attending, it's really important that you contact us to book in to secure your spot. Things are a little bit different and you can no longer turn up on the day without an appointment.

Call the Centre today on 5150 2420 to secure your appointment time.

Community Bank Maffra & District News

Making good things happen.

Since the branch opened 10 years ago, over \$1million has been put back into the community through grants and sponsorships. This is possible through your support. We will be announcing the next grant recipients in early August, so stay tuned to our social media page.

Call into the branch for all your banking needs. The branch is open 5 days a week and our friendly staff are there to help. This month we welcome Reece our new staff member. Pop in and say hello.



Dargo & District Angling Club New Sign on Display

Dargo Angling Club is proud of its latest initiative - the large new sign in David Scott's driveway. The sign has provision for updates of coming events and has the potential to attract new members.

The Dargo Angling Club wish to acknowledge the following:-

1. **Mick Pleydell** - Maffra Sheetmetal Works
Not only did Mick build an excellent main frame, but it was donated - Free!
2. **David Scott** - David did not hesitate to give access for the sign to help us.
3. **Signline Bairnsdale** - Haydn and the team followed our design to the letter & then provided a discounted price.
4. **To our Major Sponsors** - Dargo Hotel, Dargo Store & Dargo River Inn whose financial support has provided more opportunity for the club to expand its presence.
5. **And the volunteers** who made the project easy.



Big Thank You to All!



FISHING COMPETITION RESULTS!



DARGO & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB UPDATE

CLOSING TROUT AND BASS FISHING COMPETITION RESULTS 24/25

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th June, were the final days for Trout Season 24/25. River flows were very low when compared to recent years, due to lower than average rainfall in the upper catchments. Also disappointed that the weekend "forecast" for very bad weather was inaccurate!!! But had a bearing in numbers who tried their luck! River condition made fishing tough, so a lot of effort went unrewarded, with a lot fewer fish caught. Delighted to report the Juniors showed "how it can be done" beating Seniors - a first for many years, well done!

The weigh in a presentation held at the Shed Bar where members were greeted by a beaut open fire, and later enjoyed plenty of tasty nibbles. A big thank you to Helen, Hally and the Team at the Dargo Hotel. Unfortunately the weigh in did not take long as only 16 fish and 1 carp tested the scales.

Overall Results

<u>Juniors</u>	10 fish	Agg 4.515kg	Average 451gms
<u>Seniors</u>	6 fish	Agg 2.812kg	Average 469gms

COMPETITION WINNERS:

Heaviest Trout: Rex Blackmore 577gms

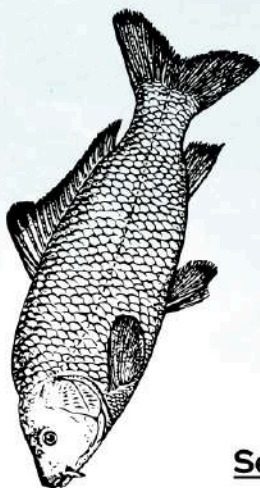
Heaviest Bass: Stella Simpson 714gms

Heaviest Bag: Justin Sherritt 945gms

Catch & Release: Emile Theodore (photo) 33cms

Garbage Fish: Hughie Sherritt - Carp 4.35kg

Secret Weight: (Draw of all fish weighed in) Regan Watt 504gms





Juniors

JUNIORS:

Heaviest Trout: Hugh Burston 546gms

Heaviest Bass: Olivia Simpson 647gms

Heaviest Bag: River Furlong 949gms

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

THE DAYS SUMMARY:

The raffle, yielded \$264 was then drawn. The main prize a meal at the Dargo River Inn was won by Life Member and Club Stalwart Alan Paul - well done! Other draws of various items as provided by the Angling Club were won by Willow Herbstreit, Sam and Henry Gately, Russell Blackmore, Ivy Theodorou and Barney (Tom Howson's mate!), while 2 x 6 pack stubbies donated the Dargo Pub, were won by Lucy Dawes and Justin Sherritt respectively.

Members then enjoyed some drinks and fellowship either catching some Winter sunshine or the warmth from the Shed Bar fire.

Big thanks to all Members who make the effort, especially to the great return by our Juniors - they will only get better!

The Angling Club once again acknowledge and appreciate our major sponsors:

Dargo General Store

Dargo Hotel

Dargo River Inn

THANK YOU!!!

