



DARGO BUSH BULLETIN



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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

DECEMBER

Friday 16th - Dargo Pub wheel-CFA

Sunday 18th - Dargo River Inn wheel-
Neighbourhood House

Friday 23rd - Dargo Hotel wheel- ?

Saturday 24th - Monster Raffle
at the Dargo Hotel



DARGO RIVER INN CRAZY WHEEL

The Dargo River Inn has notified us that they will not be hosting the Crazy Wheel from Christmas Day through to after Easter 2023 due to staff shortages, however Happy Hour - Sundays 5pm - 6pm will remain the same.

DARGO HOTEL HAPPY WHEEL

Please check with the Hotel staff as to when your group is scheduled to run the wheel in the New Year. We will have dates again in the next BB once we receive them.

Check out pages 15 - 19 to see what all our local community groups and other organisations are up to!



The Committee of Management of the Dargo & District Community Group Inc. (Dargo Neighbourhood House) would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas filled with happiness and cheer, and the very best of everything throughout the coming year.

It's a tough time of the year for some, especially those who have lost loved ones.

So take care and be kind to one another.

The Neighbourhood House will be closed from Monday 19th December 2022 until Friday 3rd February 2023, reopening Monday 6th February 2023. The next newsletter will be published 10th February 2023.

See you all in 2023

NEXT BULLETIN
10th February 2023

Happy Anniversary!



Rex & Donna BLACKMORE

17th December

Sue & Hughie SHERRITT

5th February

Megan & Damian LEE

7th February



LAST CHANCE

The Dargo Bush Nurse Centre has extended the deadline to get your **'Additional Services Building Design - Community Consultation'** survey form in with any ideas, suggestions etc. you may have for YOUR new building at the Bush Nursing Centre.

This is so very important for your future and the future of the Centre, so please take the time, have a look at the 'proposed' building design and fill in the form then return to the BNC **before the 10th January 2023.**

Forms can be collected and dropped off at the BNC during open hours; left in their letter box; or emailed or posted.

OBITUARY

Dianne (Di) BANFIELD

After a long and hard battle, Di passed away peacefully on December 8th 2022.

The celebration of Dianne's life will be at the Cowes Golf Club 23-44 Settlement Road, Cowes on Monday 19th Dec at 12 noon.

On behalf of the Dargo Community, we offer our sincere sympathy to Rick and all the family and friends of both Rick and Di.

Rest in Peace Di

(Information taken from the facebook page of Rick Banfield)



DECEMBER

16th	Luke Cooke
	Travis Knott
17th	Darren Websdale
	Sharon Woods
	Leah Blackmore
18th	Glenn Heather (Mower man)
19th	Braiden Winter
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
13th	Rebecca Radford
17th	Harley McWaters
22nd	Doreen Sherwell
24th	Lorraine Paul
	Wally Gibbs
27th	Christine Campbell
28th	Charles Paul

FEBRUARY

2nd	Nicole Davies
5th	Alan Paul
6th	Margaret Knott
7th	Daniel Websdale
	Rick Forbes
10th	Narelle Radford
12th	Evie Knott
13th	Hayden Kane
16th	Lomond Freeman
22nd	Shane Paul
	Thomas Winter



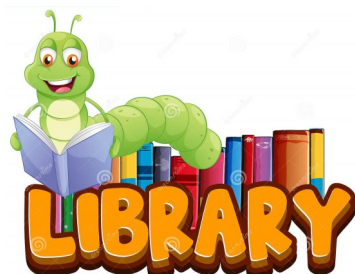
The Dargo Bush Bulletin would like to acknowledge the Gunaikurnai People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.



The **Dargo Neighbourhood House** is supported by DFFH Vic. We are members of the East Gippsland Network of Neighbourhood Houses (EGNNH), Neighbourhood Houses Vic (NHVIC) and Community Newspaper Assoc. of Vic (CNAV)



COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Dargo Neighbourhood House has an extensive supply of fiction [**literature created from the imagination**] and non fiction [**literature based in fact**] books to borrow or swap.

Everyone is welcome to come down to DNH and browse with the intention of taking one or ten away and if you have some to donate, then they would be gratefully accepted

The DNH library is available to everyone in the community.

Our library is FULL at the moment, so thank you to everyone who has contributed books and DVD's. We have a good range of kids movies now.

COMMUNITY GYM

The community gym is located at the 'old' Neighbourhood House building behind the Public Hall.

