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About Us

Dereel Spokes is published by the Dereel Community Hub Inc. (DCHI).

DCHI is a group of local people who work together to create local events, discuss new ideas, plan new local projects and bring local news to the Dereel community.

We are independent and we work with other local groups and members of the community for the benefit of all of us.

Curious?

If you are interested in finding out more, please come to a DCHI meeting on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Dereel Community Centre kitchen. Everyone is welcome and you don't have to be a member of DCHI.

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Santa is Visiting Dereel

For over 15 years, members of the Dereel fire brigade have had a close relationship with Santa. Each year, Santa contacts the fire brigade and asks if he can use one of their fire trucks to visit the children and properties of Dereel ahead of Christmas Eve.

Children (and quite a few adults), can be seen waiting at gates and on the sides of the road for a chance to say hello to Santa. They anxiously listen for the sound of the fire truck sirens and the ringing of Santa's big bell to know he is close. Bags of lollies are handed out to all the children he meets with several photos also taken.

To find out how you can be included, see page 4.



Contributions

Local news by local people

Dereel Spokes is published by Dereel Community Hub Inc. (DCHI). We welcome articles and photos from local people, and local groups. See submission guidelines on page 2.

Thanks for Supporting the Community

A Few 'Thank You' Notes

The community would like to say a big thank you to all the people that make our community such a good place to live. In this issue we would like to thank some of those individuals and groups.



- ♦ Thankyou to the **O'Connor family**, who recently donated two large, colourful art works. These have now been mounted by the Men's Shed in the Community Centre.
- ♦ Thankyou to the **Dereel Fire Brigade**, who recently donated 100 new, matching white dinner sets to the Community. We can now look stylish when we cater for events.
- ♦ Thankyou to the **Walking Group**, who donated 10 new, white table clothes to be used for events.
- ♦ Thankyou to the **Men's Shed** for frequently assisting with maintenance around our facility. No job is too small - thanks!
- ♦ Thankyou to the **Buninyong Community Bank**. They supply us with gold money to purchase The Herald Sun and The Ballarat Courier, to have at the Centre. Thanks to them people can come in, sit down have a cuppa and catch up with the day's news..

Dereel's Democracy Sausage Sizzle

On Election Day, CERT and the Men's Shed, held a sausage sizzle at the Dereel Hall polling booth as a joint fundraising activity.

Thankyou to ALDI and a very generous local person, who donated all of the food for this. It is a fantastic gesture which meant all the money raised on the day could go straight to these groups to fund their work in our community.

Thanks to Barbara, Ruth, Jenny, Gordon and Ione for cooking the sausages and to Paul and Tashka who made coffee and cake as a fundraiser for CERT.



Dereel Spokes Submission Guidelines

Dereel Spokes is published by the Dereel Community Hub Inc. (DCHI) in print, and online formats. We thank CentaCare for covering costs of the printed version for all households. DCHI pay for the website.

Our focus is on local community news. We accept photos and articles of interest to the Dereel community in the spirit of bringing the community together: announcements, local events, flora and fauna, light news from local community groups, schools, sporting clubs, agricultural organisations and other items. You must own copyright for photographs you submit. Please include signed permission to publish if your photo includes a person.

We do not publish jokes, political comments or advertising. We also reserve the right not to publish items we consider offensive to the community.

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Recent Events



Dereel Wedding

Congratulations to Jasmine and James who tied the knot in November. The ceremony was held at their family property in Dereel with the reception being held at the Dereel Hall. The theme was a touch of blue and the bride and groom celebrated the day by staying at the family property.



Melbourne Cup Day Morning Tea

The Walking Group held a Melbourne Cup Day Morning Tea instead of the usual breakfast on Tuesday 6th November.

The theme was “yellow”, as the official flower for this race meeting is the yellow rose. People were asked to have a touch of yellow in their outfit. Many people got into the spirit, wearing a hat and dressing up for the occasion. We had a lot of fun, and enjoyed a wonderful array of food. Thanks to the people who put thought into their outfits.

During the morning a sweep was run, with everyone getting into the mood of the Cup.

