

Goolawah Cooperative Annual General Meeting Minutes. October 2013

Date: 19/10/13. **Commenced:** 9:30am. **Location:** Machinery Shed, Goolawah Co-op. **Facilitator:** Craig Singleman. **Minutes:** Anne Wilson

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION/DECISION/ RESPONSIBILITY |
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| ATTENDANCE | Mairead Shorten, Larry Knight, Griff, Russell Childs, Dave Launt, Rob Hewitt, Leah Skinner, Bronwyn Little, Wayne, Isaac Ryan, Dennis, Denise, John Harkins, Al Hunter, Frankie, Mark Doonan, Michael Clancy, Roger, Belinda, John Tennock, Anne Tennock, Sattwa, Paul Martin, Pete Wells, Ralph Erthel, Craig Singleman, Anne Wilson, Greg Ryan, Kirsty Steer, Kevin Harper. | |
| APOLOGIES | Rebekah, Rodney. | |
| Proxies c = closed, o = open | John Noonan (c), Brian Hardy (c), Kate Ryan (o, Paul Martin), John Seed (o, Paul Martin), Callum Lawson (o, Kirsty), Cindy (o, Kirsty) | |
| Confirmation of Minutes | Moved by Craig, seconded by Paul, to accept the minutes of the July GM, August CM, September CM as printed in the newsletter. | Passed unanimously. |
| Secretary's report | Alteration to rule 16: "Only individual persons shall be qualified to be admitted to membership of the co-operative" has been registered with Fair trading. Facebook pages needs updating. Phone tree amendments: asking for suggestions. | Anne to update phone tree. |
| Treasurer's report | Working account: \$45,5792.75. Term deposit: \$18,925.63. Nothing unexpected. Accountant recommends using MYOB or Quickbooks. See attached treasurer's report. Passed around copies of the auditor's report and read out auditor's initial statement. Cheques, breakdown of expenses logs passed around. Work levy is \$180 or 12 hours. Accountant doesn't recommend using 2 cheque books, unless there are separate accounts for different committees. Query about definition of borrowings. Thank you Leah for your work throughout the year. | Motion to accept the auditor's report. Moved by Craig, seconded by Anne. Passed unanimously. |
| DA report – Kirsty | DA conditions – of 23 conditions, 8 are completed, 6 relating to the road are under negotiation (between us and RoadNet and council) next step is for us and RoadNet to put together a proposal for what we want and why, including costings. If they don't approve it, then we have 6 months to appeal to the L&E court. Currently collecting examples of precedents – if you have connections with other communities please let Kirsty know. Telstra and electricity conditions: council are looking to modify these conditions to account for our circumstances. Urgent tasks to be done NEXT WEEK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canopy thinning for APZs- photos to prove our APZs are ok. No works needed. • Need to submit paperwork from progress of Lot amalgamation. • Working bee to put a ramp on the camp kitchen. • APZs around properties need to be photographed and documented. • Document (photograph) that our fire trails exist and are clear. | Everyone with a structure to ensure they have submitted an individual DA. See Dave for details. Kirsty to address other urgent items. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Re-submit waste management plan.Existing structures (all structures, not just dwellings): no more waiting time, everyone needs to submit a DA now. “Council will start issuing property infringement notices for those that do not submit in the next week.” This goes to individual and co-op and incurs a \$3000 fine. Kirsty listed tasks which need to be done. See email. Dwellings with water connection and toilet will have a bit more time to submit section 68. There are no exceptions for carports or sheds because property has SEPP 14 wetland. Only exceptions are containers and caravans, but if they have a structure over them they must have a submission. If you have an existing structure and plan on doing an additional house, submit both if ready. If not ready, you will have to apply for another DA in the future. <p>Discussion regarding details and process. Big thankyou to Kirsty, Dave and DA committee.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Road report | See annexed report. Un-maintained roads contribution scheme is a grant available to us whereby the state government contributes when private residents upgrade un-maintained council roads up to \$7,500. Now all works on public roads need a section 138 application. Query as to how much of the road budget collected has been spent so to assist with forward planning. Question as to how much is accumulated in road budget – no answer yet. | Ralph to further investigate contribution scheme. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Membership report | Steady flow of enquiries. 2 new members in last 3 months, and one share transfer. