

# Dereel News

## DEREEL SPOKES

### 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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## An Entrancing Arbour!

The Dereel Community Garden is developing beautifully. Wicking beds, fruit trees, a floral garden, and the beginning of a native garden are all flourishing. Now the entrance to the garden and Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall is graced with a garden arbour.

Providing a safe walkway over the drain, the arbour was built and installed by the Dereel Men's Shed as a one-off project.

Further developments in the garden are planned, beginning with an alfresco paved area between the Community Centre kitchen, the back of the Hall and the back of the CERT facility. Funds for this were secured by a community grant. Details of the grant are on page 2.



## 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.

# Recent Events

## Winter Harvest Festival

A fresh fruit and vegetables stand, hot soup, and an information session on composting were the features of Winter Harvest Festival this year.

Supported by the Golden Plains Shire and Integrated Living, the community day was held on Saturday 29th June.

Hub Café was also operating on the day, providing the opportunity for people to sit and chat, away from the cold winter weather.

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise the day. Discussions are ongoing about a means of having a regular fresh produce stand. If you have ideas related to this, please let us know.



*Sharon and Alison at the fresh produce stand.*

## Community Garden Grant

The Dereel Community Hub were successful in obtaining a Golden Plains Shire Community Grant to create an alfresco area in the community garden.

Paving will be laid in the area between the back of the CERT Facility and the Dereel Community Centre kitchen, which is at the rear of the Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall. A servery window was installed, in the kitchen during the renovation. So when it is warm enough to sit outside, food and coffee will be close at hand.

Thank you to Kim Stanley for planning the garden and for speaking about Dereel in accepting the grant. Also a huge thank you to Pam Bailey and Lorraine Ellis for writing and submitting the grant application.

The garden plan is being implemented, and visitors to Dereel are always impressed by the achievements.



*The Dereel Community Garden was an excellent setting for the Easter Egg Hunt in April.*

## 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.

Lisa Hunter  
Editor, Dereel Spokes.

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## Archive

Each published edition of Dereel Spokes is uploaded as a PDF on our website. You can open or download them from the Archive page.

## The Dereel Spokes Website

A Submission form and more information about Dereel Spokes and the Dereel community can be found on our website

[www.dereelspokes.com](http://www.dereelspokes.com)



# Coming Up—Hold These Dates



## Pie Night

Celebrate the football finals with the community on a Saturday night with a good hot pie and friendly rivalry. Come dressed in your team colours and show your loyalty.

**Saturday 21st September.**

**More details to come soon.**

Keep your eyes on our website and Facebook page for further updates.

## Cubs and Scouts

### Dereel Information Session

Do you have a young person in your life who would enjoy learning life skills while making new friends? Help them build confidence and resilience through the Scouts. Lots of fun and freedom discovering the outdoors.

To run Scouts out of Dereel, we are also currently seeking more adult volunteers who want to help out.

### Our first information night!

Please come and show your interest and support. If there's interest, then the groups will go ahead!

**Friday 30 August**

**6:30pm**

**Dereel Community Centre**

We want young people and enthusiastic, committed adult volunteers who want to share the adventure! See you there!!

### Additional questions?

**Contact:** Allan Bartlett

[dc.geelongrivers@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:dc.geelongrivers@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

Art In Dereel presents the inaugural

## Dereel Art and Craft Festival

One of the projects in the Art In Dereel Community Grant, funded by the Golden Plains Shire, is for a community art day. This event aims to provide something for everyone, from beginners to practiced artisans and crafters.

Art and craft demonstrations, stalls, an exhibition and the chance to try your hand at new techniques will sit alongside fun, food, music and more. Keep your eyes on the Dereel Spokes website for more information.

**Saturday 19th October**

**10am to 4pm**

**Dereel Community Centre**

### Enquiries:

email: [artindereel@gmail.com](mailto:artindereel@gmail.com)

phone: Glynis 0438 150 256 or Lisa 0414 895 020

Dereel Community Hub Inc.

## Annual General Meeting

Join a dedicated team of local people in working on local projects such as the Dereel Spokes newsletter, Community Planning projects, Hub Café, the Dereel Community Garden, along with the development and support of a range of local interest groups.

We invite people of Dereel and surrounding areas to attend our Annual General Meeting.

**Monday 21st October**

**7pm**

**Dereel Community Centre Kitchen**

Everyone is welcome and we would love to have new ideas and new people working with us.

