



September 2013

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ANNOUNCING GOOLAWAH CO-OP AGM

Saturday 19 October 2013, 9 am @ Machinery Shed



Pics: New Entrance Sign (background), Laz's piñata, Jon & Mo, Monday morning crafters, KSC councillors at Pete & Mairead's garden

It's been a busy winter at Goolawah – with a sunset winter solstice bonfire at Ralph's, Kev's 50th pizza party, a 70th fiesta for Laz, afternoon tea for Glen's birthday, working bees, craft workshops, camp kitchen renos, fighting fires & frost (on the same day!), a site visit by Kempsey Shire Councillors and of course the usual schedule of meetings.

Early spring has already had several days of unusually warm weather and occasionally teasing us with a few drops of rain... more moisture would be great for topping up the dams & tanks but not quite ready for another flood quite yet!

GOOLAWAH GRAPEVINE

Upcoming Events:

Sat. 19 October: AGM, 9 am Machinery Shed
Sat. 2 November: Board/Community Meeting, 9am
Sat. 23 November: Working Bee, 9am meet at Camp Kitchen
Sat. 7 December: Board/Community Meeting, 9am
Sat. 14 December: Newsletter Items due for Dec. 2013 newsletter
Sat. 18 January: General Meeting

Kitchen upgrade

We're steadily making progress with kitchen renovations. All of the dilapidated lounges have been taken to the tip along with the broken toys. A new trestle table has been purchased that's being used each Monday for our craft morning. We recently purchased some kitchen cupboards from Ikea which we have just assembled. Peter has bought a pump so we will have water pressure to the sink and he will be installing it once the sink and bench is in place. After that we will be looking into purchasing new lino, paint for the walls and a hot water heater. Come along and look at the new improvements or better still contact Bron and offer your help. Thanks to Lexie, Mark, Peter, Mairead and Bron.

Working Bees

Thanks to the community members & guests who have been coming along to the working bees. The visibility/safety has been improved at IllaLangi Lane & Maria River Road. Logs have been placed along the creek and white/reflective paint is needed to finish the job. Work has also been done around North Gate in regards to controlling Camphor Laurel growth.

Pic by Denise



Note from the Treasurer

The latest financial statement is in this newsletter. The full audit will be available at the AGM. The work levy going up to \$180 this year due to the amount per hour being raised to \$15. It is still 12 hours work.

Leah

Goolawah Greenthumbs Patch

How to Keep your Citrus Happy and Healthy, Advice from Citrus Grower *Contribution from Mairead*

We were at Bellingen Spring Plant fair and there was a very interesting talk by a Commercial Citrus Grower. He worked in commercial citrus orchards for many years, and saw the poisonous sprays they used every week, including a final waxy spray that is left on the fruit prior to sale. He considers such fruit to be toxic and hence set up his own orchard, and has dedicated himself to producing organic citrus fruit on a commercial basis by keeping trees healthy and encouraging an environment where beneficial insects can flourish. He has done many experiments to find the best methods, including use of laboratory tests. He shared his knowledge with us and answered our many questions. Below are his top recommendations to have healthy citrus:

1. **Keep grass away** from underneath citrus trees. In tests he did, trees kept clear had twice the growth of trees with grass growing around the trunk. As trees get larger, their shade will inhibit vegetation anyway. If you do mulch around trees to keep vegetation down, do not use bark or fresh grass cuttings as this will create nitrogen deficiencies. Hay is best, Lucerne being his favourite.
2. Forget commercial fertilizers, **well rotted manure** gives trees everything they need, including trace elements. Chicken poo is the best of the manures. Top dress with a generous amount 3 times a year. Chicken manure is all he uses, and finds lots of good manure is the single most thing that helps keep trees healthy and allows them to cope with any stresses such as dry seasons or diseases.
3. To fight baddies and disease, the only spray he recommends is **Eco Oil**, which is a vegetable oil product. Do not use White oil as this is a petroleum product and impacts beneficials. You can make your own eco oil by mixing water and vegetable oil, recipes on the net. He uses Eco oil for aphids and scale. With scale you must spray on the affected bark to smother the scale. If the scale is very bad, you can get a brush and soapy water and brush it off. He said not to worry about leaf miner or sooty mould as they do not harm the tree sufficiently to merit spraying. The best defence against fruit fly is good orchard hygiene. You need to break the fruit fly cycle by picking up rotting or split fruit and burning them or taking them off-site. Do not compost as the fruit fly larvae will hatch and multiply and the problem will only get worse over time.
4. **No need to prune** citrus, unless they are getting too big/tall for your liking or if there are dead branches. Some citrus trees grow really tall and need to be cut down in height. If you do prune, make sure it is during a dry weather period, to avoid fungal diseases.
5. **Don't over water citrus**, they don't like wet feet. He only waters trees when he first plants them. Watering too frequently means the tree may not develop deep roots and the tree becomes very dependent on artificial irrigation.
6. **PH of 6 – 6.5** is ideal. If your soil is very acid put a little bit of dolomite but do not go mad. In clay soil areas a bit of gypsum is good to help break it up.
7. Plant trees in **full sun** and mound the soil. Use good compost in the hole, do not put manure in the hole. The addition of top dressings of manure over time mean you gradually raise the level of the tree, improving drainage and encouraging new surface roots to grow to feed from the manure.

