Welcome New Members







Tarrik & John complete their share transfer

At the June Community Meeting, several share transfers were finalised with more to come in the next few months as membership requirements are fulfilled. More photos inside & more members to meet in the next issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat 21 June Working Bee white exterior paint needed for posts
- Sat 21 June Solstice Bonfire
- Sat 5 July GM Agenda:
 - o Attendance & Apologies
 - o Approve April GM Minutes
 - Reports Sec'y, Treas., DA,
 Roads, Machinery
 - o Resolutions (proxy in news.)
 - o Membership
 - o Work Claims
 - o General Business
- Mondays 10am-noon Craft Group
- Mondays 5pm NVC at Mark & Lexie's Home
- Thursdays 4 pm Men's Shed

From the Editor -

Thanks to everyone who sent in photos & articles for this issue...an overwhelming response meant it took a bit longer! Apologies for the layout – Griff's software is offline for an upgrade...ready for the next issue in September. 'til then...Rebekah rebekah craig@bigpond.com for contributions

2015 CELEBRATIONS

HELP WANTED

Preliminary preparations are already under way for "G Week 2015". Anyone with any talents, skills, ideas for events, or want to help with the organising committee contact Laz.



Winter Solstice Bonfire
Saturday 21 June from 4pm
Wear Best Beanie for Group Photo
BYO items for BBQ

meet near camp kitchen

Monday Craft Group

has been exploring the craft of mosaics using tiles and pre-loved crockery to result in a wide range of colours, shapes and dimensions. Trivia: Who has donated the most red mugs to the cause? A small mosaic sign has been completed and can be viewed at the camp kitchen. Equipped with a bit more experience and design we are planning to create a mosaic splashback for the camp kitchen stove area.

Donations of tiles would be appreciated! For the ease of cleaning, we will only be using flat ceramic pieces for this project – hold on to pre-loved crockery for the wildly creative



collaborative mosaic project on the future pizza oven!

Coming Soon - Deb has invited a friend of hers to share his craft of glass etching. When a date is confirmed we will post info on the noticeboard and Camp Kitchen.

All members, visitors, & guests are welcome to join the craft group Mondays 10am-noon – participation in craft optional!

Cockatoo Ridge News

Some recent events on Cockatoo Ridge is the hazard reduction works on the northern most end of the road. What a transformation from a potential fire & pest hazard to a future home site. Numerous potential members have been visiting Cindy's site and meeting the local residents. The orchards are in full citrus production at the moment – lemonades, lemons, limes, mandarins, oranges tangelos, and grapefruit are bringing cheery colour to the winter garden.

Men's Shed

Men's Shed meets every Thursday 4PM, at the community kitchen. Working bees at various other times TBA on notice board.

Lots of progress thanks to all those who gave their time and energy The Community garden is finished, irrigated and up and running. There is already plenty of things growing after the Sat. pizza nite and planting.

Extensions to the deck are ready to begin - just awaiting delivery of the timber. Building of the new pizza oven will also be at the same time!



Community Garden Evolving!

FOR SALE

Cyprus Flooring for sale: 100 Sq m tongue & groove - Wide boards in 6m lengths \$2500 ono

Seeking members RE: bulk buy Fishers Plumbing Kempsey. Basic council approved grey water system

Grease trap + 100mm PVC pipe + 10M Relm Trench + geotech fabric Current Trade discount cost \$300

Reduce to \$250 with numbers!! Also bulk buy & delivery trench aggregate & excavator machine for trenching

4WD Rims & Tyres for sale 6 stud 16 inch. \$25 to \$50 each many to choose from.

For any of the above please contact **Zac 0434566107** isaac ryan@hotmail.com if interested.

Meet Julica & Peter....in their own words...

Some years ago I took in a German refugee named Julica, who fortunately spoke English perfectly. So adding some Aussie culture to her repertoire was easy. In fact she was finally brainwashed enough to become an Australian citizen. She earns a crust writing about Down Under for German magazines. And she likes dipping her board in the surf.

I am an escapee from corporate life at Qantas, who enjoys body-surfing and stimulating conversations. Together we are really excited about joining the Goolawah community and look forward to making a positive contribution to its life and prosperity. Hopefully our new home in Cookie Close, Red Hill will start to take shape next year.

P.S. We suggested to Ralph that the German quota for Goolawah should probably be closed now!

Revisiting Nimbin – Writer and business consultant Terry McGee revisits Nimbin and the Nimbin Aquarius Festival. According to him there was an awareness in 1973 that Nimbin was an experiment, both in the Festival and in the possibility that intentional communities might spring up afterwards. Terry McGee has a look at the history of Nimbin and how the 'experiment' turned out over the years. Sunday 4 May 2014 7:45AM [view full episode]

Thanks to John Tennock for sharing this ABC radio national interview that is available as an audio file and transcript using the following link:

http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/ockhamsrazor/re-visiting-nimbin/5421092

Share For Sale

Site No. 77

Outback, Brian Hardy 0427 661 200



Tarrik, Peter & Mick - rolling tank into place on Mohini & Tarrik's future home site

Commonground Community Celebration

This year marks Commonground's 30th birthday. We are going to celebrate at the Commonground Festival in November.

http://www.commongroundfestival.org.

I was wondering if you could spread the word around the intentional communities network?

Carl Scrase, Commonground Resident and Festival Co-ordinator. 0412867554



HERE COMES WINTER by Mairead

We are breaking out the Winter woollies and heaters, animals too are preparing for the cold weather. Some of our smallest creatures are looking for warm corners and wondering if our homes and sheds would make a good winter home. These creatures can be anything from introduced mice to native antechinus.

While the presence of these small creatures in our homes can be an inconvenience, please do not use mouse/rat poisons at Goolawah. There is a long standing by-law and tradition at Goolawah that we do not use pesticides and we protect and care for our native wildlife.

I researched the major brands of rat poison and found they all use potent anticoagulant chemicals. The active ingredients in these products are listed as pesticides by the EPA and PAN International. Many are banned for sale to the general public in America and are under review by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicine Authority because of the impact they are having on humans, wildlife and the broader environment. I contacted a number of wildlife groups to ask their advice. They said rat poisons pose serious risks wildlife and they would not recommend any brand as safe for wildlife.