This facility is available, free of charge, for all members of the Dargo community.

If anyone has gym or fitness equipment they no longer use or want, please consider donating it to DNH.

To find out more information and how to gain access call 5140 1333, or the new DNH mobile number 0488 035 133 or email dnh333@bigpond.com



Card Craft, Jigsaw Puzzle AND Diamond Dotz Group - every Tuesday from 10.30am until 3.30pm at the Neighbourhood House - All welcome to join in, or just come in and have a cuppa and chat. The Neighbourhood House has some jigsaw puzzles and Diamond Dotz kits but you're welcome to bring your own.

DISCLAIMER

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.

CONTACT- Please send 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)

ID QUIZ !

The Dargo Neighbourhood House in conjunction with, and sponsored by:
Bill Campbell, Sheryl Mulvey, Pam Bila, John Tidey & Lee Viktorin,
Dargo Iris Farm (H & S Sherritt) Rita McMahon & Kaz Kane



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS



AND we have a WINNER !!

Only one correct entry was received and
that was from Emily Theodorou guessed
it is a Egg Slicer

Congratulations !



There will be new ID Quiz in the next Bush Bulletin (Feb 2023)

Thank you to all who have participated in our Quiz throughout 2022.

Conditions of Entry:- **NOTE DEADLINE**

All answers must reach the Neighbourhood House by

Monday 12 noon prior to the next Bulletin being published.

Incorrect answers will be discarded, and all 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, however if no correct entries are received after the first clue, then the prize will jackpot with each subsequent edition of the Bush Bulletin with a second or third clue etc until there is a winner.



DARGO TIP TIMES

WEDNESDAYS 1pm to 4pm

SATURDAYS 1pm to 5pm

SUNDAYS 10am to 3pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 10am to 3pm





Merry Christmas

From all of us here at the Bush Nursing Centre.....MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

We hope everyone has a relaxing, safe and very happy Christmas and New Year.

May 2023 be a year to restore and revive us all, with lots of laughter and joy in our lives.

Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2023!



Who's Working When?

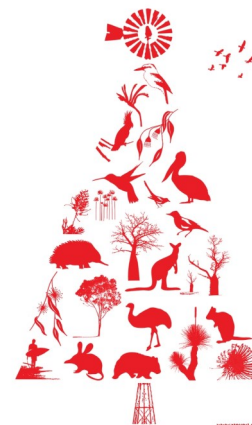
December 2022/January 2023 Dates (staff & times can change as needed)

Tuesday 9am - 5pm	Wednesday 9am - 5pm	Thursday 1/2 day 1.30pm to 5.00pm (usually)	Friday 9am - 5pm	Saturday 9am - 3pm
20th December Sarah & Kim	21st Sarah & Kim	22nd Sarah	23rd Warren	24th Warren
27th CLOSED Boxing Day Public Holiday	28th Warren & Sarah	29th Kim & Sarah	30th Kim & Sarah	31st Kim & Warren New Years Eve
3rd Jan 2023 Kim & Warren	4th Kim & Warren	5th Sarah & Kim	6th Warren & Sarah	7th Warren & Sarah
10th Kim & Sarah	11th Kim & Sarah	12th Megan & Sarah	13th Megan	14th Megan

SUMMER



Christmas and New Year Opening Hours



December 24th: 9am to 3pm

Christmas Day - CLOSED

Boxing Day - CLOSED

Tuesday 27th Dec - CLOSED (Boxing Day public holiday)

Wed 28th Dec 9am - 5pm

Thursday 29th Dec 9am - 5pm

Friday 30th 9am - 5pm

Saturday 31st NYE 9am - 3pm

Sunday 1st Jan - CLOSED

Monday 2nd Jan - CLOSED

Tuesday 3rd Jan - Opening hours as per usual

Do you require someone to help you around your house with cleaning and maintenance?

We now have a couple in Dargo that can provide these services!

Anyone with a Home Care or NDIS Package can access this service for free, or you can set up an arrangement privately.

Please contact the BNC if you'd like to know more information.

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!



*We encourage you to please speak with any of our **Committee 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 CoM members are:

Joan Traill (President)

Phil Davies (Secretary)

Terry Riley (Vice President)

Jeff Stuart

Emily Theodorou

Kylie Antonopoulos

Our Community Consumer Representative is Des Knott. You can speak to Des and he will give us your feedback.

