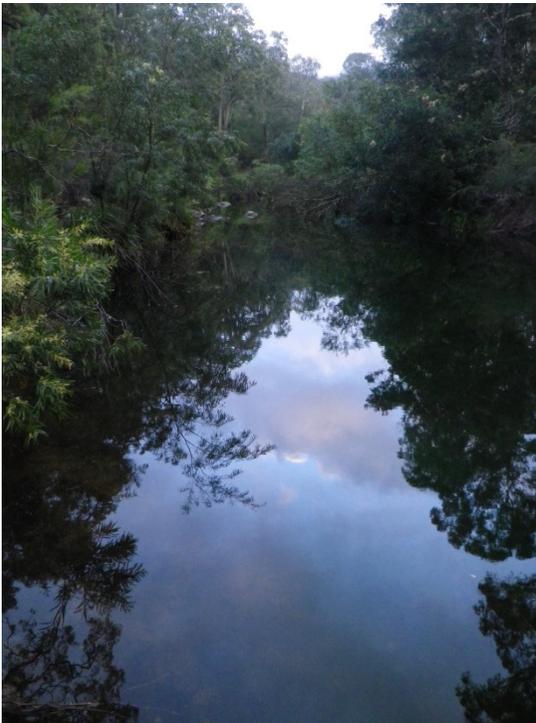


How to get to Desert Creek House (DCH)

- If you come from Bega or Narooma, turn off the Princes Highway into the Snowy Mountains Highway and, after 8.5 km, turn right at the sign “Desert Creek Road”.
- If you come from Cooma, turn left, immediately after the bridge over Hanscombe Creek, at the sign “Desert Creek Road”.

Drive for 3 km to the end of the council maintained road, to our letter box (YU de Morsier – DCH - 802). Then drive for 1 more km to a cattle grid with our sign “DCH 802” and a drawing of a head with a big moustache on the side gate. Only 100m after the grid take a **very sharp turn up to the left** (sign on the tree) and continue for 1 more km until you arrive at DCH.



At Desert Creek House, a not for profit association, you can:

- take part in times of meditation and prayer, seminars about diverse themes: spirituality, ecology, architecture, psychology, etc. See program: www.desertcreekhouse.com.au.
- have a time for personal recollection, based on self-catering in separate cabin or catered in the main house.
- use the facilities to organise yourself a retreat, a talk, a seminar, a concert, an exhibition around themes you are wishing to share.

At this stage, we can offer accommodation for 11 to 16 people depending on whether guests want single rooms or accept to share a room. Day events for small groups (25 people max) are ok.

Desert Creek House is built around community living. Participants are asked to take part in the activities and in the necessary work. We have working bees about 4 times a year. Your participation in the spirit of building community is most welcome at any time! See program on our website.

Costs

DCH's running costs have to be met through donations. No fixed price is set for a stay so as not to exclude anyone. We are aware that all in creation is a free gift. So your stay and your participation are free. Nevertheless, a place like DCH requires means for its running (maintenance of the buildings, accommodation, teaching material) and you are asked to give a donation at the end of your stay to allow someone else whom you do not know to take part in the sharing at DCH.

Donations can be made in the form of cheques made payable to Desert Creek House Inc., or cash or bank transfer:

Bank: Horizon Credit Union - BSB: 802 124
Account: 10 12 68 - Name: Desert Creek House.

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Meditation

Eco-theo-logy

Community

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Desert Creek House is:

A place for prayer, contemplation and celebration, in a search for unity in the living God. On this path, the diversity of revelations is an inspiration to discover the multiple aspects of the Divine, while remaining rooted in our Christian origin.

A place for a simple ecological way of life, in a search for the true needs and the right links with our natural and social environment, in a movement of self-limitation which allows the essential to take place.

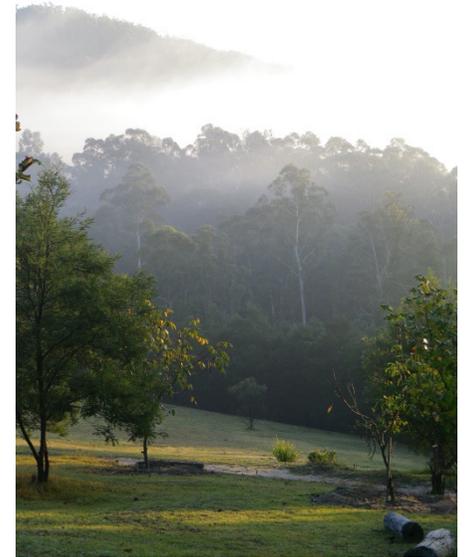
A place for sharing and community, in a search for reciprocity where everyone can feel recognised and follow their own path in deepening the meaning of their life.



We believe that:

The cosmos is more than the material world we see. Behind its appearance it is animated by a spiritual energy (invisible like the wind) which teaches us about the meaning of life through its diverse expressions in matter. When we learn to recognise how the invisible and sacred dimensions of life nourish our everyday life, we can find peace and joy. As they are the heritage of many centuries of human experience, spiritual traditions offer a powerful revelation for self-transformation and happiness. The spiritual path is not only about faith (what we believe) but mainly about practice (how we answer life's challenges).

Nature is more than a provider of material resources. It is the expression of the sacred dimension of life. It teaches us the ways of harmony of the universe. We have to take the best possible care of nature because we are part of it; it is our nourishing Mother. We have to integrate all our activities into natural cycles (reconstitution of resources and absorption of "wastes"). The practice of what we call ecology is not sufficient. It is not enough to respect only the physical laws of nature. We need to invent an "eco-theo-logy", by which we accept to adapt to the laws of the universe and learn another anthropology: that life is based on interdependence; that it gives shape to a sacred community of all species in diversity and complementarity, ruled by cooperation, gratuity, reciprocity and the art of giving.



The practice of community is the appropriate form to support and enrich one another in our diversity and complementarity of skills, knowledge, experiences, intuitions. In sharing our quest and our inspirations we become more complete and mature. True maturity can only arise in a form of gratuity and wonder about what is given to us by others. When knowledge, wisdom and compassion are freely shared, they multiply without depriving those who share them.

We love

Augustine, Gregory of Nazianzus, Clare and Francis of Assisi, Meister Eckhart, Charles de Foucauld, P. Teilhard de Chardin, Gandhi, Etty Hillesum, Simone Weil, Christian de Chergé, Ramana Maharshi, Abishiktananda (Fr. Le Saux), Bede Griffiths OSB, John Main OSB, Fr. Roger (Taizé), AMA Samy SJ, the Dalai Lama, ...