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DCHI News

Community Planning

What's Next?

By Mitchel Fielding

In the April edition of *Dereel Spokes*, we presented the plan for getting people involved in community planning:

1. **Gather Stories:**
Conduct interviews across the community to give each individual a voice
2. **At Our Best:**
Distil a clear, informed statement of what we already do well; describe the positive foundation of our community
3. **Imagine Dereel:**
Focused around an open, public workshop; envision an elevated future that builds on what we have and value
4. **The Way Forward:**
Identify and prioritise initiatives that move in the direction of the vision; and launch projects to achieve them

Based on the feedback we have received from gathering stories, the community planning group of DCHI have distilled a statement of the positive foundation of our community: **At Our Best**. Read this on page 2.

The Dereel Vision Workshop

The next phase of this plan is the **Dereel Vision Workshop** where together we will build on our best to envision a future direction for Dereel.

The outcome of this public workshop on Saturday 23 July 2016 will be a shared vision for us all to work

towards. We encourage everyone to come along to take part in creating this vision.

Following this, there will be two further public workshops to translate the vision into actionable projects and set the wheels in motion.

Masterplan Workshop

Saturday 6 August 2016 from 1pm-3pm

In this workshop we identify the initial major projects required to move us towards the Vision.

Seed Funding Workshop

Saturday 20 August 1pm-3pm

This workshop is where we will establish how the available council funding will be distributed among the projects.

We welcome all community members to be involved in each of these events.

Headlines

Federal Election Day BBQ

DCHI will be running a sausage sizzle outside the Dereel Polling Booth on Federal Election Day. If you see us, come over and say 'Hello' even if you don't want a sausage.

Dereel Vision Workshop

How would you like to see Dereel develop over the next three years? The Dereel Vision Workshop builds on replies to the ten question survey to imagine what we could do.

The workshop will be held on **Saturday 23rd July 2016** at the Dereel Community Centre.

The workshop runs from 1pm to 3pm and everyone is welcome to attend. .

Ten Question Summary

By Mitchel Fielding

Thank you to the people who completed our ten question survey to build a picture of what life is like in Dereel right now, and what is already good here.

The following statement summarises the collective ideas shared by everyone and will form the basis for building a vision of the future.



At Our Best

We love the tranquillity of Dereel, the abundant natural beauty, glorious sunsets, diverse wildlife, the peace and quiet, the fresh air and the freedom of open space.

We love having the space to grow, create, tinker and explore; whether gardens, buildings, arts and crafts, or stories.

We find joy in sharing life with our families and friends, helping them where we can.

We recognise the potential of people to do amazing things, especially when we cooperate and bring our diverse skills and ways of seeing things together.

We experience community at its best when we are there for each other, without agendas, like how we came together in so many ways after the 2013 fire.

We know how important it is to have a safe, supportive environment where we feel at ease being ourselves.

We achieve our best when we work together as a community towards clear outcomes.

We want places and events where families are welcome and friends are drawn together.

We want to bring the heart of our town alive, with better access to services and places for casual meeting, but we still want our quiet little town.



Do you want to help build a picture of Dereel in the future, where we aim to achieve some of the things people want? Come to the Dereel Vision Workshop at the Dereel Community Centre from 1pm to 3pm on Saturday 23rd July, 2016.

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.



Dereel People Ruth Georgalas

By Richard Emery

1. How long have you lived in the area?

For 30 years. I had five kids and I thought it was a great place to bring them up—with sheep, goats, pigs, cows etc.

2. What's great about living here?

The fresh air, it's quiet at night, and you can see the Stars.

3. What do you feel passionate about?

Nature—the animals and trees..

4. What do you find joy in doing?

Messing about in the garden, in the mud. Also going to community events. I need to be with people.

5. What is your current pet project?

Getting better. Getting over cancer. Getting on top of it.

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

Before I got ill I was in CERT and the Walking Group.

7. Tell us about your best community experience.

Just being involved.

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

That's a hard thing. If more people would just get involved with the community...

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

If I had a magic wand? Having a little shop where people could buy petrol and just get together and have a yarn.

Getting the new Hall going would get everyone here again..

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

Invite people to come up! Especially the younger people.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC week events are being held in Ballarat from 3rd to 10th July. An Events Calendar is on our website under What's On.

