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 Dereel Spokes

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News from
Dereel Community Hub Inc.

Welcome!

Introducing '*Dereel Spokes*' – the communication arm of the newly formed Dereel Community Hub Incorporated.

We recognise that people require information in different ways, so we aim to be a flexible newsletter, with articles being posted online when they are received, followed up with a printed version once a month for those who like to receive their news on paper.

Every article we publish will be available on our website, from our **Dereel Spokes** Facebook Page, our Twitter feed, and you can receive the latest community news directly into your email Inbox if you sign up by clicking on the website's 'Follow' button. We can also email you a monthly newsletter in a PDF format or mail a paper version to your letterbox. Hopefully this means you can read the community news in a way that suits your lifestyle. Please let us know using the form on the back of this newsletter or by visiting our website.

Community News

While our main purpose is to inform everyone about the Dereel Community Hub Inc. we also want to make *Dereel Spokes* a central point for people to send small news items.

If you would like to submit a community news item please contact us:

- by email: dereelspokes@gmail.com
- by post: 2857 Colac-Ballarat Road, Dereel Vic 3352.

There is no charge for publishing community news items. Keep in mind that our newsletter only has four pages, so long items may be edited down for the print edition.

Online items can be any length.

Dereel and Surrounds



Spring Festival

Saturday 10th October

Our First Event

This year, the Dereel and Surrounds Spring Festival is running under the banner of the Dereel Community Hub Inc. We are currently calling for expressions of interest from community groups, artists, market stall-holders and individuals who want to participate. Applications close on 19 September 2015.

For more information, see page 3.

Dereel Community Hub Inc.

Who Are We?

By Mitchel Fielding

To serve as a hub to strengthen the community of Dereel and surrounds through cooperation

Dereel Community Hub was informally launched at a public meeting on 5th May 2015 and officially incorporated on 14th July 2015. From the outset we agreed on a long-term strategy of two complementary operations: a cooperative business enterprise and a social enterprise.

Our initial focus is to establish and develop a self-sustaining social enterprise. The benefits of membership are:

Collective Ownership

– active contribution, direction setting

Accessible Resources

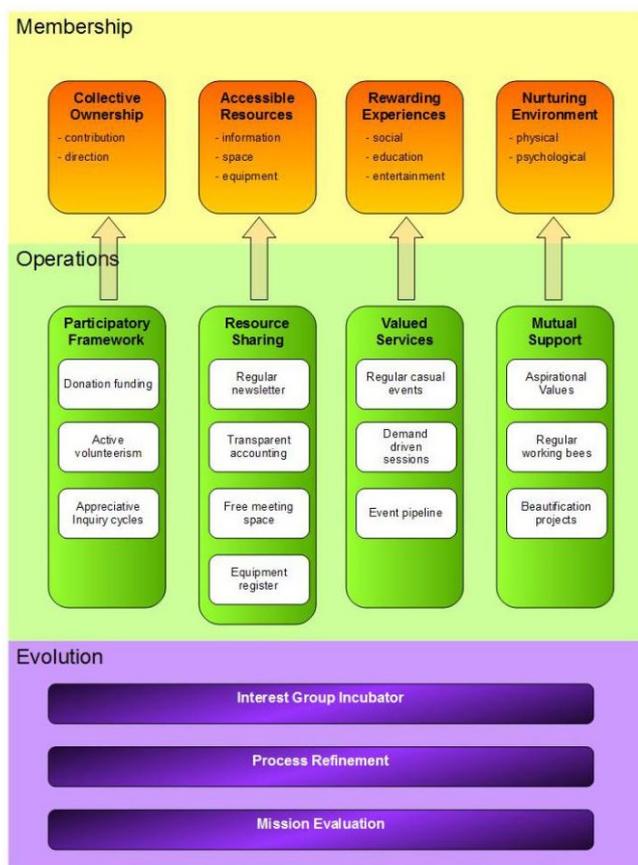
– information, meeting space, equipment

Rewarding Experiences

– casual events, information sessions, major events

Nurturing Environment

– supportive culture, care for community space



The aim is to make the benefits of membership accessible to anyone, to be as inclusive as possible.

For example, we have a policy of funding by donation so that people aren't economically excluded. Guide pricing and fees are given that members and others are

encouraged to pay if they can afford it, otherwise to pay what they can afford. This is because we recognise that the energy and passion of active participation is the most valuable gift that members can contribute.

Our longer term goal is to establish and develop a viable cooperative business enterprise to generate greater funds for social projects and to further build community self-sufficiency and resilience.

Committee

The Inaugural General Meeting was held on Monday 7 September—the same day this newsletter went to print.

Office Bearers can be found on our website and will be listed in the next print edition of the newsletter.

Way, What and Why

By Mitchel Fielding

Every community has a distinctive culture: the way things are done; the way people interact. Often these ways aren't noticed because it's just how things are to us— for better or worse. In establishing the Hub, we decided to make a conscious choice to embed the sort of culture we wanted to be part of, to reflect the best of who we can be as human beings. We want to create a safe place to support each other in flourishing.

The Dereel Community Hub Inc. upholds particular values in the way we do things:

Creative Freedom

– each is a creative agent deserving acceptance and support to fulfil their own being

According to Need

– take only what is needed to bring the most benefit where the need is greatest

Open Hand, Open Mind

– welcome without prejudice, share openly and listen to each other

Appreciation

– make the best of what there is, enjoy its abundance

Constant Refinement

– accept and analyse what is, learn and grow from its experience

The values we chose are intended to shine a light that we can aspire to, and give us guidance when we are unsure or uncomfortable with what is happening or how to respond. They are the reference for our policies, our decisions and our interactions. Each value is worded to be both inspiring and actionable, providing clear guidance in how to translate them into action.