Next Competition:

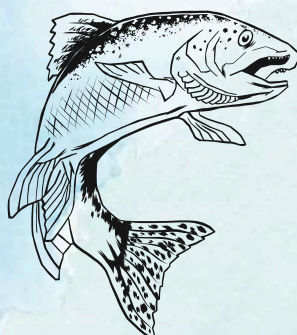
Opening Season 25/26

Saturday and Sunday 6th and 7th September 2025

MARK IT IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!



**Willow Herbstreit holds up
her first bass**



Relaxing on the tailgate.....

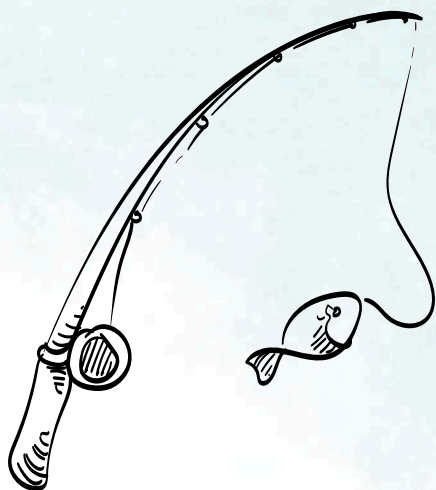
**Olivia Simpson
Harper Herbstreit
Willow Herbstreit
Stella Simpson**



**At the weigh in Willow
Herbstreit**



Nothing biting today boys



**Rex Blackmore showed
the way with 2 nice
trout...one of which won
heaviest trout.**

DARGO & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB INC.

TROUT & BASS OPEN SEASON COMPETITION

Opens: Saturday 6th September (lines down at 12.01am)

Closes: Sunday 7th September at 11.00am

Presentation: Dargo River Inn

Weigh-in from 11am & Presentation 1pm

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

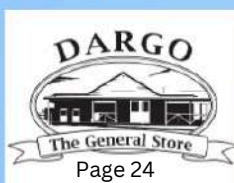
PRIZES

- 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 River Inn

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Creamy Garlic Prawn Pasta

Pasta tossed with a garlic infused creamy sauce and plump, juicy prawns! (Shrimp) This pasta version of Creamy Garlic Prawns is a quick meal you'll get on the table in 20 minutes, this is luscious but it's not too rich. The key is to emulsify the sauce (i.e. thicken it) by tossing the pasta in the sauce just before serving – this is the proper Italian way to make pasta.

Serves 3 very hungry people or 4 normal servings.



Ingredients

- ☐ 8 oz / 250g fettuccine, or other long strand pasta of choice
- ☐ 30 g / 2 tbsp butter, separated
- ☐ 300 g / 10 oz small peeled prawns / shrimp, raw (Note 1)
- ☐ 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ☐ 1/4 cup / 65 ml dry white wine (Note 2 for sub)
- ☐ 1 cup / 250 ml heavy / thickened cream (Note 3)
- ☐ 1/2 cup / 125 ml chicken broth (or fish or vegetable broth), preferably low sodium
- ☐ 3/4 cup / 50 g finely grated parmesan cheese (1.5 oz) (freshly grated) (Note 4)
- ☐ 2 tbsp finely chopped parsley
- ☐ Black pepper
- ☐ Parmesan, for serving

Instructions

- 1 Bring to boil a large pot of water. Add pasta and cook per packet MINUS 1 minute. (Note 5).
- 2 Just before draining, scoop out 1 cup of pasta cooking water and set aside. Drain pasta.
- 3 Meanwhile, melt 1 tbsp of butter in a large non stick skillet over medium high heat. Add prawns and cook for 1 1/2 minutes on each side until just cooked through. Remove prawns.
- 4 In the same skillet, add 1 tbsp butter. Once melted, add garlic. Stir for 20 seconds until fragrant.
- 5 Add wine and stir. Simmer for 2 minutes until wine mostly reduces (see video).
- 6 Add cream, broth and parmesan. Stir until the parmesan is melted, then leave to simmer for 1 1/2 minutes until it thickens slightly (will thicken more in next step).
- 7 Add prawns, stir, then add pasta plus about 1/4 cup of reserved pasta water. Toss pasta (still on stove) and the sauce will thicken in about 30 – 45 seconds and start clinging to the pasta.
- 8 Take it off the stove before the sauce is as thick as you want – it will thicken more.
- 9 Sprinkle with most of the parsley and black pepper, check salt (I don't need more). Toss again until the sauce consistency is to your taste. Add a tiny splash of pasta water if it gets too gluggy.
- 10 Serve immediately, garnished with remaining parsley and parmesan if desired.

