

Community News

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting us by coming to the **Indonesian Feast Fundraiser**. It was a great night and nearly all of the food got eaten - only a few errant noodles survived. Larry was wonderful and



provided delicious beer and Ralph very kindly donated a raft of amusing stickers for purchase. In just one evening we raised over \$600. Whoo hoo! Luke sets off for Sumba, Eastern Indonesia on 17th September for a month. He will facilitate the building of 13 toilets and a small bamboo bungalow in Sumba. We are still raising the remainder of funds required. If you didn't get a chance to donate and would still like to, we will leave a little box in the camp kitchen. Every cent goes to the project. If you would like more information about the project/get involved please feel free to get in touch with us or drop in. *With love and thanks, Ish & Luke*

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to Glen Ball as he prepares for Ten Pin Bowling at the Special Olympics National Games in Melbourne Nov 2014. Major Sponsor *Three Island Brewery* helped to celebrate his 42nd in PMQ. For more info about the event use the website www.specialolympics.com.au/nationalgames2014, and locate link NSW Team, Ten Pin Bowling and find Glen's name. **GO FOR GOLD, GLEN!**

Wanted

Bamboo poles (about 3m long) to use as flag poles for kitchen deck, also any bright material suitable for making flags.

Monday Craft Group

We are still hanging in there but numbers are low. This week we have asked Michael to show us the art of rope making. If anyone else has a skill they'd like to show us please contact Bron on 0410577185

Vegetable/Fruit display

Located in the kitchen, you will find a display stand with excess fruit and veg from Goolawah growers. Feel free to come in and see what's available or leave something there for others.

Community Garden

Spring is here and the community garden needs some help to get it going. Also any veggie seedlings would be much appreciated.

Seed Bank

We are setting up a seed bank (like Port Macquarie library) which will be located in the kitchen. Envelopes, labelled with name, source etc will be kept on the display rack. The aim is take and replace seeds.



Glen celebrates by cutting his 42nd birthday cake

Native Bees



Contributed by Mairead

Australia has over 1,500 species of native bees and they are important pollinators for both native plants and edible crops. The Blue Banded bee is capable of a highly specialised type of pollination behaviour called 'buzz pollination' or "sonication" whereby the bee holds onto the flower while moving their flight muscles rapidly, causing the flower's pollen sacs to vibrate and dislodge pollen.

Some native plants and key edible crops including tomatoes, kiwi fruit, eggplants, blueberries, cranberries and chilli peppers require buzz pollination for proper development of their fruit. European honey bees rarely perform this type of buzz pollination.

The following are good websites to check out if you would like to know more about Native Bees:

www.honeybee.com.au

www.honeybee.org.au

www.aussiebee.com.au

There is an upcoming workshop on Native Bees in October in North Arm Cove Community Garden Network on Saturday 11 October 2014 from 9.30am – 2.30pm with Megan Halcroft a PdD qualified specialist on native bees and native bee keepers. It will include: learning how to attract bees and conserve their habitat, their life cycle, how to identify them, how to build a native bee hive, how to split a hive and tastings of native bee nectar. Fees are \$50 adults, \$45 seniors, Concessions/ Pensioners \$40, Couples \$75 and includes refreshments, lunch and a take-away bee habitat for your garden. Contact mariacpickles@hotmail.com for more information and bookings.

The Blue Banded bee (*Amegilla*), pictured above, is one of several Native Australian bee species found at Goolawah. We recently spotted this species in our garden in the Bowl. It is slightly larger than a European bee, but its bands are much brighter and check out those huge eyes!

From the Newsletter Co-ordinator

A big thanks to all of the contributors, to Griff for the fantastic layout & Ralph for continuing with the printing! Anyone keen to take-on newsletter co-ordinator's role after the AGM? It would be great for someone with reliable internet connection/computer, proofreading skills & the ability to organise the newsletter for printing and distribution on time! Contact me for details or nominate yourself at the AGM. *Rebekah*

General Community Info

Upcoming Meetings

- Goolawah Co-op Ltd AGM Saturday 6 October
- Agenda
- Approve 2013/14 Financial Report
- Current Board Steps Down & Election New Board
- Appoint/Confirm Co-ordinators
- Reports – DA, Roads, Membership, Machinery, other
- Proposals

Ordinary Resolution "We reserve a budget of \$4200 from our general funds to build a structure on the Fire Retreat / Evacuation Area on Red Hill."

