

What is Desert Creek House?

A place / a search for the meaning of life

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. Small is beautiful.

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.

The Symbol of the Desert and the Creek... and the Meaning of our Logo

Desert Creek

The desert is a place of infinite space where we are called to leave everything behind which is superfluous.

In the silence and the scarcity of events, we do not get distracted but can go to the essential.

In this sometimes arid process of purification, we find the real living source of life, the creek of Love which is flowing in abundance.

Going inward - Turning outward

We have chosen as our logo a picture of a fountain that inspired us.

From its Centre three channels of water flow outwards,

and on a lower level three channels of that same water flow backwards to the Centre, its Source.

This symbol is rich in pointing to the Reality of our Trinitarian Creator God who creates and holds the Cosmos in Being, and of our own hearts being restless until they are united to their Source.

In everyday life, this symbol encourages us to find the right balance in this movement of turning inside (insight) and going outward (expression):

- We need to open ourselves in a receptive way to the Source within to be inspired and there find what gives life meaning, as well as coming in contact with its enlivening energy.
 - And equally important we want to turn to the outer world to find ways of expressing those meanings, and participating in creation by making our world more liveable.
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Who we are:

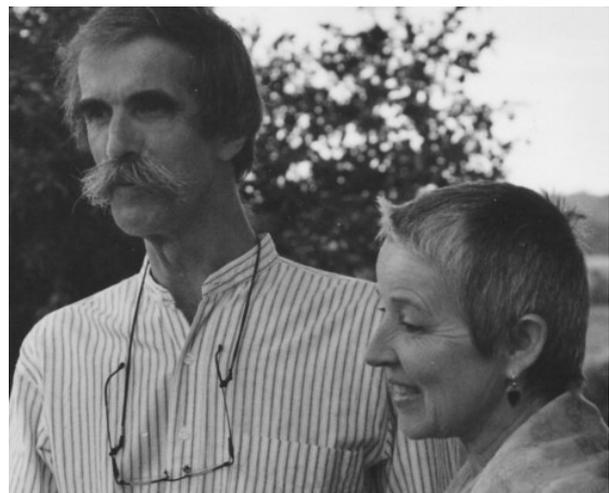
Ursula de Morsier:

(born 45, 2 adult children, 2 adult stepchildren and 6 grandchildren)

I am trained as a psychologist and Jungian Psychoanalyst and in that activity my focus is on helping people to become whom they were created to be.

For me, the human being: body soul and spirit is an interdependent unity and needs to be addressed as a whole, yet without confusing the levels.

I am a committed Christian. I love nature, gardening, swimming.....



Yves de Morsier: (born 52 - 2 adult children)

A trained French Swiss architect, architecture is for me not so much a profession but a means of discovering the relationship between spirit and matter.

In my view, it is urgent that we find a way of life that is simple, based on self-limiting, in compassion for others and in harmony with nature.

For me it is essential to be open to other cultures and revelations, instead of imposing our western materialistic way of life on all.

We have to remember, God speaks through the humble!

We love:

St. Augustin, St. Francis of Assisi, Meister Eckhart, Charles de Foucauld, Gandhi, Simone Weil, Ramana Maharshi, Abishiktananda (Fr. Le Saux), Bede Griffith OSB, Fr. Roger and the Community of Taizé, AMA Samy SJ, the Dalai Lama, ...

At Desert Creek House you can:

- Take part in times of meditation and prayer, in seminars about diverse themes: spirituality, ecology, architecture, psychology, etc... Look at the program on our website (www.desertcreekhouse.com.au) or put your name, address and/or e-mail address on the mailing list.
- Have a time for personal recollection
- Organise yourself a retreat, a talk, a seminar, an exhibition around themes you are wishing to share.....

We are still in the early phase of preparing the infrastructure. At this stage we cannot offer group accommodation, although 2-3 individuals can be accommodated.

Day events for groups are ok. A building is planned in the near future to offer opportunities for small groups over a few days.

You can become a member of the non-for-profit association "Desert Creek House Inc." Download the constitution of the association "Desert Creek House Inc."

You can also subscribe to the DCH Newsletter by sending us your email address and asking to be on the email list (desertcreek@skymesh.com.au) or by giving us your postal address in writing to: DCH - 802 Desert Creek Road - NUMBUGGA via BEGA NSW 2550 - AUSTRALIA.

IMPORTANT:

Desert Creek House is not an hotel. Participants are asked to take part in the activities and in the necessary work.

Help in building the infrastructure is welcomed!

What does it cost to participate?

Desert Creek House's running costs will have to be met through donations. No fixed price is set for a stay so as not to exclude anyone Aware that all in creation is a free gift: air, water, food, life, knowledge, love etc....so your stay and your participation are free. Nevertheless, a place like Desert Creek House requires means for its running 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 Desert Creek House.

Donations can be made in the form of cheques made payable to Y. and U. de Morsier, or cash.

Contact us: desertcreek@skymesh.com.au