Recipe Notes:

1. PRAWN / SHRIMP SIZE: I prefer using small ones for pasta because it disperses better in pasta. If you use medium or large prawns, I suggest using 400g / 14 oz. For giant ones, you may wish to cut in half lengthwise, or even into pieces.

FROZEN PRAWNS: I usually make this with frozen peeled prawns because it's a pain to peel small prawns. Thaw thoroughly and pat dry with paper towel before cooking (otherwise they just sort of braise in residual water that leaches).

TIP: Reserve the thawing liquid and use that as part of the broth required in this recipe. It's like a free seafood broth!

2. WINE: Any dry white is fine, I use sauv blanc. Sweet, really fruity ones like many rieslings aren't really suitable. Can sub with chicken or veg broth.

3. CREAM: This recipe will work fine with any full fat cream, but the sauce thickens faster / better with heavy / thickened cream. If you use light cream, the sauce will be thinner but it will still work.

4. PARMESAN: Must use freshly grated! Store bought won't melt smoothly. If you measure by cup rather than weight, be sure to tap the cup as you grate because the volume is greater i.e. it's fluffy, so if you don't tap, 40g parmesan is probably well in excess of 1 cup!

5. Reduce the cooking time because we finish cooking the pasta in the sauce (key step for this recipe).

6. Nutrition per serving, assuming 4 servings.



JOKES

The teacher asked little Johnny if he knew his numbers.

“Yes,” he said. “My dad taught me.”

“Good. So what comes after eight?”

“Nine,” answered Johnny.

“And what comes after nine?”

“Ten.”

“And what comes after ten?”

“The jack.”

A man rubs a magic lamp, and a genie appears.

“You get one wish,” says the genie.

The man replies, “I’m scared of flying and boats. I wish for a bridge from California to Hawaii so I can drive there.”

The genie rolls his eyes. “Do you have any idea what you’re asking? That’s thousands of miles, structural engineering beyond belief... Wish for something else.”

The man nods and says, “Alright... then I wish to see the Epstein client list.”

The genie swallows hard... “Two lanes or four on that bridge?”

A teacher and his engineering students were given free plane tickets to go on a field trip.

Once everyone boarded, the captain announced, “This plane was built entirely by the students on board.” Immediately, all the students sprinted off the aircraft in panic—except the teacher. The captain asked, “Why didn’t you run?”

The teacher calmly replied, “I know my students very well. This plane wouldn’t even start.”

The cop said, “We arrested this man beating the living daylights out of some poor guy for no reason at all. What should we charge him with?”

Desk sergeant answered, “Impersonating a police officer.”

“What’s your name, boy?” Cop asked the young man.

“P-p-p-pet-pet-Peter, Sir,” he replied.

“Do you have a stutter?” asked the cop kindly.

He answered, “No sir, my dad has a stutter but the guy who filled out my Birth Certificate was an idiot.”

The Angel of Death said, “I’ve come for you.”

The man replied, “Why? I’m fine, I’m happy, I’m healthy!”

The angel said, “You left your phone at home without locking it, and your wife found it.”

Man gasped, “Alright then... let’s go.”

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Quiz



No winner from last month.