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tractor report | Fixed tractor for \$860, didn't need the big overhaul. Going well. Striker needs new pump and hose reel and roll-out flat hoses. Need jerry cans for petrol and drip-torch fuel. Has been tuned and is running better. Really have to pull choke HARD esp. when cold. It's auto-returning, so it pulls itself back once its warm. Moved by Peter, seconded by Dave L to approve \$1500 for a new pump, fuel, oil, fittings etc. to be spent as deemed fit by Isaac, Frankie and Paul. Passed unanimously. Moved by Mairead, seconded by Anne, to ban slashing on total fire ban days. Passed unanimously. Needs lead replacement petrol. Discussion regarding total fire ban sign. | Frankie to weld slasher and fix skids. Isaac to organise quotes for pumps etc, log book and instruction signs for striker. No slashing on total fire ban day. Roger to donate new whiteboard | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elections of board members and office holders | Directors and office bearers step down – thank you for your work throughout the year. <table><tr><th>Nominee</th><th>Nominated by</th><th>Seconded by</th><th>Result</th></tr><tr><td>Anthony Griffith</td><td>Paul Martin</td><td>Michael Clancy</td><td>successful</td></tr><tr><td>Mark Doonan</td><td>Ralph Erthel</td><td>Kirsty Steer</td><td>successful</td></tr><tr><td>Anne Wilson</td><td>Peter Wells</td><td>Craig Singleman</td><td>unsuccessful</td></tr><tr><td>Kirsty Steer</td><td>Russel Childs</td><td>Anne Wilson</td><td>unsuccessful</td></tr><tr><td>Leah Skinner</td><td>Davel Launt</td><td>Craig Singleman</td><td>declined</td></tr></table> | Nominee | Nominated by | Seconded by | Result | Anthony Griffith | Paul Martin | Michael Clancy | successful | Mark Doonan | Ralph Erthel | Kirsty Steer | successful | Anne Wilson | Peter Wells | Craig Singleman | unsuccessful | Kirsty Steer | Russel Childs | Anne Wilson | unsuccessful | Leah Skinner | Davel Launt | Craig Singleman | declined | |
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| Anthony Griffith | Paul Martin | Michael Clancy | successful | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mark Doonan | Ralph Erthel | Kirsty Steer | successful | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anne Wilson | Peter Wells | Craig Singleman | unsuccessful | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kirsty Steer | Russel Childs | Anne Wilson | unsuccessful | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leah Skinner | Davel Launt | Craig Singleman | declined | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Dave Launt | Leah Skinner | Rob Hewitt | declined | |
| | Ralph Erthel | Craig Singleman | Mark Doonan | successful | |
| | Bronwyn Little | Wayne Ellis | Paul Martin | successful | |
| | Isaac Ryan | Paul Martin | Sattwa Horne | successful | |
| | Craig Singleman | Ralph Erthel | Bron Little | successful | |
| | Rob Hewitt | Michael Clancy | Roger Ball | declined | |
| | Mairead Shorten | Bron Little | Anne Wilson | successful | |
| | Anne Tennock | Roger Ball | Sattwa Horne | declined | |
| | <p>Nomination for Secretary: Anne Wilson. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nomination for Principal Executive Officer: Kirsty Steer. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nomination for Treasurer: John Tennock. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nominations for DA committee: Kirsty, Dave, Mairead, Ralph, Bronwyn, Anne T. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nomination for Road co-ordinator: Ralph, Isaac as backup. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nomination for Tractor and machinery co-ordinators: Frankie, Roger, Mark. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nominations for Flood wardens: Dave Launt and Anthony Griffiths. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nominations for Membership committee: Paul, Mairead, Bronwyn, Mark.</p> <p>Nominations for Fire warden: Michael Clancy. Passed unanimously.</p> | | | | |
| | Ordinary Resolution 1 | “That all members who build dams must consult with neighbours prior to construction.” Proposed by: September Community/directors meeting. Discussion regarding acid sulphate soils and casuarina. Discussion regarding terminology “discuss”. Amended to read: “Any dam must be approved by a community meeting prior to construction.” | | | |
| 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. Discussion regarding fire-prone trees. Amended to include “fire issue.” | | | | For: 26 Against:0 Abstain:4 Approved |
| 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. Discussion regarding: * attaching it to a site (for people with one dwelling and 2 sites.) *Looking at at least \$300k needed for roads, a significant part of that is just for engineering. * Timing etc. *Whether grants will alleviate budget. * 1 road vs 2. Council currently for doing up two roads. *precedents and fighting council on this. *funding mechanisms– by number of shares, number of cars, etc. * impossibility of charging by trip, simplest way is by site *only big issue if the council requirements are expensive. * we won't get away with spending no money on the roads, so start saving now. * tarring | | | | For: 23 Against: 2 Abstain: 6 Approved. |

