

DEREEL SPOKES

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DCHI News

Dereel Cemetery

On 16 March, 1874, the residents at Dereel petitioned the Victorian Department of Lands and Survey for the reservation of a site for a cemetery to be established. The petition was signed by sixty residents of the Parishes of Dereel and Corindhap. The site that was requested was of seven acres on the Rokewood to Ballarat Road, to the South of the town.

On 16 July, 1874, the Governor in Council approved that seven acres be temporarily reserved and the site was gazetted on 24 July, 1874.

The records noted that by 1934 there had been no burials in the cemetery, and on 10th July 1935 the Government Gazette noted the revocation of the cemetery.

Misery Creek Bridge



Before and after. The historic Misery Creek Bridge was hit by a falling tree.



Facilitator Nicole Langtip leads the Dereel Community Planning project selection and Seed Funding workshop.

Dereel's Community Plan

Independent facilitator Nicole Langtip has been working with the Dereel community to work through the Community Planning process. The Dereel community was invited to attend a planning workshop to select projects and allocate the \$7,500 Seed Funding for the next Dereel 3 year plan.

Nicole began by reading through the project ideas gathered over the previous three years, including at the recent *Imagine Dereel* workshop. Each person was asked to choose their top three projects and to list their name beside projects they will support with voluntary work. Projects selected for the plan were required to have both the most votes and also be championed by people prepared to work on them.

To see which projects were selected, see page 2.

Dereel's Community Plan

The voting and championing process described on page 1 led to the following seven projects being identified for the next Dereel 3 year plan:

1. Community Garden

Design and development of a Community Garden at the Hall in Dereel was the most voted project. This project includes the associated infrastructure to support seasonal planting and self sufficiency –for example, a garden shed for tool storage, a green house for propagation, compost bins, and more.

Also included are a number of different types of garden, including a garden containing plants native to our area, a herb garden and food gardens. It is envisaged the garden projects will beautify the whole site and provide social and educational opportunities for all. The wider community will benefit from the food garden produce, enabling easier access to fresh, healthy local food.

SEED funding allocated to this project: \$500

2. Dereel Community Space

Many ideas were received relating to different kinds of recreation and use of the public space around the community centre buildings. This project aims to continue to improve and develop public and recreational areas in and around the Dereel Community Space.

SEED funding allocated to this project: \$2000

3. Pop-up Shops

Community suggestions for local markets and shops were plentiful, with no clear outcomes. This project aims to explore options which will enable the development of weekend pop-up shops; buy swap sell stalls; a kiosk/general store/post office and potentially stock feed.

SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000

4. Art Spaces

This project aims to foster the exploration and development of local Art Space. This can include displays, exhibitions, use of an area for a studio, weekend workshops, art classes and community created projects such as a mural.

SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000

5. Knowledge Sharing

The primary focus of this project is to increase local knowledge, capacity, sharing and resilience through developing opportunities for classes and ongoing

learning. This is a broad project which can include a community skills library, resource sharing programs, bushfire safety and preparation programs, a range of introductory information sessions, children's service and supports along with youth tuition and mentoring programs.

SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000

6. Develop Swamp/Lagoon Area

Ongoing interest in developing the swamp/lagoon area to enable overnight camping, picnics, walking and bike riding to enjoy the natural environment. This would involve creating a track around the swamp, improving signage, and establishing information about local species of flora and fauna to foster ecotourism opportunities.

SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000

7. Maps, Signage and Brochures

Dereel has a rich history and an environment which includes rare species of flora and fauna. This project focuses on the development of new maps, signage and brochures designed to provide information about our heritage, ecology and geology. Signage will include markers for walks around the area. Information includes a local history museum space and publications.

SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000

Next Steps

The information gathered and agreed on at the SEED Funding Workshop will be put into a printed plan and presented to Golden Plains Shire Council on 20th September.

If the plan is approved, the SEED funding will be allocated to the projects listed on this page, to be used over the next three years.

Join a Project Team!

If you are a person who prefers not to be involved in meetings, but you're happy to help out in a practical way with one or two specific projects, please let us know. We are looking for people to join project teams to turn ideas into reality.

If you're interested in one of the projects listed, contact us:

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When teams are formed and project leaders are confirmed, a list of contact people will be published.

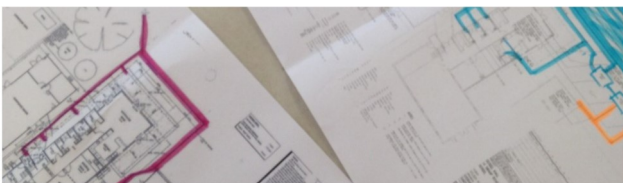
In the meantime, keep on "imagining Dereel".