Podiatry Visit Dates for 2023

- 1.30 pm @ BNC:

19th January
2023

\$10 per visit





COMMUNITY LUNCH


We had a great day last Friday celebrating our last **Community Lunch for 2022** with some of our wonderful community members!

A huge thank you to the River Inn for hosting us again and to Australia Post for providing us with a grant to subsidise the lunch costs.

We had Allan Cracknell from Bairnsdale CFA come to speak to us about Bushfire safety, house fire prevention and property tips to implement while we (hopefully) have a bit of a reprieve from the possibility of a bad Bushfire season.

Nell Hewitt and Charee Aspinall from Red Cross presented RediPlans and the importance of having an individual emergency action plan ready.

These presentations gave us all some great information to think about. We are hoping to organise with Allan, the supply and installation of 10 year lithium battery smoke alarms to our more vulnerable clients and we have lots of Rediplan booklets here for clients to fill out!



We look forward to our next Lunch most likely to be held in February!






**Have
your say**

AGEING WELL

IN WELLINGTON SHIRE



Wellington Shire Council is looking at ways to improve support and participation for older residents in our community.

We want to know what *'ageing well in Wellington Shire'* looks like for you.

We are looking to understand how we can best support our older residents to live happy and healthy lives in the community.

Accessing aged care services is not always easy to understand, so we are seeking feedback from the community, including older residents, carers and family members, to better understand your experience of ageing.

If you are over the age of 55, or care for someone who is, please complete our short survey.

We want to know:

- What role can Council play to ensure our community has access to the services and support needed to age well in Wellington Shire?
- What are the issues that you face when accessing support services?
- As you age, what do you need in your community to help you stay healthy and well?

Complete the survey at

your.wellington.vic.gov.au/ageingwell
before **Sunday 11 December 2022.**





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Firewood - trees or logs - standing or fallen

green or dry - any species

Top rates paid for Box and Stringy Bark

Phone Glenn on 0458 008 522

Email: contact@easterngrounds.com.au



**CHRISTMAS MONSTER
RAFFLE**


Annual Community MONSTER RAFFLE

Hosted by the Dargo Hotel

Saturday night (Christmas Eve) 24th December

Gifts can be dropped off at the pub
from the 5th December onwards.





**Too many
workers face
this every day
It's never ok**



Reducing workplace harm.

worksafe.vic.gov.au/itsneverok



FOR SALE

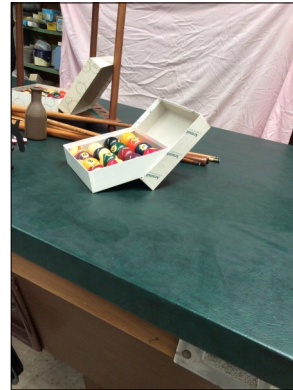


Pre-Loved Pub style slate top pool table and accessories -

2 sets pool balls, 6 pool cues, 2 bridge cues, Kelly pool shaker bottle & marbles & tip chalk.

Included also is a cue rack and a sturdy vinyl covered hard cover, making it useful as a table.

**Condition is good - selling price is \$450 Or best offer-
Phone 0408 033 277.**



Pre-Loved Upright Concord Pianola - Serial Number 1756

This pianola was purchased by its current owner from a Dargo local who played it often, however the tubes were perished and therefore it has not been used as a pianola. It does however hold it's tune but a couple of keys are a little sticky. Comes with a player stool.

Selling price is \$400 - Or best offer

Phone 0427 010 755



Motor Bike Helmet

Size Medium - Worn approx. a dozen times

Selling Price - \$60 - Or best offer

Phone 0427 010 755

FOR SALE**10 Tonne Porta Power Kit****AS NEW - \$175****Phone: 0408 033 277****FOR HIRE**

(Bookings Essential)

\$30 Daily Hire

The Neighbourhood House BBQ Trailer is available for hire to residents only (not to be taken out of Dargo).

This trailer has a 6 burner BBQ and 3 large Eskys that all fit on this purpose built trailer.

It is now available, free of charge, for Dargo community groups to use on two occasions each during this current financial year.



Bookings taken through the Dargo Neighbourhood House
For more information Phone: 5140 1333



Do you have items/s to swap, sell or are you looking for a particular item to buy?

Why not advertise in our local Bush Bulletin?

Free to all community members!

Contact details are on the front page of this newsletter

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. Call in and check out their deals.