The anticoagulants used in mouse/rat poisons kill animals by reducing the animal's ability to clot its blood and cause it to die from haemorrhaging. Death can take days or weeks to take effect. It is an inhumane, slow and painful death for any creature. Poisons don't just affect the targeted animal but also native wildlife in two ways: **Primary Impact** – Non-target native animals and birds eat the baits. Even if the bait is carefully placed in a purpose built bait station, small native animals such as our antechinus, eastern chestnut mice (vulnerable species), bush rat, swamp rat, lizards, insects can still get access to the bait stations.

Secondary Impact - Predatory animals and scavengers eat dead or dying insects and animals that have ingested the anticoagulant chemical and or feed the poisoned prey to their young. Animals at risk include our owls, kookaburras, magpies, crows, butcher birds, hawks and other birds of prey, goannas, lizards, sugar gliders, quolls, snakes and pythons, bandicoots.



It can take a long time for poisoned animals to die giving other animals ample opportunity to prey on them, especially as they become weaker due to the effects of the chemical and therefore easier to catch. The other problem is when we loose predatory animals, mice and rats are left unchecked to breed, creating a vicious cycle. People wonder why rodent numbers are increasing and respond by putting down more poison and we so continue to loose our wildlife and the very animals that help keep mice and rat numbers under control.

Left: Masked Owl feeding its young, lives in large hollow trees ground logs, listed as a vulnerable in NSW

(Photo courtesy of WIRES)

We have a number of predators residing at Goolawah. In addition to commonly sighted predators there has been recent quoll and owl sightings in Red Hill. There are kites who have a nest between the bowl and the Outback. Last week a pair of large wedge tail eagles were seen on Maria River road, only a couple of kilometers from Goolawah.

What you can do instead of using poisons

1. Rodent Proof your Home

Look for and close holes where rodents could gain entry to your home:

- Consider openings created by wires, pipes, drains, vents, floor and roof joints. Mice can enter a hole 6mm of wider, which is the diameter of a pencil.
- When inspecting potential entry points, look for rub marks, droppings, tracks, gnawing, or other rodent signs.
- Make sure doors, windows and screens fit tightly. Install door sweeps at entry doors or build up the door threshold height.
- Use course steel wool, wire screens, metal mesh and sheet metal when animal proofing, rather than
 plastics, foam or thin wood that can be chewed through
- There are various rodent proofing products available that can be retrofitted or incorporated into new builds, including flashing and mesh to address gaps and guards for vertical surfaces such as drainpipes

2. Good Sanitation

Remove food sources and nesting sites for rates and mice in and around your home:

- Store human and animal food in tight sealing containers
- Old fridges or chest freezers with good seals make excellent animal-proof places to store food.
- Put food scraps in closed compost bins (230L lidded bins available for \$30-\$40 in hardware stores)
- If your have poultry, take steps to ensure you are only feeding your poultry and not providing a food source for rodents
- Pick up fallen fruit and nuts and pick mature vegetables
- If you put in food plants ensure there is someone there to harvest them
- Be vigilant in the storage and disposal of household food waste
- Tidy up in and around your home, consider places where animals maybe nesting, old boxes, junk piles, etc. Mice and rats generally forage a limited distance from their nesting site.
- Keep a clear area around the outside of your buildings of at least 1 meter

3. Encourage Predators

Encourage predators such as pythons or owls. Put up an owl nest box to encourage a family of owls to take up residence. An owl can catch up to 10 rodents a night to feed itself and its off spring. You can buy or make boxes, there is plenty of information available online on the benefits of owls for rodent control and nest boxes.

4. Humane Trapping

If an animal has found its way indoors use humane live traps such as Elliot or Vanguard traps. Have a look at options in hardware and agricultural stores. The blue/yellow plastic "Vanguard Clever Mouse Trap" has proven to be a cheap and effective live trap (\$5 from Mitre 10 stores or online).





Check traps frequently as trapped animals will be stressed. Do not relocate native animals more than 100m from where you found them, so they have the opportunity to return to their territory, nest and family. Displaced animals can struggle to find food and compete with other animals whose territory they are in; if they have a family then their young can be left to starve and die.

Rats and mice tend to follow established pathways and like dark corners and hidey holes, so lay your traps near these places for maximum effectiveness. For traps and baits to be effective, the rats and mice must consider them a food source, so tidy up and remove all other food sources first, otherwise the rats and mice may ignore your carefully place traps and carry on eating your food instead. Be patient as it may take some time for mice and rats to get used to something before they investigate.



Thanks for the info, Mairead. It is great to have an option available that is safe for wildlife and humans.

Photo: Alec is exploring the mechanisms of the trap and designing new configurations.

-Rebekah





<u>Animals Who We Share our Home with –</u> <u>Antechinus – Contributed by Mairead</u>

Antechinus are feisty little carnivorous marsupials who eat insects and larvae including spiders, cockroaches, beetles and weevils. They are also known to eat small lizards, mice and birds. They have sharp claws to help them dig for insects and climb and sharp teeth for crunching up their food. They can move with great speed and agility. They are primarily active at night, but can also be found out and about during the day.

Antechinus nest communally in hollows and crevices. They like to forage for food in leaf litter and rely on undergrowth for cover from predators. Antehcinus are an important food source for lots of native animals such as owls, birds of prey, quolls and snakes.

The males are renowned for frenzied mating until they wear themselves out and die. Females have their babies in summer to coincide with population explosions of insects in the warmer months. Babies are only 2-3mm long and 4 grams in weight at birth. Babies hang from an open pouch on their mother's bellies for the first few weeks of life. When they get too big she leaves them in the nest and returns with food for them.

There are currently 15 known species of antechinus, with four new species recently discovered in Brisbane and Tasmania. Some species are vulnerable while others are common. The major pressures on local antechinus populations include clearing and burning of undergrowth, loss of hollow logs through "tidying-up" and gathering firewood, predication by feral cats and foxes, poison and kill traps put down for snails, mice and rats.

People sometimes mistake antechinus for mice, however antechinus lack the bad odours associated with mice, they also lack the enlarged two front teeth of mice and they do not gnaw on cables or stored food, preferring live insects. Below are photos comparing Antechinus to rodents to help you distinguish between the two.

Antechinus on the left has a long pointed snout and crinkly ears, compared to the smooth round ears of the mouse on the right.

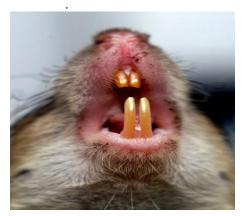




Native Plant Sale by Landcare on Monday mornings at the Depot of the National Park and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Port Macquarie, 22 Blackbutt Road. They sell a wide range of plants and trees that are native to the local area for \$1-\$2 depending on the size of the pot. Plant list available online at www.landcareportmac.com.au/plant_list.php

Antechinus on the left below has small sharp teeth. In contrast, mice and rats have prominent front teeth.