It was rewarding to see so many people there, including new members of the community. Book it into your calendar for next year !



Dereel Fire Brigade

40th Anniversary Dinner and Service Awards.

The history of the Dereel Fire Brigade, the recipients of awards and an account of the dinner is on page 5 of this newsletter.



Dereel Fire Brigade Updates

Dereel Resident Workshop

*Text and photographs supplied by the
Dereel Fire Brigade*

The Dereel Fire Brigade are reminding residents, where possible, to set aside time between 12:30pm and 2:30pm on Saturday 15th December 2018.

A **Bushfire Scenario Workshop** is being held at the Dereel Soldiers Memorial Hall in Swamp Road.

This special workshop is a fantastic new approach to providing you with invaluable information that may be of use towards preparing, planning and enacting your Bushfire Plan.

In previous years, the Country Fire Authority has held Bushfire Planning Workshops locally. These sessions included specifically trained presenters from the CFA talking about different topics and information in a seminar environment.

How will it work?

The new Bushfire Scenario Workshop format is much more interactive and inclusive. Attendees are separated into multiple workgroups, where they play out more realistic scenarios which can be related back to the types of situations they may face on a high risk fire day.

Dereel is recognised as being one of the highest risk bushfire zones in Victoria.

All residents are encouraged to attend the Bushfire Scenario Workshop to meet other residents, get involved in discussions, share your own ideas and possibly learn from the approaches of the other attendees on the day.

Do You Have More Questions?

Members of the Dereel Fire Brigade will also be present on the day to answer local concerns and questions. The fire trucks will be available for people to look over. Children will be welcome to climb on and look through the fire trucks as well. (A great photo opportunity, so bring your cameras.)

NOTE: The availability of brigade members and fire trucks may change due to unforeseen commitments and any fire/incident events on the day.

Extra chance to socialise on the day:

You can also come down earlier and mix with other residents as a free sausage sizzle will be operating from 11:30am before the scenario workshop.

The usual DCHI fundraiser, Hub Café Devonshire Tea will also operate from 2pm after the workshop, so you can stay longer and share your thoughts on the workshop whilst enjoying a great coffee and scones or cake for a \$5.00 donation.



Santa Is Visiting Dereel

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Ensure Santa and the fire truck keep an eye out for your child by providing details on the Fire Brigade Facebook page before: Friday, **7th December, 2018.**

Santa is visiting on **Sunday, 16th December, 2018.**
The planned schedule for Santa's visit this year is:

- Swamp/Kleins/Rokewood Junction - 8:00am-8:30am
- Snowgum/Tantaus 8:30-9:15am
- Bliss/Progress/Stones/Grassy Gully - 9:15-10:00am
- Ferrars/Moffats/Grevillea - 10:15-11:30am
- Paynesbridge/Reserve - 11:30am-12:00pm
- Spring Rd - 12:15pm
- Colac-Ballarat to Leigh Crt - 12:15-12:45pm
- Colac-Ballarat to Swamp - 12:45-1:30pm

NOTE: Please be aware this is a best guide only. Circumstances may be forced to change due to any fire calls and unforeseen incidents. We appreciate your understanding





Celebrating 40 years

Text and photographs supplied by the Dereel Fire Brigade

A strong history and presence of an organised fire-fighting service helping protect the local community exists as far back as 15th August 1932. On this day a meeting of residents was held in Dereel to discuss and form a fire brigade to help protect residents.

On December 8th 1932, another meeting was held by members of the fire brigade and it was decided that the brigade would affiliate with the Victorian Bush Fire Brigades Association as the Dereel and Enfield Bush Fire Brigade. In November 1934 the brigade was registered under the Bush Fire Brigade Act.

When Dereel-Enfield Bush Fire Brigade was formed in 1932, it was decided, as the brigade covered such a vast district, a Lieutenant should be elected to represent each area within the district, and that each Lieutenant would be in charge of the equipment in his area.