63 Henry Street
Lindenow VIC 3865

0437 586 150

simsy1979@me.com



SALES
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LAWN MOWER
FITTING
BALANCING
REPAIRS

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 Email:
dnh333@bigpond.com for more information



Got a joke, or something interesting you'd like to share with other readers?

Please send it in to us on
dnh333@bigpond.com



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Slashing / Mulching / Mowing

New 60 Horsepower tractor equipped with 6 foot slasher and 6 foot mulcher - 72, 54 and 48 inch Mowers - Heavy duty Brush Cutters

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Dargo / Wellington Shire & Bairnsdale areas each fortnight

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DARGO BUSH NURSING CENTRE INC
MINUTES FOR CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT MEETING
“Our Growing Future”

Date:	Wed, 14 th December 2022	Location:	Dargo BNC Residence
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Start Time:	9.35 am	Close Time:	11.40 am
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1.0 Attendees

	Details
1	Joan Traill – Dargo BNC; Kaz Kane – Dargo Neighbourhood House; Terry Riley – Dargo BNC; Stuart Brewer – Victoria Police; Brian Madigan – Dargo Hall Committee & Dargo Museum; Phil Davies – Dargo BNC; Sarah Carr – Dargo BNC; Sue Neale – Dargo BNC; Emile Theodore – Dargo Business & Tourism Assoc; Dee Dorber – DELWP; Phil O’Brien – Dargo CFA
2	Apologies – Rachael Herrald – Dargo General Store; Emily Theodorou – Dargo Hotel; Kelly Underwood – Dargo River Inn

2.0 Introduction:

	Details
1	<p>Sarah acknowledged the Gunaikurnai people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and paid our respects to their Elders past and present.</p> <p>Joan Traill welcomed all attendees to the Consumer Engagement Group Meeting.</p>

3.0 Integrity Moments:

	Details
1	Attendees were asked to disclose any conflict of interest in relation to matters arising in this agenda or issues of compliance with relevant ethical codes and legislation.
2	Attendees were reminded to be mindful of meeting confidentiality and privacy requirements.
3	Attendees were reminded of the expectation that this meeting is a safe space for enquiry and open, respectful conversation.

4.0 Centre Operation:

	Details
1	<p>Public Holiday Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, 27th December 2022 (Christmas Day Public Holiday) – CLOSED Thursday, 26th January 2023 (Australia Day) – CLOSED DBNC has requested more Police presence over Christmas/New Year period DBNC has advised Ambulance Victoria when the Centre will be closed and requested more coverage.
2	<p>Staff leave & coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Megan will be on leave end December for 3 weeks Kim will be on leave at the end of January Sarah advised that there is a slight possibility that the Centre may need to close during the Christmas/New Year period due to staff shortages. A new casual nurse is being interviewed today (14th Dec), who could potentially commence employment in the New Year

	<p>Sarah also reported that Ambulance Victoria have advised that they are experiencing long delays in responding to calls, and this is expected to continue over the upcoming Christmas/New Year period. They have suggested that community members try to organise a private backup for transport to a hospital in case they experience a delay by AV.</p>
3	<p>Welcome Pack – Joan reported that she has received information from Neighbourhood House, Dargo Hotel and DELWP only. All other organisations are reminded to please provide some information for these packs, which need to be finalised before the next meeting in February.</p> <p>Brian provided a draft for the Museum information to be finalised, then included in the Welcome Pack.</p>
4	<p>New phone system at DBNC – Sue reported that DBNC's ISDN phone system has been discontinued by Telstra. A new SIP system has been established, but this required new phone numbers. There is a permanent redirection on the Centre's old number (5140 1246), so consumers can still use this number. When the Centre makes outbound calls, consumers will see the new numbers.</p> <p>The new phone numbers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Centre number – 5150 2420 • Admin office number – 5150 2421 <p>Consumers are encouraged to add the Centre's new numbers to their contacts on their mobile phones so they know who is calling.</p>
5	<p>Heartbreak to Hope book – this has been created through the 2021 Gippsland Community Leadership Program. It is a collection of community reflections from the drought and 19/20 Black Summer Fires of East Gippsland.</p> <p>The books are available for purchase from the Centre for \$75 per copy. 100% of profits from the sale of this book will go towards supporting Bush Nursing Centres in East Gippsland to help combat the rise in Mental health issues.</p>
6	<p>Request for additional funding – DBNC is in the process of preparing a detailed submission to the Dept of Health requesting an increase in its current funding to enable the Centre to open for longer hours.</p> <p>Sue explained that several scenarios were costed and the optimal choice is to have 2 nurses on duty for 6 days per week. Monday – Friday will be for 8 hours and Saturday will be for 4 hours. This scenario would require an increase of \$220,000 per year in DoH funding.</p> <p>The submission includes a detailed justification for the request and the Centre is asking if community members could provide letters of support to strengthen the case. Sue will forward this request to the wider community.</p>
7	<p>Wellington Shire Council – Sarah reported on a recent meeting held with two Wellington Shire representative to discuss their Ageing Well Project. A number of other relevant topics were discussed and the Shire provided detailed responses to a number of concerns, these being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety Concern – confirmation that there will be an increased police presence in Dargo from 27th December to 3rd January. Planning is also in place to increase their coverage over key holiday periods in 2023. • Public Health Concerns – a marketing campaign will be put in place during 2023 to educate visitors on not polluting the rivers with human waste. • Dump Point – the Shire has offered to take over this project as it is of key importance to the Dargo community and visitors to our area • Emergency Preparedness Planning – plans to improve internet, phone and power connections; continue development of the EM for Dargo • Community Transport – suggestions were offered on how to apply for funding for a community bus.