Varieties he recommended were:

Oranges – Choose a selection of varieties that will give you fruit throughout the year. Washington Navel; Lanes Late Navel comes on four weeks after the Washington; and Valencias which come on after the navels.

Lemons: Lisbon – lovely taste; Eureka fruits the most often during the year but has big spikes; Myer is very sweet but too sweet for those looking for a sour lemon flavour, makes a great dwarf tree.



We have been enjoying strawberries all winter, thanks to the mild weather. Strawberries are the only fruit that have their seeds on the outside of the plant, hence this photo of a new strawberry plant growing directly from a strawberry fruit. Mairead

Giggles in the Garden...

☀ How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?

☀ What type of socks do gardeners wear?

☀ Why do potatoes make good detectives?

Spot Fidel and find the answers !

How do you know you are a Master Gardener?

- *There is a compost container on your kitchen counter.
- *You would rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothing store.
- *You prefer gardening to watching television.
- *You plan holiday trips to arboreturns and public parks.
- *Dirt under your fingernails and calloused palms are matters of pride.

Shares for Sale

***Site No. 8** – Red Hill – David Somerville 0400 337 629 or

Tracey Somerville 0400 670 506

* **Site No. 20** - Red Hill- Marion Arent 02-6661-3511

* **Site No. 25** - Cockatoo Ridge, Cindy Munro, wildchildcyd@yahoo.com

* **Site No. 77** – Outback, Brian Hardy 427 661 200.



New Sign & Noticeboard

A big thanks goes to everyone who helped with the construction and placement of the community sign and noticeboard located at the Illa Langi Lane entrance. Emergency contact info is listed there as well as on Red Hill (on sign post at “t” section) and the Camp Kitchen.
Awesome design Wayne!



Message from the Secretary

Phone Tree

The phone tree has been in action for nearly a year now with some success, and some areas which need tweaking. If you have any suggestions on how to improve it, please contact me, or see me at the AGM .

Road Levy

Thanks to everyone who has already paid the current road levy (\$500pa). George McKweon's earthworks team is stockpiling road base at the moment for planned roadworks in October. If your road levy is outstanding, please pay asap.

DA

All members with dwellings need to submit DA to council.

Anne

*2013 Australian Intentional Communities Conference to be held at Moora
Moora Co-operative Community at Healesville, Victoria, from Dec. 6 to 8.*

More information at Camp Kitchen & Notice board & Goolawah Website



Thank You from Laz

What a night, the pictures tell only half the story. And in all the euphoria I didn't get a chance to properly thank all those who helped to make it such a great occasion. First and foremost, all that wonderful food. Starting with a huge thank you to Lexie and Rebekah and all their helpers for preparing the sumptuous Mexican banquet. Sensational! Then to Kirsty and Griff for the exotic side dishes and dips, and Bronwyn and Belinda for those yummy desserts. To Mairead for the litres and litres of Sangria, (still drinking it a week later).

A special thank you to Wayne and Craig for the work they put into the fantastic "This is Your Life" video presentation. I didn't realise I'd had such an interesting life. Can't wait to catch up with all my Bollywood friends again. Thank you to all the performers, particularly Annie for her very clever Mexican reworking of "Five Roubles" to suit the occasion. To River for his original songs and of course to our fabulous belly dancer Sati. To Billy for his flattering "Uncle Laz" tribute, and to Sonya for her very touching poem. Thanks again to Wayne for the great piñatas and also to Zac for the pyrotechnics to round everything off. And finally a big thank you to all my Goolawah friends, family and visitors who travelled long distances to be here. You all made me feel very special and a night I will never forget. See you all again at my 75th.

Pics by Katie, Rose & Robyn



Starting Top Left Clockwise- This is Your Life Host - Craig; Music by Anne & River, movement by Sati; quarto hombres; Frank – the piñata pole; More Sangria, senorita!; Laz & mucho amigos!; make a wish Laz (thinking of the jigging happy birthday video??)

Bushfires August 2013

Here are a few photos capturing the blaze that went through about 1300 hectares of Limeburners. The mapped image below is from the RFS website. A more detailed RFS map will be available for viewing at the AGM (don't have a digital copy and it is too large/detailed for print in the newsletter).



Minutes

Sir Humphrey (of *Yes, Prime Minister* fame) in his diaries recalls explaining these facts of life to Bernard, the PM's Private Secretary:-

It is in the nature of things that any one person's recollection of what happened at a meeting differs violently from any other person's recollection.

- Minutes do not record everything that was said at a meeting.
- People frequently change their minds at meetings.
- Minutes do not record events.
- Minutes, by virtue of the selection process, can never be a true and complete record
- Therefore, what is said at a meeting merely constitutes the choice of ingredients for the minutes.
- The secretary's task is to choose, from a jumble of ill-digested ideas, a version that presents the group's views as it would, on reflection, like them to emerge.
- In short, minutes are *constructive*; they are to *improve* what was said, to be tactful, to put in a better order.
- There is no moral problem; the secretary is the group's *servant*.
- Minutes are there to protect people.

