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DCHI News

Headlines

Community Planning

The next facilitated Community Planning meeting is being held on 21st June. Complete the form on page 3 (or download it from our website) to have your ideas for the future of Dereel included in the discussion.

Spring Festival

Postponed until 2017

After much consideration, the Dereel Community Hub Inc. have decided to defer the planned 2016 Spring Festival to September 2017. While progress on the Dereel Hall and new kitchen is good, there is still a lot of work to be done in setting up the space surrounding the facilities.

With the help of the community, we hope the 2017 Spring Festival will be bigger and better.

This year, we plan to run a smaller, family oriented event. More details will be released soon. In the meantime, if you have ideas for a fun, community oriented day, please let us know.

Welcome to Fiona

Fiona Robson is Dereel's new Community Wellbeing Officer. At the Morning Tea for Cancer, held by the Walking Group, Fiona introduced herself and spent the morning speaking with people to find out more about local needs.

Fiona will be spending approximately 16 hours a week in Dereel to work with the community.

Dereel Swamp a Tuff Ring Volcano?

In response to an article about Victorian volcanoes, published in *The Age* on 7th May, Richard Emery wrote to Dr. Erin Matchan, School of Earth Sciences, Melbourne University to ask her if the Dereel Swamp was a maar Volcano.

In reply, Erin wrote "There seems to be very little published on Dereel Swamp, and I am not familiar with this area myself. As it looks to be quite a shallow lagoon, it is most likely a 'tuff ring' volcano, rather than a 'maar' volcano (examples of maars are Lake Bullen Merri and Tower Hill).

"Tuff rings form when magma erupts through surface water (e.g. lake or swamp), causing a small eruption as the water is instantly converted into steam by the ~1000 degrees C magma.

"Maar volcanoes are also explosive, ash-forming eruptions, but result in much deeper, steeper-sided craters (e.g. Lake Bullen Merri near Camperdown, Tower Hill near Warrnambool). These sorts of eruptions happen when ascending magma hits groundwater (e.g. in the Port Campbell limestone, which is an important aquifer that underlies a large area of SW Victoria), resulting in an explosive, ash producing eruption as the groundwater is instantaneously converted to steam by the basalt magma, and a large amount of 'country rock' is instantly pulverised into ash, leaving a rather big hole behind."

For those interested in our geological history, Erin recommended visiting the Volcanoes Discovery Centre at Penshurst.



Dereel People

Richard Emery

By Mitchel Fielding

1. How long have you lived in the area?

3 ½ years. We were living in suburban Ballarat and for my 60th birthday received hire of a camper van as a gift from my family. We were home two hours from the trip when my partner said it was too noisy and she wanted to move to the country.

We looked at a few places in Dereel before choosing ours, then moved in August 2012.

2. What's great about living here?

The peace and quiet; even living on the main road. Also, the native animals, the bush, and of course the community around us.

3. What do you feel passionate about?

I'm committed to the community, my family and my beautiful partner. My other passion is coffee.

4. What do you find joy in doing?

Waking up in the morning and realizing that I am **NOT** in the suburban rat race. The "bush" has a way of rejuvenating us all.

5. What is your current pet project?

Roasting coffee of course and getting DCHI up and going. I can't wait until the redevelopment of the Hall is finished so we can get on with making it a beautiful spot for everyone to use.

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

CERT-I wanted to get involved in the community. Being a non-active member seemed a good way to do so, without putting stress on my back. I was elected as Vice President, and then when the position became vacant was volunteered as President. I am about to start training as an active member. My nursing background is about to get a very useful update

Dereel Community Hub– Again I saw it as a good opportunity to be involved and contribute to the community. I was elected as President so my role has expanded to get everyone working together.

7. Tell us about your best community experience.

It would have to be the Hub Café (Saturdays from 2pm until 4pm). It's a great way of getting people together, and an opportunity to meet in a convivial setting. It gets people out and talking about what's happening.

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

It's about getting people accustomed to the idea that we want community to develop here, and providing a network and framework that will enable this to happen. There is so much potential here, but it really needs a physical focal point for the community. The current Hall redevelopment will help by moving us in this direction.

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

I think having a community focal point is really important. A space that is clearly seen as the centre of Dereel - what we see as 'Dereel'. To see this space in full use and continually available, however the community wants to use it. A space that is available, accessible and not intimidating. If it was open every day, that would be fabulous.

Broader than that, it would be nice to have a pub, shop, service station and tourist information centre. It would be good to attract tourism, maybe through recognising the endangered Browns Toadlet around the swamp. The formation and history of the Dereel Swamp could also be a talking point.

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

The starting point is to develop the focal point, the community centre. It would be great if when you looked up Dereel it marked this point as 'Dereel'.

It's about taking baby steps, building on the existing community spirit and working with existing active groups, but all pulling in the same direction.

Happening At Hub Cafe

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

On the first Saturday of the month we hold an **Adult Colouring** activity (which includes other artistic projects you're working on). Chat while you work!

On the second Saturday of the month the **Dereel Camera Crew** meet to enjoy photographic pursuits.

If you've ever wondered about the gold digging history of Dereel, or would like to meet like-minded people for prospecting, you may like to come along on **Saturday 18th June** to attend the first meeting of the **Dereel Gold Diggers**.

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Hub Café for a chat and a coffee, chai or hot chocolate on any Saturday. There is no requirement to participate in the activities which are scheduled.

Participate in the Dereel Community Planning

The next facilitated Community Planning meeting will be held on 21st June 2016.

At this meeting, information received from the community will be reviewed. The ten questions below aim to identify what is good about living in Dereel and how we can build on that to make it even better.

If you would like to contribute, either interview someone you know, get someone to interview you, or complete the answers yourself and return the form to:

**P.O. Box 50, Rokewood, 3330
dereelspokes@gmail.com**

So we have enough time to compile all responses, **please return this form by 18 June 2016.**

More copies of the form can be downloaded from the Dereel Spokes website:

<https://dereelspokes.com/>

The article explaining these questions and the community planning process can be found on our website under Publication Archive, within Edition 6, April 2016.

The Ten Questions

Name of person responding:

Date Interviewed/Completed: / /

Has the responder approved the write up of your interview? Yes / No

Is this OK to Publish in Dereel Spokes? Yes / No

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

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If you are interviewing someone else:

- take notes during the interview
- show your finished article to the person.
- Once they are happy, send a copy to DCHI: dereelspokes@gmail.com or P.O. Box 50, Rokewood, 3330

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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.



Morning Tea for Cancer

By Lorraine Ellis, Dereel Walking Group

On the 31st May, the group held a morning tea to raise money for the Ballarat Regional Cancer Centre. The morning was a huge success with 50 - 60 people attending. It was so good to see people from the area getting together and enjoying themselves. With entry to a fabulous morning tea and REAL coffee and some fun raffles, the group raised \$310.00. We were thrilled with the effort. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to the group of people who worked really hard to make this day a great event.

We look forward to new faces at the Walking Group. We are at the Hall on Tuesday mornings at 8.30. Join some of us for a short walk, followed by a biscuit and cuppa and a chat. If you don't wish to walk, you are still very welcome for the cuppa and chat. We are usually there between 8.30 and approximately 10am. Our new community wellbeing officer (Fiona, whom we met at the morning tea) hopes to be there too, if you would like to speak to her.

Once again, a big thank-you to everyone who attended for helping make this such a success !

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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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