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## Dereel News

Brought to you by DCHI

### Community Garden First Working Bee

The fruit of research, planning sessions and many discussions is looking plump and ripe for tasting in relation to the Dereel Community Garden.

If you've been waiting for the practical, getting your hands dirty part of the project, it's about to begin.

The Dereel Community Gardening group would love your help for a working bee on Saturday 26th November between 11am and 1pm. A lunch will be provided for the workers at 1pm.

The focus of the working bee is to prepare the first two gardens—a welcoming flower garden and a native plant garden to show the range of plants native to our region. Depending on the number of helpers there are on the day, it may also be possible to get a start on the vegetable garden.

#### Working Bee Details

As the group has just formed, tools are limited. **Please bring your own gloves, hats, boots and gardening tools**, including spades and rakes.

**Date:** Saturday 26th November

**Time :** 11am to 1pm

**Location:** Dereel Community Centre

**Lunch:** 1pm—provided to workers

#### Working Bee Planning Meeting

**Saturday 19th November from 2pm to 4pm at the Dereel Community Centre.**

If you would like to know more details about the specific working bee tasks, please attend the planning meeting.



### A Christmas Picnic!

#### Invitation to the Dereel Community

Dereel Community Hub Inc. invite you to our picnic to celebrate Christmas. This is an opportunity to relax with your friends and neighbours, and there may even be a visit from a man in a red suit—so make sure you bring the kids along too.

We want to keep this easy for everyone, so you will need to **bring your own food and picnic gear**.

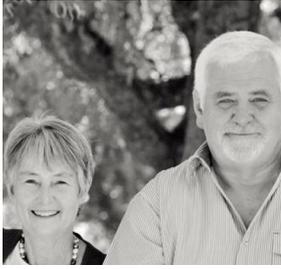
**Date:** Saturday 17th December

**Time :** 12 noon to 2pm

**Location:** Dereel Community Centre

**Food:** BYO Everything

We hope to see you there. Don't forget the sun-screen and a hat.



# Dereel People

Lorraine and Jim Ellis

## 1. How long have you lived in the area and what brought you here?

We have lived in Enfield for five and half years. We had been looking at properties North of Ballarat but six years ago, decided to look to the South. Then we found and fell in love with our property, so retired here.

## 2. What's great about living here?

Both of us love the fact that it is rural, but close to a big regional city. We enjoy the sense of community in the immediate area, and are very impressed with all the facilities very close to us—doctors, shopping, train services, for example.

## 3. What do you feel passionate about?

Gardening! Both of us are passionate gardeners. We could see the potential in the property we bought and have spent hours improving, extending and caring for the garden.

## 4. What do you find joy in doing?

Definitely gardening, but also mixing with and enjoying the company of local residents.

## 5. What is your current pet project?

At the moment we are trying to overcome health issues— so much time is taken up with that...but always there is the maintenance of the garden. At the moment we are setting up the vegetable garden ready for some good weather!

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

We belong to the Walking Group and through this we commit to some activities with Dereel residents. This includes the Dereel breakfast each month, which Jim cooks for, and also the recent Farewell to Footy pie lunch. These kinds of events help to keep the community in touch. Also fund raising. This year we organised a morning tea for cancer which locals supported to raise money for BRICC (Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre). Lorraine also attends a craft group.

## 7. Tell us about your best community experience.

It has probably been in organising local events for get-togethers or for fundraising....just seeing the support provided from locals .

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

More people need to help to organise community events—not just attend them. Helping gives a great sense of achievement and an opportunity for social interaction. If there were more helpers we could have more events.

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

To see everyone working together in whichever field they would like to be in. We must all realise we haven't got the time or the energy to be involved in EVERY group. The groups need to work side by side, encouraging each other.

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

Have a positive attitude toward working as a community, listen to each others ideas, and try to reach a happy medium.

# Dereel Birds

Photograph and text by Caelum Picket

Here we have what is known as a Tawny Frogmouth, also known as the Mopoke owl for the call they make.

This photo was taken by me at my house down Ferrers Road. The nest was situated up a very old, tall tree. This is a mating pair and they have one offspring in the nest.



*A Tawny Frogmouth nest in Ferrer's Road*

## 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.



*The Walking Group did a great job with the Farewell to Footy Pie Lunch*

## Farewell to Footy: Pie Lunch Photos

By Lorraine Ellis

Photos courtesy of Lucy Osmond

Thank you to the people in the Dereel community for supporting The Walking Group's Farewell to Footy Pie Lunch, held at the beginning of October.

The company was good, the food good and everyone enjoyed catching up with other locals.

Also, a big thank you to the small band of workers who put in a lot of effort to make this day a success by advertising our event, cooking for it, decorating the Hall and cleaning up during and after the event.

Thanks go to the Golden Plains Shire for their support too.

Thanks to Lucy Osmond for taking photos on the day.



*The event was well attended too, which was great to see. Well done to all involved.*

## Dereel History

The final meeting of the Dereel History Group for 2016 will be held on Saturday 26th November from 2pm to 4pm in the Dereel Community Centre.

