

# DEREEL SPOKES

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## DEREEL NEWS

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Community Hub Inc. (DCHI)

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### Merry Christmas Dereel!

We wish all of you a happy and safe Christmas. Find out about the local Christmas and New Year celebrations on page 3.



*Find out about local Christmas celebrations on page 3.*

### Buy Christmas Gifts Locally

#### Community Breakfast with Art In Dereel

The **Dereel Walking Group** and **Art In Dereel** have combined forces to bring you an opportunity to view locally made art and craft items in time for Christmas. Support our local artists and crafts people by coming to see what they do and you may find that you don't need to go into Ballarat to buy that special gift, or gift card.

The art and craft items can be viewed and purchased from 8:30am on Tuesday 5th December following the Community Breakfast cooked by the Dereel Walking Group.

**When:** Tuesday 5th December

**Where:** Dereel Community Centre, 14 Swamp Road, Dereel.

**Time:** Breakfast commences at 8am for a gold coin donation  
Art and craft commences at 8:30am—entry to this is free.

For more information please contact Lorraine Ellis, Lucy Osmond or Lisa Hunter. Also check the Art In Dereel Facebook page.

# Carol's Bird of the Month: Whistling Kite

Photo: Carol Moyse

Text: Lisa Hunter

Whistling Kites build bulky nests of sticks high in eucalyptus or exotic pine trees, and return to the same nest each year. They breed some time between June and October, and prey on rabbits and fish, often hunting near water and on open ground. According to my source, *'The Graham Pizzey and Frank Knight Field Guide to the Birds of Australia'*, they also have been known to steal fish from Herons and Ibis.

Carol photographed this Kite in Dereel, where, she says, they appear to prefer pine trees to eucalypts.



*Whistling Kite by Carol Moyse..*

## Dereel Walking Group

Text: Lorraine Ellis

Photos: Lucy Osmond

The Dereel Walking Group began the month with a walk to Nimmons Bridge with the Trailblazers Group, departing from Scarsdale. The Smythesdale walking group had provided a delicious, light lunch for us when we returned to The Well.

### Melbourne Cup Day

Instead of breakfast in November, we organised a Melbourne Cup Morning Tea. Again, we enjoyed lots of delicious food. No wonder we need to walk! People were happy to join in the Cup Day Sweep, which was a bit of fun. There were some very pleased winners at the end of the day. It is always good to see different faces at our events. Thank you to those who attended.

### Christmas Lunch

We are organising a Christmas Lunch at the Court-house Hotel in Smythesdale on 20th December at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend, so even if you don't usually walk, please join us for a pleasant social outing. The menu is quite varied and the price is reasonable. Please contact Lucy at the Dereel Community Centre or myself to let us know if you are coming, so we can provide accurate numbers to the hotel. Contact details are on page 3.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays.



*Victor Robertson of the Men's Shed dressed the part for the morning tea to celebrate Melbourne Cup Day.*



*Some of the delicious food on offer.*



# This Month in Dereel

## Christmas and New Year Events

The lead-up to Christmas is often hectic, so this year a few small Christmas celebrations will be held, with the major community get-together being planned for the New Year.

### Christmas Hub Cafe

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Hub Café are holding a festive afternoon tea from 2pm to 4pm. Drop by the Community Centre for a coffee, chat and some Christmas cheer.

### Walking Group Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December; 12 midday**

**The Courthouse Hotel Smythesdale**

Join the Dereel Walking Group for a local pub lunch. Individuals are responsible for the cost of their own lunch, as per menu.

All welcome. RSVPs essential. Please book with Lorraine: 5342 0492 or Lucy: 5346 1521

### Summer Community Day

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 6pm to 8pm**

The Summer Community Day social BBQ is planned to welcome in the New Year when everyone returns from the Summer break. More details to come, so make sure you have this date in your calendar.

## Regular Events

### Community Breakfast

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 8am**

Come and join the Dereel Walking Group for a hearty breakfast in the Dereel Community Centre kitchen, for the cost of a gold coin donation.

After breakfast, wander over to the Community Centre to see local arts and crafts for sale. View what is available locally or purchase a unique gift for someone special.

