

DEREEL SPOKES

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DEREEL NEWS

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Spring Festival Cancelled

After several requests for assistance to run the Dereel and Surrounds Spring Festival in 2017, we are in a position where we have no choice other than to cancel it. To run a successful Spring Festival we needed six to eight people to commit to working as an organising committee. We had three offers from people willing to help out around the edges but nobody volunteered to be one of the key organisers.

Quarterly Community Days

In place of the Spring Festival, DCHI are considering the option of quarterly Community Day lunches or afternoon teas to provide a chance for local people to get together and celebrate. We envisage the Community Day format would span two to three hours and focus on one thing rather than fill a day and have multiple activities.

No decisions have been taken on the Community Day suggestion, so if you have ideas or would like to help plan community activities for the whole community, please get in touch with us.

DCHI General Meetings

All members of the community are welcome to attend Dereel Community Hub General Meetings where we discuss how we can best spend our limited time and energy to support the wider Dereel community. Our next General Meeting is on Monday 26th June at 7:30pm in the Dereel Community Centre kitchen. So if you're curious about how we work, please come along.



The 2017 Dereel Spring Festival will not go ahead due to lack of volunteers to help.

Dereel Bike Riders

A new group of bike riders has formed in Dereel. The first ride happened last week and from all reports it was a great success. If you are interested in riding with other local people, connect with them on Facebook in the group **Dereel Bike Riders**.

Dereel Communication Board

Lucy Osmond, Dereel Community Wellbeing Officer has convened a Dereel Communications Board, with one representative of each of the Dereel-based groups who use the Dereel Reserve. These are: the CFA, CERT, the Men's Shed, the Dereel Walking Group, and Dereel Community Hub Inc.

The idea is to have a representative forum in order to consult about decisions which affect the entire Dereel Reserve.

For more information please contact one of the Dereel groups mentioned above or drop in and see Lucy at the Dereel Community Centre on Monday or Tuesday.

Dereel Community Gardening Group

Visitors to the Dereel Community Centre may have noticed that a new garden shed has been installed.

The shed measures 3.33m x 3.0m and is steel framed with a double door facing south. "Monolith" is the selected colour. This was the closest colour to the walls of the Hall which are "Ironstone".

The group has also built a compost tumbler for the weeds and clippings in maintaining the community garden beds.



Mitchel and Stephen with the compost tumbler

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.

Food Is Free Dereel

Keep checking the Food Is Free Dereel bench for free produce. Community members have been very generous in their donations of vegetables, seedlings and herbs.

Community Planning

Dereel Community Hub Inc. are about to submit the formal application for the Community Planning SEED Funding to the Golden Plains Shire Council. Once the application has progressed through the approval process, we expect to be in a position to move forward with the seven Community Planning project areas.

So if you have been waiting for the practical tasks, please get in touch with DCHI.



Dereel Maths Help Group

By Erin Gallagher

Are you, or your student needing some help with mathematics? Maybe the Dereel Maths Help group is what you need?

Recently released research indicates that over 45% of parents feel uncertain helping their children or young people in their care with mathematics homework, whilst a staggering 75% of students wished they had more support with their mathematics outside of the classroom. With this in mind, Erin will trial an opportunity to access maths support online. This will be a way for students or parents to access support from the comfort of their own home, which in the winter is probably quite appealing!

Through Facebook, (either the students account or your own) head to the **Dereel Maths Help** page, and request to join. This is a closed group to those in the Dereel and immediately surrounding area.

Then, whenever you or your student get stuck, just post a message on the page and Erin will post a solution, (written or video) showing how it's done. Erin will offer live support between 5-6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but feel free to post questions at any time and Erin will answer them when she can.

Please share this information with anyone in the local area with school age children.

This Month in Dereel

Save the date: Christmas in July Lunch Tuesday July 4th 12pm in the Dereel Hall

The Dereel Walking Group will provide a festive lunch and dessert for a gold coin donation.

RSVP: Lorraine (5342 0492) or Lucy (5346 1521).