What we can do to protect and care for antechinus at Goolawah:

- Don't remove hollow logs lying on the ground or trees with hollows or crevices that antechinus could be living in;
- Balance our need to clear undergrowth and other fire hazard reduction activities with the needs of animals for nest sites, shelter from predators and food sources;
- Leave corridors of undergrowth to give antechinus ways of moving around without having to break cover and exposing them to predators;
- Only use live traps and only use traps indoors. If you catch an animal in a trap, know the
 difference between a mouse and an antechinus. Release any antechinus within 100m of where
 they were found.

Roadworks April / May 2014

As per instructions from the General Meeting on April 5th the following was carried out around the Easter period:-

Illa Langi Rd from about Hobbs' gate to Maria River Road: deep-ripping to just above the "corduroy" base; removal of the grassy edge along both sides as no drainage had been possible there for some time adding to the road's problems; application of 800+ tonnes of roadbase. The "chunkier" variety was used as on Nevertire Rd in October 2013 (because of the periodic flooding the road was felt to need more stability-of-body rather than the finer surfaces of our interior roads); grade & roll into a domeshape; pot-holing where necessary from Hobbs' to Westgate.



Illa Langi Road Improvements

<u>Nevertire Rd</u> from Northgate to 90deg bend West: apply remainder of roadbase from October 2013 (stored on Jason's land); grading & rolling as appropriate and pot-holing as required.

Northgate Rd: maintenance-grade from Red Hill Rd corner to cattle grid.

<u>Cost:</u> George had estimated Illa Langi at \$34,000, Nevertire at \$5,000 and Northgate at \$1,000 – totalling \$40,000. Whilst the machine times on Illa Langi increased by some \$2-3,000 (largely from the removal of the grassy edges), GME's final bill was as per quote, \$40,000.

Ralph

NVC/Compassionate Communication

The following is an extract by NVC trainer Lucy Leu from www.nwcompass.org/beyond.htm

Dr. Marshall Rosenberg (author of Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life- and international facilitator/mediator) once mediated between two tribes in Nigeria in a room where some of the participants had children who had been killed by others in the same room. Out of that experience, he concluded, "No matter how big the issue, there will be peace if each party trusts that their needs matter to the other. On the other hand, no matter how small the issue, there will be war if one or both of the party does not care about their needs."

The purpose of NVC is not to manipulate others into doing what we want, but to create a process where we connect from the heart, hear each other's needs and feel inspired to exercise our power to enrich another's life.

For the past nine weeks, a group of 8 to 10 members has been getting together on a Monday evening to learn Non-Violent Communication. NVC is way of relating to each other that helps us connect with what is alive in ourselves and others, and to express ourselves in a way that is most likely to ensure that everyone gets their needs met. On the surface, NVC follows a simple process:

- 1) observe what is happening, without judgement
- 2) identify what each person is feeling
- 3) work out which needs are not getting met
- 4) make clear, achievable requests.

In practice, we've found that it takes some getting used to and that old habits die hard, hence meeting on a weekly basis to learn more about the details, and to practice. Each week someone makes a delicious simple meal to share as well. So far, everyone who's been coming along has said it has helped them loads, especially in sticky situations. Some of the participants have mentioned that using NVC has lead to "more hugs", "more peace at home", "being able to understand neighbours better", "better sex", and "less conflict at work".

We hope that by continuing to learn and practice NVC, we will have more peace in our lives, in the Co-op, and the wider community. If you're interested in learning Non-violent communication, just let us know or read about nvc at www.cnvc.org.

Contribution by Rebekah & Anne W.

THE COURAGE TO STAND ALONE

"Relationships do not cause pain and unhappiness.

They bring out the pain and unhappiness that is already in you."

- Eckhart Tolle

Your feelings, the energies alive in your body right now, were not 'caused' by anyone else, and nobody else can take them away. Nobody else is responsible for your feelings. This realisation can end the blame game once and for all, and leave you standing in your true place of power - the present moment.

Yes, others may trigger pain and sorrow in you, they may contribute to the field in which your old, unresolved pain can resurface, but they cannot make you feel how you feel. Nobody can make you happy, nobody can make you unhappy. You are only invited, constantly, to meet what remains unmet in yourself, to touch what you never wanted to touch in yourself, to explore the field.

Making others responsible for how we feel is the beginning of all violence, both internal and external, all conflict between people, and ultimately all wars between nations.

Let others off the hook. Honour what is alive in you right now. Learn to hold your own feelings like beloved children, however intensely they burn and scream for attention. Celebrate the aliveness in your hurt, the vibrancy of your disappointment, the electricity of your sadness. Kneel before the power in your anger, honour its burning creativity.

From this place of deep acceptance, you do not become weak and passive. Quite the opposite. You simply enter the world from a place of nonviolence, and therefore immense creative power, and you are open to the possibility of deep listening, honest dialogue, and unexpected change.

In suffering you become small. In love, anything is possible.

- Jeff Foster

Contribution by Lexie

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July 2013 To March 2014

Profit & Loss [Cash]

Goolawah Cooperative Limited PO Box 40 Crescent Head NSW 2440

ABN: 28 215 768 026

54, 2515 15 March 2514			Email: goolawah@riseup.nel
Income			
Annual Levies	\$28,802.20		
Road Levies	\$36,983.27		
Work Levies	\$6,907.40		
Non-refundable Joining Fees	\$8,440.00		
Miscellaneous Income	\$442.62		
Interest on Deposits	\$5.37		
Income from Grants	\$4,500.00		
Total Income		\$86,080.86	
Cost of Sales			
Gross Profit		\$86,080.86	
Expenses			
Admin (Internal)	\$180.00		
Annual Levies Repaid	\$5,354.32		
Awards and Gifts	\$40.00		
Bank Charges	\$291.90		
Clearing Vegetation - Slashing	\$277.50		
Construction Materials	\$970.94		
DA Administration	\$1,234.00		
Equipment Hire	\$541.00		
Fencing	\$10.00		
Fuel, Gas & Lubricants	\$554.22		
Govt Permits, Fees, Regos, etc	\$266.00		
Insurance			
Public Liability Insurance	\$540.00		
IT Expense	\$454.80		
Phone and Internet	\$20.00		
Postage	\$315.00		
Printing and Stationery	\$238.40		
Professional Fees	\$8,766.60		
Rates	\$3,434.88		
Recycling/Tip Fees	\$15.00		
Renovation of Coop Assets	\$659.24		
Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,216.68		
Signage	\$101.12		
Website Expense	\$45.00		
Working Bee - General	\$220.00		
Total Expenses		\$26,746.60	
Operating Profit		\$59,334.26	
Other Income			
Other Expenses			
Net Profit/(Loss)		\$59,334.26	

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

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12 June 2014 www.goolawah.org

Secretary: Ralph Erthel email goolawah@riseup.net Treasurer: John Tennock email: gool.treas@gmail.com

General Meeting. 5/4/14. 9am. Machinery Shed.

