

Dargo Bush Bulletin

Christmas Edition

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Adding A little Christmas Cheer to the Town



On Tuesday just before the rains arrived

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



NEXT BULLETIN 25TH JANUARY

**Deadline for any submissions for the next Bush
Bulletin is COB Monday 22nd January**



COMMUNITY EVENTS

December

Sunday 24th - Dargo River Inn Wheel - Cemetery Trust

Sunday 24th - Dargo Hotel - Monster Raffle

Friday 29th - Dargo Hotel - Iain Archibald Band - 8.30pm - 12.30am

Saturday 30th - Dargo Hotel - New Years Eve 'Eve' with Three Chain Road - 8.30pm - 12.30am

Sunday 31st - Dargo Hotel - New Years Eve with Iain Archibald Band - 8.30pm - 12.30am

Sunday 31st - Dargo River Inn - New Years Eve with Ten Gallon Rush - 7.30pm - late

January

Sunday 7th - Dargo River Inn Wheel - Community House

Sunday 14th - Dargo River Inn Wheel - Hall Committee

Sunday 21st - Dargo River Inn Wheel - Bush Nursing Centre

Friday 26th - Dargo River Inn - Double Shot 7.00pm - late



We now have a new path leading into the Community house.

A big thank you to Heather Welsh for communicating our need for one to the shire.

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



Dargo Transfer Station Xmas Cheer

A big shout out to Joy Hurley for bringing Christmas to the Transfer station. Thanks Joy for your efforts we appreciate what you do!!!



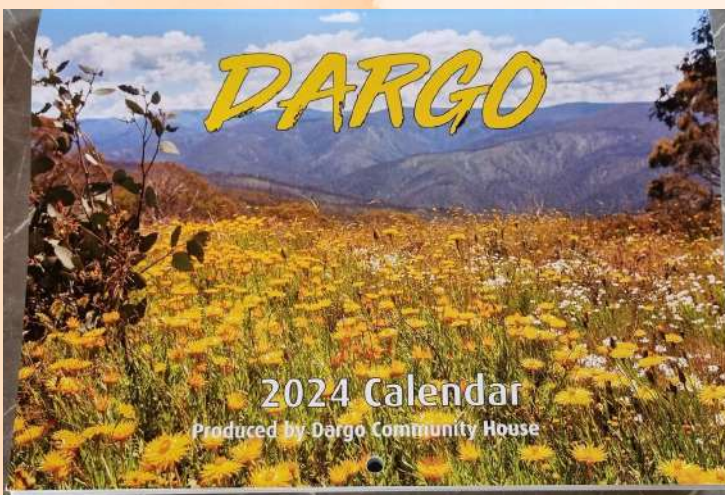
**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

**Yoga and Tai Chi
will be returning
to the Community House
early 2024**

Dargo Community House Calendars

On Sale now at the Dargo Community House,
General Store, Pub and River Inn

\$15 Each



December

22nd	Jayde Peters
23rd	Jan Roberts
	Eli Campbell
24th	Tyler Ellis
25th	Rosie Freeman
28th	Sally Melbourne
29th	Sue O'Brien
30th	Petra Eldred
	Terry Riley

January

1st	James Kinley
2nd	Emma Paul
	Elaine Wellins
4th	Lee Bila
9th	Kim Gibbon
13th	Rebecca Radford
17th	Harley McWaters
22nd	Doreen Sherwell
24th	Lorraine Paul
	Wally Gibbs





Christmas Community House Lunch

The Community House hosted our Christmas Community lunch on Friday 8th December at the Dargo Hotel.

A big thank you to all who attended it was a lovely afternoon.

We would like to extend our thanks to Helen and her staff at the hotel who provided us with a beautiful roast lunch and desserts. The service was amazing, thank you.

We had a few door prizes to give away and the lucky winners were Pam Bila, Emile Theodorou and Heather Welsh.



DARGO IRIS GARDEN CLOSES DOWN

Iris Season 2023 is finished, and once again highly successful, with lots of regular buyers coming to Dargo to make their final purchases and enjoying more great Dargo hospitality. We have enjoyed the company of gardeners from Portland, Warnambool, Geelong, Bendigo, Maryborough, also Narcoma, Bega, Eden, Orbost and many places in between, plus postages to Tasmania. Many were first time visitors to Dargo.

Sue's "hobby" began over 30 years ago, with just a few Tall Bearded Irises, but changed dramatically in 2010, when we first had an 'open' garden weekend as prompted by family and friends. From there it continued to grow, more new plants, lots more pots and visitor numbers increased. We have sold through retail outlets in Sale and Bairnsdale, and at markets in Wellington and East Gippsland Shires. It has been a fantastic experience, but time for a change.

The business has been 'sold' to an enthusiastic couple in Wy Yung, so all will be relocated in the next few months - Lots to do!! Laurita and Mark are currently very busy preparing beds and garden areas, specifically to grow/sell this beautiful flower.

We will maintain selected breeding stock, and continue to cross-pollinate them in an endeavour to breed some new, strong and hopefully spectacular new cultivars. The photo's below are some of our latest cultivars, first flowered in 2023.



We have learned a lot, and this move will bring Irises back to "Hobby" status for us. We will give Laurita and Mark, as much assistance and information to help make their new venture a success.