Dereel Community Garden

The first meeting of the Dereel Community Garden group discussed potential use of community space. A draft plan and collected ideas will be available soon for public comment.

See these at the Dereel Community Day on 10th September between 12 noon and 2pm and in the **Dereel Community Gardening** Facebook group.

All comments, offers and ideas are welcome. The next meeting will focus on collective resources which can be drawn on in building the garden.



Kim Stanley led the Dereel Community Garden meeting. Plans showing services to buildings determine which spaces can be used and what can be done.

Two Hours of Your Time!

Do you have a passion for gardening, art, sport, mechanics, technical gadgets, livestock, cooking, the environment, maintaining equipment or something else you think would interest the Dereel community?

Can you spare two hours to run one introductory information session to teach other local people some basic information about your topic?

DCHI is in the process of organising a calendar of Introductory Information sessions running over the next few months. We would love to offer a different topic each week at the same time as the Hub Cafe - 2pm to 4pm Saturdays.

If you would like to run a session, please contact Lisa Hunter via LisaHunter@bigpond.com or on 5346 1439. A full program will be published in the October issue of Dereel Spokes.



Free Community Tuition

Are you a school student? Do you have a child who is? Or, are you competent in an academic subject at primary or high school level? Would you like to help a school student to learn?

If any of these descriptions fit you, we want to hear from you.

We are calling for people who are interested in community tutoring sessions, one evening a week at the community centre. The idea is that students would be matched with tutors for a subject they would like help with. This could occur on any given evening. The benefit for students is that they can get guidance in a wide range of subject areas, as needed. Tutors will have the opportunity to share knowledge in a subject they understand well. Parents gain support in increasing the academic achievement of their children.

If there is interest from both students and tutors, we will progress with this initiative as a community project. Logistical concerns, such as working with children checks and public liability, will be addressed. We anticipate a gold coin donation (where affordable) to help cover venue hire costs.

Please contact us at dereelspokes@gmail.com if you are interested. Include your name, contact details, subject areas and whether you are interested as a student or tutor. Please include the age of the student if you are enquiring on behalf of a student. Also, please let us know which evenings and times would work for you.

Let's help each other in learning.

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

Julie Avery-Donaghy

By Richard Emery



1. How long have you lived in the area?

Since December 1992. We came up from Melton because we wanted to move to the country and have horses. This was the first one we looked at, and it had town water!

2. What's great about living here?

I like the weather and the soil to grow plants in (we have lots of sand). The kids went to school in Rokewood and the people are friendly, plus it's easy to get to Ballarat.

3. What do you feel passionate about?

Quilting and gardening – any sort of quilt and I enjoy doing classes and learning new things. I am also a qualified gardener and I used to teach at SMB (now FedUni) and I was head gardener at Blythwood Grange in Sebastopol. We also had a nursery here, a herb nursery called Unicorn Gardens until the drought brought us undone.

4. What do you find joy in doing?

Quilting and gardening.

5. What is your current pet project?

I am in between projects at the moment, apart from trying to get the phone tower...

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

Not anything at the moment. I was a founding member of the Golden Plains Tourist Association and the Golden Plains Business Association but the Council sort of lost interest which is why they folded. I've been involved in many things over the years and I received an International Women's Day Award from Golden Plains Shire Council.

7. Tell us about your best community experience.

This is both the best and the worst – the fire. I helped the recovery centre at the hall. We helped people – everyone I knew and I got to know new people. The fire itself was the worst experience.

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

I would like to see more houses, less pine plantations and more controlled burns.

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

My magic wand stuff: the hall being redeveloped (which is happening), a sealed walking path to

Grassy Gully Rd for fitness, of course the phone tower and better area wide Wi-Fi.

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

Working together. All being on the same side is a great start.

Honour Board Researcher

Carissah Cain-Sultana

By Richard Emery

A few weeks ago at the Community Centre, Fiona had a visitor enquiring about our Honour Board. The enquirer was young and "a bit of a nerd" (self-described as it turns out) but so enthusiastic.

Carissah Cain-Sultana is one of three children in a Ballarat pioneer family. It was perhaps inevitable that she would turn to history as a hobby, business and passion.

The Spark

Carissah's passion for researching honour boards began with a Grade 6 excursion to the Australian War Memorial. Looking at the Wall of Honour she saw Thomas Rufus Rumble from Cape Clear.

When the Australian War Memorial (AWM) could not give her any information, Carissa searched for some facts when she got home. Finding quite a bit, she wrote to Brendan Nelson Director of the AWM providing her research.