It is debatable whether Humphrey was a consummate cynic devoid of any and all morality or a man of enormous perspicacity who knew what keeps things functioning. The dichotomy is only apparent – in truth he was both

Ralph

In the above “group” was substituted for “Prime Minister”

Answers to giggles in the garden:

☀ *with a pumpkin patch*

☀ *garden hose*

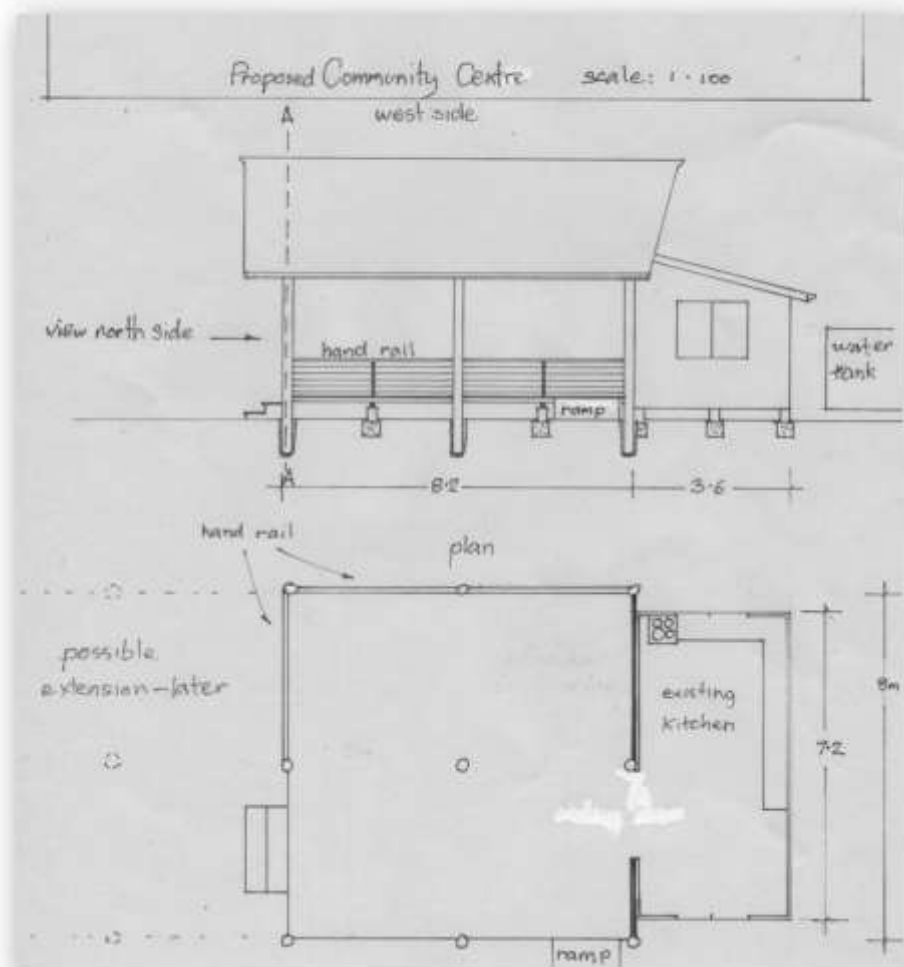
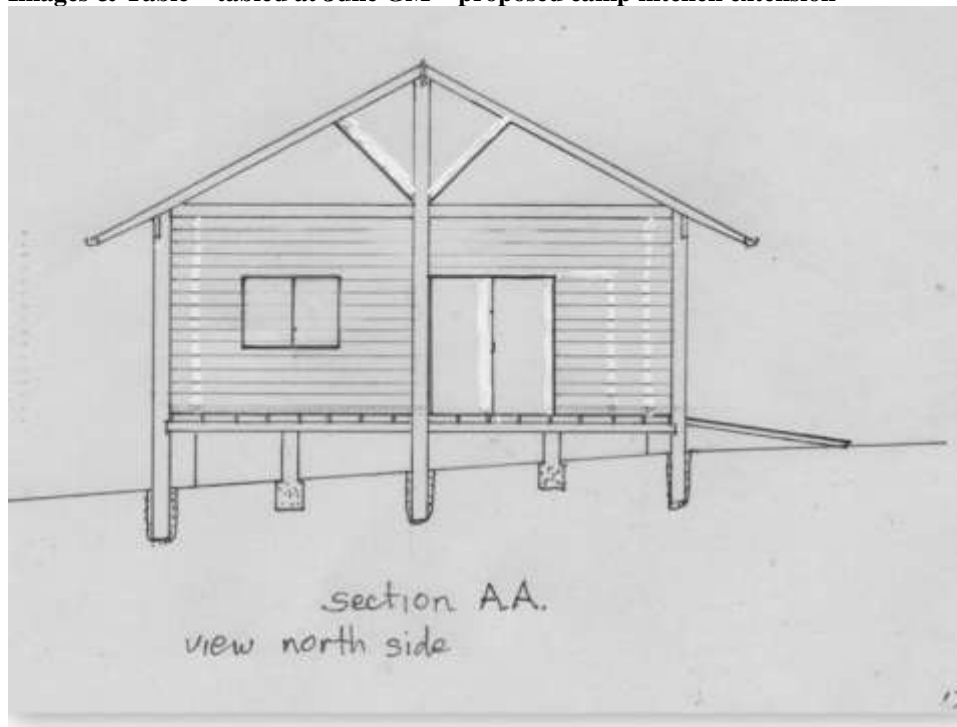
☀ *they keep their eyes peeled*

**WANTED: Fidel Castro – last seen
on Goolawah wwoofing at Laz’s.**



Anne Tennock & Anne Wilson celebrate their birthdays at a Potluck Feast!