One of the highlights, has been the success with an early cultivar that Sue bred. A beautiful blue flower which we named "Little Jim" in memory of Sarah and Scott Carr's son, who was lost to "SIDS" at 14 months old. All of the proceeds from the sale of that cultivar are donated to the "Red Nose" Society, with intent to, in some small way, ease the pain for others who have endured that trauma, while continuing to research for reasons and a cure! Our payment this year takes the total to nearly \$1500, of which we are very proud.

We must extend sincere thanks to those local businesses who have given support, to those owners past and present from Dargo Hotel, Dargo General Store, Dargo River Inn, Dargo Motel for allowing us to display posters/flyers and vases of Irises at their business. Thanks heaps for your support.

To family and friends who have pitched in when needed - "L" Plates included!!

Special thanks to Kaz Kane, who while at Neighbourhood House for most of our years, gave us lots of support and encouragement, through Promos, Flyers and comment. Most appreciated.

So too more recently Tracey Bower and the Dargo Community House.

We will miss our regular visitors, even though some have threatened 'We know where you live.'

It really has been a wonderful venture.



Thanks,
Happy Gardening.
Hughie and Sue Sherritt.



Gow's Halfway Hotel Dargo High Plains (ABC Landline by Tim Lee) - 9 Nov 2023

Now just a pile of black basalt among a thicket of gnarly elderberry trees, the ruins of Gow's Hotel on the Dargo High Plains lie in an alpine meadow, ringed by stunted snow gums.

It was also known as the Halfway Hotel, as it was equidistant between Harrietville, Victoria, on the north side of the Great Dividing Range and Dargo on the southern side, an arduous 20-kilometre journey in either direction.

In the warmer months, this outpost in the wilderness was a welcome halt for exhausted travellers.

And in the snow-blanketed winters, it was often a lifesaving refuge for the famished and frostbitten.



The hotel was once a bustling local hub for many, but by 1926 it was no more. (Supplied: Victoria State Library)

A long-forgotten hotel

The hotel sprang up during a gold rush in the 1860s, dispensing dubious liquor and rudimentary meals to raucous diggers.

One account describes a grimy shanty where pigs and chickens foraged at the feet of diners for fallen morsels.

The Gow family took over the hotel in the 1890s and soon earned a fine reputation for their industry, resourcefulness and hospitality.

They provided meals and lodging and ran a grocery store, supplying everything from mining equipment to horse feed.

The hotel's mainstay customers were goldminers until 1920.

By then, mining had all but ended and the hotel closed its doors and quickly fell into disrepair.

Remembering the past

Last weekend in the crisp mountain air, the historical hotel site was again alive with people — descendants no less, of its publicans Richard and Martha Gow.

They came to pay homage to the past, and to present a ledger from the hotel to a representative of the local Stratford Historical Society.

The ledger provides a unique window into early European settlement and the lives of the people in this remote, tough part of Australia.

Martine Eames, whose grandmother Ivy was one of Richard and Martha's nine children, performed the handover.

Ivy inherited the ledger and bequeathed it to Martine's mother Noel.

"She [Noel] had kept it for some years and when she passed away in 2019, I had a discussion with my brother and we decided the significance of the ledger would benefit more people than just ourselves," Ms Eames said.

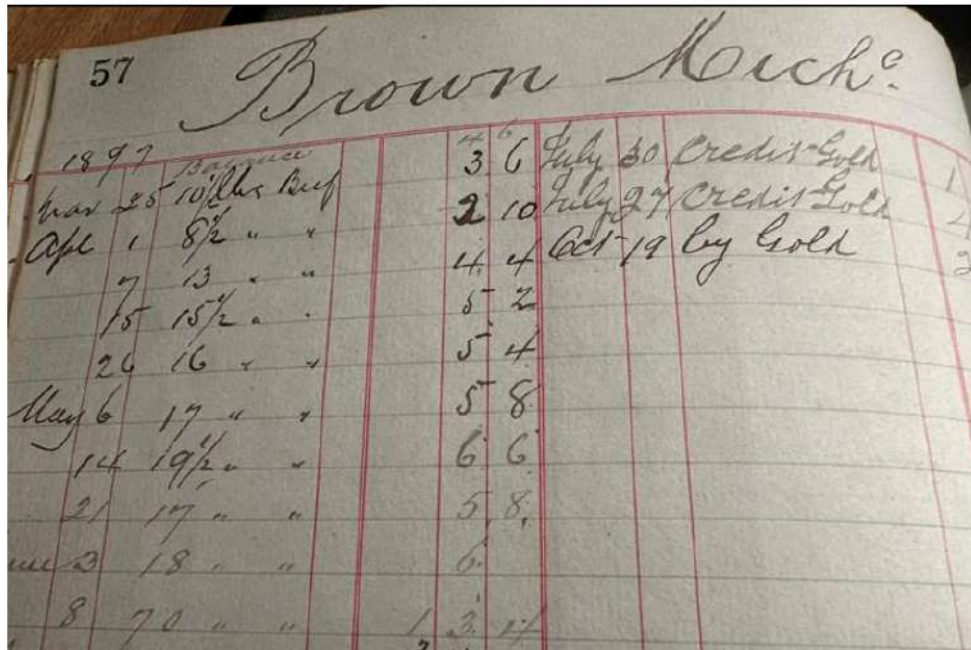
The contents of the ledger

The leather-bound book spans the years from 1897 to 1901 and has almost 500 pages of copperplate entries for dozens of customers.

