

DEREEL SPOKES

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DEREEL NEWS

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Seeding Dereel

By Mitchel Fielding

Are you interested in growing and sharing food? Whether you are inexperienced or have a seasoned green-thumb, we invite you to take part in a project to grow and share food from seed to plate.

Each season, seeds that are ready to sow will be made freely available through the Food is Free stall. We will run a propagation workshop to help you get started, and provide instructions on what you need to do to help your seedlings grow.

Once the seedlings are ready for transplanting, you are invited to bring any surplus back to the Food is Free stall for redistribution. Another workshop will put you on the right track for having the best success with your plants and getting a good yield. Once the produce is ready to harvest, you are again invited to bring surplus back to the Food is Free stall to share. Around this time there will be further workshops for preserving, recipes, and seed harvesting so the cycle can begin afresh. Each season, the cycle will start with new seeds that are suitable for immediate planting.

This project will be launched with a seed propagation workshop on Saturday 11th March at 2pm at the community centre. Come along to share your expertise, or to get some pointers on how to start.



Dereel People

Doug Braddy

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

Since 2000. I used to go prospecting with a mate around here, so knew the area. I said I would buy land if it became available. When something came up I couldn't believe it had a house on the land given the price. We checked into it and here we are.

2. What's great about living here?

The clean air, the area, the freedom of having space to move around. It's handy having Ballarat nearby, easy to access. It's great that I can operate a business here, that's part of the freedom - it lets me work on the land.

3. What do you feel passionate about?

I love work —getting things done. I like making things by using old stuff to turn it into new stuff. I like creating things from scrap. And I'm also passionate about my chooks.

4. What do you find joy in doing?

Most things. I enjoy getting things done and then standing back and looking. I like getting it finished.

5. What is your current pet project?

Getting the kennels updated and improved to make things easier. Otherwise, just stuff around the place. I'm right into solar. All our power comes from it and it's all self done.

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

Dereel Men's Shed—to teach others and pass on skills. Also supporting men's health...opening up more.

7. Tell us about your best community experience. In Dereel

The fire recovery. We made a few mistakes but also did a lot of good. The people that were helped far outweighed the mistakes made. I learnt a lot from that experience.

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

The challenge is getting people out of the bush to take part in things. We have tried lots of different approaches but it's always a struggle. Some of the big events have drawn people out, for example

Christmas events and the Spring Festivals, but we need more participation.

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

I'd like to see a shop opened. It's unlikely we'll get a petrol station. I'd like to see opportunities for local employment, perhaps an industrial area or something like a courier company. If we could keep water in the swamp then it could be made into an attraction, with paddle boats and a kiosk.

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

We have to entice people out of the bush. Other towns in the area seem to have people active in the community. Examples like Turtle Bend in Teesdale which transformed the space. They have fantastic festivals there now. It comes back to taking ownership. The community needs to take charge and show the council that we care for our space.

Community Garden Next Meeting

The Dereel Community Gardening Group held a mini working bee on 25th February to tidy the garden beds prior to the Real Food Festival.

The next meeting is at 2pm on Saturday 18th March at the Dereel Community Centre.



Gerald was one of two people who donated mulch for the garden beds, along with Richard Kaminsky.



Sharon Breen found this Southern Brown Tree Frog while doing the weeding.

Real Food Festival

Dereel's Participation

Dereel is participating in the Real Food Festival with events running over three weekends in March.



Launch: Food Is Free

By Mitchel Fielding

Have you heard of the Food is Free global project? Perhaps you have seen the stalls at Food is Free Laneway in Ballarat, or Food is Free Smythesdale. Well, it's coming to town.

Food is Free Dereel will be launching on:

Saturday 11th March, around 2pm.

The stall will be set up on a bench under the verandah of the Community Centre, facing the playground. Since the stall is outside, any available produce is always accessible.

It's all about sharing. If you have spare food, plants or produce that you are happy to share, please bring it along and leave it for others at the stall.

Note that only plant-based goods can be left at the stall. This excludes bread, and other produce that may attract rats, from the program. Offerings at the stall are freely available to anyone, so come by and take what you can use.

By giving and receiving you are taking part in building an even more supportive community.

Find us on Facebook at *Food is Free Dereel*

For more information about Food Is Free Dereel, please contact Mitchel via *Dereel Spokes*:
dereelspokes@gmail.com

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Real Coffee Workshops

Dereel Community Hub Inc. are extending the Hub Cafe on Saturdays to participate in the Real Food Festival.