Images & Table – tabled at June GM – proposed camp kitchen extension



Deck Extension with roof (8m x 8m) and Camp Kitchen Upgrade

Replacing existing verandah and roof		
Materials / Job	Cost	Comments
Piers and Footings	\$1000	
Framing hardwood	\$2547	Coopers Mill
Bearers	\$594	Coopers Mill
Floor Joists	\$1181	Coopers Mill
Decking - Hardwood T & G Kiln dried	\$5775	Possibility recycled hardwood flooring.
Treated Pine decking	\$1500	McGees
Roofing Iron	\$1500	McGees
Bush Poles x9	\$600	
Hand Rail (kiln dried)	\$150	
Stainless wire	\$200	
Guttering, pipe, ridge capping	\$325	McGees
Miscellaneous eg. nails, screws etc	\$1000	
Facia around deck	\$200	
Front Steps	\$120	
Ramp - replace old steps	\$300	
Preservative for bearers/poles and linseed oil for hardwood	\$320	
TOTAL	\$15,812 + 10% contingencies = \$17,393 (Hardwood floor) \$11,537 + 10% contingencies = \$12,691 (Pine decking floor)	
Power & Lighting		
Lighting, solar, 240V generator, muffling and shed	\$2400	As per original costing: "Use tiny shed for batteries, upgrade to 24V to allow for future expansion, 2KVA quiet generator to run projector, TV, sound, music, equipment, flood lights..."
Solar upgrade	\$1000	As per original costing: "Add an inverter/charger to run smaller loads such as TV and enable battery charging from genset. Add shunt to solar regulator to monitor usage."
TOTAL	\$3,400	
Kitchen Upgrade		
Hot Water	?	
Paint (interior/exterior)	\$500	
Gas	?	Licensed gas fitter
Stove	Nil	Donated by Roger, Belinda, Glen
Sink	\$10	Sourced by Mairead
Sink surrounds	?	
Stainless benches x3	\$300	Sourced by Lexie
Floor coverings	?	
Repair screen door	?	
Wood heater	?	
Plastic storage containers	?	
Tables, chairs.....	?	
TOTAL	Say \$2500 maximum	
Landscaping	Say \$500	
Overall Total (includes deck w roof, power & lighting, kitchen upgrade and landscaping)	\$22,212 - \$23,793 (hardwood T&G deck) \$17,937 - \$19,091 (treated pine deck)	

Agenda for Goolawah Co-op AGM

Saturday 19 October 2013, 9am
Machinery Shed

- Attendance, Apologies & Proxies
- Approve minutes from July GM as printed in this newsletter
- Overview of Reports (Sec., Treas., DA. Etc.)
- To approve the financial audit for 2012/13 that will be tabled at the AGM.
- Current Directors Step Down, Nomination & Election of Directors for 2013/2014.
- Appoint Co-ordinator Positions for 2013/2014.

Ordinary Resolutions for the Meeting

Ordinary Resolution 1: That all members who build dams must consult with neighbours prior to construction.

Proposed by: September Community/directors meeting.

Rationale: A dam can have impacts on neighbours' sites in a number of ways, such as altered run-off, and may restrict the location of grey water systems.

Ordinary Resolution 2: That all members who build a structure or plant a tree that will create a shading issue on their neighbours' blocks consult with neighbours prior to doing so.

Proposed by: September Community/directors meeting.

Ordinary Resolution 3: That a road levy of \$800 be charged to each site, due at the end of the 2013-14 financial year.

Proposed by: September Community/directors meeting.

Rationale: Our DA conditions require that Illa Langhi Rd and Nevertire Rd be upgraded. Whilst we are in negotiations with council over the degree to which they are upgraded, it is unavoidable that road works will need to be done. An \$800 levy will raise \$62,400 towards these works.

Ordinary Resolution 4: That Nevertire Road is nominated to council as our primary entrance.

Rationale:

To take Illa Langi to council standard it needs to be 6m wide which means a massive cost in widening and moving power poles let alone raising it if required, otherwise Illa Langi road is currently maintained by us and is in general kept in good condition. Nevertire road is in need of maintenance, is 6M + wide does not flood to the same extent and making it our primary access on paper will help with cattle issues.

Proposed by Paul & Seconded by Anne

Ordinary Resolution 5: To work with Connection Creek Pastoral to erect a 2 strand electric fence from North Gate along the Western side of North Gate Road to the area known as the sand quarry. From there it is to go due west through the scrub (a track will need to be slashed) and connect with our western border fence that has been recently upgraded by our neighbour Jason (west of Cockatoo Ridge). This would avoid the wetland area (currently dry) that is north of Goldmine Hill that swings around west to the bottom of Cockatoo Ridge.

Connection Creek Pastoral will then agist their cattle in this area. Stocking rates will vary depending on weather condition and availability of fodder with the emphasis on starting small and constant monitoring in order to avoid any negative impacts. This project will be exempt of our by-law of no cloven hoofed animals. Map/arial photographs and on the ground photos will be available at the meeting and anytime prior to the meeting. Contact Craig.