Among them were goldminers, some of whom paid their bills with gold, road contractors, stockmen, local residents and travellers.

Bill Jackson, a longtime local from nearby Maffra, said the Gows kept the hotel open 12 months of the year, "right through the winter snow season".

"There's stories of mailmen getting lost in the snow ... getting frostbite and getting rescued, so a very tough environment," he said.



Brown Koch		
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May 6	17 "	
14	19 1/2 "	
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Mr Jackson was thrilled to discover the existence of the ledger.

"I was blown away by the information," he said.

The inventory provides clues to the everyday hardships of the age — meals of boiled beef, beef hearts, tails and kidneys — along with sales of liquor and food staples such as flour and salt.

Back then, the alpine road was barely fit for a buggy, so supplies were often lugged for many kilometres by packhorse.

"There are so many names in it and it's lovely speaking to local people around this area who can recognise the names ... and can tell us more stories about other families," Ms Eames said.

Owen Cummins of Dargo appears in the ledger in 1898, paying for meals and a bed.

A renowned horseman, some of his relatives believe Cummins was the inspiration for Banjo Paterson's famous Man From Snowy River poem.

He was in the company of a local cattlemen, Lew Reford, so it's likely they were droving cattle across the High Plains.



Richard Gow, proprietor of the Halfway Hotel in the Victorian High Country. (Supplied)

Stories of a simple life

Alpine mailman James Adam, who at the time delivered the mail from Harrietville to Dargo, is also mentioned.

He carried the post on horseback until he encountered snow on the higher slopes — at which point he donned rudimentary snowshoes, gripped snow poles and slung on a backpack, for a three-day return journey in all weather, even blizzards.

Hotel owner Richard "Dickie" Gow was familiar with such travails.

He and other family members spent their boyhoods as alpine mailmen, as well as mustering cattle on their snow country lease.

In 1876 young Dickie was delivering the mail to Omeo and Dargo when his horse kicked out, knocking him to the ground and breaking his leg in two places below the knee.

Undeterred, the 13-year-old was determined to get the mail through.

"I love the story that he crawled one mile or hopped one mile to catch the horse and extended the stirrup down so he could reach it and climb back on," Mr Jackson said.

"That was written up in the national papers at the time."

While the young boy's extraordinary courage was rightly praised, a few weeks later his father Donald wrote to the local paper respectfully asking that one crucial detail be corrected — his son had only hopped with his broken leg for half a mile.

It's just one story illustrating the fortitude of these alpine people.

From settlement to ghost town

In 1898, gold mining in the high country seemed set to again boom and the Gows opened a post office at the hotel, by then a cluster of buildings, including a store and a butcher's shop.

Ultimately it came to little. The region's remoteness and confounding geology thwarted their valiant endeavours, and small alpine settlements such as Gow's became ghost towns.



Today, there's not much to see at the site of the Gow's Hotel in Dargo High Plains. *(ABC Landline: Tim Lee)*

The ledger will be professionally scanned and digitised by the neighbouring East Gippsland Historical Society so its precious contents can be made easily accessible to all.

After a weekend of sharing stories of pioneering days, Ms Eames and her wider family have a new appreciation of their hardy forebears.

Dargo cattle's journey up to the Dargo High Plains

It's that time of year again where the cattle are taken up to the Dargo high plains where they will spend the Summer and be bought back down before the Winter cold arrives.

The Treasure family is one of the most prominent names of Victoria's high country. The family has had a presence on the Dargo High Plains since 1878 when George and Emily Treasure moved their young family there on packhorses from a goldfield in Victoria's north-east.

The Treasure family have been making this journey for generations and I am sure for generations to come.
The tradition continues.





Colour & Creativity 2024

Join Madelaine for a fun afternoon connecting with your creative side. Using acrylic paint on stretched canvas and coloured ink on paper we will explore, create and play.

CatholicCare Victoria's Bushfire Community Recovery Service provides mental health and wellbeing support to communities across East Gippsland. Art is a fun and therapeutic activity great for calming the mind and body, developing self-awareness, and cultivating mental wellbeing.

✓ No experience necessary

✓ Free workshop

✓ All materials supplied

Dargo Community House

4th Wednesday of each month

1 - 3pm

- 28 February
- 27 March
- 24 April
- 22 May
- 26 June

- All materials supplied
- No previous art experience needed
- Bring a love of colour
- All levels

RSVP

Dargo Community House
Bookings essential

Tracey: 5140 1333

Email: dargoch3862@gmail.com

We ask that all participants follow social distancing and face mask regulations.



Bushfire Community Recovery Service
Gippsland, VIC
T 1800 522 076

www.ccam.org.au



THE DARGO & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB PRESENTS



KIDS FISHING FUN DAY

2024

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2024

WHERE: DARGO OVAL BESIDE THE HALL

10AM WELCOME FAMILY, FRIENDS, FISHCARE MEMBERS ETC BY CLUB REP. INCLUDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPONSORS

FISH CARE TEAM TO RUN WORKSHOP ON RULES, REGULATIONS AND WHYS AND WHEREFORE OF FISHING

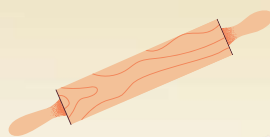
11 A.M. DIRECT ALL OVER THE BRIDGE TO THE RIVER SO KIDS CAN TRY THEIR HAND WITH ASSISTANCE FROM VOLUNTEERS AND CLUB REPS

12 NOON RETURN TO HALL WHERE A FREE BBQ LUNCH AND BOTTLED WATER FOR ALL.

12.30 FISHING GAMES... BUCKETS/GUM BOOTS AND LUCKY TICKET PRIZES

1.30 CLOSE AND THANKS ETC

**HEY MUM & DAD...
RING YOUR KIDS ALONG FOR THIS FREE FUN
DAY AND LEARN LOTS ABOUT FISHING**



Churro Nutella Christmas Tree (Pastry Tree)

Churro Nutella Christmas Tree is a stunning 5-ingredient centrepiece for your Christmas dessert table! The BEST Churro tasting tree without any of the effort of making your own Churro dough!

