



DARGO BUSH BULLETIN



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The Staff & COM of the Dargo Neighbourhood
House wish you all a very

Happy Easter!

May you have
The gladness of Easter,
which is Hope
The promise of Easter,
which is Peace
The spirit of Easter,
which is Love

Due to the social distancing rules set out by the
Government, we are unable to gather together for
commemorations on Anzac Day this year.
Please see more information on page 2.



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DARGO COMMUNITY



The Dargo Landcare Shed was robbed last week. Anything edible or saleable was stolen. Landcare and Community Members are asked to refrain from going to the shed until after the Police have finished their investigation.
Regards Paul Borondy, Dargo Landcare Group.

NEXT
BULLETIN
Friday 24th April 2020

AS FROM JANUARY 2020 - NEW DEADLINE
FOR ARTICLES/SUBMISSIONS to the
Bush Bulletin — 12 noon MONDAY.
Next deadline - Monday 20th April at 12 noon



New Challenge

Did you find the Fox last time?
It was hiding on the Recipe page.
Find the Cockatoo this time!



Calling for photos for the 2021 Community Calendar



Yes, we know it's early days...but....
It's a perfect opportunity to take
your time and capture some seasonal
photos.

Let's make the 2021 Calendar
beautiful!

Reminder - for best results, please
present your photos in landscape
orientation.

Dargo Neighbourhood House

Some Helpful Information

Keep up to date with the latest on
'What's happening in and around
Dargo'.

If you have access to the internet, the
Dargo Neighbourhood House, Dargo
Bush Nursing Centre, Dargo
Community & Surrounds (you need to
join this private group & become a
member though!), Dargo River Inn,
Dargo Hotel, Dargo General Store -
and one or more of these Facebook
pages will most likely have the
information that you are seeking.

UPCOMING EVENTS in DARGO

At this point in time, ALL events have been put on hold until further notice.

ANZAC DAY - We are unable to commemorate this special day in the usual way, HOWEVER.....Brian Madigan will be raising the flag and it will remain so until 11am on the 25th April.
If anyone would like to lay a wreath at the cenotaph, they are most welcome to do so.

FUNDRAISING WHEEL ROSTERS

DARGO HOTEL - HAPPY WHEEL

CANCELLED/POSTPONED - Until further notice

DARGO RIVER INN - CRAZY WHEEL

CANCELLED/POSTPONED - Until further notice

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM KYLIE ANTONOPOULOS (Bushfire Recovery Grant Workgroup)

Just wanted to let you all know, confirm what you have probably already gathered, the project is on hold and will recommence in due course. I have confirmation that the funds will be held over until the next financial year. I will be in touch with members of the workgroup when we recommence.

Thank you for everyone's input to date,
Stay safe x Kylie

Dargo's rainfall for the month of March, officially lodged
with the BOM was 41.2 mm.

Year to date total rainfall for Dargo as at
31st March 2020 is

268.4 mm

Notice from the

DARGO HERITAGE MUSEUM

Due to the COVID-19 Social Distancing rules issued by the Victorian Government, the Museum will be closed until further notice.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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PLEASE NOTE: (as from January 2020)

New deadline for submissions to the Bush Bulletin Newsletter is now **every fortnight on Monday (prior to next Bulletin date) at 12 noon** You still have two weeks to get your submission to us. By moving the deadline date forward, we will be able to get your newsletter to you sooner. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we have all had to make sacrifices and adjustments to our normal daily routine. The Government rules and directives set out have been put into place to try and stop the spread of this disease, and by adhering to these 'rules', will help us all return to normal daily life sooner rather than later.

None of us want to see any member of our family or community fall ill with this life threatening disease, so PLEASE listen to the advice from the medical experts, and government authorities, and together we will get through this.

Take extra care, and look after one another.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE DARGO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
HAS IT'S OWN FACEBOOK PAGE?
PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE**



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The Dargo Neighbourhood House does not take responsibility for opinions expressed by contributors to the Dargo Bush Bulletin. The Editors reserve the right to reject articles and advertisements and to edit submissions if necessary.

