



June 2011 Newsletter from Goolawah Island Co-operative

Heaviest June rains in 40 years halted the Macleay Valley,
isolating thousands of residents. *Continued on page 4*



Illa Langi Road looking west



Left: Billy, Lindsey & Jon exploring Maria River Rd – maybe the sign should be changed “dive in”?

Below:
SOS Goolawah!



Next GM is Saturday 16 July 2011.

There are no proposals but on the agenda is a discussion for the future use of Machinery Shed (as the machines have been sold).

There is NO Community/Directors' meeting the Saturday 2 July.

Upcoming Community/Directors' meetings: 6 Aug, 3 Sept, 1 Oct

AGM scheduled for 5 Nov.

Carpenter Wanted: Must be experienced in building arks. *Ph Goolawah!*

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Isaac at Never Tire by Jason & Flick's place - am I still going to school?



Ill Langi to the north, Hobbs' house lower right



Lindsey at Illa Langi & Maria River Rd



Ordinary Resolution 1: To buy this tractor for Red Hill – all in favour?



Wanted – seeking mate with dry warm space & plenty of food! Python spotted by kayakers.



Red Hill's resident Diamond Python seeks refuge from the sodden ground!



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Frog Hollow looking south



Cattle Grid at North Gate looking south



One of many yabbies captured and relocated by Frank on the flooded roads – stocking the dams for the next flood...



I'm gonna get those boys....



Happy to have plenty of pumpkins and citrus for flood rations!



Smoked silver perch on the menu tonite, dear!



Astrid McCormick's (former member) Yoga Studio in Smithtown – surrounded by water but undamaged. www.rightnowyoga.blogspot.com

"and then there was the Goolawah resident who reported a UFO sighting to NASA on Friday, roughly to the North. But NASA got back saying it was something called "Sun"."

Flood report continued from front page....

Goolawah members were flooded in from early Tuesday (14 June) until Monday when limited vehicle access became possible via Port Macquarie. About 300ml of rain pounded down during five days – also causing the cancellation of the annual Queen's Birthday Long Weekend Skyshow in Crescent Head. Although not a phenomenal amount of rain, the groundwater was already saturated from rains earlier in the month.

Making the most of this June Gloom wet weather and eager to escape outside, yabby catching, paddling & rowing became a common sight on the flooded roads. The torrential rain could not stop the spirit of the footy fans as they gathered at Laz's for the Wednesday nite footy final! Quickly decreasing food rations sparked a bit of culinary creativity. Ginger pumpkin soup and smoked silver perch potato patties laced with coriander to name a few dishes invented during the week! Roadworks to resume when dry! Thanks to Ralph for the great colour printing and to Zen, Jon & Frank for the photos.

A Winter Solstice gathering at Ralph's had a great turn out of the flood survivors. Back to frosty & clear nites we huddled around the fire and shared stories of the previous days. The prize for making the most effort to be at the party goes to Brad, Dave Launt's son from Port Macquarie. His legendary arrival will be the talk of the Never Tire locals for years to come as his Commodore was the first vehicle (2wd petrol) to make it through (pulsating) the lingering floodwaters on Never Tire!