AN ORIGINAL CAFE DELITES CREATION!



Prep Time
15 mins

Cook Time
25 mins

Total Time
40 mins

★★★★★
5 from 10 votes

Course: Dessert Cuisine: American Keyword: nutella christmas tree Servings: 10 people Calories: 310kcal
Author: Karina

Ingredients

- 2 sheets puff pastry, semi-frozen
- 2 tablespoons 50g nutella
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon sugar (or 1 tablespoon sugar mixed with 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon)

Instructions

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a Silpat mat.
2. Cut out both puff pastry sheets in the shape of a Christmas tree. Evenly spread Nutella on one sheet of pastry. Place the other cut out sheet of puff pastry on top.
3. Transfer to baking sheet. Cut slits on both sides spacing them about 1-inch apart (or about 2 cm), leaving the centre intact.
4. Twist each strip of pastry twice, pressing the ends into the baking sheet. Cut out two star shapes with the leftover pastry, spread one with Nutella and place the other on top like a sandwich. Place the star on the top of the tree.
5. Brush pastry with egg yolk mixed with a little water. Bake for 25-30 minutes at 400°F (200°C) until golden.
6. Allow to cool for 5 minutes. Lightly brush pastry with the melted butter (you may not use it all), and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

Nutrition

Calories: 310kcal | Carbohydrates: 25g | Protein: 4g | Fat: 21g | Saturated Fat: 6g | Cholesterol: 22mg | Sodium: 124mg | Potassium: 44mg | Sugar: 3g | Vitamin A: 60IU | Calcium: 11mg | Iron: 1.5mg



Opening Hours

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
23-24

Friday 22nd December	9am - 5pm
Saturday 23rd December	CLOSED
Sunday 24th December	CLOSED
Monday 25th December	CLOSED
Tuesday 26th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 27th December	9am - 5pm
Thursday 28th December	9am - 5pm
Friday 29th December	9am - 5pm
Saturday 30th December	CLOSED
Sunday 31st December	CLOSED
Monday 1st January	CLOSED
Tuesday 2nd January	9am - 5pm



Always call 000 in a medical emergency

From all the Staff & Board members at the BNC, we wish everyone a Happy & Safe Festive season!

Snake Bite Kits

\$30

Everything you need for first aid treatment of a Snake Bite

Perfect as a Christmas gift for your
Car - Camping Trip - Home - Farm
Fishing - Bush Walking

**WITH THE WEATHER
WARMING UP SNAKES ARE
ABOUT. WE ALWAYS
RECOMMEND YOU HAVE A
SNAKE BITE KIT HANDY
WHEREVER YOU GO.**

Available for purchase now at the BNC

DARGO BUSH NURSING CENTRE

72 LIND AVENUE, DARGO VIC 3862



OPENING HOURS: (AS OF DECEMBER 2023)

Monday	9am - 5pm
Tuesday	9am - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Thursday	9am - 5pm
Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed



Bairnsdale Regional Health Service has the nearest Emergency Department



Contact the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department for any non life-threatening health concerns: www.vved.org.au

**ALWAYS CALL 000
IN A MEDICAL
EMERGENCY**

Phone:
03 51502 420
0498 514 012

Email:
dargobnc@gha.net.au






In November we farewelled Peter Quin, our RFDS Wellbeing Counsellor after years of providing care to clients in Dargo.

Pete established wonderful connections with staff and clients at the BNC and we will all miss him greatly!



Who's Working When - December/January

Note - Nurses and hours are subject to change

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
25th Dec  Christmas Day CLOSED	26th Dec  Boxing Day CLOSED	27th Dec Anna & Kim	28th Dec Kim & Megan	29th Dec Megan & Sarah
1st Jan  New Years Day CLOSED	2nd Jan Anna & Kim	3rd Jan Megan & Sarah	4th Jan Megan & Sarah	5th Jan Megan & Sarah
8th Jan Anna & Kim	9th Jan Kim & Sarah	10th Jan Megan & Sarah	11th Jan Megan & Sarah	12th Jan Megan
15th Jan Kim	16th Jan Kim & Sarah	17th Jan Megan & Sarah	18th Jan Megan & Sarah	19th Jan Megan
22nd Jan Kim & Megan	23rd Jan Megan & Sarah	24th Jan Megan & Sarah	25th Jan Kim, Megan & Sarah	26th Jan Australia Day CLOSED



VICTORIAN VIRTUAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (VVED)

We will help everyone to 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. Simply scan the QR code opposite on your phone camera for the link to register and you will pop into the virtual waiting room to be consulted by a Health Professional.