Julie Donaghy has been following up information provided to her by local people, as well as doing her own original research. Many of the leads have proved to be elusive and in the article below, Julie reflects on why this might be the case.

### The Ghosts of Dereel Town

By Julie Donaghy

The old local towns of Corindhap, Illabarook and Berringa still have their public historic recreation reserves, sheds, schools, Halls and churches. Some of these are on private property now, but the past is still there to admire and the buildings are able to be used.

Dereel was first settled in 1852 and is the same age as these other local towns. However, none of the historic buildings stand in Old Dereel Town anymore!

So what happened to Dereel?

It looks like the people of the old town didn't really take any pride in their town by selling off the public land and removing any public buildings that stood the test of time.

We had a Quadrille Hall, (Dance Hall) or did we really? This was the first public hall, or was it?

We had a Grandstand at the racetrack or did we? We don't think so!

We had three hotels - the All Nations, Pitchfords and Doyles. All are gone and only chimneys remain.

We had a jockeys shed built in 1905! It was moved to the Dereel hall precinct in the 1930's. It was also around a few years back and was moved to private property. It's such a shame for it not to be around anymore.

We had a footy/cricket oval and a cricket club house, or did we? The club house was built in 1907.

We had three churches— or did we? (Catholic, Methodist and Church of England).

We did have two schools. The first was burnt down in 1906. The second one was built in 1908, and was sold off and moved to another town, in the 1945.

After this, the local kids had nowhere to go to school. The people of the town got together and

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had a building added to the back of the Dereel Hall so the local kids to attend school in Dereel. This was the old kitchen area. The Dereel School was officially closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1970.

We had a Cemetery too, but no-one was dying to get in! Dereel people have buried their dead on their own private properties, or at the Rokewood cemetery. So, with no burials having occurred, the Dereel cemetery was revoked in the 1930's.

So what happened to the old Dereel Township? Where did it go? There are so many questions; so few answers.

Over the years of the 1900's public lands were sold off and public roads have been turned into private property. Have you ever noticed all of the dead-end roads around here? Well, there are lots of them—and once upon a time they did continue and join up with other roads.

Other buildings, were sold off or destroyed, like the historic Dereel racecourse Jockeys shed. It was there one day, gone the next! This was only a few years back.

Dereel should look like the old towns of Corindhap, Berringa and Illabarook—with even a touch of Rokewood about it,, but it doesn't. All we have are footings in the ground where buildings used to be.

The only thing still standing is the Dereel Soldiers Memorial Hall built in 1921.

## Info/Intro Sessions

The last of the current series of Info/Intro sessions will run on Saturday 19th November

In this series of six sessions we have had sessions on

- Essential Oils
- Theatre
- Creative Writing
- Coffee
- Orchids

Would you like to see more Intro/Info sessions held in 2017? If so, please contact us to:

- suggest topics you would like to learn about.
- let us know if you have a skill you would like to share with the community

We would also like some feedback on the best time to run the Info/Intro sessions.

- Weekdays?
- Weekends?
- Evenings?

# Call for Interested People

## Community Planning Projects

The first of the seven Community Planning Projects is the Dereel Community Garden, and it is great to see a group of interested and committed people beginning work on this project.

DCHI are calling for people interested in working on one of the other six projects to contact us.

We envisage putting together six separate project groups, so you can opt to provide assistance in a number of ways:

- Offering skills (depending on the project this could be administrative skills, manual labour, project planning skills, etc.)
- Specifying a level of involvement comfortable for you (perhaps one hour a week for a stated number of weeks or months)
- Communication or community engagement surrounding the project
- Documenting the progress of the project

Other roles may become apparent as each project is formed and refined into specific pieces of work.

The six project teams to be put together are:

1. **Dereel Community Spaces**
2. **Pop-up Shops**
3. **Art Spaces**
4. **Knowledge Sharing**
5. **Develop Dereel Lagoon/Swamp Area**
6. **Maps, Signage and Publications**

The next stage for each of these areas will be to call for specific costed proposals for evaluation. In addition to cost and viability, the amount of hands-on support to implement the proposed ideas will be taken into consideration.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact one of the community planning team:

<b>Carol Moyse</b>	jenna_isis@live.com.au
<b>Pam Bailey</b>	goldfish.129@hotmail.com
<b>Clio Ellis-Perez</b>	moonrider13@gmail.com
<b>Kim Stanley</b>	danthoriaridge@gmail.com
<b>Mitchel Fielding</b>	mifisattva@gmail.com

## Pop-Up Shops Project

Some discussion has occurred about the potential to establish a market or car-boot sale in Dereel. If you are interested in exploring this idea, please contact Lisa Hunter: LisaHunter@bigpond.com.

# What's On?

## Homework Hub for Students

A Homework Hub will be open every Tuesday 4pm to 5:30 pm for the last school term of 2016. If you want help with your studies, or just want a time to focus on homework, come along to the community centre after school.

Community members with a good understanding of school subjects who would like to help students in their learning are encouraged to be involved.

On **Tuesday 22nd November**, the Golden Plains Shire iVan will be at the Dereel Community Centre at the same time, providing entertainment and games for teenagers.