### More information:

email: [dereelspokes@gmail.com](mailto:dereelspokes@gmail.com)

phone: Pam Bailey on 0408 296 829



# Art In Dereel

## Dereel Art Workshops

The first program of Art In Dereel workshops run with the assistance of the Golden Plains Shire Community Grant is nearing completion with the final workshop running on 24<sup>th</sup> August.

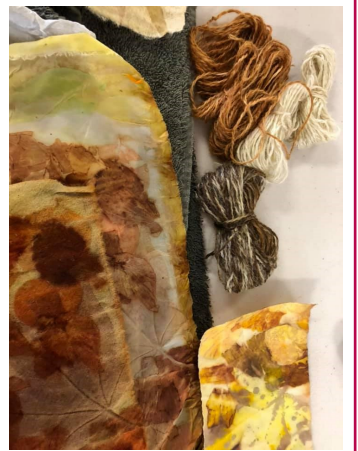
A second program is being planned and will be promoted soon. Keep your eyes on our social media for details. In the meantime, here is a selection of photographs showing highlights from completed workshops during the year.



*Watercolour Wonders with tutor Marie Perryman*



*Eco-Dying with tutor Irene Paglia.*



*Felting with tutor Jane Bear*



### Want More Workshops?

Let us know what you would like to learn by emailing us:

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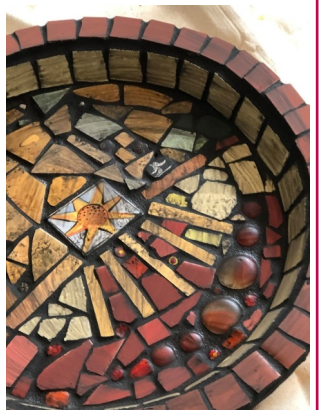
Or check our page on Facebook

[Art In Dereel—Local Artist](#)

*'The Joy of Papermaking with tutor Glynis Bryden.*



*Mosaics with tutor Glynis Bryden*



# 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

**First Tuesday of the month.**

**Tuesday 3rd September, 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 Community Hub 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.

### Mobile Library

**Thursdays 2.15-3.00pm, Dereel Hall Car Park**

The mobile library from Geelong Regional Library visits weekly, except the last Thursday of month.

## Dereel Community Gardening Group

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 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. Contact Kim: 0438 461 133

## Special Events

### Scouts and Cubs Information Session

**Information Session**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 6:30pm, Dereel Community Centre.**

See page 3 for more information.

### Dereel Pie Night

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

See page 3 for more information.

### Dereel Art and Craft Festival

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 4pm**

See page 3 for more information.

### Dereel Community Hub Inc,

**Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 21st October, 7:00pm, Dereel Community Centre kitchen,**

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## 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:

**Dereel landline:** 5346 1521

**Mobile:** 0409 247 237

**Email:** [commhealth@integratedliving.org.au](mailto:commhealth@integratedliving.org.au)



# Local and Community

The popular *Dereel People* column is back.

Thank you Sharon for volunteering to interview local people and write up the resulting article.

The ten questions were developed in 2016 to ask local people how they responded to living in Dereel and how they imagined it would be in the future. Among other research, including community meetings, surveys and discussions, the answers helped to develop a vision which guided the priority of various local projects in the Community Planning process.

## Imagine Dereel

The vision for Dereel which formed from the Community Planning process is:

*Dereel is a tranquil township with a vibrant, connected community, where all are welcome and friends are drawn together.*

*The public area is the heart of our community, a lively social hub where we meet, share, learn and create. We cooperate across the community to bring together our diverse skills and ways of seeing things. We make the most of the building and grounds, through a variety of activities, events and services to support our diverse interests and needs. The public grounds reflect our love of the tranquillity of Dereel and its abundant natural beauty.*

*Our community culture provides a safe supportive environment where we feel at ease being ourselves.*

Our Community Planning process winds up in December 2019 and a new planning cycle will begin.

## Do you want to be featured?

What is your vision for Dereel? If you are a Dereel local and would like to feature in the Dereel People column, please email us or contact us through our Facebook page.

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## Community Planning

More information about the projects included in the Community Planning process can be found on the Dereel Spokes website:

[www.dereelspokes.com](http://www.dereelspokes.com)

## Dereel People

By Sharon Breen



Ursula Finger

**How long have you lived in the area and what brought you here?**

My husband bought land 10 years ago, and it took 8 years to build a home. We have now called Dereel home for 16 months.