Our Nurses had an awesome training session with Hannah and Kate from the Australian Centre for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer (ACPCC). The session was around the self-collection option for all routine cervical screening for people aged 25 to 74 (This is the “old Pap smear”).

Did you know:

- HPV (Human papillomavirus) is the leading cause of cervical cancer

- The self-collection swab picks up any HPV in your vagina

- If HPV is detected your GP will let you know and follow up tests may be ordered

- It can take 10-15 years for HPV to cause cell changes that may develop into cervical cancer (that’s why you need to have the test done every 5 years)

The BNC will expand our services next year to include self-collection testing with guidance from our Nurses!

You can grab a pathology slip from your GP and do the test at the Centre, the Nurses will then send it off for you.

If you have any questions about self-collection please ask our team.



BREAST SCREEN BUS TRIP

This month we gathered a wonderful group of women to travel to Sale BreastScreen for our annual BreastScreen Bus Trip! By going annually, we are capturing all the alternating 2 yearly due screens. We extend our thanks to Sale BreastScreen. Once again, they were so welcoming and helpful with our group booking.

We enjoyed a lovely Morning Tea at the Port of Sale with some delicious Boobie Cupcakes from Ash's Edible Artworks! Not only were they an absolutely novelty with all the different boobies but they were just so YUM! All guests received a gift bag, full of information, goodies and yummy lollies thanks to Lolly Kingdom in Sale.

Thank you to the team at Dysons, and our driver Frank for his patience and willingness to chauffeur us around for the day. there may have been a little oopsie flat tyre on the way home, thank goodness for the passing school bus!

To Gippsland PHN for funding our Maximising Cancer Screening Project. Your support to plan and provide these wonderful trips and opportunities means that we are definitely maximising our community's access to cancer screening!



LOVE YOUR LIVER

High Tea in the Garden



Last week we hosted a High Tea to promote our "Love Your Liver" health campaign! Thanks to Gippsland PHN offering funds to run the Maximising Cancer Screening Project. This High Tea finished the project beautifully!

Guests ate delicious cakes and sandwiches lovingly prepared by Joan, and enjoyed a morning of socialising and learning about Liver health.

Included in the information provided was:

- What does the liver do
- How we can care for our liver
- Talking to GP's about liver screening and health checks
- What is Hepatitis and how we can be checked and vaccinated for this

A big thank you to Gippsland PHN for funding this project, the Dargo Community House and Emily & Emile Theodorou for the use of their marquees, Margie Knott for letting us use some of her amazing flowers and to everyone who came along!

A special mention to the gorgeous Tracey Bower and her amazing bonnet! Tracey unfortunately couldn't make it due to a clash with another appointment but she certainly had without a doubt the best bonnet of the day with a bit of help from daughter Kasey. Tracey is hereby crowned our High Tea Bonnet Parade Champion!!!





WELCOME!

We are excited to welcome Mick Eccles as a new member of the DBNC Board! Mick brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience!



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)
Phil Davies (Secretary)
Terry Riley (Vice President)
Jeff Stuart
Kylie Antonopoulos
Romi Bitar
Mick Eccles



Our Community Consumer Representatives 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



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!

DARGO COMMUNITY GARDEN

A working bee held recently has the garden beds in really good shape for summer vegies.

Radish, Carrot and Coriander seeds have sprouted and are growing well. Tomato and Okra are also booming, along with zucchini, squash & cucumbers.

Feel free to pick some Rhubarb, Silver beet or herbs if you are passing through.

The greenhouse is going really well and Landcare has a selection of native trees and herbs sale at \$2.00 per pot. Truss Cherry tomato and strawberry plants are also ready for sale. Big Red Geraniums and Strawberry plants are \$4.00 each.

You will notice Currajong trees in larger pots - not quite ready for sale yet.

Anyone is most welcome to plant produce in the garden beds with free space. Remember, this is your garden and anyone is welcome to plant, pick or weed at their own leisure..

An honesty box will soon be provided for those wishing to purchase plants from the greenhouse.

Looking forward to a flourishing garden this summer & fresh ideas from anyone in the community with regards to types of plants preferred.

**Merry Xmas & Happy New Year
Cheers**

A special thank you to Irrigear from Tinamba for donating the greenhouse sprinkler system



Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning

JOKE



A boy walks up to his dad with great news: he's fallen in love and going to ask out a girl.

"Who is it!" the dad asks excited. "Kate, the girl who lives next door."

The father explains that he had an affair with the neighbor a long time ago, and he can't date Kate because she is his sister...

The boy is crushed and won't leave his room for days. His mother gets worried and goes to ask what is wrong. "I can't date the girl I love because Dad says she's my sister," he says.

Happy she can solve the problem the mom says:

"Oh don't worry darling! You can date anyone you want. He isn't your father!"

Three men die on Christmas Eve and go to heaven, where they're met by Saint Peter. "In order to get in," he tells them, "you must each produce something representative of the holidays."

The first man digs into his pockets and pulls out a match and lights it. "This represents a candle of hope." Impressed, Peter lets him in.

The second man pulls out a tangle of keys and shakes them. "These are bells." He's allowed in too.

"So," Peter says to the third man, "what do you have?"

The third man proudly shows him a pair of red panties.

"What do these have to do with Christmas?" asks Peter.

"They're Carol's."

Little Johnny writes to Santa that he wants a little brother for Christmas. Santa responds back, "Okay. Send me your mother."