At this same meeting, officers were given charge of the firefighting equipment for the areas of Corindhap, Dereel, Enfield, Grenville, Mt Mercer and Rokewood Junction

After the Rokewood fire in 1944, Rokewood and Grenville area decided to form their own brigades and the whisper along the “bush telegraph” was that they intended to disband the Dereel-Enfield Brigade and divide the equipment. However, the members from Enfield and Napoleons had other ideas, and when Rokewood and Grenville announced their intention to withdraw from the brigade, the other members present carried on with the meeting and appointed new office bearers, thus keeping the Dereel-Enfield Bush Fire Brigade in existence.

At a special meeting of the brigade in June 1970, it was proposed that Napoleons be included in the name of the brigade. The brigade became known as the Napoleons-Dereel-Enfield Rural Fire Brigade.

On 20th September 1978 Mr. J. Smith reported on the possible formation of a new brigade at Dereel. The Dereel Rural Fire Brigade was officially registered on 27th November 1978 and from that date Napoleons-Dereel-Enfield brigade became the Napoleons-Enfield Rural Fire Brigade.

And so, the Dereel Rural Fire Brigade was born in its current form.

Celebration Dinner

The Dereel Fire Brigade held their 40th Birthday Celebration and Service Awards Dinner on 20th October 2018, at the Dereel Soldiers Memorial Hall. The evening was a double celebration to acknowledge 40 years as an independently registered brigade, and pay special thanks to members due to receive awards for recognised service.

A total of 55 people attended the evening including current members, special guest representatives from the Country Fire Authority, neighbouring fire brigades, local special interest groups and Ex-Captains of the Dereel Fire Brigade.

Everyone who attended enjoyed a wholesome three-course meal and share in the festivities. After the completion of presentations to service award recipients, a specially designed birthday cake was placed out for everyone to view before being divided up and enjoyed as part of dessert.

Those present expressed how much they enjoyed the evening and a chance to meet and mix with other groups and people from the area. The Brigade Management Team told how they look forward to exciting times ahead and many more birthday celebrations to come.

Service Awards

Service Awards presented on the night:

5 Years:

A. Fadersen
C. Munro

15 Years:

R. Hill
K. Stanley

20 Years:

J. Dirago
C. Everett
D. Georgalas

D. Hill

D. May

25 years:

B. Luke.

Your Help is Needed

Call for CERT Volunteers

If you have a medical emergency which requires calling an ambulance through dialling 000, the local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be paged to attend you. CERT volunteers are supported and trained by Ambulance Victoria to assess the situation, stabilise the patient and provide first aid until the paramedics arrive.

The Leigh Catchment (Dereel) CERT Team will be running training for new volunteers in early January. If you are interested in being part of a vital service for our community, now is a good time to apply.

Minimum requirements of CERT members are one night of training per month, and being available for one rostered shift per month.

To find out more, please contact the Dereel CERT Team Leader, Richard Emery, on 0474 941 787 or email him on 1951emery@gmail.com



Christmas Hampers

Last year, the Dereel community donated items to fill three Christmas hampers. Non perishable food, toys, linen etc were collected. The hampers were delivered to CentaCare in Ballarat just before Christmas. CentaCare were delighted to receive these hampers as they have many families who appreciate some extra help at this time of the year.

CentaCare help some people in our Community as well as helping fund DCHI's insurances and the cost of printing this newsletter, *Dereel Spokes*.

As a thank you to CentaCare, we would like to collect items for Christmas hampers again this year.

The hampers will be in the Dereel Community Centre kitchen from Tuesday 27th November. If you are able to contribute, pop something in the hamper in the next few weeks so we can deliver them just

before Christmas. The Community Centre is open Monday, Tuesday, every 2nd Wednesday and on Saturday afternoons during Hub Cafe.

Just one item from each person would make a huge difference. Thankyou in anticipation.



2019 Community Summer BBQ

As part of the ongoing quarterly community events, a Summer Community BBQ is being planned. This is a chance for people in the district to welcome in a new year of activities. It is also a way of thanking everyone for their support over the past year.

The 2019 Summer BBQ is planned for Saturday 2nd February at the Dereel Community Centre from 5.30pm onwards.

Last year's BBQ was a very pleasant evening for

everyone. We met new residents and were able to introduce them to the Community Centre, local groups and activities and people in the community. We hope to repeat this experience in 2019, so if you know of new residents, please encourage them to come along.