**What's great about living here?**

People I have met

**What do you feel passionate about?**

My freedom and my artwork

**What do you find joy in doing?**

Cooking

**What is your current pet project?**

Completing artworks

**What community groups are you in and why?**

Dereel Mens Shed for serenity and meeting people

DCHI to socialise and meet happy people

**Tell us about your best community experience**

Geoff from Mens Shed created some wonderful projects like a metal birdbath, and picture frames for me. Thank you Geoff

**How could you see more of this happening in Dereel?**

Eventually I would like to display and show others in the community all of my completed projects.

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

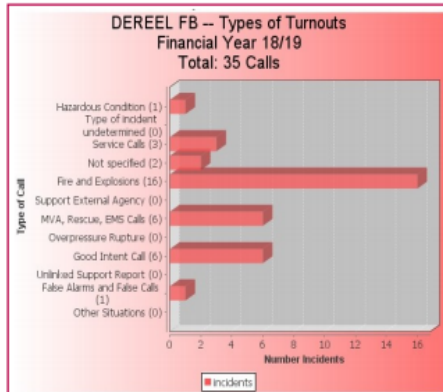
Keep it the same.

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

Continue to have friendly and lovable people in our community,

# Dereel Fire Brigade News

## Statistics and Personnel



### Know Your Local Fire Brigade

**Established**  
November 1978

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[www.dereelcfa.org.au](http://www.dereelcfa.org.au)

[www.facebook.com/DereelCFA](https://www.facebook.com/DereelCFA)

**NOW RECRUITING**  
Help protect your community

### Management Team

**Captain:** Robert Hill  
**1st Lt:** Darryn Hill  
**2nd Lt:** Dimitrios Georgalas  
**3rd Lt:** Justine Dirago  
**4th Lt:** Charlie Munro

### Current Membership

10 Operational Firefighters  
9 Operational Support  
1 new recruit (in process)



## Reduce Speed to 40 kph

From 1 July 2017 a new road rule was introduced to improve safety for our emergency and enforcement workers.

You must slow down to a speed that would enable you to stop safely when approaching and passing enforcement, emergency or escort vehicles that are stationary or moving slowly (less than 10km/h)\* and have either:

- **Red and blue flashing lights**
- **Magenta (purple flashing lights)**
- **An alarm sounding.**

You must not exceed 40km/h when passing the vehicle and not increase your speed until a safe distance from the scene (more on this below).

This road rule does not apply to vehicles on the opposite side of a divided road (separated by a median strip) from an emergency or enforcement vehicle scene.

*\*A fire truck extinguishing roadside spot fires is an example of a slow moving emergency vehicle.*

## Local Considerations

Locally there have been a number of recent instances where motorists have not reduced their speed whilst passing emergency vehicles

Please **REDUCE YOUR SPEED** for your own safety and for the safety of everyone who may be involved at the incident.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Can I be fined for not obeying the new road rule?

Yes. You can be fined but no demerit points will apply.

### What is the penalty?

The infringement penalty for breaching the new road rule is 1.75 penalty units (\$272.05), with the maximum court penalty of 5 penalty units (\$777.30).

### Victoria Police Advice

Victoria Police has also advised that its primary goal is to educate the community about safe speeds around incidents to prevent the death or serious injury of workers and others at the scene.



# Dereel Fire Brigade News

## ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES



### INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS IN:

<b>Every bedroom</b> 	<b>Outside each sleeping area</b> 	<b>Every level of your home, including the garage</b> 
<b>On levels without bedrooms, install in living room and/or family room</b> 	<b>Near stairways leading to upper levels</b> 	<b>3m from cooking appliances to minimise false alarms</b> 



Use **interconnected smoke alarms** for additional safety and early warning



**Low pitch sound**, and **vibration** smoke alarms are available for those with **hearing difficulties**



**DO NOT INSTALL** near windows, doors or ducts



**NEVER PAINT** over smoke alarms

### REMEMBER TO:

**TEST** smoke alarms monthly

**CHANGE** batteries yearly on older smoke alarms

**REPLACE** older smoke alarms with 10yr lithium battery units

### SMOKE ALARMS ARE COMPULSORY IN EVERY HOME:

Since 1 August 1997, Victorian law states that smoke alarms (complying with Australian Standards As3786) must be installed in all homes, units, flats and townhouses. It is the responsibility of all owners and landlords to install working smoke alarms.

Homes constructed before 1 August 1997 need only standalone, battery powered smoke alarms.

Homes constructed after 1 August 1997 must have smoke alarms connected to 240 volt mains power. These smoke alarms must also have a backup battery installed in the smoke alarm in case there is a loss of power.