Santa's gonna have a Merry Christmas too.

The teacher asks the class why God created man first. Little Johnny answers, "He wanted man to talk freely at least once in his life."

The teacher asks the class, "how far have you gone with your homework?" Little Johnny answers, "About 8 kilometers, Miss. I went home with it and came back with it today."

An old married couple are in church one Sunday when the woman turns to her husband and says, "I've just let out a really long, silent fart. What should I do?"

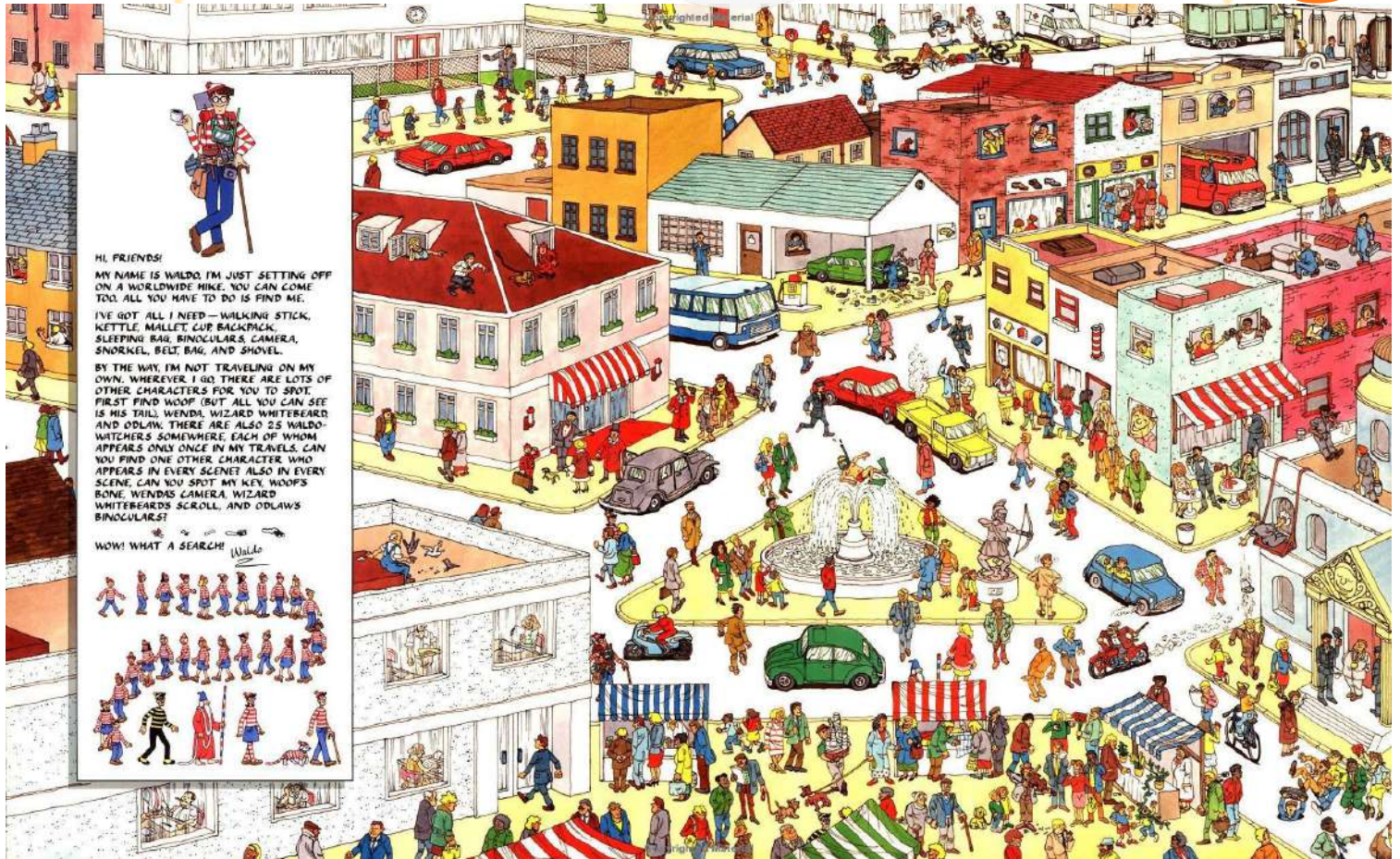
The husband turned to her and said, "Replace the battery in your hearing aid."

"My senior relatives liked to tease me at weddings, saying things like, 'You'll be next!' They stopped once I started doing the same to them at funerals."

Ho ho ho!



Kids Page



Christmas Wordsearch

Can you find all the festive words?

A	R	E	I	N	D	E	E	R	R	H	C
E	Y	H	C	L	L	S	L	E	I	G	H
K	S	N	T	H	E	L	A	Q	F	N	S
A	D	A	P	O	L	L	Y	N	X	H	T
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BELLS
HOLLY
NATIVITY
PRESENTS

REINDEER
ROBIN
SANTA
SLEIGH

SNOWFLAKE
SNOWMAN
STOCKING
TURKEY



Christmas Riddles

Be The First To Match The Riddle To The Correct Answer.