All submissions should carry the author's full name, address and phone number, or anonymously if preferred. Dargo Neighbourhood House is (usually) open Monday 1pm-5pm, Tuesday to Thursday from 10.00am until 5.00pm. Days and times can change as needed.

CONTACT- Please drop your articles or queries to the Neighbourhood House, 137 Lind Ave., Dargo or post to Dargo Neighbourhood House, c/o PO Dargo Vic 3862, or email dnh333@bigpond.com

Thank you, Ph: 51401333 (leave a message if office is unattended)

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ID QUIZ !



The Dargo Neighbourhood House in conjunction with, and sponsored by: Bill Campbell–Builder, The Dargo River Inn, Pam & Herman Bila, John Kane, John Tidey & Lee Viktorin, Dargo Iris Farm (H & S Sherritt) & Rita McMahon

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS

WHO/WHAT AM I?

WE HAVE A WINNER!
It's 'Push Lawn Mower'.

Only one correct guess was submitted, and that was from the
Dargo Bush Nursing Centre.

CONGRATULATIONS DBNC!



NEW QUIZ

What is this object?

1st Clue - (Cryptic) Needed for
the pike to bump around some
to keep moving.

More of the pic next time.

Conditions of Entry:- **NOTE NEW DEADLINE**

All answers must reach the Neighbourhood House by Monday 12noon prior to the next Bulletin being published. - when incorrect answers will be discarded, and correct answers will go into a draw. **YOU MUST BE A SUBSCRIBER OF THE BULLETIN to enter.** Only 1 guess per person, per Bulletin, per fortnight. A prize of \$10 will be given to the winner of each quiz. If no correct entries are received, the prize will jackpot each fortnight until there is a winner drawn.



DARGO TIP TIMES

WEDNESDAYS 1pm to 4pm
SATURDAYS 1pm to 5pm
SUNDAYS 10am to 3pm
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 10am to 3pm



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COVID-19 Changes to the Bush Nursing Centre:

- We are going to install a doorbell and will begin locking the front door to restrict public access. Anyone entering the BNC will need to be screened for symptoms of COVID-19. This screening includes taking your temperature and asking you some questions before your consultation begins. A lot of other BNC's and GP clinics are now doing the same thing.
- If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 then we will need to put on PPE (personal protective equipment) which includes a mask, gown, gloves and eye protection. Once again this is a standard procedure to ensure our nurses safety (and yours!)
- We will be giving the Fluvax's a bit differently this year! We may ask you to stay in your car and receive the vaccine there or just do more spaced out appointment times to avoid having too many people in the BNC at one time. Stay tuned!
- Our Administration Officer, Sue is now working from home for the majority of her time, the nurses are getting prepared to do the same if needed (hopefully it won't get to that stage!). We would perform welfare checks from home via the phone and can even do video calls if patients have access to a computer or smart phone.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! THE BUSH NURSING CENTRE IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO TRY TO KEEP YOU ALL UP TO DATE AND TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE! Please remember we are here if you need us xx

Who's Working When?	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9am - 5pm	9am - 5pm	9am - 5pm OPEN ALL DAY	9am - 5pm	9am - 3pm
April/May 2020	14th April Kim	15th April Kim	16th April Kim & Sarah Over 65 years FLUVAX	17th Sarah	18th Sarah
	21st Kim Flying Doctor Wellbeing	22nd Kim	23rd Sarah	24th Sarah	25th Sarah ANZAC DAY OPEN
	28th Kim	29th Kim	30th Sarah ? PODIATRIST	1st May Sarah	2nd Sarah

Pneumonia vaccine!

Who needs it?

Pneumococcal vaccine is recommended for:

- routine vaccination in infants and children
- all adults aged ≥ 65 years
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults
- children, adolescents and adults with conditions that are associated with an increased risk of invasive pneumococcal disease

Please **FIND OUT** if you have ever had the Pneumonia vaccine before from your GP or Medical Clinic!

We can provide you with the vaccine here but as it is a one off dose we need to know if you are eligible....

COVID-19 can lead to Pneumonia in older adults, vaccinating is one way of preventing this!

INFLUENZA 2020!