### Hub Café

**2pm to 4pm Saturdays, Community Kitchen**

The Hub Café offers a friendly place to meet up each Saturday. Participate in the activities or just enjoy a chat with others over real coffee, chai or hot chocolate.

### Art In Dereel

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2 pm—4pm**

The group will be meeting in Dereel Community Centre to discuss plans for the 2018 Arts Trail. All welcome.

### Dereel Community Gardening Group

**Saturday 16<sup>h</sup> December from 2pm to 4pm:**

Work in the Dereel Community Garden continues on creating and planting the wicking beds. Help us to build and maintain the garden.

### Walk and Cuppa

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

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.

### Dereel Men's Shed

**Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11am-3pm**

New members are welcomed.

### Social Support Outing Program

A range of varied outings are being offered through the Golden Plains Shire Aged and Disability Services on the third Wednesday of the Month.

Cost: \$10.90 per outing and the cost of your lunch.

**Requirements:** registered with My Aged Care or Program for Young People

**Registrations are essential.**

Please see Lucy Osmond. No outings in December. The program will recommence in February 2018.

### Mums and Bubs Pram Walk

**Mondays 8:50am, Dereel Hall Carpark**

Join other local mums for an active walk in the local area. Prams and little ones welcome.

**Note:** this group doesn't meet when it's raining!

### Tae Kwon Do

**Wednesdays 7pm to 8pm term time, Dereel Hall.**

Family friendly classes run for all ages.

Run by Richard Van Bassen from South East Australia Tae Kwon Do.

Contact Richard on 0484 596 137.

### Health Checks at the Community Centre

Come and visit Lucy the Dereel Wellbeing Officer for a blood pressure check on Mondays or Tuesdays.

### Tai Chi

Check the January/February issue for information.

## Acknowledgements

The Dereel Community Hub Inc. would like to thank CentaCare for paying our Public Liability Insurance and covering the cost of printing the Dereel Spokes newsletter.

# Expressions of Interest

## Dereel Goods and Services Directory

By Lisa Hunter

Dereel Community Hub Inc. are considering the creation of a Dereel Goods and Services Directory, to be listed on the *Dereel Spokes* website. The aim of the directory is to save local people from having to travel to Ballarat for things which can be obtained locally. Listings would contain the type of goods/services for sale, contact information and a link to the seller's website or email for more information.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from people who live in Dereel and surrounding communities who sell goods and/or services.

Please register your interest by emailing DCHI via [dereelspokes@gmail.com](mailto:dereelspokes@gmail.com) or speaking with us at a Hub Café event or attending our General Meeting on Monday 18th December, at 7:30pm in the Dereel Community Centre kitchen.

## Community Planning

### Dereel Swamp Walking Track

By Lorraine Ellis

The Dereel Walking Group are taking the lead with the project to develop the Dereel Swamp area.

The Group are working with Parks Victoria to create a walking trail around the Swamp, and also through some land on the opposite side of Swamp Road. Paul from Parks Victoria had a meeting with us on Tuesday, and it seems that they will begin to clear a path very soon.

Anyone interested in helping with this project, please get in touch with us. We are at the Hall each Tuesday between 8.30am and 10.30am

# Christmas Hamper

By Lorraine Ellis

This year we are putting together a hamper for a charity group in Ballarat to distribute. This could be distributed to local people, or whoever they feel is most in need.

A laundry basket has been placed in the kitchen at the Dereel Community Centre for your donated items. We are suggesting non perishable food, toiletries, stationary or perhaps a toy. Each little bit helps and it is nice to be able to help those of us who are struggling - especially at this time of the year. So perhaps you can pick up something extra at the supermarket when you are next shopping. It doesn't have to be an expensive item.

Pop in with donations when the Community Centre is open -Mondays and Tuesdays during the day, or from 2pm to 4pm on Saturdays. We thank you in anticipation for your help with the hamper.

## BDNH Update

Lucy Osmond, Dereel Wellbeing Officer, has advised us that the BDNH Group have amalgamated with integratedliving Australia. While services remain the same, you may notice a new logo associated with Dereel Wellbeing events and activities .

Also, a new Dropbox has been installed on the side of the Community Centre on the wall facing the BBQ and playground.



## 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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