You are invited to attend a series of Real Coffee Workshops. Each workshop will be structured so you can taste your way through ten different brewing methods, using the same single origin coffee beans. Also, find out about coffee aroma and flavour profiles, along with the history of coffee.

The sessions will run from 2pm to 4pm at the Dereel Community Centre, 14 Swamp Road, Dereel.

Sessions will run on the following dates:

Saturday 4th March 2017

Saturday 11th March 2017

Saturday 18th March 2017

Also, see the Real Food Festival website and the *Dereel Spokes* Events page on Facebook.



Growing, Cooking, Eating Food

From Golden Plains Shire

Are you interested in growing, cooking, eating or sharing food? Come to a meeting for all community members interested in food. It is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people, share experiences and ideas, also to find out about and become involved in local community projects designed to increase access to food. Current projects include the Smythesdale Well Community Garden, Food is Free Smythesdale, The Real Food Festival, the Bannockburn Primary School Community Garden and the Southern Plains Directory.

For more information contact Jacinta on 5321 1500 or jacinta.walsh@gplains.vic.gov.au

Smythesdale

6.30pm - 8:00pm Tuesday 14 March 2017

Smythesdale Well, 19 Heales street, Smythesdale

Bannockburn

7:00pm - 8:30pm, Wednesday 22 March 2017

Bannockburn Cultural Centre, High street,
Bannockburn

All welcome

Community Planning

Several projects within the Dereel Community Plan 2016-2019 have been prioritised for immediate attention. For any of these projects, if you would like to participate or have ideas about them, please get in contact with us.

A key goal of the community planning process is to build community participation so your involvement is always welcome.

Community Garden

- Landscape Design
- Food Garden
- Ornamental Gardens

Community Space

- Lockable Storage
- Information Display Stand
- Picture Hanging Rails

Pop Up Shops

- Food is Free Dereel

Art Space

- Art & Craft Workshops

Knowledge Sharing

- Community Tutoring
- Projector and Screen

Develop Swamp Area

- Walking Track

Maps, Signage and Publications

- Large Street Map
- Public Noticeboards
- Re-usable Event Signage

The latest version of the Dereel Community Plan - Implementation Plan is available on the Dereel Spokes web page under Projects > Community Planning. The document will be updated as the planning progresses for each of the projects.

Trailblazer Walks

From Golden Plains Shire

The Trailblazer Walks are on again in 2017 and Jacinta has sent *Dereel Spokes* the schedule from March to June.

There is a walk scheduled to be held in Dereel on Thursday 6th April, commencing at the Dereel Hall at 10:00am.

The full program, including Jacinta's contact details, is available in PDF format from the *Dereel Spokes* website: <http://dereelspokes.com>

Please contact Jacinta for more information.



What inspires you to create?

Inspirational!

Art In Dereel: What Inspires You?

Local artists and crafters interested in building an active arts community in Dereel, agreed to meet on the third Saturday of the month at the Community Centre. In the first of these gatherings we'll discuss inspiration. What inspires you? How do you use this inspiration in your work? Everyone welcome.

The discussion starts at 1:30pm on Saturday 18th March in the meeting room. Bring something as a 'show and tell' – this could be your own work, or the work of another person. It can be in any medium and in any form of creative practice.

Our definition of art is broad and includes all forms of creativity including performance and creative writing. You can be a beginner or experienced—we want to explore new skills in creative workshops, so we will all be learners at various times.

We've set up a Facebook group where we can talk about the types of workshops we would like to do, opportunities to apply for grants to enable us to advance the arts for all members of the community and generally to share other ideas for the face to face meetings.

Facebook Group: Art In Dereel

Next Meeting: 1:30pm on 18th March

Let's create an environment for the arts to flourish.

Dereel Facebook Groups

Each month, *Dereel Spokes* will highlight one of the many Facebook Groups set up for specific interests.

This month, tying in with our art theme, we feature the **Dereel Arty Crafty and Creative People** group. This is an online forum to share information, skills and techniques as well as to connect with other local artists.

This Month in Dereel

Launch: Food Is Free Dereel

2pm Saturday 11th March, Community Centre

Celebrate the new Food Is Free Dereel program.

Seed Propagation Workshop

2pm Saturday 11th March, Community Centre

Part of the Food Is Free Dereel program.

