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DCHI News



Community breakfast on Tuesday 2nd August

Community Breakfast

By Lorraine Ellis, *Dereel Walking Group*

The Dereel Walking Group are about to begin their monthly breakfasts again.

Our first breakfast will be on **Tuesday 2nd August at 8 am**. Please note, due to the cold weather, this is a later starting time to previously held breakfasts.

We invite anyone in the community to join in. We supply cereal, yoghurt, a cooked breakfast (varies month to month), toast, juice, tea and coffee. There is **NO CHARGE**. You do not have to belong to the Walking Group, just be a member of the local community.

Breakfasts will continue during the year, on the first Tuesday of the month, at 8.00 am.

It is a really nice start to the day, letting you catch up with your neighbours, meet new people and enjoy good company. After we have eaten and cleaned up, those that feel inclined go for a stroll around the area - completely optional!

Please come and enjoy this service to Dereel. Hope to see you August 2nd at 8.00am!

August Update:

Dereel Men's Shed

By Jan Braddy, *Dereel Men's Shed*

As of the 1st August, the Dereel Men's Shed will be open on the following days from **10am to 3pm**:

Monday (men only)

Wednesday (mixed)

Friday (mixed)

Also on **Saturday's from 11am to 3pm** (mixed.)

New members who would like to be involved in projects are wanted. If you can provide skills, ideas and suggestions, even better. For example: wood-working, metalworking, I.T., supervision, cooking, management, painting, arts and crafts.

Don't have these skills? No problem! We welcome everyone. Come along and participate. Learn to use tools and machinery for a few hours each week or fortnight.

We also extend an invitation for people to come along and have a look at our new premises located at 14 Swamp Road, Dereel. See if it interests you.

Yes, we have female members too. Membership fees apply \$25.50 per year, covers insurance.

Tea and coffee is provided. Visit in person, or contact us via our Facebook site: Dereel And Surrounding Communities Men's Shed Inc.

By mid August, we will be commencing a regular Saturday sausage sizzle from 1.30pm. So if you are involved with a group or just enjoying the great coffee and feel like a snack, come over. The cost for a sausage will be \$2.00.



Dereel People

Kim Stanley

By Mitchel Fielding

1. How long have you lived in the area?

Almost 18 years, I'm a bush girl. I wanted to have a hobby farm and animals somewhere out in the bush. It's handy to have easy access to town for work, I hadn't had a bin service before coming to Dereel! Everything lined up to make it possible.

2. What's great about living here?

Everything! The community - Dereel is a town, but not a town. It isn't built up, but has a sense of community, facilities and closeness. I love the fact that we are in the bush, you could imagine being in the middle of nowhere, but everything is still accessible.

3. What do you feel passionate about?

The main thing is letting people realize how amazing they are. People are all unique and when you put them together it makes a patchwork of capabilities. I feel passionate about the potential of people to do amazing things, it's all about people and potential.

4. What do you find joy in doing?

There are two sides to this - first being involved in community, doing things collaboratively and creatively. But also I enjoy having time to myself on the property and being creative. This community has both - the opportunity to meet and work together; and then to come home, shut the gate and the door behind me.

5. What is your current pet project?

Setting up the new vege garden. My back is dodgy now, so creating back-friendly solutions like wicking beds, using raised garden beds. I'd like to use what I learn from it to help with establishing a community garden, with whole community involvement, with education, and swapping decent food.

6. What community groups are you involved in and why?

CFA Brigade-I've always been involved, Dad was in a brigade, it's a meaningful contribution

Dereel Community Hub-it provides a unifying focus, in supporting people to have a crack at developing community. Also with community planning, it's a good opportunity to develop the future for Dereel.

Performing arts group-I would like to get it going, supporting creative expression

I've been involved in lots of groups, supporting people having a crack in different ways.

7. Tell us about your best community experience.

For me in this community, it was the Captain Cat production. It was written for a different purpose in a different community. This community had no history of theatre and some people said it wouldn't work. But so many people came out to participate. It wasn't about politics or ownership, just about people contributing what they could and everyone donated themselves, a gift to the community. It was just extraordinary.