Proposed by Craig Seconded by Ralph

Rationale: The two main aims of this proposal is to 1. STOP THE COWS! (thanks Mr PM) and 2. To begin clearing this area of Goolawah to reduce the potential fire hazard, gain more access to the area in order to reduce noxious weeds and feral

animals. With the aid of future planning this area can be aligned with our original vision of using parts of this land for permaculture projects including regeneration, reafforestation and agriculture.

First stop the cows! On the 21st September, Isaac (my son) joined me on a walk from North Gate along our northern boundary and then southwest to the junction of our western boundary with our neighbours Jason and Don. The fences here have been down in many areas for a long time and it is very obvious that cattle belonging to our neighbour (J. Langford) have been roaming in this area for some time. Some sections of the fence are OK and other areas wouldn't take too much work to fix. (See photos) Other areas however go through wetland that is still very wet and possibly always will be.

I have walked through this area many times over the last 12 years. It use to be quite clear with some camphor laurels spreading from the North Gate area and only small amounts of lantana. Over the last 4-5 wet years there has been a lot of regrowth – some of it good and some of it weeds. I am always excited and disappointed when I hike through this area as it represents an incredible opportunity to demonstrate how permaculture can turn degraded cattle/agricultural land into land that benefits both humans and wildlife. It is disappointing that we are currently doing a poor job at managing this land. When we first came to Goolawah the thought was “we are not running cattle so why fix fences” – in fact we started taking them down. When most of our neighbouring properties are running cattle, however, you quickly see how ignorant this thought process was.

This is where Connection Creek Pastoral comes in as they are currently managing and agisting cattle on neighbouring properties. To fence our northern boundary completely will cost a large amount of money. CCP has estimated that to fence off an area for agistment will cost them about \$5000. They don't want their cattle coming up into our residential areas and are keen to help keep out Langford's cattle. Community doesn't stop at our gate and at least CCP are making an effort to be part of the solution.

As for part 2 of the rationale it speaks for itself. We have had a lot of new members over the past 5 years who probably have not been in this area or are familiar with the original vision for this land. This proposal is not watertight and will no doubt generate more questions than answers. Ralph and I have put up this proposal to generate debate in a constructive forum and determine by vote where the community currently stands on this issue.

General Business
End of Meeting

Quarterly Financial Statement

			End of Month
		-\$8,528.00	\$37,711.28 Bal
			\$64,877.46
PARTICULARS	Debits	Credits	Balance
Balance brought forward			\$ 35,694.18
3-Jul-13 VINCENT RYAN LEVIES		\$2,570.00	\$38,264.18
8-Jul-13 Hawkins annual lev		\$1,000.00	\$39,264.18
8-Jul-13 Hawkins work levy		\$500.00	\$39,764.18
8-Jul-13 Hawkins work lev		\$360.00	\$40,124.18
8-Jul-13 BRONWYN LITTLE Levies		\$875.00	\$40,999.18
9-Jul-13 HUNTER ALWYNN Levies		\$500.00	\$41,499.18
9-Jul-13 HUNTER ALWYNN Rd Levy		\$500.00	\$41,999.18
10-Jul-13 CHEQUE 0001085 Stainless Benches for Kitchen	-\$650.00		\$41,349.18
11-Jul-13 Mark Doonan Share Deposit		\$7,000.00	\$48,349.18
15-Jul-13 CHEQUE 0001079 Levy Claim M Doonan	-\$100.00		\$48,249.18
15-Jul-13 CHEQUE 0001084 Levy Claim M Shorten	-\$200.00		\$48,049.18
15-Jul-13 CHEQUE 0001083 Levy Claim R Ball	-\$244.32		\$47,804.86
15-Jul-13 CHEQUE 0001086 Levy Claim K Steer	-\$400.00		\$47,404.86
15-Jul-13 K Steer Levies		\$400.00	\$47,804.86
15-Jul-13 R Ball Levies		\$244.32	\$48,049.18
15-Jul-13 M Shorten Levies		\$200.00	\$48,249.18
15-Jul-13 M Doonan Levies		\$100.00	\$48,349.18
19-Jul-13 CHEQUE 0001087 Share Dep Refund T Pearson	-\$6,380.00		\$41,969.18
22-Jul-13 G.RYAN -WORK LEVY		\$80.00	\$42,049.18
24-Jul-13 ISH LUKE SITE 32 Share Deposit		\$5,000.00	\$47,049.18
25-Jul-13 ISH LUKE SITE 32 Share Deposit & Joining fee		\$5,000.00	\$52,049.18
26-Jul-13 ISH LUKE SITE 32 Joining Fee		\$1,220.00	\$53,269.18
30-Jul-13 CALLUM LAWSON Share Deposit & Joining Fee		\$11,220.00	\$64,489.18
31-Jul-13 CHEQUE 0001088 L Skinner - usb stick, ink, folders, er	-\$80.00		\$64,409.18
31-Jul-13 CHEQUE 0001089 R Ball - Tractor Expenses	-\$440.18		\$63,969.00
31-Jul-13 R Ball Levies		\$440.18	\$64,409.18
31-Jul-13 I Ryan Levies		\$500.00	\$64,909.18
31-Jul-13 Account Fee	-\$33.50		\$64,875.68
31-Jul-13 Interest		\$1.78	\$64,877.46