Happenings At Hub Café!

Drop by the Hub Café, held every Saturday between 2pm and 4pm in the Dereel Community Centre.

What is the Hub Café?

Located in the Dereel Community Centre every Saturday afternoon, the Hub Café is open to everyone! You don't need to be a member of DCHI to drop in, and you can opt in or out of any of the organised activities on the day.

We offer freshly roasted coffee, real hot chocolate and chai, along with friendly conversation.

DCHI is a not-for-profit organisation and the Hub Café is our main fundraising activity to raise funds for Dereel based community projects.

If you have ideas for local projects, come along next Saturday and have a chat to us.

Who can run a Hub Café activity?

The Dereel Community Hub Inc. assists local people to get together each Saturday. We enable interest groups to hold meetings in the Dereel Community Centre during the Hub Café opening hours. To be eligible, the group leader must be a member of DCHI, the activity must be not-for-profit and open to everyone in the community. The activity must also be approved by the DCHI committee.

The benefits for interest groups are that their meetings in the Community Centre are covered by DCHI insurance and there is no cost to people who attend the activity.

This offer is limited to activities which are run inside the Community Centre and immediate surrounds. Our insurance does not cover activities held away from the Community Centre.

Activities in July

Saturday 2nd July: Sausage Sizzle

The Dereel Community Centre is a Polling Both for the Federal Election. DCHI will be running a sausage sizzle in conjunction with the Hub Café.

Saturday 9th July: Dereel Camera Crew

Open to everyone interested in photography at all skill levels.

Saturday 16 July: Dereel Gold Diggers

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

Saturday 23 July: Dereel History

A meeting for those interested in Dereel's history. Come along and share stories, or to learn more.



Rory and Glynis set up the Gold Cube sluice at the first Gold Diggers meeting.

Dereel Gold Diggers

Last month saw the first meeting of the Dereel Gold Diggers. Rory Vass brought his Gold Cube sluice to demonstrate how it worked. Using a more modern detection method, Glynis Bryden demonstrated how to use a metal detector.

The Dereel Gold Diggers hold a meeting on the third Saturday of each month at the Hub Café from 2pm. Contact Carol Moyse for more information about the group on 0411 881 560.



Julie Avery-Donaghy's historical documents and maps. Attracted a lot of interest.

Dereel History

Julie Avery-Donaghy has been researching Dereel's history for many years. On Saturday 25th June, Julie brought her collection of maps, photographs and documents along to the Hub Café to see if there was enough interest to set up a History interest group. The answer was a resounding 'yes'.

Details of this interest group are still being worked out, but if you are interested in finding out more, come along to the Hub Café on 23rd July at 3 pm.

Photo Credit: Photographs on this page were taken by Carol Moyse.

Moving Back In

The renovations have now been completed on the kitchen and the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Members of the Walking Group and DCHI, along with other interested people, moved stored items into the newly completed community kitchen.

The exterior wall of the Hall is yet to be painted. Two paint colours are being considered. Drop by the kitchen in the next few days to vote for your choice.



Entrance to a meeting room, inside toilets and a store room.



The new kitchen is large and airy with a wide veranda around the outside.

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.

Update from Fiona Robson Community Wellbeing Officer

Fiona Robson has commenced her role as Dereel's Community Wellbeing Officer. Here is a note from Fiona to the community:

Congratulations on the move across to the renovated community centre on Saturday. The Centre is looking amazing and ready to be used.

I have been asked about what happens now and have created a program of activities for July.

The first session is in Diabetes Week. A diabetes educator will speak on Tuesday morning, 5 July, from 9.30am. Please come along and bring friends and family.

I am interested in your thoughts and ideas for Dereel. I will be setting up an office in the Soldiers Memorial Hall and plan to be at the Community Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. I look forward to working with you and getting to know the community better.

July Events:

Tuesday 5th July at 9.30am

Understanding Diabetes (Diabetes Week)
Gail (BDNH Group)

Mon 11th July at 1pm

How to navigate Centrelink
Ritchie (Centrelink)

Tuesday 26th July at 9.30am

Keeping hydrated and regular
Kathy (BDNH Group)

Regular Events:

Walking Group, meet Tuesdays at 8:30am

Fiona's full program can be found on *Dereel Spokes* website What's On page.

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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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