8. How could you see more of this happening in Dereel?

By providing the type of community environment where it's OK to have fun and try something new. It's OK to do something embarrassing and have a laugh. By supporting each other to try new things and know that it's OK to do that. By celebrating differences. By being selfless, with everyone involved in their own way, not expecting medals for it. People were involved just because they wanted to be, it was evidence of a wonderfully supportive community.

9. Describe a future vision of Dereel that you would like to see.

It starts with establishing the hall as a central hub. Facilities that inspire people to drop in and use them, inspire learning and supporting others. A creative and respectful space... with a kick-arse community garden. Where people are comfortable contributing at whatever level they want. For those who want to contribute, its a safe and welcoming environment where community members can always step up or step back and know that others will support it. And a shop!

10. What would we do as a first step to realise that dream?

Be actively involved in community planning. It's our opportunity to have a say in creating community. There are so many things happening in the community and instead of complaining what isn't happening it's the chance to make it what we want.

Acknowledgements

The Dereel Community Hub Inc. would like to thank CentaCare for paying our first year Public Liability Insurance and covering the cost of printing the Dereel Spokes newsletter for our first year.

Changes to the Mobile Library

Public notice from Golden Plains Shire

A major refurbishment of the Golden Plains Mobile Library is to be undertaken. The work will commence shortly with the vehicle withdrawn from service on 27 July 2016.

While the Mobile Library is being upgraded, a van will be used to provide a modified service. The van will have a small collection of books, magazines and DVDs for browsing. All users are encouraged to request other items via the library catalogue at www.grlc.vic.gov.au.

The timetable and the stops will remain the same.

The refurbishment will be completed by early October and we are confident you will enjoy the benefits of the upgraded service. We apologise for any inconvenience. Should you have any queries about the service please contact the Manager Community Libraries on 4201 0500.

GPS Training Calendar

The Golden Plains Shire have a number of courses open to members of the community.

Among the options offered are:

- Understanding Local Government Regulations and Permits
- First Aid
- Food Safety
- Conflict Management/Problem Solving
- Incorporation
- Community Grants / Grant Writing

A full brochure can be accessed on our website

Or, contact Caroline Jordan, Volunteer Coordinator.

Phone: 52207216 BH or

E-mail: caroline.jordan@gplains.vic.gov.au

Trail Blazer Walks

By Jacinta Walsh,

Our next walk is Thursday 4 August in Linton.

We are meeting at 'The Station' which is across the road from the Linton Take Away shop at 10am.

We will catch the bus up to the Linton Fire Fighters Memorial and walk back into Linton up the main street so people will have the opportunity to see Linton Village Greens.

Please RSVP if you would like a seat on the bus to travel to the walk.

A full brochure is on our website

Or contact Jacinta on 5321 1500

Winter Wonders

Keen-eyed observers may notice some of these wild flowers in the bushland which surrounds Dereel. Winter orchids are flowering now. Insectivorous Sundew plants will flower at the end of Winter.



Nodding Greenhoods (Pterostylis nutans)
Native terrestrial orchid flowering now.



Climbing Sundew ((Drosera macantra)
Native insectivorous plant which flowers late in Winter and through Spring.



Slaty Helmet Orchid (Corybas incurvus)
Native terrestrial orchid, beginning to flower now. The flower is the size of a small gumnut.

Community Planning

Vision Workshop

The Vision workshop, held on Saturday 23 July, was a great opportunity for us to reflect on what is great about living in Dereel and imagine the best of how our community could be in the future.

Participants spent two hours discussing a wide range of topics to flesh out a future vision for Dereel. The following statement sums up our aspirations for Dereel:

Imagine Dereel

Dereel is a tranquil township with a vibrant, connected community where all are welcome and friends are drawn together.

The public area is the heart of our community, a lively social hub where we meet, share, learn and create.

We cooperate across the community to bring together our diverse skills and ways of seeing things. We make the most of the buildings and grounds, through a variety of activities, events and services to support our diverse interests and needs. The public grounds reflect our love of the tranquillity of Dereel and its abundant natural beauty.