Present: Craig Singleman (chair), Anne (minutes), Ralph, Isaac, Mairead, Dave L, Roger, Luke, Ishbel, Bronwyn, Greg Ryan, Paul Martin, John T, Anne T, Larry, Wayne, Russell, Dave C, Frankie, Kevin (L), Michael C (L), Harvey Creswell (L).

Visitors: Yoshi Dooms, Peter O'Hara, Julica J, Tony Roberts, Denise Watters,

Moved to approve minutes of last general meeting, as published in last newsletter: Passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report: (Ralph). Vincent Ryan – no updated address. Insurance: Still seeking advice from two insurance brokers regarding more comprehensive insurance. Retained public liability insurance. Discussion regarding level of cover. Possibility of forming a trust instead. Bronwyn and Ralph to get clear response from two brokers as to what level of insurance and at what cost is required to cover a range of plausible scenarios. Greg to investigate trusts.

Treasurer's Report: (John T) See Treasury report attached. \$67,273 in cheque account. \$19,307 term deposit. Please use new form (to be on website soon) for work levy, and annual levy reduction claims, and bring to meetings. Moved by Roger, seconded by Paul to approve secretary's report – passed unanimously. Moved by Bronwyn, seconded by Anne that the treasurer bring a list of debtors to each meeting. Discussion regarding publishing list of members who owe over \$2k in newsletter. Discussion of changing inactive rule to make it clearer or more enforceable.

From now on, John T to send invoice for each levy as it arises (annual levy (payable every 90 days), work levy, road levy) that clearly states the invoice date and the due date. John to phone and email more debtors, not just those approaching 2 years.

Clarification (to be included in next newsletter):

Work Levy: Invoiced at July1, Due at June 30. Annual Levy: Invoice at July 1, Due quarterly.

Road Levy etc: Invoice and Due date to be decided when voted on.

DA Report: Kirsty unable to attend meeting. Council have advised landholders in local area of proposal to amend road conditions. Discussion re dust abatement in front of residences. Some informal feedback from council. Lots of confusion amongst those present at meeting regarding what the RoadNet proposal was. Reminder for members to read minutes of previous meeting when this was discussed. RoadNet report to be published on website. All individual DA s are currently being processed.

Road report: GME's previous quote to repair Illa Langhi was incorrect. Will be more in the order of \$40k to reshape, add more roadbase. Usual discussion we always have about roads. Moved by Craig, seconded by Anne to spend up to \$40k to reshape Illa Langhi including more roadbase, and to grade Nth Gate Rd. For: 13, Against: 1, Abstain 4. Ralph to arrange, and apply for grant.

Membership report: 5 people have visited since last meeting. Moved by Craig, seconded by Anne, to approve Lyall as a member and approve share transfer from Larry to Lyall, passed unanimously.

Fire truck report: Isaac has changed the pump – it's working well. Isaac to spend remaining budget on: a new suction hose, 100m (in 3 sections) of 40mm thick red layflat hose and 2 nozzles. Mens shed to look at refurbishing pumps. New key to be cut.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Lyall's block: Moved to request donation in lieu of annual levies Larry was exempt for.

Members with multiple shares: Discussion regarding applying the annual levy to shares, not membership. Would require a rule change. Bronwyn to investigate.

Members with blank sites seeking to sell for profit: The current prices being asked by members with blank sites are \$35k to \$60k. General dissatisfaction amongst those present with un-involved members with blank sites using the co-op as an investment. Desire to return to the roots of the co-op as a low-cost rural land sharing co-op, and to facilitate new members occupying blank sites, particularly younger members. Discussion on best mechanism to lower prices of blank shares, while still making it easy for people to sell. Possible mechanisms discussed:

- For sites without a dwelling DA, the co-op will not authorise a share transfer if member seeking to profit.
- Pass a resolution to cap blank site prices.
- Co-op to facilitate all blank site transactions, members wishing to sell a blank site (sites without a council approved dwelling) would sign a share transfer form and send it to the co-op. The co-op would return their \$7000 less any owed levies once the share sells.

Discussion to continue next meeting.

Plumbing camp kitchen. Moved by Paul, seconded by Craig, to spend \$150 on stormwater and extend dam water supply with timer to irrigate community garden. Passed unanimously.

Next working bee: 19/4/14. 9am.

Work Levy Claims:

Pete and Mairead: 12 hrs from work levy (weed control, disability ramp)18hrs Ann. Levy reduction (SWS

mapping, signs, plumbing camp kitchen, comm toilet maintenance

Kevin: 13hrs (slashing, toilet maintenance)

Wayne and Bron: 56hrs (misc, camp kitchen, DA work)

Isaac: 55hrs (Fire truck, slashing)

John & Anne Tennock: 6hrs (working bee, insurance)

Michael C: 14hrs (slashing, signs)

Approved unanimously

Meeting closed 12:30.

Treasurers Report - Goolawah General Meeting 5/4/2014

By John Tennock

Financial Position as at 31/03/2014 is:

Cheque Account \$67,273.25

Term Deposit \$19,307.26 (matures 13 May 2014)

TOTAL available funds \$86,580.51

Receipts (this financial year)

The cash-based P&L gives a breakdown of cash income and expenses Of the \$489 DA Fee advance \$4890 has been paid and \$1995 is still outstanding To date we have received \$19,200.00 of the \$800.00 Road Levy leaving \$41,550.00 unpaid.

Outstanding Levies as at 31/03/2014 are:

Levies Due Aged Balances					
Date	TOTAL	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	Over 270 Days
07/12/13	\$146,405.01	\$66,495.56	\$41,050.60	\$0.00	\$38,858.85
10/01/14	\$132,582.76	\$61,839.56	\$0.00	\$37,639.35	\$33,103.85
31/01/14	\$123,462.00	\$0.00	\$57,686.66	\$35,722.25	\$30,053.85
26/02/14	\$114,017.00	\$0.00	\$53,754.06	\$34,951.40	\$25,312.00
31/03/14	\$94,238.00	\$0.00	\$43,545.00	\$0.00	\$50,693.00

It is concerning that the 270+ balance has increased. The overall balance is gradually being paid. I continue to follow up overdue accounts..