Real Coffee Workshop

2pm to 4pm, Dereel Community Centre

Real Food Festival event:

Saturday 11th March

Saturday 18th March

Golden Plains Shire iVan Youth Cruiser

4pm to 5pm, Dereel Community Centre

Games and movies for young people.

Tuesday 7th March

Tuesday 21st March and

Tuesday 28th March.

Art in Dereel: Inspiration Show and Tell

1:30pm Saturday 18th March, Community Centre

Discussion about creativity. Bring something which inspires you.

Community Garden Group Meeting

2pm to 4pm Saturday 18th March, Dereel Community Centre

Community Garden planning and maintenance.

Everyone welcome.

BDNH Computer Training Program

March Program – Back to Basics

10am to 12:30pm, Dereel Community Centre

This program covers basic computer skills

Tuesday 21st March and

Tuesday 28th March

Regular Events

Walk and Cuppa

Tuesdays from 8:30am, Dereel Kitchen

Join the Walking Group on a Tuesday mornings for a walk in the local area followed by a cuppa.

Community Breakfast

8am, first Tuesday of the month Dereel Kitchen

The Walking Group holds a breakfast for a gold coin donation on the first Tuesday of the month.

Dereel Men's Shed

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11am- 3pm

New members are welcomed.

Hub Café

2pm to 4pm Saturdays, Community Kitchen

The Hub Café offers a friendly place to meet with local people over real coffee, hot chocolate or chai.

Free Community Tuition

5pm to 6pm Tuesdays during School Term

Open to students of all ages.

Tai Chi

7pm to 8pm, Thursdays, Community Centre

During school term time Sandra Pearce of Lilac Moon Tai Chi runs classes for a small fee. Come on the night or contact Sandra on: 0409 662 106

Meditation

Wednesdays 7-8pm, Meeting Room, Dereel Hall

An hour of quiet reflection. Run by local volunteers for a gold coin donation to cover room hire costs.

Health Checks

2pm to 4pm, 3rd Monday of the Month, Community Centre

Have your blood pressure checked by the Dereel Community Wellbeing Officer or speak with service providers including Ritchie from Centrelink, Melissa from Uniting Care and Louise from Centacare.



Youth Services in March

By Mitchel Fielding

As we get further into the first school term of 2017, students are learning new topics and trying to understand new concepts. If you are, or know, a student who could use some help to achieve their best, come along to Free Community Tutoring at the Dereel Community Centre, each Tuesday during term, running from 5pm to 6pm. It's a great service, and freely available to anyone who can benefit from it. Our volunteer tutors can support a wide range of subject areas, at all levels of education.

During March, the Golden Plains Shire iVan youth cruiser will be at the Community Centre from 4pm to 5pm on Tuesday 7th March, Tuesday 21st March and Tuesday 28th March.

Come along straight after school to hang out and relax for a while, then spend some time with the tutors to work through your studies.

The Men's Shed: Open House

The Dereel Men's Shed is holding an open house:

Date: 25th March 2017

Time: 11am to 3pm

Location: 14 Swamp Road, Dereel

We invite you to see what we've got; see what we do and see what tool mysteries we can unravel for you.

If you don't know how to change a spark plug, put new blades on a mower, change a washer or a leaky tap, use an electric drill or saw, clean a paint roller easily etc. then come and see what you can learn, make or practice in our great shed. Or, if you have any other tool/how to do it challenges we will endeavour to find someone who can help you.

Please call Rob 5346 1499 or Dereel Men's Shed 9021 9307 if you have something specific to discuss. Or just come visit us for a free cuppa and a chat.

Carol's Bird of the Month

"Silvereye" by Carol Moyse

Photographed in Dereel.



Pam Bailey and Mick Cosgriff discuss the Dereel boundaries

Maps of Dereel

Our own Pam Bailey is leading the Maps, Signage and Publications component of the community plan. Last week, Pam invited Golden Plains Shire's Mick Cosgriff to Dereel to discuss two new maps.

The first map is part of the regular Golden Plains Shire map updates, and is not part of the Dereel community plan. This map is aimed at tourists and will show major roads and markers for local points of interest.

The second map, specifically for locals, shows much more detail and is part of the community plan.

Discussion of both maps focused on the level of detail to be shown, and the boundaries of the map, given that Dereel is so spread out. There is a bit of time to refine both maps, so if you have a view about what should be on the Dereel map for the next five to ten year period, please contact Pam via *Dereel Spokes*. dereelspokes@gmail.com

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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