- What do you get if you cross Santa with a Detective?
- What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents?
- What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
- What do monkeys sing at Christmas?
- What kind of people are afraid of Santa Claus?
- What did Santa change his name to after sliding down a chimney where the fire was still burning?
- What do you call Santa when he has no money?
- Why did the Christmas cookie go to the doctor?
- Where do Snow-Women like to dance?
- What is a snowman's favorite lunch?
- What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?
- How do sheep say Merry Christmas in Mexico?
- What did the buck say to the doe on Xmas Day?
- Why was Santa's elf depressed?
- What goes Oh! Oh! Oh!
- What did Adam say the day before Christmas?
- What do elves learn in school?
- Who delivers Christmas presents to dogs?

- Claus-trophobics
- Santa Paws
- It was feeling crummy.
- Merry Xmas, Deer!
- Crisp Kringle
- Santa walking backwards.
- Saint Nickel-less
- At Snow-balls
- The elf-abet
- A cookie sheet
- Low 'elf-esteem
- Silent Night
- Fleece Navidad
- An ice-burger
- A Christmas quacker
- It's Christmas, Eve
- Santa Clues
- Jungle Bells

TOTAL CORRECT ANSWERS

Last month's solutions

Crossword Solution from 24th November

1	A	N	T	I		5	B	L	O	N	D		10	C	E	D	E
14	C	O	O	N		15	R	A	T	T	Y		16	H	E	A	R
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25	S	P	L	A	S	H		28	M	E	A	T	L	O	A	F	
33	C	L	O	N	K		34	P	E	N	N		35	F	R	O	
36	H	E	A	D	S	T	R	A	I	G	H	T	F	O	R		
40	W	A	D			41	A	O	N	E		42	I	B	E	A	M
43	A	S	S	E	M	B	L	Y		46	S	T	A	R	R	S	
					47	L	A	S	E		48	C	U	M			
49	S	H	R	U	G			52	A	R	R	E	S	T	E	D	
57	H	E	A	D	I	N	G	D	U	E	N	O	R	T	H		
60	M	E	T	E		61	Y	O	D	E	L		62	T	U	N	A
63	O	D	E	S		64	C	O	Y	L	Y		65	S	E	A	L

Sudoku Solution from 24th November

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

SUDOKU

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

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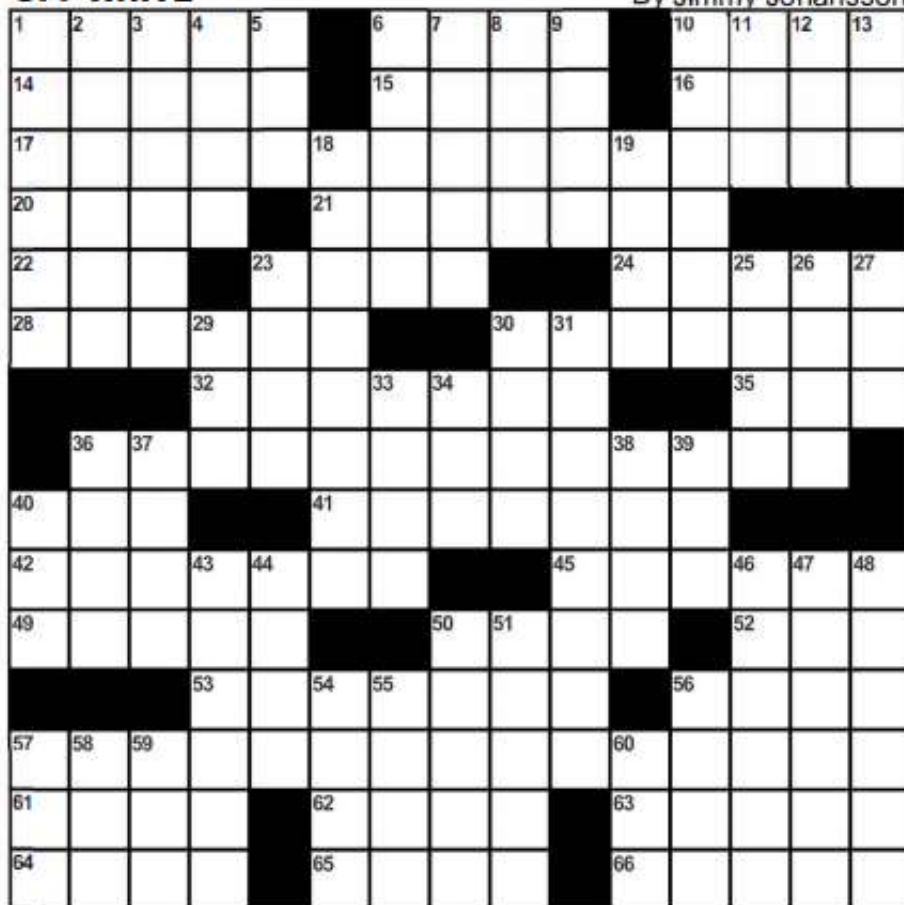
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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) Small brown singers | 40) Hitchhiking seed (Var.) |
| 6) Faux | 41) Discharged from a body |
| 10) Assign a rank to | 42) Swagger |
| 14) Eagle's home | 45) Miserable soul |
| 15) It's a lo-o-o-ong story | 49) Computer programmer |
| 16) Skunk's defense | 50) Toe the line |
| 17) Dripping wet | 52) P, on a fraternity sweater |
| 20) Basilica projection | 53) Shoulder blade |
| 21) Opening in a football helmet | 56) Kind of personality |
| 22) Drone | 57) Beaded gem |
| 23) Trapper's prize | 61) Steakhouse order |
| 24) Brain alternative | 62) Box tops |
| 28) Part of the foot | 63) Kitchenette fixture |
| 30) Providing few specifics | 64) Gem with a play of colors |
| 32) "Yada yada yada" | 65) Las Vegas opening |
| 35) Belg. was in it | 66) Come on stage |
| 36) McCartney-Wonder hit | |