JULY GENERAL MEETING

Date: 6 July 2013 Location: Machinery Shed Commenced: 9:30am Facilitator: Craig Singleman Minute taker: Anne Wilson

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION/ RESPONSIBILITY
ATTENDANCE	Craig Singleman, Keith Leech, Anne Wilson, Anne and John Tennock, Paul Martin, Greg Ryan, Leah Skinner, Peter Farley, Sattwa Horne, Nityama Martin, Bronwyn Little, Wayne Ellis, Dave Launt, Roger, Mairead Shorten, Peter Wells, Isaac Ryan, Marty Cole, Franklin Dykshorn, Kirsty Steer. Visitors: Ishbel and Luke Keenan, Callum Lawson	
APOLOGIES	Dennis and Denise	
PROXIES	none	
Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting	Vote to approve minutes of April 2013 GM proposed by Craig, seconded by Anne.	Previous minutes approved unanimously.
Secretary's report	Facebook page has 10 likes – please like us if you're on facebook.	Anne to send Anne Tennock a phone tree
Treasurer's report	\$38,264 in working account, \$18,925 in long term account. Bank statements passed around. Breakdown of costs for 2012-13 financial year: Roads: \$66,771. Rates and Admin: \$6282. Diesel: \$825. Tractor repairs: \$5720. DA: \$1089. Misc: \$1492. Levy Claims: \$3227. New Comm Area: \$650. Sent out three letters to people who are nearly up to 2 years behind on levies. Vince paid. No response from Jen Saunders or Grant Woolcock.	Anne to confirm contacts for Jen and Grant.
Road report	Nothing to report. Moved by Roger to get a load of gravel for potholing, seconded by Ralph. Passed unanimously. For the time being, current income of 10k/year should suffice for maintenance.	Motion to get a load of gravel for potholing passed unanimously. Ralph to organise.

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Tractor report	Tractor PTO still slipping. Working only if gentle with it, can only do long grass if you go extremely slow. Mechanic said it's \$2k to replace seals, but could open a can of worms, so not worth it. Jason recommended not fixing. Discussion regarding when/whether to replace tractor and accountability of repairs. \$5720,28 spent on tractor repairs last financial year. Suggested interim solution to get a contractor to do fire breaks, and fix the PTO for this year. Done 60 hours in last 2 months. New booking system seems to be working ok now.	Moved by Craig to fix PTO with existing annual tractor budget, seconded by Anne. Passed unanimously. Tractor coordinators to arrange repairs.
Membership report	A few people have been visiting/emailing. Luke and Ishbel Keenan have completed the membership application process. They are looking for a suitable site – has been time consuming tracking people down and negotiating. Shares for sale: Sue Weymouth, Cindy, Marion Arent, John Harkins (1).	Moved by Mairead to make Ishbel and Luke Keenan eligible for membership, seconded by Anne. Passed unanimously.
DA report	Kirsty and Dave had a productive meeting with town planners. They don't expect us to tar Illa Langhi or Nevertire, just get them to Grade 3. Just need engineer's report to state that Grade 3 can be met with gravel given our usage. Ralph should have feedback from engineer by next Wednesday. Some clauses are negotiable. May need a section 96 if outcome differs significantly to conditions. Letter from Telstra saying all building envelopes can be serviced by phone lines has been complicated, but are working around it. Likewise with electricity, just need to prove that grid comes close to boundaries. Amalgamating Lots into one title: just need to know that the process has started. Can remove the clause that states some conditions must	Existing dwellings must now submit a Continued Occupancy application and get an engineer to certify it is sound for 7 years. Can be a council certifier or an approved private building certifier. Wednesday DA meetings continue.

	<p>be met before occupancy certificates can be issued. Council is very keen for road levy payments to start coming in so that the general manager can see us moving on this.</p> <p>Current dwellings that have submitted building applications: - those who have submitted Basix certificates – they are out of date but council will still accept them. Eviction is not on the cards, but they need to see that movement is being made.</p> <p>Uninhabited sheds can be approved as just sheds with just a building certifier's engineer's certificate and the road levy does not apply.</p> <p>Council is prepared to consider wheelie bin toilets. Road levy will be charged once a continued occupancy application is made, and payment plans can be negotiated with council.</p> <p>Uninhabited sheds can be approved as just sheds with just a building certifier's engineer's certificate and the road levy does not apply.</p> <p>Condition about being a permanent resident only applies to dwellings with occupancy certificates, up to the co-op to police internally. Cannot be altered as it's part of SEPP15.</p> <p>Workshop on how to go through council approval process cancelled due to lack of interest – speak with Dave and Anne individually for advice.</p>	
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PROPOSAL	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Special resolution 1.	“To add a rule under section 16, Qualifications for Membership that “Only individual persons be qualified to be admitted to membership of the co-operative.”	For:13 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS/ACTIONS/RESPONSIBILITY
Camp kitchen upgrades	<p>2 separate ideas: separate building, or extension of current building. Separate building: detailed quote and drawings passed around. Enclosed. Extension of current building: Arguably improved aesthetics. Open, but able to be enclosed in future. Cheaper.</p> <p>Discussion regarding: *Having the kitchen integrated could be better socially.</p> <p>* Separate building is not just a tin shed. *Can we afford it at the moment without knowing for sure what the DA expenses will be? *\$20k achievable in running account *Cooper's mill and sustainability of hardwood *May be useful to have two separate spaces and not have kitchen noises. *Ability to extend further in the future *White ants consideration</p> <p>Straw vote: Extending: 13. Separate building: 2 Undecided: 5. Ongoing Thursday meetings to continue to evolve the plan.</p>	<p>Moved by Bronwyn to approve \$2500 to be spent immediately on kitchen, seconded by Anne. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Ongoing Thursday meetings to continue to evolve the plan. All welcome.</p>
Guest	Cal Moreson, friend of Kirsty, visited at Easter, addressed the meeting to introduce himself as a prospective future member	
Work claims	<p>Paul: membership committee: 5 hours, Working bee x 2: 8 hours</p> <p>Anne: working bee x 2: 8hours</p> <p>Kirsty: 25 hours DA committee. Expense claim: \$50 phone calls, \$60 travel expenses, \$40 printing, paper, consumables.</p> <p>Mairead and Pete: 6 hours working bee</p> <p>Greg Ryan: camp kitchen solar maintenance 1 hour, slashing 3 hours.</p> <p>Russell: Slashing, camp kitchen tidying: 23 hours levy reduction claim.</p> <p>Slashing and camp kitchen tidying:12 hours work levy claim.</p> <p>Denise: Mowing and mulching red hill: 5hrs</p> <p>Dennis: pot holing: 4 hours.</p>	Approved.
MEETING CLOSED	TIME 12:40pm	