Our community culture provides a safe, supportive environment where we feel at ease being ourselves.

There were many fantastic and practical ideas discussed. All of these focussed on how to move towards the above vision. Suggestions covered a broad range of areas including what we can do to bring community together and build the required infrastructure to support this.

Collected ideas from this discussion and from the community survey will now be put together into a first draft of the Dereel Community Plan.

The Community Plan outlines priorities for the next three years. The community planning team will meet on Saturday 6 August from 1pm to 3pm to prepare this draft. It will be ready to share with the broader community at the Seed Funding workshop.

If you are interested in community planning, feel free to join us on 6th August at the Dereel Community Centre. The next general public event will be the Seed Funding workshop on Saturday 20 August, where we review the proposed plan and agree on how to allocate council funding that is available to the community.



The Dereel Hall is the location for the Seed Funding workshop on 20th August at 1pm

Launch and Lunch

Join us on **Saturday 20th August** for a free lunch to kick off the Dereel Community Plan for the next three years. Lunch is at 12:30 and the launch is from 1pm to 3pm.

After lunch, we will look at the projects included in the proposed Community Plan and you can decide what is most important to you.

Have your say in how the council funding for this Community Plan is to be shared between the projects. You will also have the chance to join a project team for things you feel passionate about. Tell us how you can help to make it happen.

So join with us to make the things you want for Dereel become a reality!

Past Achievements

Long term planning can often leave the impression that nothing is happening. When we look back at previous three year plans for Dereel, we can see many projects were achieved and are enjoyed by those of us who live in Dereel now. Here are just a few of them:

- Lobbying for the Hall redevelopment,
- Installing a 'What's On' sign,
- Skatepark upgrade,
- Support development of the Men's Shed,
- Playground upgrade and shade sail,
- Children's Discos,
- Walking track maintenance
- Recycling Bins

Putting an idea on the Community Plan does not mean it will automatically be funded, but it forms our priorities for the future and gives us all direction in how we can work together for the benefit of all.



Meet Fiona

Our New Community Wellbeing Officer

By Fiona Robson

My name is Fiona Robson and I am the new Community Wellbeing Officer for Dereel. My role is to work with people in Dereel to help us to be healthy and well.

We are planning a Community Day on Saturday 10th September. All community groups are invited to be involved and everyone is invited to check out the new facilities and enjoy the fun. Please contact me if you would like to know more

The community centre is open on Mondays and Tuesdays between 9.30 and 4.30. Please drop in and share your ideas.

What is happening?

Community Conversations

Guest speakers and conversations.

When: Usually Monday or Tuesday. Check the monthly wellbeing program for details.

What: Find out about different topics with a guest speaker. All welcome.

Where: Dereel Community Kitchen

Cost: Free.

Contact: Fiona 0409 247 237, commhealth@bdnh.com.au.

Fun and Games

Board games, card games and more.

When: Mondays, 1.30-3pm.

What: A chance to meet, play and chat. All welcome.

Where: Dereel Community Kitchen.

Cost: Free.

Contact: Fiona 0409 247 237, commhealth@bdnh.com.au.

Community Breakfasts

A chance to get together and share a meal.

When: The first Tuesday of the month, 8am

What: A meal to share with the whole community. All welcome.

Where: Dereel Community Kitchen

Cost: \$2 donations & help welcome.

Contact: Lorraine 5342 0492.

Walking Group:

Walking and chatting together.

When: Tuesdays, 8.30am.

What: A walk followed by a cuppa and chat. All welcome.

Where: Meet at Dereel Community Kitchen.

Cost: Free. Tea and coffee by donation.

Contact: Lorraine 5342 0492.

Coming Up Later in the Year

Dereel Community Day

Let's celebrate Dereel.

When: Saturday 10 September, 12-2pm.

What: Find out about Dereel and the many groups and services. All welcome.

Where: Dereel Community Centre and surrounds.

Cost: Free.

Contact: Fiona 0409 247 237, commhealth@bdnh.com.au.

Drumming for All

School Holiday Fun.