DOWN

- 1) Asian mustard plant
- 2) Look into again, as a case
- 3) Removes, in a way
- 4) Big name in sneakers
- 5) "___ you later!"
- 6) Kind of position
- 7) To the left, at sea
- 8) Kin's companion
- 9) Canyon sound effect
- 10) "Addicted to Love" singer Palmer
- 11) Bustling about
- 12) Great amount
- 13) Bard's "before"
- 18) Bred-in-the-bone
- 19) Central European waterway
- 23) Brown alternative
- 25) Super server
- 26) Byproduct of cheesemaking
- 27) Home to JFK airport
- 29) Lao-Tze's "Way"
- 30) Lays a new lawn
- 31) Gentle cycle items
- 33) Starchy palm
- 34) I, in Roman numerals
- 36) Widely used currency
- 37) Thin wire nail
- 38) VIP component?
- 39) Middle of a yodel?
- 40) U.K. TV network
- 43) Any watercraft
- 44) Duke or bishop preceder
- 46) AWOL
- 47) Battlefield shout of old
- 48) Whoop
- 50) Run circles around
- 51) Divinely favored (Var.)
- 54) Hole makers
- 55) Mopping need
- 56) College faculty head
- 57) To and ___
- 58) Dr. Dre's thing
- 59) Historical time unit
- 60) "Before" indicator

OFF-WHITE

By Jimmy Johansson



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Interesting Facts

- The average four year-old child asks over four hundred questions a day.
- Multiple "Marlboro Men" have died from lung cancer.
- Of all the people in history that have reached 65 years of age, half of them are living right now.
- A mosquito has 47 teeth.
- The longest interval between the birth of twins is 87 days.
- A mouse can fit through a hole the size of a ballpoint pen.
- Airplane food isn't very tasty because our sense of smell and taste decrease by 20 to 50 percent during flights.

Brain Teasers I

I am something people love or hate. I change people's appearances and thoughts. If a person takes care of them self I will go up even higher. To some people, I will fool them. To others, I am a mystery. Some people might want to try and hide me but I will show. No matter how hard people try I will Never go down. What am I?

What can run, but never walks. Has a mouth, but never talks. Has a head, but never weeps. Has a bed, but never sleeps?

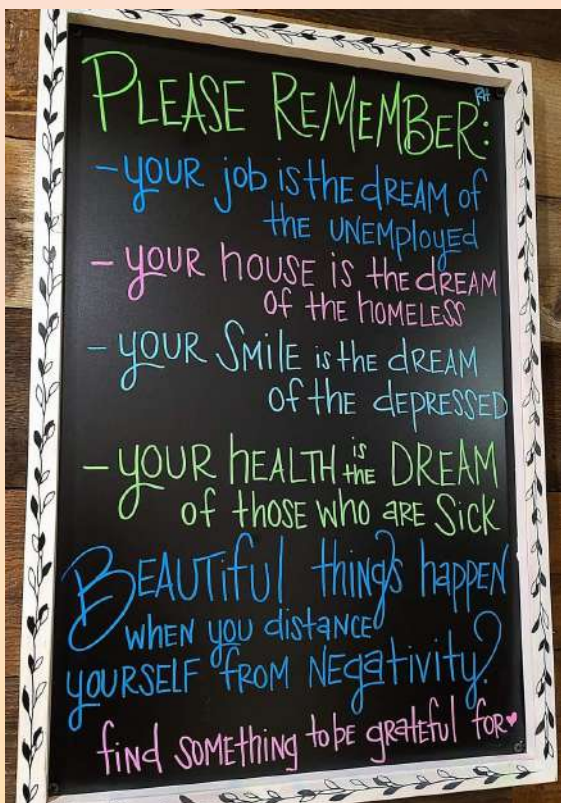
Im white, and used for cutting and grinding. When Im damaged, humans usually remove me or fill me. For most animals I am a useful tool. What am I?

The person who makes it has no need for it. The person who purchases it does not use it. The person who does use it does not know he or she is. What is it?

First, think of the color of the clouds. Next, think of the color of the snow. Now, think of the color of a bright full moon. Now answer quickly: what do cows drink?

You're escaping a maze, and there are three doors in front of you. The door on the left leads to a pit of lava. The door in the center leads to a room filled with deadly gas. The door on the right leads to a lion that hasn't eaten in three months. Which door do you choose?

Forever Grateful



38. Which balls should you put in the hole in order to total 30?



A red house is made from red bricks. A blue house is made from blue bricks. A yellow house is made from yellow bricks. What is a green house made from?

You're in a dark room with a candle, a wood stove, and a gas lamp. You only have one match, so what do you light first?

Answers will be in next month's edition of the bulletin

Dargo Flat Cemetery Trust

Bedrocks – Ashes Area



Dargo Flat Cemetery Trust wishes to advise that it has recently purchased several bedrocks to commence an ashes area within the cemetery grounds.

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