## Saturdays At Hub Café!

The Hub Café is open every Saturday between 2pm and 4pm. Come to participate in an activity or to enjoy a chat with friends over coffee, chai or hot chocolate. Everyone is welcome!

## Activities in November

### Tuesday 15th November

10.30am: Safe Driving for Seniors  
(bookings essential)

Contact: BDNH Group on 5334 1500

### Saturday 19th December

#### 2pm to 4pm—Dereel Community Garden Group

A planning meeting for the upcoming working bee will be held in the Dereel Community Centre. All interested people are welcome to attend.

#### 2pm to 4pm—Intro/Info Session

##### Securing Your Property

Presenter: Rick Olsson.

The session will give you a brief overview of the topic. Presenters for info/intro sessions are local people volunteering their time on a topic that is of interest to them.

Bookings are essential. The cost is a gold coin donation to cover room hire.

To book your place please go to the ***Dereel Spokes*** Facebook Event Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DereelSpokes/events>  
or email [dereelspokes@gmail.com](mailto:dereelspokes@gmail.com).

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

#### Dereel Community Garden Working Bee

##### 11am to 1pm—Dereel Hall Surrounds.

Bring your hats, gloves and gardening tools to be involved in the preparation of the first community

garden beds. See page 1 of this newsletter for more information.

#### Free Lunch for Community Garden Workers

##### 1pm to 2pm—Dereel Community Centre Kitchen

After the working bee, enjoy a free lunch provided by the Dereel Community Gardening Group, and stay on to for the Hub Café.

#### 2pm to 4pm—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.

## Activities in December

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December—2pm to 4pm

#### Adult Colouring and Art

An opportunity to chat with local people while working on your colouring or art work over coffee.

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December

#### Dereel Camera Crew – 2pm to 4pm

Meet at the Dereel Community Centre at 2pm for photographic activities with the Camera Crew. Join the Dereel Camera Crew Facebook Group if you would like more information.

### Tuesday 13th December

#### Dereel Walking Group Christmas lunch

Bookings essential. See page 6 for details.

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December—12noon to 2pm

#### Dereel Christmas Picnic

Bring your own everything! This community picnic day is planned as a simple get-together to celebrate Christmas. Details on page 1 of this newsletter.

## Regular Dereel Activities:

### First Tuesday of the Month

8am: Community Breakfast

Contact: Lorraine on 5342 0492.

### Walk and Cuppa

#### Tuesdays from 8:30am, Dereel Kitchen

Come and join the walking group on a Tuesday morning. Enjoy having a chat in the kitchen or going for a short or long walk in the local area followed by a cuppa. The Rokewood walking group will be joining us to walk on Tuesday 29th November at 9am.

### Mobile Library

Thursdays 2.15-3.00pm, Dereel Hall Car Park

The mobile library is provided through Geelong Regional Library and visits weekly, except the last Thursday of month.



## Dereel Hall Hire

### New Management Arrangements

Ballarat District Nursing and Healthcare (BDNH Group) are pleased to advise that they have been appointed to manage the Dereel Hall & Community Centre. Facility management has been handed over from Golden Plains Shire to BDNH group and the Community Wellbeing Officer, Lucy Osmond, is available on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays to provide assistance. Everyone is encouraged to use The Centre. New groups and events are very welcome.

In addition to managing the facility, BDNH Group provide a wellbeing program in Dereel to support current community groups, facilitate health and wellbeing sessions and provide health checks.

BDNH Group also offer a suite of services from their Ballarat office that include nursing, home care and podiatry.

Spaces available to hire include:

- the newly renovated Soldiers' Memorial Hall,
- newly renovated kitchen and dining space,
- a private meeting room, and
- the Community Centre.

To make a facility booking please call:

BDNH on 5334 1500 or  
the Dereel Community Centre on 5346 1521 or  
email [commhealth@bdnh.com.au](mailto:commhealth@bdnh.com.au).

## Events

### Learning to Bloom

Wednesday November 16th, 23rd & 30th 1-3pm  
Community Centre

A three week program run by Centacare, especially for women.

This is a chance to look at life in perspective and spend some time on you. For further details collect a flier from Lucy, the Community Wellbeing Officer. Places are limited, so please register your interest.

### Trailblazers Walk

Thursday December 1st 10am,  
Dereel Hall and surrounds.  
Run by Golden Plains Shire

Join the Trailblazers when they hold their monthly walk in Dereel. The walk is approximately 5km, and will be followed by lunch in the Dereel Hall for a gold coin donation. Contact: Jacinta on 5321 1500

### Skateboarding Session

Saturday December 10th 2-4:30pm,  
Dereel Skate Park. Run by Golden Plains Shire.

Learn to skateboard. It's fun and free. Skateboards and safety gear are available if needed. An adult signature is required for minors.

### Walking Group Christmas Lunch

Tuesday December 13th 11:30am,  
Enfield Pub **Bookings essential**

All are welcome to join. There will be a set lunch for \$28pp and drinks at bar prices.  
Contact Lorraine: 5342 0492

The full November/December BDNH events calendar is posted on *Dereel Spokes* website.

## 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.

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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