Profit and Loss Report

A cash-based profit and loss report for the year-to-date is available

Work Levy Claims

I have prepared a standard for work levy and expense reimbursement claims. I propose that it should be loaded on the website to assist member submitting claims.

GOOLAWAH BANKING DETAILS

Goolawah Co-operative, NAB Kempsey Branch

BSB 082-798 Acct No:48-864-6867

Reminder to use your member/invoice code so your payment can be accurately identified on the statements. John (Treasurer) can be contact at gool.treas@gmail.com.

www.goolawah.org

members login password is currently Longboard

Thanks Sue for ongoing work as webmistress!

Community Meeting Minutes. 3/5/14. Camp Kitchen 9am.

Present: Craig (Chair), Anne (Minutes), Mairead, Paul, Luke, Griff, Dave C, Denise C (deputy for Bronwyn), Stuart,

Visitors: Peter O'Hara, Julica Jungehuelsing, Mohini Browngedge, Tarrik Morssi. *Moved by Craig, seconded by Anne to approve minutes of March Community Meeting. Passed unanimously.*

Secretary's Report: (Ralph). Received valuation of land for \$900k – will accept for now. Have consulted 2 insurance brokers. Only one is willing to insure us. Can do land for pub liability for \$2166. Still waiting on figures for directors and office holder's insurance. *Ralph and Mairead to get more quotes and get a list of scenarios. Members to send Ralph list of scenarios to put to insurance brokers to make sure we're covered properly. Ralph and Griff to get quote for private property signs at Nth Gate Rd.*

Treasurer's Report: (John T absent, Craig read out the report and discussion paper he emailed – see below for extract – full version available email or at meeting {editor}). \$47,217 in current account (after mulcher was paid). Will ask John to email his report to secretary before meetings so that we have a chance to read it beforehand. Rebekah to send John & Ingrid's contact details. Discussion regarding charging finance fee (interest) on overdue fees. General acceptance, need to refine proposal for GM at next community meeting. Work levy claims: we already have a rule that claims have to be processed within three months of doing the work, so proposing to extend to 6. Request that form not be too long. No major objections, need to refine proposal at next community meeting.

Road Report: Under construction, within budget. Can't get grant, because is under Dept of Lands, not Council. *To do reflectors and paint on power lines next working bee. Ralph to approach neighbours about contributing by slashing roadsides.*

Membership Report: There are about 5 people seriously looking. Peter and Julica have completed the membership application process, and there have been no objections to them joining. *Moved by Paul, seconded by Mairead to approve Julica and Peter as eligible for membership. Passed unanimously.* Tariq, Mohini and their twins are visiting again and will submit an application form this week. Alicia and James are seriously looking at membership – James is interested in constructing a woodworking workshop – please contact him if you are interested in collaborating (via secretary). Louise and Tony have submitted an application and are hoping to finalise their membership in June. Stats from Mairead:

- 1) Since 2010 we have had 15 new memberships (20% of our membership) taking up 17 sites (22% of sites).
- 2) 10 (67%) of these new memberships are now resident (14 people living in 13 sites). The rest are developing/developed their allocated site and visit Goolawah regularly
- 3) 36% of sites have permanent residents (28 out of 78)
- 4) 36% of sites are regular visitors (28 out of 78)
- 5) 28% of sites are not regular visitors, little to no contact with the co-op, not been on the land for a long time if ever (24 out of 78)

Brian Saul (west end of the bowl) has passed away. His daughter Verity is the executer of the will. Mairead has explained the membership process to her.

Marion Arent has told a potential new member she has decided not to sell. Moved by Mairead seconded by Anne to remove Marion's site from website. Passed unanimously.

DA Report. (Mairead for Kirsty.) Still sitting with Council. Anne to email Kirsty to confirm our new street address.

Tractor Report. (Roger) Transmission oil has been topped up. *Keep an eye on it.* Thanks heaps to tractor crew for the great work in keeping her running. *Stu to start a service log book.*

General Business.

Dangerous/annoying behaviour at slide dam by members' guests. *Mick and Dave to call Phil G about visitors' behaviour.*

Secretary: Ralph Erthel email goolawah@riseup.net Treasurer: John Tennock email: gool.treas@gmail.com

Members with multiple shares paying multiple annual levies: Denise read out emailed proposal from Bronwyn to make a rule change to apply the annual levy to share holdings, not membership (ie payable per site). Discussion regarding pros and cons, individual situations and past processes, the notion of fairness, methods of revenue raising.

Pony Club: A pony club has apparently been travelling through the outback on a regular basis, and have told Mark and Lexie that they have permission. *If you know anything about this, please come to next meeting*.

Members' Liabilities: Anne to bring information to next meeting.

Working Bee: General commitment to continue with working bees, Anne to organise text out, put on notice board etc.

Sales of blank sites: Continued discussion regarding the co-op facilitating all transactions of blank sites for \$7000.

Meeting closed: 11:20.

Treasurers Report - Goolawah General Meeting 3/05/2014

Financial Position as at 30/04/2014 is:

Cheque Account \$51,888.44 Investment Account (NEW) \$20,000.00

Term Deposit \$19,307.26 (matures 13 May 2014)

TOTAL available funds \$91,195.70

Anticipated expenses not yet in bank statements: Road Work \$40,000.00 (Ralph)

Bush Mulcher \$6,435.00 of which \$5197.50 is recoverable from members

Kitchen Decking \$2,632.00 (Dennis)

To preserve a margin for contingencies I think we should hold further expenditure until we have accumulated more funds.

Receipts (this financial year)

The cash-based P&L gives a breakdown of cash income and expenses
Of the \$489 DA Fee advance \$4890 has been paid and \$1995 is still outstanding (unchanged)
To date we have received \$22,400.00 of the \$800.00 Road Levy leaving \$38,350.00 unpaid.

