



Prayer - Meditation - Community - Ecology -
Psychology – Architecture

Desert Creek House

A place / a search for the meaning of life

On the Far South Coast of NSW, near Bega, facing three bush covered hills of the South East Forests National Park, along a permanent creek, a simple place in nature, where contemplation, contact with nature and sharing can be experienced.

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1) In a few words: what se believe... and why we do what we do

Our world is more than a heap of matter only governed by the laws of chemistry, physics and biology.

As human beings we are parts of nature, i.e. members of a wider body (the cosmos) to which we belong,

in the same way as the diversified organs of our own body form one body and contribute to its survival as well as they depend on it (and the other organs) for their own life.

Our deep and true nature is mainly spiritual; it means that the most important dimension in our life is not directly visible.

Like the wind that is only visible in its effects, the Spirit who animates us becomes visible in his influences on our lives and surroundings;

it is why matter is our best teacher: it teaches us the laws of life,

if we dare to look at the true meaning of our experience and to search behind the first appearances.

If our origin is of spiritual nature, it means that we have to focus our attention on the invisible dimensions of life;

it is how we can experience love, peace, justice, which cannot be reduced to material facts.

Because we believe that our world, our Earth is lead by a loving spiritual energy to whom we can relate personally (although it seems also to be impersonal),

it has no meaning to lead our life in ignoring the main Source of Life.

We have to adapt our way of life to the laws of nature and to the laws of life.

We have to live in harmony with nature (ecology), and with other human beings (community).

The practice of ecology and of community is something very practical which fosters our everyday life.

Through our personal and practical experience of ecology and community, we learn more and more

about the sacred meaning of life
and we transform slowly ourselves and our practice towards more truth;
it is the way to happiness and true joy (which is much deeper than simple pleasure).

The regular practice of meditation twice a day is the necessary exercise which helps us to become more aware, and to focus more on being than on doing and having.

*Do not be surprised when I say: you must be born from above.
The wind blows wherever it pleases; you hear its sound,
but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.
(Jn 3:7-8)*

2) At Desert Creek House, you can participate in different ways:

1. TIME OF SHARING

Take part in an afternoon of sharing, each first Saturday of the month (between 1pm and 5pm):

See our program for the next months

2. SILENT MEDITATION

Take part in our regular meditation day, each second Saturday of the month (from Friday 6pm to Sunday 9am):

See the description and the schedule for this meditation day

3. PERSONAL RECOLLECTION

Have a time of personal recollection or recovery, in silence or in interaction with other people present, according to a personal program to be agreed upon.

See how the place looks like

4. YOUR OWN SEMINAR / CONCERT / EXHIBITION

Organise by yourself a seminar, an exhibition, a retreat, a concert, etc... Take contact with us in order to discuss your project!

5. COMMUNITY BUILDING

Take part in the building of the future community house:

See what and why we are building (drawings and explanations)

6. WORK EXPERIENCE (for instance as a WWOOFER)

Work a few hours a day, for a week or more, against food and accommodation, and learn about many alternative techniques and ways of life: organic gardening, composting, recycling, ecological maintenance of the land, bioclimatic building, management of water (no wastes). With meals in common and many possibilities for sharing:

See a description of a regular day and of the kind of work we do

7. NEW WAYS OF LIFE - NEW PRACTICES

Take part in our search for a new way of life which integrates our activities into natural cycles and brings real happiness through co-operation, self-limitation, community empowerment, practice of the power of truth; how to relate to money, work, subsistence, nature, ideals, etc:

Read a few extracts of our "Instruction manual for a shared happiness"

8. SOLAR ARCHITECTURE / ECOLOGICAL WAYS OF LIFE

Take part in one of the programs which are in preparation, about solar architecture: the principles, the solutions, and many examples.

Have a look at the kind of material we propose for our seminars about climatic and solar architecture (in preparation)

About Desert Creek House:

What is Desert Creek House? The Symbol of the Desert and the Creek... and the Meaning of our Logo Who are we? What can you do at Desert Creek House?

How to get to Desert Creek House What does it cost to participate?

How does the place look like? Our project: building a community house

Our program for the next months:

The Program for the next months Our regular meditation's day

A presentation of the past sessions:

2009 - Diverse themes 2008 - Diverse themes 2007 - Diverse themes

2006 - Inspiring people and Saints

Ways of life

Practical manual for a shared happiness (in preparation)

Bioclimatic architecture

Bioclimatic and solar architecture (in preparation)

Physical Data (in preparation) Physical Units (in preparation)

Solar Architecture: Principles (in preparation)