EVERYONE should be having the Fluvax this year! The authorities are stating that reducing your risk of getting influenza (by vaccinating) will assist us all during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have ordered our supplies, **some of them have arrived**, but we remain on the waiting list until BRHS obtain the other vaccines. Please ring or visit the BNC and add your name to our booking list...

We have made a tentative date for our more vulnerable residents to be given the 65+ Fluvax which is **Thursday 16th April**. All other fluvax's will hopefully be able to given around this time too. We will keep you posted!



Podiatry Visit Dates for 2020...

1.30 pm @ BNC:

Thursday April 30th

Thursday June 25th

Thursday August 20th

Thursday October 15th

Thursday December 17th

\$10 per visit

With the current pandemic affecting all face to face services, we are not sure if Stephen will visit Dargo at present. If not, we will ring our regular clients to inform you all...



COVID-19 or Coronavirus....

When you next visit the BNC you will notice these two signs out the front. They simply explain that if you (over the next few months) have any of the listed symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

OR

Have had contact with someone diagnosed with or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days before getting sick

THEN PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BNC...INSTEAD CALL US ON 51 401 246 AND WE WILL ASSIST YOU WITH WHAT TO DO NEXT!

Please remember that keeping your distance from people and staying home as much as possible is the BEST way to minimise your risk of being infected with this virus.



Fluvax Season is fast approaching! Please book in with the BNC to add your name to our list, we **STRONGLY encourage everyone to have the Fluvax this year!**

FREE HEARING CHECKS with Hearing Australia will be re-visiting Dargo in October. Ring the BNC to book in.

Patrick Tainsh from CGHS has recommenced our Exercise Program in Dargo! If you are interested in having a consultation with Patrick or just joining up in the exercise group please let us know!

Please note our new letterbox out the front of the BNC.

This is for you to use if you would like to submit feedback (both positive and negative) for us to review. It is great because your feedback can be anonymous if you wish it to be!

We have booked in the date for our **Winter Christmas Lunch!**

It will be held on Thursday 23rd July 2020

PLEASE NOTE: WE MAY HAVE TO RESCHEDULE THIS DATE DUE TO THE PANDEMIC MEASURES BUT WE'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED!

We have an exciting speaker organised and are planning a HUGE change this year! Please lock this date into your calendar's and stay tuned!

We apologise that all of our planned Health Promotion events have had to be put on hold. We have so many things planned for you! There will be action stations when we come out of this pandemic phase...so much so that you will be sick of the sight of us!!!



HANG IN THERE! DARGO IS DOING GREAT!

Flying Doctor Wellbeing with Peter Quin
- FREE COUNSELLING!

If you feel the need to speak to someone in a confidential environment please ring the BNC on 51 401 246 to make an appointment.



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**PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE OUR
DARGO BUSH NURSING
CENTRE INC
FACEBOOK PAGE!**



**Well done to those
of you who have
already signed up
for My Aged Care!
It only takes 15
minutes!**

Postcards from Antarctica (Grant Murray)

Winter in Antarctica

While Mick and Lesley are back from their summer in Antarctica, I will do my best to report what's happening on a regular basis at Davis station. Our group of 24 will now be wintering here and when we make it out the other side of the long dark winter we will be amongst a group of less than 2,000 Australians to have ever spent a full winter in Antarctica.

Since the Aurora Australis departed from here in late summer the weather changed quite quickly and temperatures started to plummet from summer averages of -5 to our new normal of -15 to -20 and when you add the wind chill factor it regularly tells us on our weather monitor that it's -30 with wind chill.

It's also snowing most days and nights, which means a constant clearing of huge build-ups of snow from doorways is required, otherwise - before we know it we could be snowed in!

We all continue to work each day although it's slightly more relaxed, and as the station carpenter, I get asked to do all types of jobs from helping in the kitchen to counting seals and currently I'm painting the inside of a new building. I was also chosen to be trained as a surgical scrub nurse and anaesthetics assistant before I headed south, as we only have one Dr on station and should an emergency occur I would be ready to assist in surgery.