Outstanding Levies as at 30/04/2014 are:

Levies Due Aged Balances					
Date	TOTAL	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	Over 270 Days
07/12/13	\$146,405.01	\$66,495.56	\$41,050.60	\$0.00	\$38,858.85
10/01/14	\$132,582.76	\$61,839.56	\$0.00	\$37,639.35	\$33,103.85
31/01/14	\$123,462.00	\$0.00	\$57,686.66	\$35,722.25	\$30,053.85
26/02/14	\$114,017.00	\$0.00	\$53,754.06	\$34,951.40	\$25,312.00
31/03/14	\$94,238.00	\$0.00	\$43,545.00	\$0.00	\$50,693.00
30/04/14	\$87,844.81	\$445.68	\$0.00	\$40,345.73	\$47,053.40

I have been contacting seriously overdue members by phone, email and registered mail and receiving commitments to pay. Very few of those commitments have materialised so far but should do so before the next meeting. I will continue to follow up.

In the case of Ingrid Williams (Barrett) both the phone number and email addresses are disconnected so I have sent a registered letter, person to person, with delivery confirmation, with a request that she make contact. It would be helpful iuf anyone can provide further information.

Profit and Loss Report

A cash-based profit and loss report for the year-to-date is available

On-line Banking

We now have NAB Connect on-line banking set up with authorisers Ralph Erthel, Paul Martin and John Tennock. Two authorisers are required for each transaction. The cheque account and signatories remains unchanged.

Community Meeting 7/6/14 Machinery Shed. 9am.

Present: Craig Singleman (chair), Paul Martin, Peter Wells, Larry Knight, Anne Wilson (minutes), Ralph Erthel, Luke Keenan, Julica Jungehulsing, Peter O'Hara, Bronwyn Little, Callum Lawson, John Harkins, Robin Hewitt, Wayne Ellis, Mairead Shorten.

Visitors: Keely Jones, Glenn Nowotny, Tony Roberts, Louise Watters, Zoe Hutchinson, John Hutchinson, Alicia Fox, James Galletly, Tarrik Morssi, Mohini Browngedge.

Apologies: Denise Coburn, Belinda and Roger Ball, Kirsty Steer, Stuart Pougher, Isaac Ryan.

Secretary's report: Letter arrived from KSC regarding meeting, to be discussed in DA report. Still investigating insurance options, looking at \$3-4k for pub liability, office holder's, voluntary workers inclusive. More details next meeting.

Treasurer's report: See treasurer's report attached. *Vote for meeting to second John's proposals.* Resolution 1: unanimously for. Res 2: unanimously for. Res 3: 9 for, 2 against, carried. Res 4: unanimously for.

DA report: KSC met on 20/5 and approved amendments to our DA conditions – to be uploaded onto members' section of website. We weren't informed that it was going to a council meeting beforehand. We have 6 outstanding conditions to address. Main access to be Nevertire Rd, to be tarred from Maria River Rd to Charlie's driveway, 6m wide with 1m shoulder, then council to maintain. Co-op to maintain Illa Langhi as all weather 2 wheel drive, and include a caveat on our title to this effect. Discussion regarding how to proceed with Road issue, which road engineer to go with. DA committee to get advice from road engineers (Dennis partners and Tarrik's brother) and report back next meeting. Phone condition: Callum to arrange landline in camp kitchen. Fire condition: need a fire shelter on Red Hill. Dave to reply to council letter informing them of our progress on these issues.

Road report: (Ralph) As per instructions from the General Meeting on April 5th the following was carried out around the Easter period:-

<u>Illa Langi Rd</u> from about Hobbs' gate to Maria River Road: deep-ripping to just above the "corduroy" base; removal of the grassy edge along both sides as no drainage had been possible there for some time adding to the road's problems; application of 800+ tonnes of roadbase. The "chunkier" variety was used as on Nevertire Rd in October 2013 (because of the periodic flooding the road was felt to need more stability-of-body rather than the finer surfaces of our interior roads); grade & roll into a dome-shape; pot-holing where necessary from Hobbs' to Westgate.

<u>Nevertire Rd</u> from Northgate to 90deg bend West: apply remainder of roadbase from October 2013 (stored on Jason's land); grading & rolling as appropriate and pot-holing as required.

Northgate Rd: maintenance-grade from Red Hill Rd corner to cattle grid.

Cost: George had estimated Illa Langi at \$34,000, Nevertire at \$5,000 and Northgate at \$1,000 – totalling \$40,000. Whilst the machine times on Illa Langi increased by some \$2-3,000 (largely from the removal of the grassy edges), GME's final bill was as per quote, \$40,000. Remember to keep left to crush vegetation on sides and maintain a curved road surface so ruts don't form.

Membership report: Thank you to all members for taking the time to make new members welcome and answer their questions.

<u>Peter and Julica:</u> Already eligible for membership. Have paid joining fee. *Moved by Mairead, seconded by Paul to approve share transfer and ratify Peter and Julica as members. Passed unanimously.* <u>Louise and Tony:</u> Have completed application process. No objections. *Moved by Mairead, seconded by Paul to approve Louise and Tony as eligible for membership. Passed unanimously.*

<u>Tarrik and Mohini:</u> Have completed application process. No objections. *Moved by Mairead, seconded by Paul to approve Tarrik and Mohini as eligible for membership. Passed unanimously.*

Glen and Keely: are visiting and interested in site 75.

Alicia and James: are visiting and interested in site 8.

<u>Zoe and John:</u> are friends of Louise and Tony and visiting. Slight changes proposed to share transfer form: see attached. *Moved by Mairead, seconded by Anne to approve changes to share transfer form. Passed unanimously.*

Discussion regarding listing lot number on share certificate, but it would require a rule change. Still for sale: Brian Hardy. Suggested to give Nick Evans first option on any shares that are cancelled due to inactivity.

Tractor report: When using auger, set it down on the stands provided to make it easier and safer to take on and off. Please brush off grass seeds after use. *Mark to investigate a rechargable air compressor for doing the job*. Info on how to operate the fire striker is on the whiteboard – see Isaac for more info. *Pete to check charger*.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Carpentry Workshop: James Galletly (prospective new member) would like to see how members feel about having a carpentry workshop on the co-op, involving heavy wood-working machinery / industrial warehouse with space for multiple users. Proposed to be on communal land, with possibility of Nth Gate. Straw vote concludes that Nth Gate most appropriate area. Discussion regarding different models of owning the building – co-op ownership, owned by a group of members, owned by a single member. Discussion regarding flooding. Discussion regarding whether it will be allowed under SEPP 15. Discussion regarding sound, and neighbours off co-op, working hours, sound insulation. Next steps: noise test with thicknesser or similar, Dave L to check SEPP 15 regs.

2015 Celebrations. Preliminary planning underway. Ralph is writing a play. If anyone wants to be part of the planning committee, see Larry.

