

Treasurer's Statement

Our first year as Dereel Community Hub Inc. has been a solid foundational year. We have built a framework that enables us to deliver on our Mission of strengthening local community through cooperation. Our aspirational Values have guided decisions made throughout the year both at critical points and in day-to-day matters. We now move forward with structures, processes and an organisational culture that will serve as a springboard for the years to follow.

We have established several key assets that are the ground on which we now build:-

- Our Mission and Values guide policies and decisions in being inclusive, supportive and progressive
- Dereel Spokes provides regular updates on local matters to everyone in Dereel both in print and online
- Hub Cafe provides a regular time and place for people to meet informally and interest groups to form
- Public liability insurance enables us to make public space accessible for community activities
- Dereel Community Plan provides focus and scope for tangible action in realising the vision for the town

Financially, we are now stable. The ongoing support from Centacare in covering insurance and publishing costs for the first year has been crucial, and beyond just existing has allowed us to build up our own resources so that we are now in a sustainable position. We have been extremely fortunate in the support we have received from various sources; the early insurance cover before we incorporated from Michelle De Groot; the statements of support in grant applications from Dereel Men's Shed, CERT, CFA and the Walking Group; information and contacts for starting a cooperative from Paul Tant of Bank Australia; invaluable community planning facilitation and support from Nicole Langtip; information, involvement and guidance from numerous officers of the Golden Plains Shire; and presiding over the election of Office Bearers by councillor Helena Kirby.

The coming year is pivotal both in our long term success in delivering on the Mission and as a reflection of our viability as a valued community service organisation. Our ability to a) effectively engage with the broader community, and b) deliver on the Dereel Community Plan, will be the determinants of these outcomes. Strategically, it is crucial that we consolidate our connections with other local groups and focus on how we can support them in achieving their own community objectives. Together, we need to build a real vibrancy around the public space, to develop a tangible sense that the vision for Dereel can become a reality.