	Dee provided an update on the new toilets that have been installed at many of the public camping grounds. She explained the work that has been done at the Two Mile camp, including the disability-friendly features. Public information on the opening hours of the Dargo tip are also being placed at all these grounds to encourage campers to take their rubbish with them when they leave.
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5.0 Upcoming Events:

	Details
1	Sue reported that health promotion events have all been completed for the year. Community Lunches will recommence in February or March 2023. Due to the incredible attendance of our last few lunches, the funding provided by Australia Post is not sufficient to adequately assist with the cost of meals. We will therefore ask guests to contribute \$10 each for these lunches next year to share the cost with the Centre.

6.0 Allied Health Services:

	Details
1	Sara stated that these are the services currently being provided: RFDS Wellbeing Counselling – every 2 nd week Podiatrist – 19 th January RFDS Dentist completes its visit today (14 December). This has been a highly successful campaign. The Centre needs to install a 3-phase outlet for the next Dental visit so they don't need to use a generator. Skin Checks are being organised for early in 2023.

7.0 Current Projects:

	Details
1	Valda's garden project – deconstruction of the front garden has commenced. The rocks, flag pole and old soil have been removed. The new garden will be reshaped and the pathway to the front door will also be redesigned to provide safer access.

8.0 Funded Health Projects:

	Details
1	Australia Post Community Grant – the grant application was successful and DBNC has received \$4,000 from Australia Post to support the costs of the community lunches, including the annual Christmas in July lunch, until September 2023. \$600 will be allocated to each of 4 community lunches and \$1,600 is allocated towards the Christmas in July lunch. As reported earlier, guests will be asked to contribute \$10 each to next year's lunches.
2	PHN Cancer Screening project – the Centre is in the early stages of implementing a small-scale cancer screening project funded by PHN. The project will focus mainly on screening of bowel cancers. The project will commence early in 2023.

9.0 Expansion of Dargo BNC:

	Details
1	On 27 th October DBNC received notification that their grant application for the planning & design of the Additional Services Building was successful. This grant provides the funds Slap Architects to undertake all the necessary engineering tests to enable a detailed plan to be completed before June 2023.

The project is undertaking community consultation at the moment. All consumers of the Centre are strongly encouraged to participate in the review of the current concept design and to provide comments and suggestions. The surveys need to be provided to Sue at the Centre no later than 10th January 2023.