COMMUNITY / DIRECTOR'S MEETING AUGUST 2013

Date: 3 / 8 / 2013 Commenced: 9:50 Location: Camp Kitchen Facilitator: Craig Minutes: Craig

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION/ RESPONSIBILITY
ATTENDANCE	Craig Singleman, Ralph Erthel, Bronwyn Little, Dave Launt, Belinda Ball, Roger Ball, Ishabel and Luke Keenan (<i>Attendance sheet missing.</i>)	
APOLOGIES	Paul, Anne, Kirsty, Rose	
DEPUTISED	Roger for Kirsty, Belinda for Paul	
Treasurer's report	\$64877.46 in working account. \$18,925.62 in term deposit. Two joining fees received. Trevor Pearson's share transferred. New signatories need minutes to go to bank. Work levy is now \$180	
Road report	Roger is doing some potholing. Possible new source of gravel for roads, better quality and cheaper. Only keeping a small amount of gravel for potholing as it deteriorates. Next priority is the end of the bowl and the outback, Nevertire and at some stage fix quarries at GM Hill and Outback.	Ralph to investigate new source of road base.
Tractor report	Roger: PTO removed. Clutch plates: of the 5, only 1 had meat, rest are stuffed. Will be fixed soon.	
Membership report	Callum Lawson: all requirements for membership and share transfer completed. Luke and Ishbel Keenan: all requirements for membership and share transfer completed.	Moved to ratify Callum as a member and approve share transfer: passed unanimously. Moved to ratify Luke and Ishbel as members and approve share transfer: passed unanimously.
DA report	Roads have been looked at by RoadNet and they have rung/sent letter to council – no reply. Concerns about the DA condition that requires paving Illa Langi and Nevertire. Dave has only received a letter from KSC regarding structures. Meeting agrees that Ralph should contact RoadNet again to start putting pressure on KSC to reply. Dave looking into amalgamating lots.	Ralph to contact Roadnet. Dave to arrange amalgamating lots

BUSINESS ARISING / GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS/ACTIONS/ RESPONSIBILITY
Kitchen/extension/upgrade	Wayne discussed last meeting. Continuing with Dennis' plan and costings. Agreed in principal, still cautious about money at this stage due to DA, roads etc. Continued planning of layout around kitchen with pizza oven, etc.	
Voluntary work agreement	Dave L has continued to pursue this. Need to increase our public liability to \$10M (currently \$5M).	Dave to investigate the extra cost and go ahead if it is not too much.
Bonfires	Russel is doing one – will put on notice board. Another one down Burrendong.	
Tennis net for court	Two posts are needed – all agreed, good idea.	
Notice board	Thanks to Wayne – claps and cheers all round!	
Glen's Birthday	It's Glen's Birthday today – party tomorrow.	
Doco	Wayne starting a Goolawah Doco project for the next year. Wants to interview everyone and get photos or video, etc.	

Meeting closed 11:05

Community Meeting, September 2013.

Date: 20 March 2013

Commenced: 9:30

Facilitator: Craig

Minute taker: Anne Wilson

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION
ATTENDANCE	Craig Singleman, Anne Wilson, Ralph Erthel, Isaac Ryan, Russel Childs, Dave Launt, Leah Skinner, Rob Hewitt, Paul Martin, Bronwyn Little, Anne Tennock, John Tennock. Lexie Gonzalez, Mark Doonan, Mairead Shorten, Mayumi Kuwayama.	
APOLOGIES	Kirsty Steer.	