Tool share: There's a book in the camp kitchen for people to list tools they are willing to share with other members. Aim to reduce consumption and save money. See tool share book for details.

Water tank: The 20,000L plastic tank sitting on red hill has been there for 10 years. Discussion regarding whether it will be needed for fire shelter, or should we sell it. *Leave it there for now*.

Behaviour at community dam: Request that everyone behave responsibly with regards to noise and safety.

Incident on Red Hill involving Ralph and Ben: Discussion regarding unacceptability of violence, and restoration for Ralph's actions. Apology from Ralph. Discussion regarding background to incident. *Rob, Ralph and Luke to attend mediation.*

Incident with tin on John Harkins' old site. Passed around letter from John. Apology from Griff. General acknowledgement that members' property should be respected. Heated discussion. Mediation offered, not accepted. Discussion ended due to aggressive behaviour.

Members' liabilities: Read out Bundagen's rules for dealing with ensuring members indemnify the cooperative for liabilities arising from their own actions. Discussion regarding how to define limit of liability, and how it fits with our existing rules.

New road levy: Moved by Paul to put a resolution from this meeting, to propose a road levy for next financial year, the value of which to be decided at the meeting. Passed unanimously. Pete to draft letter to Lands Department to get clarification on status of roads.

Unsafe swing at playground: *Luke and Paul to fix tomorrow.*

Tasks for next working bee 21/6:

- Playground
- Railing on camp kitchen
- Camphor laurel and weed eradication and clearing up north gate.
- Painting electricity poles on Illa Langhi

Saturday 21/6 beanie bonfire solstice party: Everyone invited! **Work Claims**:

Larry: brushcutting, etc 12 hrs.

Luke and Ish: slashing, 2 working bees, camp kitchen renovations, 13 hrs.

Paul: 32 hrs plumbing, membership committee.

All work claims passed unanimously

Fencing: Rancho have done repairs to fence at Nth Gate. Ok for now.

Meeting closed: Approx. 1pm.

Treasurers Report – Goolawah Community Meeting 07/06/2014

Financial Position as at 04/06/2014 (Payments made after this date are not included.):

Cheque Account \$61,414.91

Investment Account \$39,690.68

TOTAL available funds \$101,105.59

Anticipated payments not yet in bank statements:

The above funds will be reduced by share Refunds due to be paid to members who have sold their shares, subject to new members being ratified:

John Harkins – two shares sold to Tarrik and Mohini \$14,000 refund due on ratification.

Bud Cook – Share sold to Peter and Julica \$4.286 refund due on ratification.

Vincent Ryan – Share sold to Tony and Louise \$7,000 refund due on ratification.

TOTAL \$ \$25,286.00

Receipts (this financial year)

The cash-based P&L gives a breakdown of cash income and expenses overall.

Approximately 25 members have an account balance of zero (i.e. fully paid up!)

Of the \$489 DA Fee advance, \$5379 has been paid and \$1506 is still outstanding.

Of the \$800 Road Levy 2013/14, \$25,600.00 has been paid and \$33,328.33 is still outstanding.

Bush mulching in The Outback cost \$6435.00 paid as follows:

Community Land – Forest Way \$330.00

Paid by 3 members - \$1155.00

Still to be paid by 4 members \$4950.00

These amounts were invoiced on 3 May with 30 day payment terms so are now overdue.

Outstanding Levies as at 02/06/2014 are:

Levies Due Aged Balances					
Date	TOTAL	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	Over 270 Days
07/12/13	\$146,405.01	\$66,495.56	\$41,050.60	\$0.00	\$38,858.85
10/01/14	\$132,582.76	\$61,839.56	\$0.00	\$37,639.35	\$33,103.85
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30/04/14	\$87,844.81	\$445.68	\$0.00	\$40,345.73	\$47,053.40
02/06/14	\$78,927.73	\$5,025.00	\$0.00	\$34,834.33	39.068.40

I have been contacting seriously overdue members by phone, email and registered mail and receiving payments or promises to pay. I will continue to follow up.

Delinquent members

The following members will become 'inactive' before the October AGM unless payment is received meantime:

Registered mail to Ingrid Williams (Barrett) was confirmed as delivered person-to-person. There has been no response. Ingrid's last payment was on 24 October 2012. It would be helpful if anyone can provide information about how to contact Ingrid.

Similarly, Jackie Rada's last payment was 10 October 2012. I have had phone/SMS contact with Jackie. The last phone call was a promise to pay by 22 May but that has not yet eventuated.

Profit and Loss Report

A cash-based profit and loss report for the year-to-date is available

Custom Invoices/Statements/Reports

Goolawah is not your typical small business. Consequently standard accounting packages like MYOB and QuickBooks need some customisation in order to satisfy our unique needs. I have been researching tools that would allow the development of more highly customised invoices, statements and financial reports. The most promising prospect is Datawise report writer at a cost of \$495.00. Unfortunately it is not yet compatible with the latest version of MYOB but a new release is expected in 'a few months'. Pending.

Term Deposit Account

Our Term Deposit matured on 13 May. The balance was transferred to the investment account. Once the three expected levy refunds of \$25,286.00 have been paid I will consider further term deposits

Items for discussion and provisional approval at the meeting.

I will submit resolutions to the July General Meeting based on the discussion points I submitted to the community meeting in May. These resolutions will be included in the next newsletter. Obviously they cannot be approved until 7 July.

Please refer to proposals for July GM for the wording of proposals - editor

Additional Documents Tabled at Meeting

*From Bundagen Co-op:

F.16.1 Liability of Members to the Cooperative: Cooperative Rule 33

- a) A member shall, in accordance with Section 76 of the Act, be liable to the Cooperative for the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by that member, together with any charges, including entry and periodic fees, payable by the member to the Cooperative as required by these rules.
- b) On the death of a member, the member's estate is subject to the same liability as the member would have been until the member's personal representative or some other person is registered in the member's place.
- c) The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable in respect of any such amount unpaid on shares and to any such charges referred to in Rule 33. a.
- d) Should the Cooperative incur any liability, financially or otherwise, arising out of a member's breach or failure to comply with Federal, State or Local Government law, ordinance, regulation or requirement, such member shall fully indemnify the Cooperative in respect of any such liability.
- e) Any liability shall be deemed to be a debt due by the member to the Cooperative from the member in the manner provided by Rule 40 or in a court of competent jurisdiction.