11.0 Feedback on How the Information is Being Received in the Community

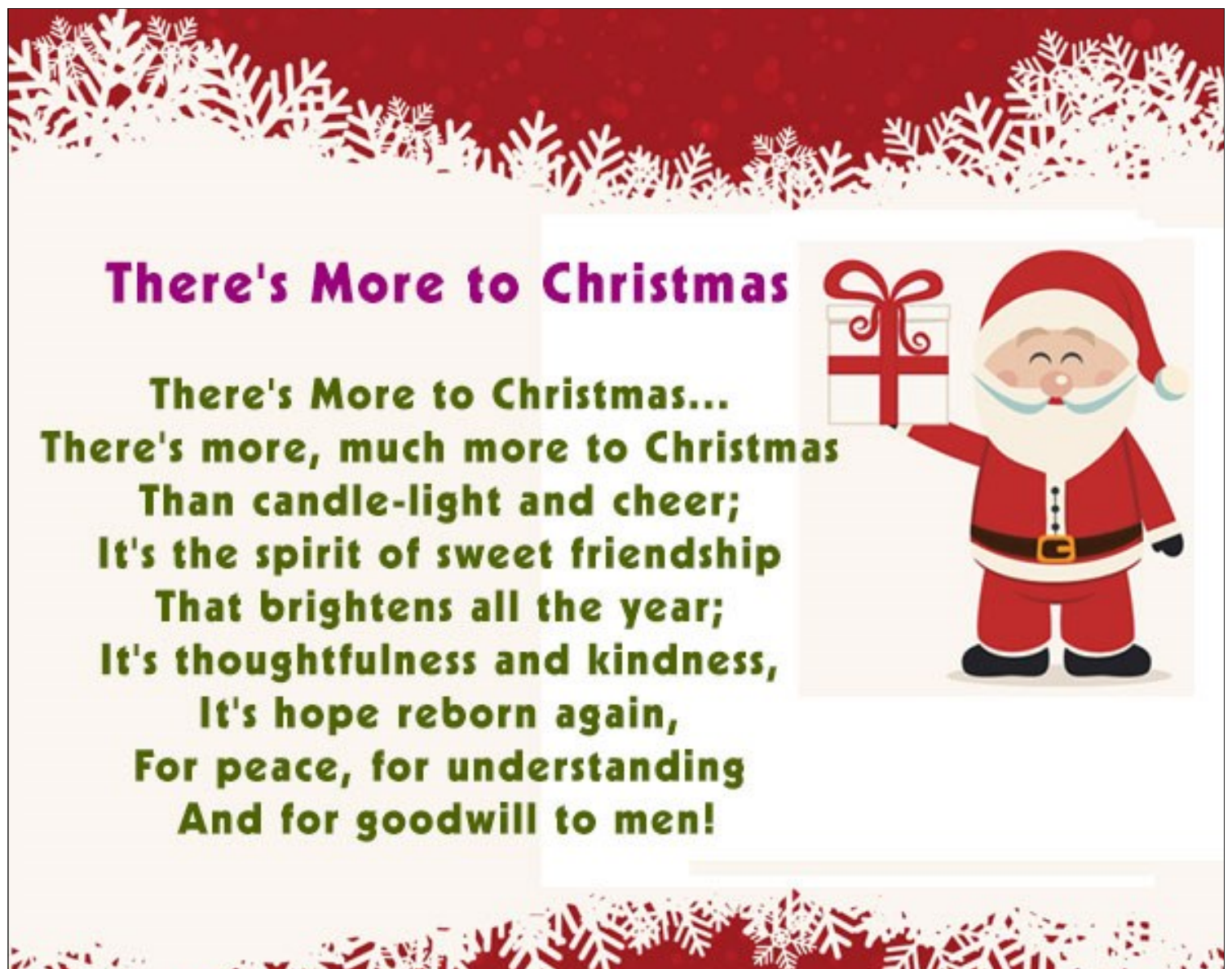
	Details
1	<p>Joan asked each representative how they are relaying the information from these meetings to their respective organisations and businesses. Responses included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most are reporting the provided information at their own committee meetings • Holding conversations with community members, visitors and family & friends • Including reported information at toolbox meetings and passing onto more relevant officers • Including reported information & minutes in Community Incident Register <p>Joan reiterated the importance of informing the wider community through the attendees, who are our community leaders.</p>