The values are the Way by which we accomplish our mission of strengthening local community through cooperation.

What's Happening?

September

Hub Café Saturdays

Saturdays 12 noon to 2pm

Come over to the Dereel Community Centre on any Saturday from 12pm-2pm for a real coffee and to catch up with friends and neighbours. We want everyone to feel welcome, so don't let the budget keep you away! Drop by, kick back and have a coffee and a chat.

This regular event is organised and hosted by the Dereel Community Hub Inc. The aim is to support the people of Dereel and surrounds in building a vibrant community core and this starts by just coming together. Then, together we can work out what needs to be done to build a strong and resilient community.

Inclusion is important to us, so we have chosen to raise funds by donation. Pay our guide price if you can afford it. If not, pay whatever you can afford. Most of all we want you to be involved.

All funds raised from these events will be reinvested into developing stronger community in Dereel.

You are also keenly invited to become a member of the Dereel Community Hub, to actively contribute to our goal of strengthening local community through cooperation. Ask us how next Saturday!

Community Centre Spring Clean

Saturday 26th September, from 10am

Dereel Community Centre needs YOU!

It's time to dust off the dungarees and pitch in to shake out the cobwebs from the Dereel Hall and Community Centre. We want our public space to look its best for the upcoming Spring Festival.

So we cordially invite all community-minded Dereelians to the Centre from 10am on Saturday 26th September. Don't forget to stay for a coffee and a chat at the Hub Cafe after 12 noon.

October

Dereel Spring Festival-10th October

The second annual Dereel and Surrounds Spring Festival is planned for Saturday 10th October.

This year, the Spring Festival is being run under the banner of the newly formed Dereel Community Hub Incorporated. Community groups, individuals, artists and market stall holders are all invited to participate in a fun day for the whole family.

Tell us what you're passionate about!

In addition to market stall holders and information booths, we would love to have a program of speakers throughout the day. Can you give a good insight into self sufficiency? Do you play a musical instrument? Are you a gardener? If you are passionate about a skill you'd like to share, apply to be one of the demonstrators in our Introductory Information sessions. We envisage approximately ten spots of half an hour duration.

We also want people who can run competitions and create all the fun of a family fair. People local to Dereel will be given first option to market sites and activities.

More information can be found on the Dereel Spokes website, where you can download the application forms. If you need further information, please call Michelle DeGroot on 0439 005 301 or 5346 1364.

Other Community News

The following items were sent to us by Bennita Hough, our local Community Nurse:

Dietician:

Joanne will be in attendance at the Community Centre, Tuesday September 16th from 9:30am.

Food Forum:

Tuesday September 22nd from 9:30am.

The two forums that took place in August at Bannockburn and Smythesdale are over and the results are in. Belinda Hynes who has worked with the project from the beginning will be in Dereel to talk about the workshops and the ensuing ideas generated by the participants.

It would be good to see what action might be taken by those communities who attended and what we can add to those learnings.

This is open to all members of the community.

Card and games morning:

Tuesday 29th from 9:30am.

Just a bit of fun in a warm and friendly environment.

Seniors Week 4th – 11th October.

For information about shire events please look at the shire website or contact Kim Boyd on telephone number: 53427000 or via e-mail: kboyd@gplains.vic.gov.au

Please e-mail Bennita with suggestions for speakers on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Community Centre.

Bennita can be contacted as follows:

Email: commnurse@bdnh.com.au

Phone: 53461521 (Tuesdays and Thursdays only)

Mobile: 0427 095 998

Dereel Views

Local photos and stories

Online Banner: Nodding Greenhood

By Lisa Hunter

The Nodding Greenhood has long been associated with Dereel. Shortly after I moved to the community a friendly local gave me a small sewing repair kit with "Dereel" and a Greenhood imprinted on top. In local meetings, people talk about plans for marking this association in a more public way through signs, or walking trails, or sculpture.

It therefore seemed fitting to show a Nodding Greenhood in our Dereel Spokes website and Facebook banner.

Flowering in Winter and early Spring, when many other plants die back, the Nodding Greenhood (*Pterostylis nutans*) can easily be found in the bushland areas of Dereel and surrounds.

The size of the plant can vary a great deal. I've seen some as small as 5cm high and others 30cm tall. Often Nodding Greenhoods grow in patches. Seeing multiple curved heads among blades of grass, beneath bracken fronds, or emerging from fallen bark is always a joyous experience.



A Nodding Greenhood emerges from fallen bark.

See Your Story Here!

We are going to reserve the back page of *Dereel Spokes* for local photographs and stories. Has your horse just foaled? Did you get beautiful blossom on your fruit trees? Do you have birds nesting in a tree near your house? Are you busy preparing land for planting?

Whatever is going on in your world, big or small, we'd like to hear about it. Lets create a full picture of Dereel.

Email stories and photographs to:
dereelspokes@gmail.com

Free Subscription

We want to be responsible with paper, and with our financial resources. So this first printed edition will go to every household in Dereel to let you know we exist, and to ask for your support. In the future, the printed version will only be delivered to residents who request it.

If you would like to continue getting a printed copy of the newsletter in your letterbox, please let us know by filling in this form. It won't cost you anything and we can be sure we are only delivering it to the people who want to read it.

Yes, I would like to continue receiving the print edition of *Dereel Spokes*.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return this form to:
2857 Colac-Ballarat Road, Dereel

Submission Guidelines

Dereel Spokes is the communication arm of the newly formed Dereel Community Hub Inc. Along with news of events we are planning, 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.

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 commentary or advertising and we reserve the right not to publish items we consider to be offensive to the community.

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