Food, cold soft drinks and hot drinks will be free. Please let us know before the day if you have any dietary needs and we will cater for them. Bring some loose change for a raffle.

More information will be available closer to the day, but please pencil it into your diary.

Local Flora and Fauna

Spotted Pardalote

Photo and Text by Carol Moyse

This stunning and very tiny bird is widespread in eucalypt forests and woodland areas.

It is generally seen alone (or in pairs during breeding season) but will join flocks at other times.

Spotted Pardalotes build their nests in tunnels in the ground.

Male Spotted Pardalote.



Tiger Orchids

Photo and Text by Lisa Hunter

This Spring was very dry, resulting in a short wildflower season. Talking with a few Dereel locals, it seems that the Tiger Orchid was able to cope with the conditions quite well. I found a few people who had a good showing on their property.

Unlike many Australian Terrestrial Orchids, Tiger Orchids are easily spotted on their long, graceful stems.

The Tiger Orchid, (Diuris sulphurea) with its yellow and brown stripes, is also referred to as a Hornet Orchid in some references.



Dereel Lagoon Walking Track

The Walking Track is looking good at the moment.

Thankyou to Parks Victoria who came and did another mow for us recently. They also added a couple of new signage posts.

The setup for the main board, which includes local information and photographs, has been submitted to Parks Victoria. Once it has been reviewed, we will be able to get some quotes to have it made.

These quotes will then be given to the Community Planning team to fund the building of the sign. This is part of the Maps and Signage project.



What's On?

This list combines information from all of the local community groups.

Regular Events

Parents and Bubs Pram Walk

Walk times vary – contact Natalie

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

Contact Natalie: 0419 153 253

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

Community Breakfast

Breakfast will re-commence in February

Tuesday 5th February, 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.

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 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 each Saturday. Enjoy a chat with others over real coffee, chai or hot chocolate.

Hub Café is run by DCHI and sponsored by Michelle De Groot and The Bean Barn.

Devonshire Tea

Held at Hub Café on the third Saturday of the month. A cake or slice and a vegan option will also be available to provide something for everyone. Newspapers available on this Saturday.

The Ballarat Courier, The Age and the Herald Sun newspapers are available for purchase at retail cost on the Devonshire Tea Saturdays.

Enquiries, contact Lorraine on 53420492 or Lisa on 0414 895 020.

Dereel Community Gardening Group

Saturday 15th December, 2pm to 4pm:

Help us plant and maintain the Dereel Community Garden on the third Saturday of the month.

New members welcome. We have new gardening projects planned and maintenance of the existing gardens is also needed.

Enquiries, contact Kim: 0438 461 133

Special Events

Open Garden Fundraiser

Fundraiser for the Dereel Community Garden

Saturday 8th December, 9am to 2pm
10 Russell Street, Dereel

Garden Tours at 9:30, 11:30 and 1:30. with tea, coffee and plants for sale. Gold coin requested for purchasing mulch, fertiliser, seedlings and more for the Dereel Community Garden.

Mental Health 101 Training

Tuesday 11th December, 6:00pm– 9:00pm,
Kitchen , Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall.

Provided by Golden Plains Shire . All welcome.

For more information or to book your place, please contact Lucy Osmond, Dereel Wellbeing Officer on 0409 247 237 or email her: losmond@integratedliving.org.au

CFA Resident Workshop

Saturday 15th December, 12:30pm to 2:30pm,
Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall,

Free BBQ from 11:30am

See page 4 of this newsletter for more information

New Year Summer BBQ

Saturday 2nd February 2019, 5:30pm,
Dereel Community Centre

Pencil this date into your diary. More information is on page 6 of this newsletter. .



Facility Management and Bookings

The Dereel Hall and Community Centre can be booked through integratedliving Australia (formerly Ballarat District Nursing and Healthcare—BDNH) who manage the Dereel Facility on behalf of the Golden Plains Shire Council.

For more information, pricing and conditions for bookings, please contact Lucy Osmond, Dereel Wellbeing Officer:

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