Art In Dereel

Saturday 3rd June, 2 pm

The June theme is 'Organic'

Bring an art related item for "show and tell" with the group—your own work or the work of an artist you admire. The definition of art is broad and includes any form of creative expression (craft, performance, writing, music etc).

In turn, each person speaks about the item they have brought to the group. Often personal stories are connected to the object and insights about the creative techniques used to create the work emerge in the discussion.

After the theme is discussed, we work on our own art projects and enjoy a social chat.

If you are interested in art and would like to be involved, you are most welcome to attend.

Community Breakfast

Tuesday 6th June, 8am

Come and join the Walking Group for a hearty breakfast and a chat to start your day.

A gold coin donation is requested to cover costs.

Golden Plains Shire Volunteer Training: Fundraising

**Tuesday 27 June 6pm to 8pm,
Dereel Community Centre**

Run by the Golden Plains Shire, this is a great resource for community members. This workshop will assess your current fundraising practices and provide your group with fundraising ideas.

Please register your interest with the Community Wellbeing Officer.

Podiatrist Information Session

Tuesday June 6th 9:30am, Dereel Kitchen

Hanseul will be visiting from BDNH Group to discuss the role of podiatrists and appropriate footwear. This is a free session and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Dietician

Tuesday June 13th at 9:30am, Dereel Kitchen

Ashley from Ballarat Community Health visits on the second Tuesday every other month to discuss a different topic. This is a free session and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Regular Events

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.

Hub Café

2pm to 4pm Saturdays, Community Kitchen

The Hub Café offers a friendly place to meet up each Saturday.

Dereel Camera Crew

**First Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Hall
Second Saturday of the month at 2pm**

The Dereel Camera Crew hold a social night on the first Tuesday of the month for photography chatter. This is followed by a practical session on the second Saturday of the month, where ideas can be tested.

Health Checks

**Third Monday of the Month 2-4pm,
Community Centre**

Book into a 15 minute session to have your blood pressure checked by the Community Wellbeing Officer or come along on the day.

Tai Chi

Thursdays 7-8pm, Dereel Community Centre

During term time Sandra Pearce of Lilac Moon Tai Chi runs classes for a small fee. Contact Sandra: 0409 662 106

Dereel Men's Shed

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11am- 3pm

New members are welcomed.

Dereel Community Gardening Group

2pm to 4pm on the third Saturday each month:

Meeting and working bee. Everyone welcome.

Mobile Library

Thursdays 2.15pm - 3.00pm, Dereel Hall Car Park

The mobile library is provided through Geelong Regional Library and visits weekly, except the last Thursday of month.



© Carol Moyse

A male Superb Fairy Wren in full breeding plumage. Photographed in Dereel

Carol's Bird of the Month

By Carol Moyse

This month's local bird species is the Superb Fairy Wren, a common sight in and around Dereel.

During breeding season, the male bird develops a brilliant blue plumage. Outside of breeding season, the male loses most of the blue feathers.

Female Superb Fairy Wrens are brown and fawn.

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.

Dereel Camera Crew

Social Nights

If you love Carol's bird photographs, why not come and have a chat to her about them at the next Dereel Camera Crew Social Night?

These nights are for local people who are interested in photography, so if birds aren't your thing, that's OK. We have members interested in other subjects as well.

The night starts at 7pm with some informal chatting and food. Bring your camera and your questions and we will help you as much as we can.

After the chatting, we will discuss a nominated topic. In June the discussion will be themed around ideas for selling photographs.

Curious? Come along and see if this group is for you. If you have any questions, please contact Carol on 0411 881 560.

Hub Café Activities

At Hub Café each Saturday, we've decided to keep the kitchen free for general chatting. Other activities will be run in the meeting room, or around the grounds. Currently our activities are:

First Saturday: Art In Dereel, a themed "show and tell" where creativity, techniques and stories emerge.

Second Saturday: Dereel Camera Crew practical photography sessions.

Third Saturday: Dereel Community Garden Group meeting and gardening.

Fourth Saturday: Colouring-In and drawing.

Everyone is welcome to any of these sessions.

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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