The biggest surprise for me so far has been the lack of spare time! I thought I would be struggling to pass the days and nights and although I have only been here 5 months I still haven't had time to read a book or watch a movie! For example - we work Monday to Friday then after dinner Monday I run a workshop class for other non tradespeople where I teach them skills and safe use of power tools while helping them make small projects. At the moment, the class are making bottle openers. Tuesday nights is band practice with our

very talented musicians on keyboard/ violin / bass guitar and lead guitar and drums, I am the current vocalist until we find someone better - but so far no volunteers! Wednesday is what we call T.A.I.T (talks about interesting things) where we all take a seat in our cinema and one person will choose a subject to talk about and show pics on the big screen. We have had scientists talk about remote control submarines in Antarctica, another person told us about their months hiking through Nepal and climbing Mt Everest base camp. Thursday is brewery night where everyone chips in to make our beers and Friday it's time for a rest as we meet up at the bar for some good old fashion banter.

So you can see we try to keep busy and it's working, I still can't believe I have been here 5 months.



To all residents of Dargo I hope you all stay safe and well throughout this terrible virus. Look after each other and until my next report be kind to one another.



Hoo Roo from Grant

Sounds like Grant is really enjoying his time in Antarctica. He captured this amazing picture of the light show that is the 'Aurora Australis' on Apr 1 Thank you so much for sharing with us here in Dargo.



Connie & Con Theodore's 'VENISON ROAST'

INGREDIENTS:

1 - 1.5kg Roast (Backstrap or Fillet)
Dry Mustard
1 Onion - quartered
2 Bay Leaves
1 Cup Wine - any.
1 Cup Water
3 Whole Cloves

METHOD:

Rub roast in dry mustard, then brown all over in frypan (which also goes into the oven).
Add all other ingredients.
Put lid on frypan and into the oven for 1 1/2 hours on 180°.
When cooked, let sit for 15 minutes and slice.
Place slices back into liquid to serve.
Meat will be even nicer the next day!

Some time ago, we collected some of your favourite recipes, so we will be sharing them on a regular basis.

If you have a particular favourite home recipe, and would like to share with our readers, please forward to the Neighbourhood House.

PS - For pulled or slow roasted Venison, cook at 160° for 3 hours.



Got a tyre that needs fixing? Well just drop it off on your way to do the weekly shop, and pick it up on the way home....any time. Christian Sims of Simsy's Tyres in Lindenow offers a drop off and after hours service.
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If you, or someone you know would like to advertise in this community newsletter, please contact the Dargo Neighbourhood House on
Ph: 5140 1333 or send an Email to:
dnh333@bigpond.com
for more information

The Dargo Bush Bulletin would like to acknowledge the Gunai / Kurnai People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

From: The Dargo Business and Tourism Association

Date: 25/3/2020

To all residents and community members,

I am pleased to announce the official formation of the Dargo Business and Tourism Association.

In its simplest form, the Dargo Business and Tourism Association has been formed with the support of Wellington Shire Council to represent and pursue opportunities to create business and tourism growth within the Dargo region through a unified approach and transparent collaboration.

The Dargo business and tourism association has been formed to:

Create a single unified voice for commercial enterprise in the region as well as enterprises that have a commercial interest in operating within the area;

To submit suggestions and or provide feedback on behalf of business to council, government bodies/departments and other 3rd parties in respect to opportunities and or actions that are in the best interest of business and tourism in the area;

To seek/ pursue/ support opportunities for business and tourism growth.

*The Dargo Business and Tourism association is a **non exclusive** association run by a committee of passionate and highly experienced local community members and as such, we welcome expressions of interest in membership from those who share our vision of seeing Dargo's tourism traffic and business opportunities thrive through transparent collaboration.*

The association also invites ideas and feedback from the wider community on how business and tourism opportunities within the area can be improved upon.

To submit an expression of interest in membership, please contact a member of the committee or e-mail welcome@dargobta.org

Warm regards,

Emile Theodore

President – Dargo Business and Tourism Association

Business and Tourism Association Committee 2020

Emile Theodore – President

Aina Riley – Vice President

Helen Hall – Treasurer

Kerry Leemon – Secretary

Cathie Riley – General Committee Member #1

From: The Dargo Business and Tourism Association

Date: 6/4/2020

To all residents and community members,

as you can appreciate, it has been a challenging several months for both business and tourism in our region.