Secretary's report	Received first inquiry through facebook page. Discussion whether to put internal roads on Google maps. For: 4 Against: 5, Abstain: 4. Moved by Isaac to change 'Red Hill Rd' to 'Red Hill Close'. For:7 Against 1 Abstain 3	Anne to remove internal roads from Google maps. Isaac to organise sticker for Red Hill Close sign.
Treasurer's report	\$52,333.49 in working account. Not sure how much in term deposit – is the same as last time. (<i>Sec. note: \$18,925.62</i>) Audit won't be done by newsletter printing date, but will be ready for the AGM. Requests that the audit be done in time for the newsletter next year. Query about how much is owing on road levies – exact figure not available.	Leah to ensure audit is done in time for newsletter next year.
Road report	Nothing to report. See DA report.	Isaac to ask about suppliers.
Tractor report	It works. Some cracks in slasher deck. “Use it, don't abuse it.”	Frankie to repair slasher
Membership report	Same flow of inquiries. Brian Hardy's share in the outback is for sale.	
DA report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee have been investigating the Roads DA condition. Mairead found letter from LGES who consulted with council in 2005 and got an ok from council saying that gravel would be accepted. No evidence of a letter from council from that period yet. Still to organise a meeting between Roadnet, council road engineers and Dave and Kirsty. Roadnet have quoted \$2,500 (not itemised) to negotiate with council. Results from road movements survey show we're under the required frequency to maintain a tarred road from breaking up. Discussion re: staging the road upgrades over time, pushing for the cheapest option, and whether having council maintain the road is actually a benefit or not. Craig's friend advised that we should argue strongly in favour of one access only. Discussion regarding prioritising Nevertire over Illa Langhi. Motion to use funds from road budget to pay for Roadnet's fees, moved by Mairead and seconded by Ralph. Passed unanimously. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirsty to call Kate Alberry and Roadnet to discuss letter from LGES. Kirsty to get Roadnet to investigate improving Nevertire as opposed to Illa Langhi to see which one is the cheapest. Dave to search for original letter from council. Emphasis that all members with existing dwellings must submit DA applications. Anne W to do letters for members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amalgamation of Lots: in discussion with Lands Department regarding whether current mapping can be used. Will cost around \$20k if the land needs to be re-surveyed. • Discussion regarding finishing the end of Forest Way, doing finish-off grade and roll on Waterview, Cookie Cl and 3 Islands, and grading Nevertire. Priorities: Forest Way, fixing internals, Nevertire. Moved by Ralph, seconded by Anne to spend \$20k on Forest Way, fixing internals, Nevertire in next few months. Approved unanimously. • Emphatic reminder for all people with existing dwellings to get applications in to council. Those who have already submitted applications in 2011 have paid for a <u>building certificate</u>, but <u>not DA application fee</u>. • Grey water: council will easily give a tick to a 3000L septic tank with absorption trenches. Min distance from absorption trenches to dams is strictly 40m. • Went round the circle to get ideas of what to set the new road levy at. Mixed response. Moved by Ralph, seconded by Anne to approve at this meeting a proposal for the AGM to charge a road levy of \$800 to be due end of 2013/14 financial year. Figure can be amended at AGM. For: 11. Against: 3. Abstain: 4. • Moved by Mairead, seconded by Anne to approve at this meeting a proposal for the AGM that all members who install dams must consult with neighbours prior to construction. Passed unanimously. • Moved by Mairead, seconded by Anne to approve at this meeting a proposal for the AGM that all members who construct a structure or plant a tree that will create a shading issue on their neighbours' blocks consult with neighbours prior to doing so. Passed unanimously. 	<p>with dwellings stating that they are members of the co-op and have permission to submit a DA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirsty to lodge a section 96 to object to road condition, power and phone. • Dave to get copy of correspondence between surveyor/lands dept. • Next DA meeting 18/9 5pm. • Mairead to send out road survey results to Anne Tennock. • Rebekah to put reminder to pay road levy in newsletter.
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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS/ACTIONS
Road safety signs	Discussion of sign requirements – <i>give way, keep left, speed limits</i> , etc.	Isaac to cost out signs and make proposal for AGM.
Greg Hunter, Connection Ck Pastoral - cattle manager	Wants control of approx. 200acres in the area to the west of north gate with an electric fence. In return would keep Langford's cattle out. Discussion regarding cattle in general and compensation for damage.	Greg to formalise a proposal for the AGM.
Access to Wauchop's property	Discussion regarding letter to Rod Wauchop. Discussion regarding respect and road works that need doing.	Anne to send letter to Wauchop. Leah to ask Ben to use his dry weather access along the extension of Illa Langhi from now.
Levy reduction tasks	Russell confirmed that fire load reductions can be claimed as community hours.	
Library	Russell made objection to many of the books being removed without consulting him. Discussion regarding the changes to the camp kitchen.	
Slashing claims	Anne Wilson slashed Marion Arent's block, Nityama did Tracy Somerville's.	
Next Meeting	AGM. Saturday 19th October. 9am. Machinery Shed.	
MEETING CLOSED	Time: 12:30	

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19th October 2013

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Appoint _____ of

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Or {in that person's absence} the chairperson of the meeting, or a person nominated by the chairperson, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Goolawah Co-operative Ltd AGM held on 19th October 2013 and any adjournment of any such meeting.

I direct my proxy to vote in respect to each resolution to be considered as indicated with a **circle** below and to vote or abstain in any procedural resolution as my proxy thinks fit.

Ordinary Resolution 1:	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
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Ordinary Resolution 4:	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Ordinary Resolution 5:	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN

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