Current Research

So far Carissah has researched over 30 Honour Boards and she was commissioned by the Ballarat Council to "do" the Avenue of Honour names. Now at University, Carissah is doing a thesis on the Honour Board at Mt Egerton which features 260 names from both WW1 and WW2.

Research, Uniforms and Kit Bags

At the Dereel History session last week Carissah told us that she plans to come to the Dereel Community Day with lots of information, uniforms and kit bags (full) for everyone to try. Carissah says she loves to "jump in my car on a Sunday just to find churches" and "most of my friends are 80 year olds from WW2"

Meet Carissah at the **Dereel Community Day** on Saturday 10th September.

PS – She told me that "when I grow up I want Dr Nelson's job at the War Memorial"

Saturday's At Hub Café!

We are growing Saturdays! Along with our regular activities, we are going to be running a series of one-off introductory information sessions. Read more about these Info/Intro sessions on page 3 of the newsletter in "Two Hours of Your Time".

Activities in September

Saturday 3rd September—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 10th September:

Dereel Community Day – 12 noon to 2pm

Celebrating Our Community—All Welcome

Dereel Camera Crew – 2pm

After the Dereel Community Day has ended, the Dereel Camera Crew will go off-site to try some bird photography. If you would like to participate in this session, please meet in the Dereel Community kitchen at 2pm to travel with the group.

Saturday 17th September:

2pm to 4pm—Dereel Gold Diggers

The Dereel Gold Diggers meet on the third Saturday of each month. If you have an interest in Dereel's gold mining history, or are keen on fossicking with other people, drop in and have a chat.

Saturday 24th September: 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. Look for us on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month as well.

During The Week

Tuesday 4th September

8:00am Community Breakfast (\$2 donation)

Tuesday 13th September

9:30am—Eating Well—Joanna (BCH)

1:00pm to 3:00pm—Dereel History

Tuesday 27th September

9.30am—Drumming for ALL—Helen (CentaCare) (\$2 donation per family) Limited places so book now

Bookings: BDNH Group on 5334 1500 or commhealth@bdnh.com.au.

1:00pm to 3:00pm—Dereel History

Coming Up:

Tuesday 4th October:

12noon – Footy Pie Lunch (bookings essential).

Contact: Lorraine on 5342 0492.

Tuesday 18th October

9.30am—Online Buying and Selling

Contact: Geelong Regional Library

Tuesday 8th November,

9.30am – Food for Life

Contact: BDNH Group on 5334 1500

Tuesday 15th November,

10.30am –Safe Driving for Seniors (bookings essential)

Contact: BDNH Group on 5334 1500

Check out what's new

- renovated Hall
- new kitchen and meeting room



Celebrate Community

- "Welcome to Dereel"
- community group information
- local history
- garden ideas
- community planning

Horse Whisperer
Youth Space

Barbeque
(with vegetarian option)

Children's Corner

Fire Trucks

Dereel Community Day

Saturday 10 September, 12-2pm

Dereel Hall and Community Centre

Real Coffee

Find out about services

- health
- emergency response
- money matters

ALL Welcome

Contact: commhealth@bdnh.com.au, 5346 1521, 0409 247 237



Community Notices:

Dereel Spokes is happy to publish information about local groups as a free community announcement.

DCHI Annual General Meeting

The Dereel Community Hub Inc. will hold an Annual General Meeting in September.

Date: Monday 19th September

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Dereel Community Centre,
14 Swamp Road, Dereel.

We invite people from Dereel and surrounding communities to attend.

If you have been watching our progress over the past year and are interested in getting involved, please come along.

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Leigh Catchment (Dereel) CERT Annual General Meeting

Leigh Catchment (Dereel) Community Emergency Response Team will hold their Annual General Meeting in October.

Date: Wednesday 5th October

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Dereel CERT Facility,
14 Swamp Road, Dereel.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Official Opening

Dereel Hall Renovations

The renovation of the Dereel Soldiers Memorial Hall and the construction of a new kitchen, meeting room, indoor and outdoor toilets was completed at the end of June. Everyone who has used the new facilities will appreciate how much has been done and how great it looks.

Golden Plains Shire Council held the official opening of the new buildings on Tuesday 23rd August. Mayor of Golden Plains Shire, Councillor Des Phelan, CEO Rod Nicholls and State Government MLA, Geoff Howard celebrated with the community.

DCHI member and community planner Pam Bailey spoke on behalf of the Dereel community.

The new buildings are open Monday and Tuesday between 9:30am and 4:30pm and Saturday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm. Worth a look!



Golden Plains Shire Mayor, Cr. Des Phelan and Geoff Howard MLA officiated at the opening of the Dereel Hall. Our own Pam Bailey spoke on behalf of Dereel residents.

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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