12.0 Input from Community Leaders:

	Details
1	<p>Joan requested that those present please relay the information from this meeting to their respective organisations. She also asked that each representative provide a brief update on their own organisation:</p> <p>Kaz Kane (Dargo Neighbourhood House) – will be closed from 19th December til 6th February. The next Bush Bulletin will be issued on 10th February. There is currently no Manager and the position will be advertised next year when a more current position description is available. There are rumours that the Neighbourhood House is closing, however Kaz reported that this is NOT correct. There is currently 1 year remaining on the lease of the property, with an option for 5 more to continue. There is currently a major issue with the water supply and Dee is assisting Kaz with investigations, and hopefully, a resolution. The Tuesday activities are continuing over the Christmas/New Year period, however there are no other programs being conducted. Kaz is currently doing all the admin and bookkeeping requirements.</p> <p>Emile Theodore (Dargo Business & Tourism Assoc) – all quiet in the visitor/tourist space and the moment. All businesses are busy doing their own activities, and it's difficult trying to put meetings together. There are no changes to the DBTA members.</p> <p>Phil O'Brien (Dargo CFA) – no action at the moment due to the wet season. There is a possibility of grassfires late in the summer season when temperatures are expected to rise and the rainfall decreasing. All standard maintenance, drills and training are continuing. Mick Sweeney is currently taking a leave of absence and Brian Madigan is stepping back into the role of CFA Captain on a temporary basis.</p> <p>Dee Dorber (DELWP) – currently working through the required pre-planning for the burning off of the hill behind the Store. Over the upcoming public holidays and weekends, there will be DELWP employees on home standby. DELWP is working on the Victorian Great Outdoors Project developing a disability-friendly walking track and the Two Mile camping ground. High priority dozer work is being done around the Crooked River crossings. All burn-preparation has been completed, but not likely that any burning off will be undertaken at the moment. Future weather forecasts show the La Nina should ease around February, which means that persistent rain will decrease, leading to a low probability of some grassfires, but very unlikely for large bushfires. Discussions on the conditions of the roads and tracks – High Plains Road could possibly be open in late December – other tracks are in good condition, however some tracks are in very poor condition.</p> <p>Stuart Brewer (Victoria Police) – confirmed that there will be a few Police officers stationed in Dargo between 27th December & 3rd January. Stuart is away in January, however Police presence in Dargo will continue throughout January, albeit not as much as over the busy period. Predictions for increased number</p>

	<p>of campers in & around Dargo as many camping grounds in northern Victoria are currently closed. The plan is for increased Police coverage over key holiday periods in 2023, eg Easter. A reminder to anyone who is experiencing spotlights shooting near their homes to call 000 and not the Police Stations.</p> <p>Brian Madigan (Dargo Hall) – the hall was been repainted and part of the floor inside has been replaced. They are hoping a new air conditioner will soon be installed in the kitchen and some internal painting can be undertaken. The Hall Committee may be altering the cleaning of the public toilets as it's currently not really effective.</p> <p>Brian Madigan (Dargo Museum) – On Saturday a number of Dargo community members travelled to Omeo for the Alpine Museums get together – a great time was reported. There are some new maps of the Grant area dating from the 1800's soon to be on display. The Miners & Prospectors Association have a caravan with lots of memorabilia used for promoting the Association. They no longer want to take it travelling and have asked if it can be stationed at the Dargo Museum. Question about the use of the land beside the old school house for relocating the Museum – not an option to move forward due to the cost of insurance and the limited timeline ie 3 year period. This would mean that it would then need to be relocated again.</p>
2	A small survey was completed by the attendees of this meeting. The results will be used to improve the meeting content and format.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 28th February 2023 at 9.30am at the Dargo Bush Nursing Centre



INTERESTING RANDOM FACTS (to pull out at your next dinner party)

1. In 2014, there was a Tinder match in Antarctica. Two research scientists matched on the global dating app in the most remote part of the world - a man working at the United States Antarctic McMurdo Station and a woman camping a 45-minute helicopter ride away. What are the chances?!
Do you know anything about this Mick?
2. The Spanish national anthem has no words. The 'Marcha Real' is one of only four national anthems in the world (along with those of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and San Marino) to have no official lyrics.
3. The Japanese word 'Kuchi zamishi' is the act of eating when you're not hungry because your mouth is lonely. We do this all the time.
4. The probability of a blue lobster existing is widely touted as being one in two million. Bright blue lobsters are so-coloured because of a genetic abnormality that causes them to produce more of a certain protein than others.
5. Google images was literally created after Jennifer Lopez wore that infamous dress at the 2000 Grammys. So many people were searching for her outfit, the search engine added an imagine function.
6. Big Ben's clock stopped at 10:07 p.m. on 27 May 2005, most likely due to an extremely hot temperature of 31.8 degrees Celsius.
7. Walt Disney currently holds the most Academy Awards. Disney won 26 Oscars over the course of his career and was nominated a grand total of 59 times.
8. There's a fruit that tastes like chocolate pudding. Can we get in on this? Apparently, there's a fruit native to Central and South America called black sapote that tastes like chocolate and sweet custard.
9. The Easter Island heads have bodies. Those iconic stone heads - you know the ones. In the 2010s, archaeologists found that two of the Pacific Island figures actually had torsos that measured as high as 33 feet.
10. M&Ms are named after the businessmen who created them. But what do the M's stand for? Forrest Mars and Bruce Murrie, who apparently didn't have the best relationship as Mars leveraged Murrie out of his 20% share of the business before it became the biggest-selling sweet in the US. Ouch.
11. The actors who voiced Mickey and Minnie mouse got married in real life. Russi Taylor (Minnie) and Wayne Allwine (Mickey) tied the knot in 1991.
12. You can hear a blue whale's heartbeat from over 2 miles away. Blue whales weigh an average of between 130,000 and 150,000kg, with their hearts weighing roughly 180kg.

