



# Dereel Community Plan

## What is Community Planning?

Community planning is a process where community members come together and take action to improve their community. Community members develop a community plan outlining projects they will undertake to make their town a better place to live.

Golden Plains Shire Council supports community planning by providing a professional facilitator who assists communities, as well as grants to help implement the projects in the community plan.

Currently 22 communities across the Shire are helping make their towns a great place to live through community planning. To learn more about community planning visit the [goldenplains.vic.gov.au](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au).

## Community Coordinators

Local residents, known as Community Coordinators, volunteer their time to coordinate the development and implementation of a community plan for their community. The following community members are Community Coordinators for this Dereel Community Plan.

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Please contact your Coordinators for more information about this plan or for the date of upcoming meetings that you are welcome to attend.

## Summary of previous achievements

Many Dereel residents and local partners have worked together to implement Dereel Community Plans. Together they achieved a lot including:

- Kuruk-u-ruc trail project, improving the walking tracks in Dereel
- Captain Cat Theatre
- Kid's Disco's
- The first Spring Festival
- Awareness and Safety Expos
- What's On sign on Swamp Road
- Cricket practice nets

Date plan was adopted

20/08/2016

Plan start date

September 2016

Plan finish date

September 2019



## Imagine Dereel

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 tranquility of Dereel and its abundant natural beauty.

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

*"We couldn't be prouder of Golden Plains Shire Community Coordinators, and everyone involved in community planning – they go above and beyond for their communities and they're a big reason why Golden Plains is such a great place to live and visit."*

**Cr Des Phelan, Mayor**



## How was this Plan developed?

Preparation and the gathering of information to inform this plan has been an ongoing process

**Community Engagement Forums have included:**

- Community Bushfire Recovery Workshops – July 2013
- Open whiteboard at the Community Centre – October 2014 to April 2015
- Open House conversations at the Community Centre – December 2014 to March 2015
- Formal visits to Community Groups as guest speakers – April 2015
- Facebook discussions (local pages and groups, individual pages) – October 2014 to July 2016
- Other community forums and discussions (Bushfire Recovery newsletter, Dereel Spokes newsletter and online forums, groups, socials, personal chats etc) – October 2014 to July 2016
- 10 Question interviews – January to July 2016
- Community Plan Survey (paper and online) – June/July 2016
- Dereel Vision Workshop 23 July 2016

A final Community forum was held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August at which community members prioritized the Projects which would be in the Community Plan and allocated the SEED funding accordingly.

# 2016-2019 Community Plan Key Projects

## 1. Community Garden

Design and development of a Community Garden at the Soldiers Memorial Hall and Community Centre in Dereel. This project includes:

- the associated infrastructure to support seasonal planting and self-sufficiency –for example, a garden shed for tool storage, a greenhouse for propagation, compost bins, and more.
- a number of different types of garden, including a garden containing plants native to our area, a herb garden and food gardens.

The garden projects will beautify the whole site and provide social and educational opportunities for all. The wider community will benefit from the food garden produce, enabling easier access to fresh, healthy local food.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$500**

## 2. Dereel Community Space

This project aims to continue to improve and develop public and recreational areas in and around Dereel, including the community spaces around the Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall and Community Centre.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$2000**

## 3. Pop Up Shops

This project aims to explore options which will enable the development of weekend pop-up shops and markets. This may include:

- produce and art market
- buy swap sell stalls;
- a kiosk/general store/post office
- stock feed sales.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000**

## 4. Art Space

This project aims to foster the exploration and development of local Art Space. This can include:

- displays and exhibitions,
- use of an area for a studio,
- weekend workshops,
- art classes
- community created projects such as a mural.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000**



## 5. Knowledge Sharing

The primary focus of this project is to increase local knowledge, capacity, sharing and resilience through developing opportunities for classes and ongoing learning. This is a broad project which can include:

- a community skills library,
- resource sharing programs,
- bushfire safety and preparation programs,
- a range of introductory information sessions,
- children's service and supports
- youth tuition and mentoring programs.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000**

## 6. Develop Dereel Swamp

Ongoing interest in developing the swamp area to enable:

- overnight camping,
- picnics,
- walking and bike riding to enjoy the natural environment.

This would involve creating a track around the swamp, improving signage, and establishing information about local species of flora and fauna to foster ecotourism opportunities.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000**

## 7. Maps, Signage & Publications

Dereel has a rich history and an environment which includes rare species of flora and fauna. This project focuses on the development of new maps, signage and brochures designed to provide information about our heritage, ecology and geology.

Signage will include markers for walks around the area. Information includes a local history museum space and publications.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000**

## Implementing Projects

To ensure the development of all Projects support the Town Vision the following matrix will be used in both the planning and implementation stage.

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| <b>Tranquility:</b>    | Reflects the tranquil, natural environment of Dereel                                       |
| <b>Social Hub:</b>     | Builds social activity around the public hub   |
| <b>Connections:</b>    | Nurtures social connections between people groups and neighbouring towns                   |
| <b>Freedom:</b>        | Promotes a safe supportive psychological environment where we feel at ease being ourselves |
| <b>Public Grounds:</b> | Creates a comfortable safe and beautiful, functional and available physical environment    |
| <b>Cooperation:</b>    | Strengthens cooperation across the community, including active groups and individuals      |
| <b>Diversity:</b>      | Embraces and supports the diversity of needs, interests, skills and ways of seeing         |

**Disclaimer;** If major changes to community plan projects need to be made within the life of the plan, Coordinators will conduct a public process before making these changes.

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