Clue: You may find me laying around

2nd Clue: I shed annually



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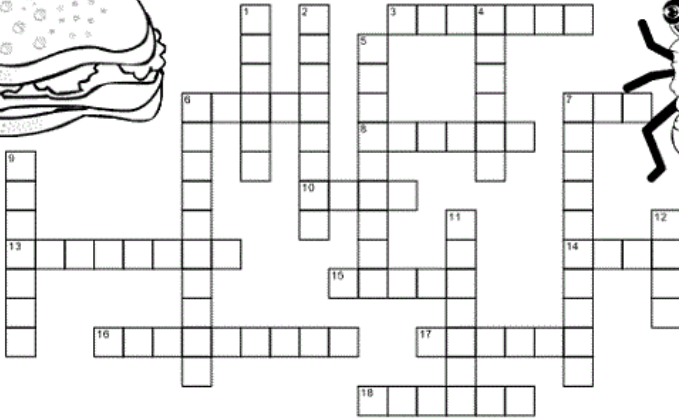
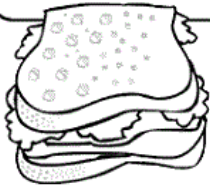
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Picnic Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. A fun picnic game played with a disc shaped toy.
6. Coleslaw is a type of _____.
7. A popular round-shaped baked dessert that is cut into wedges to serve.
8. One type of container used to carry picnic goodies.
10. It's yummy on the cob.
13. This comes in black lumps and is sometimes used on a picnic grill.
14. This type of weather can often ruin a picnic.
15. Tall and leafy, these provide shady places for your picnic blanket.
16. A bright evening show that sometimes follows a picnic.
17. A square of cloth or paper used to keep things clean when eating your picnic meal.
18. Grilled wiener on a bun.

DOWN

1. A picnic container that keeps food cold
2. Two pieces of bread stuffed with meat, or other good stuff.
4. Most popular season of the year for pic North America.
5. A ground beef patty on a bun.
6. Eye protection from the sun.
7. A fun area for kids inside some parks.
9. Red condiment made from tomatoes.
11. Yellow sauce sometimes used on hamburgers and hotdogs.
12. Tiny picnic invaders.

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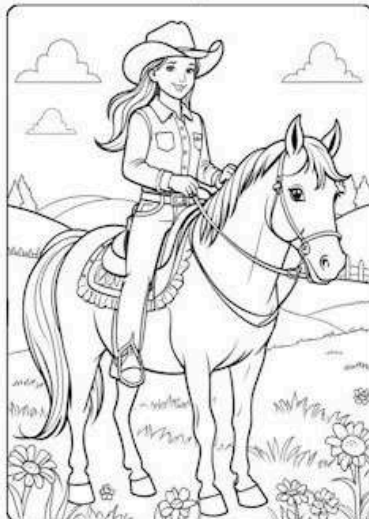
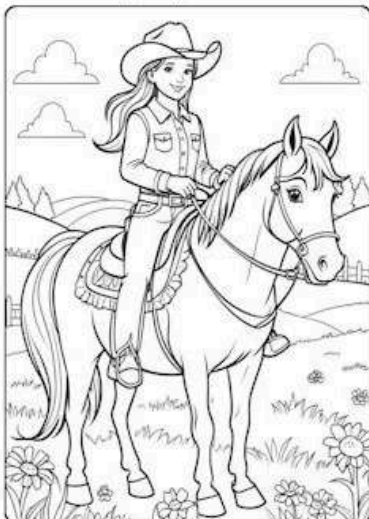


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When the teacher uses your name as a good example