Dingbats - Song Titles



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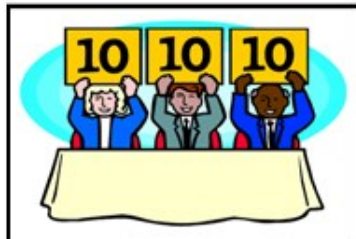
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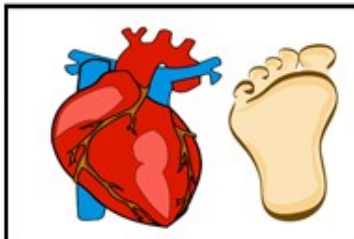
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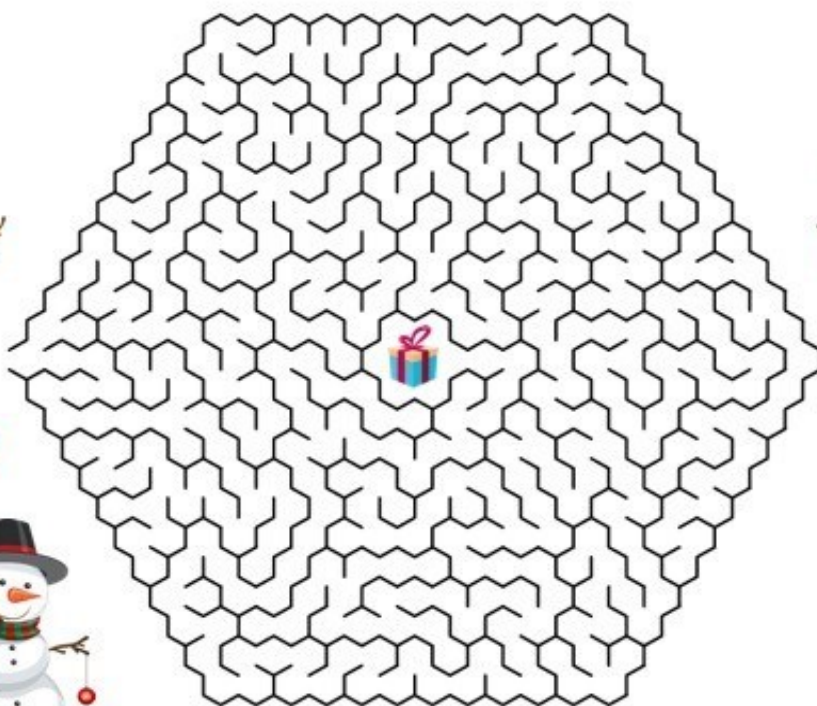
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Christmas maze



Help Santa Claus
get to the gift.



HUGE SUMMER

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



AUGUST
 BARBECUE
 BASEBALL
 BEACH
 BIKE
 BOAT
 CAMP
 FAMILY
 FISHING
 FLIGHT
 FLIP FLOPS
 FLOWERS
 FRIENDS
 GARDEN
 HEAT
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 INSIDE
 JULY
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 WATERPARK

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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY. Find and circle each word.



SUDOKU PUZZLE - Solution next Bulletin									SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU								
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1. What do you call an obnoxious reindeer? Rude-olph.
2. What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me and we'll go places.
3. How is Christmas exactly like your job? You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.
4. Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? Because they were two deer!
5. What do you call a scary looking reindeer? A cari-boo.
7. What do reindeers say before they tell you a joke? This one's gonna sleigh you!
8. What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate clauses.

Can you spot the twelve differences between these pictures?



Solution: 1. Portion of lady's hair is missing. 2. Line on man's songbook is missing. 3. Top of streetlight is missing. 4. Lid line on lady's lantern is missing. 5. End of scarf is coloured in. 6. Button on man's jacket has moved up. 7. Musical note on far left has moved down. 8. End of scarf has moved. 9. Top hat band is wider. 10. Lady's hat is longer. 11. Ribbon tail is longer. 12. Note by top hat is reversed.