When: Tuesday 27 September, 9.30am.

What: Drumming with Centacare Drumbeat. All welcome.

Where: Dereel Community Centre

Cost: \$2 per family. Bookings essential. Limited places.

Contact: Fiona 0409 247 237, commhealth@bdnh.com.au.

Dereel Pie Lunch

Let's get together and celebrate the end of footy season.

When: Tuesday 4 October, 12 noon.

What: Community lunch as part of Seniors Festival. All welcome.

Where: Dereel Soldiers Memorial Hall

Cost: \$2. Book before 27 September.

Contact: Lorraine 5342 0492

Fiona's Contact Details

To find out more and share ideas contact:-

Community Wellbeing Officer

Dereel Community Centre

14 Swamp Road

Dereel Vic 3352

Phone: 5346 1521 or 0409 247 237

Email: commhealth@bdnh.com.au

Saturday's At Hub Café!

Drop by the Hub Café, held every Saturday between 2pm and 4pm in the Dereel Community Centre for espresso coffee, chai and hot chocolate along with a range of activities. In August, .

Activities in August

Saturday 6th August—1pm to 3pm Community Planning Meeting

The Community Planning team will be meeting to draft the Community Plan. If you are interested in the process and would like to contribute please come to the meeting.

Saturday 6th August—3pm Adult Colouring and Art

Enjoy Adult Colouring? Bring your books and colouring implements. Not into Adult Colouring? That's fine too. Bring your current art project.

Saturday 13th August:

Dereel Camera Crew –2pm

Open to everyone interested in photography at all skill levels. This month, the activity is happening off site, so please be at the Community Centre at 2pm sharp if you would like to participate.

The topic for August is RAW photography.

Community Garden Project Meeting—2pm Dereel Community Centre.

This is the first meeting of a DCHI project team, led by Kim Stanley to plan a community garden at the Dereel Community Centre..

This first meeting will focus on planning and design. Down the track there will be opportunities to do gardening and landscaping. Updates will be posted in Dereel Spokes. If you are interested in the concept of a community garden and would like to be involved in the planning, you are welcome to attend the meeting to participate in the discussion.

Submission Guidelines

Dereel Spokes is the communication arm of the Dereel Community Hub Inc. Along with news of events, we would like to publish items of interest to the Dereel community. You don't need to be a member of the Dereel Community Hub to submit an item to our newsletter.

We accept photographs and articles related to community announcements, local events, light news items, local flora and fauna, local community groups, schools, sporting clubs, agricultural organisations and any other items in the spirit of bringing the community together.

Saturday 20th August:

12:30pm Lunch prior to the launch of the plan 1pm to 3pm -Seed Funding Workshop

The launch of the new Community Plan and the allocation of funding to specific projects. Come at 12:30 for a quick lunch before we look at the detail of the plan. This is also an opportunity to let us know how you can help—whether it be an hour of your time or involvement in the planning.

Saturday 20th August:

3pm to 5pm—Dereel Gold Diggers

The third meeting of the Dereel Gold Diggers. Come along to find out what it is all about.

Saturday 27th August: Dereel History

A team of local people are working together to record Dereel's history. At the moment, the focus is on recording the oral history of Dereel and making lists of photographs, objects and maps which tell the story of Dereel's past. So if you have stories to tell, photographs to show, or historical locations which relate to Dereel's past, come for a coffee and to share them with us. Look for us on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month as well.

During The Week

Tuesday 2nd August

8:00am Community Breakfast

Tuesday 9th August

10:00am—Understanding Diabetes, Gail, BDNH

1:00pm to 3:00pm—Dereel History

Tuesday 16th August

9.30am—Caring for Mental Health, Tracy, Centacare

Tuesday 23rd August

1:00pm to 3:00pm—Dereel History

Tuesday 30th August

9:30am—Community Day planning for 10th September celebration, Fiona, BDNH Group

You must own copyright for any photograph you submit. Please include signed permission to publish if your photo includes a person.

Note:

We will not publish jokes, political comments or advertising. We reserve the right not to publish items we consider are offensive to the community.

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