



Dereel Community Plan 2022-2026

About our Town: *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 using our diverse skills and ways of seeing things.*

Our Community Vision

Our beautiful natural environment and community spaces are accessible to our community and are a connector to our inclusive and engaged community and its rich history.

Our Community Coordinators

The Community Coordinators: Gordon Smith and David Jaunzems, identified activities important to Dereel from its young people through to its long term residents in a considered and respectful way based on the energy the different members of the community had to contribute. They thank the small community for their thoughts and aspirations for Dereel's future.

Achievements From Our Previous Plan:

- *Established a community garden with wicking beds, fruit trees and a flower bed.*
- *The community spaces completed: Installation of the Art Gallery tracking to display local artists' work in the Soldiers Memorial Hall, Meeting room equipped with projector, screen, blinds and storage and the history cabinet.*
- *An Art in Dereel Group was established to lead the Art Spaces project.*
- *The Dereel Swamp walking track was upgraded.*

Start Date:

February 2022

Finish Date:

June 2026

What is the process for Community Planning?

Following a number of meetings, we listed ideas for projects and created and distributed a survey to gather more ideas. We reached out to the community over the course of a month through:

- *A maildrop to 100% of households in Dereel*
- *Posters in community spaces and noticeboard*
- *Personal discussions with community members*

15 responses were received from the community with all of the projects being well supported with an average rating of 3.9.

From the survey we know that most of the community are not actively engaged with our groups and projects in our plan are about ensuring we create connections and activate our residents to participate for a bright, shared future.

As community coordinators and for those who have shown interest in the implementation of the plan, we will seek and undertake opportunities to learn more about our community as our plan is rolled out and reach out to residents and our groups as we go.

This is a plan for all of Dereel!





Dereel Key Priority Projects 2022-2026

<p>Feeding Our Community</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i> Expand our wicking beds to 10 beds and make them accessible to people with mobility differences. Ensure annual upkeep and replenishment of plants, seedlings etc. Expand plantings of fruit trees. Fence area to keep Roos out. Upgrade existing shed to become food distribution point.</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i> Creates a focal point for social engagement, improves access to fresh food to those in need and is a creative outlet for the people of Dereel.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i> BCH, BYCF, Dereel Men’s Shed, Council, Food distribution centres.</p>	<p>Knowing Our Community</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i> Develop a community asset map of groups and individuals including skills that exist in the community.</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i> Establish a community skills library with the opportunity for resource sharing activities. This will enhance our ability to be ready for emergency management, support for our community in crisis and advocate for services.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i> Existing community groups, schools, Council.</p>	<p>Engaging Our Community</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i> Over the period of the plan, determine the best way to engage with our diverse community to ensure our residents feel heard and have access to information. Create a play group, run female self defence classes, run yoga classes, run Tae Kwon Do classes, run exercise classes.</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i> Residents will feel valued, heard and connected. This will enhance the whole towns health and wellbeing.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i> Community Health Service, Council, Community groups, YMCA.</p>
<p>Fun in Our Community</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i> Annual Dereel event.</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i> Residents feel pride in having their own annual event that is a must attend on the calendar to bring the community together to celebrate.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i> Rokewood Windfarm.</p>	<p>Honouring Our Community</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i> World War 1 Dereel Board restoration and display of historical artifacts in community centre.</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i> Maintain one of the Dereel’s historic artifacts while honouring those who have contributed to our way of life and links the community to our rich history.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i> Dereel historians.</p>	<p>Connecting Our Community</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i> Investigate requirement for a fitness trail with exercise stations around sports ground.</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i> Expands on the present playground which is focused on prep to primary aged users. Provides an active outlet for teenagers and adults in a social setting.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i> Council, Community Groups, Rokewood Windfarm</p>

We welcome anyone who would like help to make these projects a success! Please get in touch with Dereel Men’s Shed, dereelms@aussiebroadband.com.au, David 0439 390 499 or Gordon 0448 843 426