*Amended Share Transfer Form:

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PROPOSALS FOR GOOLAWAH GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 5 July 2014, Camp Kitchen/Machinery Shed

Resolution 1 - Preferred mode of communications with treasurer to be by email.

Proposed: John Tennock – Treasurer Seconded: Community Meeting (06/14)

Rationale: The great majority of our members communicate about treasury matters by email. It would make the treasury task much simpler and more effective if email was adopted as the preferred standard method for sending invoices, statements, etc. and for dealing with account queries. For the small number of members for whom this is not an option, correspondence can be via Australia Post directly from the treasurer, rather than including them with the newsletter. The additional postage cost will be small compared to the benefit of reducing overdue levies. A quick review shows that we have email addresses for approximately 75%-80% of members and this will steadily increase. Since taking on the treasury in October I have had only one member corresponding by 'snail mail'.

Resolution 2 - Annual Levy from 1 July 2014 to be invoiced quarterly on 1 July, 1 October, 1 January, 1 April with option to pay the full year, in advance, prior to 30 September.

Proposed: John Tennock – Treasurer Seconded: Community Meeting (06/14)

Rationale: Invoicing all members Annual Levies at \$125.00 per quarter is consistent with our current practice and makes it much easier for members who may be financially constrained to pay on-time. Members will still have the option to pay the full levy of \$500.00 in advance provided they do so, in full, within the first quarter (i.e. before 30 September).

Resolution 3 - Payment terms for invoices from 1 July 2014 to include a finance charge of 1.5% per month on balances still unpaid after the due date. Standard payment terms as follows:

Annual Levy quarterly invoice – due within 90 days.

Work Levy annual invoice - due within 365 days.

Road Levy as invoiced - due within 365 days

Other invoices (Slashing, DA Fees etc.) – due within 30 days or as circumstances demand.

Proposed: John Tennock – Treasurer Seconded: Community Meeting (06/14)

Rationale: Some members find it difficult to keep their accounts up-to-date. The only incentive is the threat of forfeiting their share if inactive for 2 years. By this time and the accumulating overdue amounts may become beyond their means to pay, even with the best will in the world. A finance charge of 1.5% per month provides an incentive to comply with the above payment terms while the amounts are manageable. Outstanding invoices prior to 1 July 2014 will remain subject to current rules (forfeiting their share if inactive for 2 years).

Resolution 4 - Members who pay annual levies in full within the first quarter to be entitled to a cash refund payment for work done during the year at \$10.00 per hour. The following conditions to apply:

Annual Levy must be paid in full within the first quarter. No exceptions. Refund available only after all outstanding work levies have been worked or paid. Refund to be paid my bank transfer only. No cheques or cash.

Proposed: John Tennock – Treasurer Seconded: Community Meeting (06/14)

Rationale: Members are inhibited from paying annual levies early because they can't predict how much will be covered by community work. This measure will have no effect on overall income but will assist those who prefer to pay their levies up-front.

Special Resolution 1: To amend rule Annual Subscription 17A to read: Members <u>will</u> be required to pay an annual subscription per share/lot which shall

- (a) (i) be in addition to any other charges payable under the rules:
 - (ii) be determined by the members from time to time:
 - (iii) be payable, in advance within the period set by the board; and
- (iv) not exceed \$500 in any financial year, or such lesser sum as the members may determine.

Proposed Bron Little Seconded Denise Cobourn

Rationale:

It is fair and reasonable that every share/lot should attract an equal annual subscription, currently set at \$500 per share. There are 78 shares so you would assume that would equate to 78 shares X \$500=\$39000, That isn't the case. As some members hold more than 1 share/lot their second and third sites don't attract a levy, they pay per membership. A member may own up to 4 sites. The more people who own multiple sites the less income to our community. At present there are 8 blocks currently not paying annual subscriptions. These 8 blocks @ \$500 annual subscription = \$4,000.

We are missing out on money each year and have been for the last 13 years. Where's the fairness. Instead of spreading the cost 78 ways we have to divide it only 70 ways. Each person on a single sites has to pay a bit more to offset the person who is holding multiple sites. To make things fair and equitable I propose that every site/lot/share attract the same annual subscription of \$500 and not be based on membership. The cost for us to change the wording with Fair Trading is less than \$150.00.

Community Fire Safety SMS...:-) by Isaac Ryan

P.S. SMS = Safety Management System

RUN FIRE TRUCK = 1 Member

Energise Battery = Isolation SW Vertical CHOKE lever OUT Ensure Gear selector in Neutral Turn KEY Reverse = Hard LEFT & UP Drive to FIRE

FIRE PUMP = 1 Member

Pump SW ON : back of pump Fuel ON Choke ON Pull START

WATER

TANK Valve ON Hose Line ON TEST spray Nozzle

HOSE = 1 Member

unlock REEL = wing NUT :-)
Run & stay SAFE

Happy to arrange practical workshop or Demo / Practical for visual or auditory learners



GOOLAWAH CO-OPERATIVE PROXY FORM 5 JULY 2014 General Meeting

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FERMENTATIONS by Laz

Three Island Brewers® are pleased to report the successful launching of The Master's brew at the March Equinox bonfire and barbecue.

A big thank you to all those who took part in the beer tasting, particularly those who took the time to write comments. These were well noted and taken into consideration for future brews. (Although whoever wrote "tastes like beer" next to each one should find another line of work!) Thank you also for the kind donations. These were gratefully accepted and will assist the Three Island Brewery in funding future events.

We are very pleased and flattered to report that, after stringent "blind" samples, first choice in the taste test was awarded to "The Master's Underpants", justifying our belief that the taste of his brew really was something special. Apparently all those in attendance agreed as they happily celebrated by finishing off three more cases of the award winning drop. We feel confident that we were able to emulate the taste of the master's original and are now ready to start creating brews of other varieties.



This month we have launched four new labels, each with a unique blend of local and imported ingredients with distinctive flavours. Carrying on the "theme", they include "Late Bloomers", which many members have previously sampled, as well as "Daggy Shorts"*, "Sweaty Socks" and "Torn T-Shirt". Members are invited to come and sample these brews at the newly renovated premises of the Three Island Brewery on Cockatoo Ridge every Friday through June and July from 3-6 PM.

In the coming months we are going to create more exciting tastes by incorporating new varieties of imported hops and malt with essence of fruit flavourings from our own orchards. So look forward to treating your palate to a Three Island Brew.

Salud, and please drink responsibly.

*Made from sorghum syrup and is totally gluten free.



Pete & Nicole



Griff & Laz prepare tasting event