

Speak Out Loud:

Stories of Strength from the Southern Downs

EPISODE: BUILDING AND NURTURING COMMUNITY (DALVEEN COMMUNITY HALL)

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SUMMARY OF EPISODE

Nathan Parkes joins me on the podcast today. Nathan is the president of the Dalveen Sports Club which is housed by the Dalveen Community Hall. The hall is a hub for this vibrant community that's located between Warwick and Stanthorpe on the Southern Downs. There's so much going on at the hall, so many opportunities to connect with locals and visitors, to get involved in volunteering and with community groups. And this community has some really innovative ideas that Nathan shared with me in this conversation. I hope the story of the Dalveen Community Hall inspires you to get involved with your community.

Listen to the podcast conversation to hear Nathan share:

- the story of his connection to the Dalveen community on the Southern Downs
- the many and varied uses of the Dalveen Community Hall precinct which houses the Dalveen Sports Club and Dalveen Rural Fire Brigade
- the popularity of the Friday night community dinners in the hall
- other groups that use the hall for their meetings and events including:
 - CWA (meetings; craft; Australia's Biggest Morning Tea; annual Christmas Tree)
 - Dalveen Film Society (bi-monthly movie screenings; Apple and Grape Festival screening)
 - sewing group
 - Wild Dog Management Group
 - Dalveen State School
 - Southern Downs Regional Council
 - Darling Downs Drifters
 - Australian Electoral Commission
 - Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (training and information sessions)
 - Darling Downs Tractor Trek
 - Drought Resilience Tour
 - Granite Belt Neighbourhood Centre
 - private functions
- the purpose of neighbourhood-safe spaces and how the Dalveen community is planning to upgrade the precinct for improved use during natural disasters

- how the Urban Design Framework is providing a way for the community to progress its desire for upgraded meeting spaces and support local community groups, businesses and residents
- how a roster of enthusiastic volunteers creates a wonderful family-friendly social dinner at the hall on Friday nights
- early records from the hall date back to 1882 when the first Dalveen Easter Sports Day was held
- by 1927 Dalveen became known as the “Home of Sport” and the hall had the reputation of having one of the best dance floors in the district
- the CWA’s Annual Christmas Tree event has been held for the past 96 years
- the recently formed Dalveen Film Society hosts bi-monthly film nights which echoes the popularity of moving picture shows from days gone by
- in the 1930’s the hall was destroyed by fire and the community quickly rebuilt it using local resources and labour
- hopes for the future of the Dalveen Hall including its continued role as a hub for the community where people can gather through the good times and the bad times
- the importance of partnering with Council to progressively work towards long term community goals
- the special characteristics that make the Dalveen community unique and why Nathan loves being part of it

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Dalveen Sports Club Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/DalveenSKClub>

Dalveen Film Society Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Dalveen-Film-Society-660019871377602/>

Dalveen Community Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Dalveen-Community-Granite-Belt-QLD-802306136523657/>

Dalveen Rural Fire Brigade <https://www.facebook.com/DalveenRuralBushfireBrigade/>

RESOURCES MENTIONED IN THE PODCAST

Southern Downs Regional Council <https://www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/>

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/>

Emergency Services – Fire, Ambulance, Police
P: 000 (Triple Zero)

Queensland Rural Fire Service
<https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/about-us/frontline-services/rural-fire-service>

Country Women’s Association (CWA) <https://www.cwaa.org.au/>

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/>

Wild Dog Management Group (For information contact Southern Downs Regional Council
<https://www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/pets---animals/pest-animals/bounties>)

Dalveen State School <https://dalveenss.eq.edu.au/>

Australian Electoral Commission <https://www.aec.gov.au/>

Granite Belt Neighbourhood Centre
<https://www.facebook.com/granitebeltneighbourhoodcentre/>

Festival of Small Halls <https://festivalofsmalhalls.com/>

Apple and Grape Festival <https://appleandgrape.org/>



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