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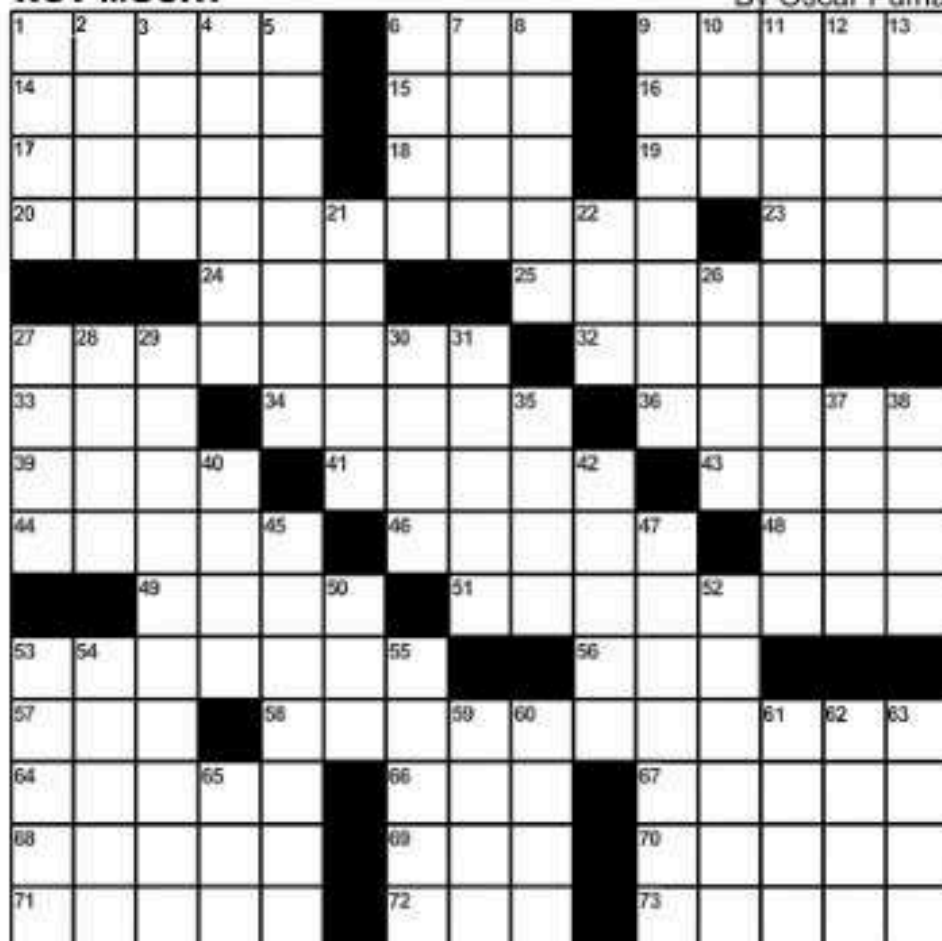
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| 1) Fleeting muscle problem | 43) Magic charm |
| 6) Place to get a massage | 44) African antelope |
| 9) Exodus mountain | 46) Artillery burst |
| 14) Speakers' platforms | 48) Complain incessantly |
| 15) Dad on "Malcolm in the Middle" | 49) Light source |
| 16) Statement of belief | 51) Arranges anew |
| 17) Join in a cause | 53) Sports legends Jim and Arnold |
| 18) Feel below par | 56) Polygraph indication, sometimes |
| 19) Apelike | 57) A long time ____ |
| 20) Part of some finance deals | 58) Just in time ____ |
| 23) "Shop ____ you drop" | 64) Cut, as wood |
| 24) Crimson rival | 66) Commotion |
| 25) Small lozenges | 67) Hamilton of "The Terminator" |
| 27) Applied first aid, in a way | 68) It doesn't hold water |
| 32) Long-ago days | 69) Biochemistry abbr. |
| 33) Lead-in for Bravo | 70) Bar, at the bar |
| 34) Less assertive | 71) Broke off |
| 36) Goldsmith's concern | 72) Beanie Babies, e.g. |
| 39) Bachelor's degree | 73) Place to shop |
| 41) Ban | |

DOWN

- 1) Bridge measure
- 2) Sport played on horseback
- 3) Mine entrance
- 4) Expressed relief, in a way
- 5) Some envelopes
- 6) Type of rug
- 7) Stamp for a bill
- 8) Apportion
- 9) Dope or dolt
- 10) Novelist Levin
- 11) Choice for the super picky?
- 12) Cliffside dwelling
- 13) Tranquil scenes (var.)
- 21) Dusk to dawn
- 22) Type of humor
- 26) Study strenuously
- 27) Breakfast fiber source
- 28) Breezy
- 29) Taboo
- 30) Nestling hawk
- 31) Prohibit from law practice
- 35) Hamlet is a common one
- 37) What a door is when it's not a door?
- 38) Clothing
- 40) Bridge or wrestling feat
- 42) Convex molding
- 45) Fixed
- 47) Summer attraction in Baltimore
- 50) Not an amateur
- 52) Abstain from
- 53) Antiquated
- 54) "Read it ____, Mommy"
- 55) Devour greedily, slangily (with "down")
- 59) "Giant" author Ferber
- 60) Kermit's cousin?
- 61) "I'm ____ you!"
- 62) Aroma relative
- 63) Back of the neck
- 65) Eden party

NOT MUCH?

By Oscar Puma



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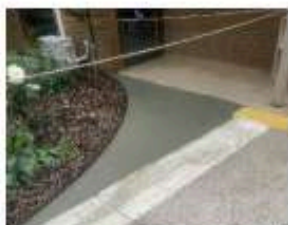


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