Early in the year, we saw closed roads, tracks, forest and parks off the back of a disastrous bushfire season result in an almost complete loss of tourist trade to many small towns like ours.

Then, just when we thought we'd seen the last of it, and could finally "open the gates", the dreaded COVID-19 arrived on Australian shores - throwing a proverbial "spanner in the works".

Now, many businesses in tourism driven towns such as ours, are facing the sad reality that they will once again not see any tourist traffic for at least another complete season.

Some who have the means or ability to restructure their service or offerings to remain open on a limited capacity have done just that while others, namely those that use our parks or forests for tours have ceased to trade indefinitely.

Without local support, the possible implications of these back to back restrictions are numerous but are likely to include loss of jobs, income, or ultimately complete closure of business. In no way is this a positive thing for any community – least of all the one which we call home.

The Dargo Business and Tourism Association will do what we can to support our local business operators through this challenging time and encourage other local community members and groups, where possible, to do the same.

In the mean time, the Dargo Business and Tourism Association's committee is working busily on innovative new ideas with 3rd parties including the Wellington Shire Council to ensure that when the restrictions are lifted and our lives returns to normal that our Dargo will once again prosper.

As per my previous letter, the association invites ideas and feedback from the wider community on how business and tourism opportunities within the area can be improved upon.

To submit an expression of interest in membership, or to share your feedback or ideas, please contact a member of the committee or e-mail welcome@dargobta.org

Warm regards, Emile Theodore President – Dargo Business and Tourism Association

A NOTICE FROM THE DARGO & DISTRICT COMMUNITY GROUP INC.

COVID-19

The Dargo Neighbourhood House is now closed for ALL scheduled activities and/or events, however will still be in operation - carrying out routine administrative duties, and also producing our fortnightly 'Bush Bulletin' newsletter for the time being at least.

It is more important than ever before to stay connected with members of our community.

We are observing the 'social distancing' directives/rules handed down by the Government, and therefore will be accessing our office equipment remotely for the most part. However from time to time there will be a need for staff and/or COM members to access the building to check the mail box, voicemail, and the security of the premises etc.

This situation will no doubt change according to Government directives and advice from the Medical experts over the coming weeks and perhaps even months!

If you have any submissions or articles for the Bush Bulletin, please send via email dnh333@bigpond.com, put in our letter box at the front gate (137 Lind Avenue, Dargo) or under the door.

Please call us on 5140 1333, if you need more information in regards to our operations.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any issues or concerns, or simply need assistance with something, and we will do our best to help meet your needs where we can.

We are ALL experiencing very difficult times, ALL in this together. So take care of each other, focus on the positive, and keep safe.



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Dargo Landcare have heaps of small trees and tree guards available to anyone who wants them.

ALSO - They have Kurrajong and River Lomatia seedlings



Above - Kurrajong tree. Drought tolerant, grows up to 15m tall. Related to the Boab (Bottle) tree. There are a few growing between the N/Hood House and the CFA buildings in Dargo.



Above - River Lomatia. A shrubby tree that grows 2-5 m tall. Ideal for stabilizing river banks. Can be found along the Upper Dargo River.

**Contact Trish or Paul
on 5140 1255
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Dargo Neighbourhood House BBQ





The “G Nome Gardeners Calendar”

Monthly jobs that will improve garden results!
(Part 1)

JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Plant Brussel Sprouts seedlings before the end of January. * Camellias, Rhodos, Azaleas set buds now - so mulch and keep moist. * Divide, repot or plant Cacti & Succulents and place in full sun. * Pot plants dry out quickly in hot windy conditions - be vigilant. * Mulch reduces evaporation, keeps soil cool and so worms, active.
FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Direct sun destroys Tomato fruit - cover with hessian or shade cloth. * Spray Dipel on Brassicas to control White Cabbage Moth. * Use Dipel also for 'Codling Moth' on fruit trees - spray fortnightly. * 50/50 mix potting soil/wash sand for cuttings - Azalea, Daphne & many more. * Prepare beds for Autumn sowing - dig in old manure & compost.
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Eat fruit fresh OR preserve, cook, freeze or make jams & sauces. * Time to sow Onion, Carrot, Swede, Turnip, Beetroot & Radish. * Sow Sweet Peas on St. Pats Day - support with a trellis. Need to add Lime now. * How big will trees be at maturity - think carefully before you plant. * Sow seeds - Cornflower, Canterbury Bells, Stock, Poppy and many more
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sprinkle Epsom Salts on newly sown seed to assist germination. * Asparagus feeds the parent plant as it dies so - DO NOT CUT IT OFF. * Check nurseries for Autumn coloured plants to get what you want. * Pumpkins make a hollow sound when ready - store in cool, dry area. * Soak Garlic Cloves in Bicarb Soda & water overnight & sow late April.
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chemical spray also kills Bees, Ladybirds & Hoverflies - think about it? * Peg Strawberry runners into fresh pots to create new plants. * Sow Daffodils, Freesias, Muscari & Snowdrops now for a Spring display. * Snails hibernate in Winter - Slugs don't - keep bait & beer traps refreshed. * Cow manure & compost dug in for sowing Broad Beans, they need alkaline soil.
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Shift hanging baskets/pots of 'frost sensitive' plants to protected spot. * Hard prune fruit trees - reduce height to improve overall management. * Do not use Lime on Tomato, Strawberry, Camellia & Rhodos - they are acid lovers. * Sharpen/clean garden tools and prune Roses, Apples during Winter. * Unless specifically formulated, use NO fertilizer on native plants.



The “G Nome Gardeners Calendar”

Monthly jobs that will improve garden results!
(Part 2)

JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Build a compost bin in the chook run, they will scratch through & fertilize it. * Liquid fertilizers are the best for Winter - nutrients are more effective. * Dig in - old manure, leaves, Lucerne hay, wood ash & blood & bone to soil. * Correa (native Fuchsia) attracts birds & bees, and adds Winter colour. * Spray ‘Burgundy Mix’ to control ‘Curly Leaf’ in stone fruit (first spray).
AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Spray 2nd dose - 10-14 days later and before leaves burst open. * Sow Broad Beans now - an excellent Nitrogen fixing plant after harvest * Plant out deciduous plants (Roses, Fruit Trees), while still dormant. * Prepare beds now - at least 2 weeks prior to Spring planting. * Refresh snail bait - kill them as they come out of hibernation
SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Most plants prefer soil pH 6.5-7.5. Buy a kit, test and learn your soil. * Scrunch newspaper into old pots to collect Earwigs, burn contents or feed to the chooks. * Encourage kids to help in your garden - away from electronic devices. * <u>Never</u> add Couch, Kikuyu, Oxalis, running or bulbous weeds to compost bins. * Rhubarb & Asparagus benefit from liberal feeds of rotted cow manure.
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Check seedlings carefully before you buy - it may be old, root bound stock. * Feed Blood & Bone to Strawberries/Blueberries & add a layer of pine needles * Transplant Tomato seedlings - hessian covers will protect against late frosts. * Epsom Salts & Sulphate of Potash added to Tomatoes, & water in well. * A strong mix dishwashing detergent and water will kill Harlequin Bugs.
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Spray ‘Dipel’ for Cherry & Pear slugs & stay alert for 2nd infestations. * Chemical sprays kill beneficial insects - Bees, Ladybird, Hoverflies. * Plant Cucurbits, Sweetcorn, Tomatoes, Beans & Spuds after ‘Melbourne Cup’. * Sow Brussel Sprout seeds now - ready to transplant by the end of January. * Lift & divide Tall Bearded Iris every 3 years for better quality blooms.
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reduce fruit on Apple trees by ‘thinning’ (Destroy any diseased or damaged fruit). * Celery like lots of water, add lime at planting. Use by pick outer stalks * Dipel-chemical free-spray Brassicas weekly to control ‘white cabbage moth’. * Ants, Slaters & Slugs infest pots in dry weather - drown them in a bucket. * A deep watering once a week is the efficient way to water your garden.

Finally, G Nome’s most important tip - FEED THE SOIL.....NOT THE PLANT!!