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| | the beach track * fairness of paying for what we use * may need to enforce that only financial members may vote. *what we've paid already has been good value * neighbours need to contribute too. | |
| | <i>1:05pm Break for lunch. Meeting resumed 1:55pm</i> | |
| Ordinary Resolution 4 | “That Nevertire Road is nominated to council as our primary entrance.” Proposed by Paul, seconded by Anne. Discussion: * Kirsty: Council has specified both be upgraded, because of complaints from residents on Nevertire * Historically Illa Langhi has been main entrance * There's only 1 pole on Illa Langhi that obstructs the 6m width. *Historically we've always used Nevertire too, and its important we contribute to it. | Proposal withdrawn. |
| Ordinary Resolution 5 | <p>“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. (see newsletter for full proposal)”</p> <p>Proposed by Craig, seconded by Ralph.</p> <p>Craig gave overview of aerial photograph of property, the conditions of the NW corner, marked where the proposed electric fence would go. We really need to fix our northern fence, and it's quite a job because of the water and vegetation. Discussion topics/views: *For, because we need to manage it. * quality of vegetation and land. *we do need to keep cattle out, and if not this, then we need to fix the fence. *want to see forest regenerate. *assistance in drought conditions. *need to revisit cloven hoofed rule *need to manage the area in some way *need more info about threatened species present etc and need more complex land management plan. *if we want cattle on our property we should do it ourselves *possibility of timber lots there *access to water *does the company understand our processes and values? *no mention of stock movements, stocking rates, *grants available for fencing out cattle. *discussion of history of cloven hoofed ban *many bush regen members are opposed on ecological grounds *emergency assistance is very different to what is being proposed.</p> <p>Straw vote on fixing the fence: worth investigating.</p> | For: 2 Against: 17 Abstain:6. Failed. |
| GENERAL BUSINESS | | |
| Ramp | Moved by Kirsty, seconded by Craig, to spend \$200 on wheelchair ramp for camp kitchen. | Passed unanimously. Pete and co to build. |
| Conveyancing | Moved by Kirsty, seconded by Dave, to allocate \$1000 to conveyancing for amalgamation of Lots. | Passed unanimously. Dave to arrange. |
| DA fees | Moved by Kirsty, seconded by Anne, that those who cannot pay their individual DA fees immediately due to financial hardship may have their fee paid by the co-op, that it be billed to their levies and payable by the end of December 2013. | Passed unanimously. |
| Wildlife sign | Discussion of need for road sign “be aware of wildlife” in addition to one at front gate. | Russell to organise |
| Donations button | Moved by Russell to put a donations button on website. Discussion regarding public perception, security risks, making it conservation-specific. | |

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| Feral Pigs | Moved by Craig, seconded by Anne, to allow Craig's mate and son to hunt pigs on Goolawah with his dogs. These people only, no others. | For:15, Against: 0, Abstain:1 Craig to investigate rego. |
| Playground | Discussion of how to spend donated money. Moved by Paul to buy shadesail. | Paul and Mark to get more quotes. |
| Thank you gifts | Moved by Kirsty, seconded by Anne, to get \$40 present for Tony Blue for DA help. | Passed unanimously. Kirsty to arrange. Anne to email gp photo with striker to Bundagen. |
| Crown Road Reserves | Received letter from lands department for comments on whether Illa Langhi through to north gate should be designated a council road, and whether the crown road reserve through Angus' be privately bought (presumably by him?). If enclosed, neighbours will have right of carriageway. See annexed letter. Some uncertainty about implications. | Kirsty to get more info from RoadNet. |
| Works list | Mick wants to add works on the 'Mines Track' (from goldmine hill to sand pit) to the levy reduction approved list. Passed unanimously. | Levy reduction approved works to be included on whiteboard in shed. |
| Red Hill Dam | Nearly complete. Raised area behind to lower dam wall – question about why fill was put there. Area will be replanted. Discontent that there wasn't more consultation. Discussion regarding approval at 2009 GM and subsequent consultations. Discussion regarding access to water. | |
| John Harkins' site | Complaint from neighbours that grass needs cutting as it is a fire hazard. | Anne to send letter |
| Insurance | Public Liability insurance has been increased to \$10million. | |
| Work Claims | Leah: \$60 reimbursement (postage) Dave L: 60hrs levy reduction and 12 community hours, (DA work) Kirsty: 50hrs levy reduction and 12 community hours (DA work) Kev: 16 hours (working bees, slashing). Paul M: 12 hours (membership c'tee, fire work) Leah: 2x annual levy – treasury Anne: 1x annual levy – secretary Ralph: 1x annual levy – road co-ordinator Rebekah: 1x annual levy – newsletter co-ordinator | Passed unanimously. |
| MEETING CLOSED | Finally! Time: 4:50 | |