



DINNER PLAIN

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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We exist to cooperate in the effort of creating an economically sustainable village in the Australian Alps. A place to live, to invest, work and play, together with all the tourists that consistently visit and enjoy our alpine community.

2026 Membership Subscriptions

2025 members will have received their renewal reminder last month. Thank you to members who have already paid.

Membership subscriptions help cover the cost of insurance, ASIC registration, Consumer Affairs Victoria registration, administration and event expenses etc.

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Should you no longer wish to receive our newsletters, please email theteam@dpccommunity.org

Save the Date:
Labour Day Long Weekend

Reggie and the Revolvers are Back!

When: Sunday 8 March 2026

FREE event from 2.00pm

Where: Rear Garden Alhutte Restaurant 17 Horseshoe Circle, Dinner Plain

Join us for a great afternoon of live music and BBQ.
Kindly supported by Alpine Shire Council and DPCA.



Clean Up Dinner Plain

Staff and students of the Alpine School are taking the lead on the village autumn clean up day to be held on Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 1 March 2026.

Please support this event volunteering a couple of hours on the day to pick up rubbish around our village.

The Alpine School will kindly provide a BBQ lunch following the clean up. Further details to follow closer to the event, Keep an eye on our [Facebook Page](#)



Tourism and Events Strategy Workshops

A series of facilitated community workshops will be held in Bright, Dinner Plain, Harrietville, Mount Beauty, and Myrtleford in April and May.

These sessions will help shape the long-term vision for tourism and events, and be open to residents, business owners, and tourism operators.

Participants are invited to attend two workshops in Bright, Mount Beauty, or Myrtleford: Business + Combined (for businesses) or Residents + Combined (for non-businesses). Harrietville and Dinner Plain will each host one workshop for everyone.

Wednesday, May 06, 2026 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Dinner Plain - Business & Residents Workshop
Dinner Plain Community Centre
Horseshoe Circle, Dinner Plain

[Register HERE](#)

Peaks Challenge Cycle Endurance Race: Sunday 8 March 2026 Volunteers Required

Are you available to help set up & pack up Dinner Plain feeding station? Bicycle Network are keen to secure the services of 6-8 volunteers (they will make a donation to DPCA for their services).

Please email theteam@dpcommunity.org if you can assist.

Dinner Plain MTB Flow Trail Report

The condition of the trail as always is rideable with care. The usual caveats are to be aware that there could always be fallen trees across the trails. As of writing, there is an abundance of leaves, twigs and bark on Moby's and Jabberwocky which have been slashed but yet to be leaf blown. This makes the surface a little slippery so be careful on flat and non-berm turns. This should be rectified this week or early next.

Escape Chester is now the only section that hasn't been slashed so the grass is long and the trail obvious but narrow. That said, its mostly an easy uphill riding and straightforward. The rest of the trails have had their recent cut, style and blow dry and are in good shape.

A big shout out goes to Elevation who recently put in some solid work clearing the margins of tall grass and blowing vegetation matter from the riding surface on Sir Jax, Shut Up Ollie and KangaWalla Fox. Also thanks to the Alpine School students who regularly put in clearing and drainage work. Their next school working bee will be February 17 and 24.

The DP Flow trails really are a lot of fun but remember they remain open mostly through the effort of volunteers. If you come across anything during your ride that impacts safety or you think should be attended to please report it to:

Greg 0425 253 745

As always, have fun and ride safe

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Unfortunately progress with the proposed Community Garden has been slow. DPCA has been working with council to understand the approval processes and permits required for installing greenhouse domes on the garden site. At this stage it does not look as though either of the greenhouse domes that we have proposed meet the building standards for construction in Dinner Plain. We are still investigating options and will keep you updated on the outcomes of our next discussion with council.

We had also intended to plant the area surrounding the greenhouses with native Alpine plants and we have an order in with the Mt. Hotham Nursery for delivery of 400 plants in late March. Given we may not be able to install the greenhouses as originally planned, the Committee has voted to replant the new entrance garden beds. Sadly, many of the plants in these beds were eaten or dug up by our exploding rabbit population during Winter and Spring. We will ensure that any replanted areas are protected with guards while plants are getting established.

Both the Alpine School and the P-12 Bright School have expressed interest in assisting with the planting and maintenance of the community garden project and we also welcome involvement from interested DP residents. We'll keep you informed of future working bee dates and garden plans.

Tennis Court Update

We are pleased to report that the long overdue work to resurface the tennis courts has commenced. Thank you to DPCA volunteers who gave up their time to weed and clean up the courts in preparation. We are hoping that work will be completed in time for the long weekend.

WEEDS, WEEDS, WEEDS

It's been a great Summer for wildflowers, but unfortunately the weeds are also thriving. The most prolific are the Oxeye Daisies but the thistles are also springing to life along with other invasive flowering weeds. See pics below.

The village is blooming with Oxeye Daisies and while the flowers are very attractive, these plants are a designated noxious, invasive weed that pose a serious threat to biodiversity and soil productivity. They're filling the drains, flourishing along the tracks and have made their way down into Carmichael Creek and the lower section of the Mountain Bike Tracks.

A single plant can produce up to 26,000 seeds and the seeds can survive for up to 20 years in the soil which does make it seem like an impossible task to control their spread. As landholders we do have a legal responsibility to manage weeds on our properties, (Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994) as do the Alpine Shire Council, Parks Victoria and DEECA have a responsibility to control weeds on public land.

Parks Victoria contractors have recently been up spraying along the DP Track and the Brabralung Track in an effort to reduce the spread of the Oxeye Daisies. DPCA have also contacted the council and DEECA requesting assistance with weed eradication within the village and on the adjoining crown land.

You can do your bit in the fight against the Oxeye Daisy by removing any plants that have popped up on your property. You can also purchase a huge variety of native daisies and flowering herbs from the Mt. Hotham Alpine Nursery in Ovens if you'd like a summer display of flowers on your property.

Removing Oxeye Daisies and other weeds:

The daisies have shallow roots and will pull up easily after rain. Ideally, they should be removed before they flower though the flowers do make them easier to recognise. Don't confuse them with the native Silver Daisies which are also flowering at the moment. Silver Daisies have a single flower stem while Oxeyes have multiple stems.

To remove Oxeyes, pull up the plants with roots attached and secure them in rubbish bags to be disposed of. Some of the other weeds currently in flower are more difficult to remove and will need to be dug up as they have long and strong roots. Any efforts to prevent the village becoming overrun with non-indigenous plants and weeds will be appreciated.

The Alpine School has also offered to assist with weed removal on their Community Service days, so we are hoping to make a noticeable reduction in their numbers. Lets make an effort to protect our unique Alpine environment.