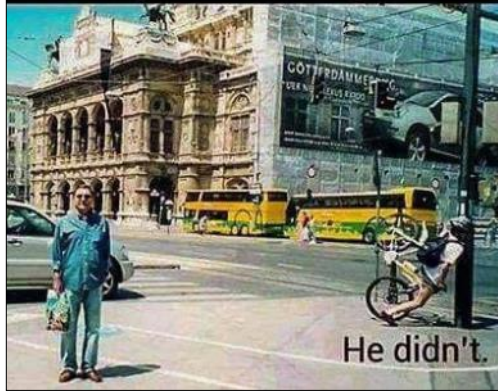
Funny Stuff



I've always wanted to own a pure bread horse

A bloke was standing by a kerb with his guide dog waiting to cross. The dog lifted it's leg and peed on the blokes leg. He bent down and began stroking the dog. A bloke standing next to him said - "why are you stroking him?" "To find out where his head is so I can kick his backside!"

Have you seen this post?



He didn't.

DORSIE JOKES

It's a shame nothing is made in Australia anymore. I just bought a new TV and it said "Built in Antenna". I don't even know where that is!

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Hi Darling. I'm down the pub with the lads having a quiet drink. Unfortunately someone just coughed everywhere so we have been quarantined. See you in 14 days.

Parents these days...

Eat those veggies or I'll change the wi-fi password.



# Poets Corner

## Pidgin 'Magpie'

For years we fed our Magpies  
until their numbers grew.  
But they've always stayed friendly  
Cos they knew we loved them too.

So I was working outside in the garden  
(and the weather had been pretty hot)  
When I heard a strange noise that surprised me  
and I couldn't figure out what.

A large 12 litre bucket, we'd put under the tap  
( - doing our bit to save water ! )  
It had slowly filled, past the half way point.  
(Saving water's what everyone ought'a)

From the bucket Dad Magpie poked up his head  
- just checking I wasn't too near.

Then back down again and splashing around,  
Popping up to check all was clear.

Two days later I was out in the garden again.  
When he flew to the bucket, - now drained.  
He walked over to me and warbled away  
And I knew I was being blamed!

So, rising slowly, I said, "Ok.  
I know exactly what you said"  
and filled the bucket and moved away.  
In a flash he was in and up to his head.

So now the bucket is kept half-full  
so he can enjoy his daily bath.  
The "Birdbath's" definitely not his style.  
for he doesn't do things by half !!



# (Not just for) KID'S STUFF

| SUDOKU PUZZLE - Solution next Bulletin |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| 8                                      |   |   |   |   | 6 |   | 3 |   |
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| SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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## Easter Word Search Puzzle

Y S E R U T C I P M I G X I T  
 D B D Y A S P R I N G N M M A  
 N Y R R P S O D O O G I I Y E  
 A E H E A P G W J R L R Y T S  
 C L Z I L B A G G Z Q O A F S  
 H L C T L I B H E B W L D L N  
 C O F A X U G I G A O O N B C  
 R W B Y G H D I T C S C U O S  
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BASKET  
 BONNETS  
 BUNNY  
 CANDY  
 CHILDREN  
 CHOCOLATE  
 CHURCH  
 COLORING  
 CROSS  
 DECORATIONS  
 DUCKS  
 EGGS  
 FUN  
 GOOD  
 HAPPY  
 JESUS  
 PICTURES  
 PINK  
 RABBIT  
 RELIGIOUS  
 RISEN  
 SPRING  
 SUNDAY  
 YELLOW

### MORE DORSIE JOKES

Two women at the old people's home were wondering what to wear to the fancy dress party that afternoon. "I know, why don't we liven things up a bit and go in the nude?" one said. "We'll streak through the party and give everyone a big surprise." The other woman agreed and so, as the partygoers gathered in the dining room for the fun, the pair burst into the room completely in the raw, ran through the crowd and out the door at the other end. Two old blokes watched as they raced past. One turned to the other and said, "Did you see those women run past us just then? What was their fancy dress costumes do you think?"

The other bloke replied, "I don't know, but whatever they were, they needed a bloody good ironing."