Proposed and seconded unanimously by September 2014 Community Meeting

Rationale: A structure in this area is required as part of our DA conditions and Council want it addressed as a priority. A quote of \$3,580 was obtained from Macleay Valley Sheds for a 6m X 6m kit shed as a low-cost expedient solution. The 36m2 building near the playground can be multi-functional, offering opportunities for shade, seating, eating. The budget allows for kit, plumbing of gutters/existing rain tank, footings and some "beautification" of the structure in the future as people desire, e.g. adding earth-friendly or creative features. *Note:* Macleay Valley Shed quote seems competitive with other suppliers based on online research of prices.

- General Business

Working Bees – Sat 18 October & 20 December

Community Meetings – Sat 1 November & Sat 6 December

Craft Group – Monday mornings 10am – noon Camp Kitchen

Men's Shed – Thursday mornings

Summer Solstice Gathering – event??? – Sat 20 Dec

Newsletter Items Due – Sunday 7 December

General Meeting Sat 15 January 2015

NEW PIZZA OVEN

The new pizza oven is taking shape nicely and Roger says it will be ready in a few weeks.

How about an Equinox sports and pizza afternoon/evening Sunday 21st September from 2pm, bring your favourite toppings?



Spotted-tailed quoll

(*Dasyurus maculatus*)

Frank recently took some photos of a quoll investigating his chicken coop. After numerous quoll sightings, missing chooks, and photographic evidence, I thought it was time to get some details about this endangered carnivore that may have found a safe habitat at Goolawah.

Information from www.arkive.org/spotted-tailed-quoll/dasyurus-maculatus/factsheet

Known as spotted-tailed dasyure, spotted-tailed native cat, tiger cat, tiger quoll

Male weight: 3 - 7 kg

Female weight: 1.6 - 4 kg

Male head/body length: 45 - 51 cm

Female head/body length: 40.5 - 43 cm

Male tail length: 39 - 49 cm

Female tail length: 34 - 44 cm

The spotted-tailed quoll is a well-adapted carnivore and one of the most ferocious animals in the Australian bush. It has a physically strong body and strong teeth for slicing meat off its mammalian prey and crushing invertebrates. Of the six species of quolls, the spotted-tailed quoll is the largest, with males growing to almost a meter from head to tail. Quolls communicate using a variety of hisses, cries and screams, and the spotted-tailed quoll's cries sound like the noise of a circular saw. Despite its fierce behaviour, the spotted-tailed quoll is an attractive species. Superficially they resemble mongooses, and vary in appearance from reddish-brown to dark brown with distinctive white spots on the body and tail. They have short legs and a wide gape, making them slower runners than most other quolls. Males are larger than females but look similar in appearance.

Spotted-tailed quolls favour rainforest, closed canopy Eucalyptus forest, creek and river forest habitats but will also venture into adjoining woodlands and open pastureland in search of food. Den sites include caves, crevices and dens.

As might be expected this species is a capable hunter, on the ground and in the trees, and preys on small to medium-sized mammals including possums, bandicoots, pademelons, rats and gliders. It feeds on reptiles, birds and insects too, and is also known to be an opportunistic carrion feeder. This carnivorous marsupial kills its prey with a bite on or around the head, using its strong teeth and jaws.

This species is largely solitary and nocturnal, hunting at night, and resting underground or in hollow log dens during the day, though it does sometimes forage and bask in the sun during daylight hours. It is not a territorial mammal though females may maintain an exclusive area



while rearing her offspring. Home ranges are usually 500 hectares, which may overlap with others. Some research suggests individuals may even share dens, and therefore may not be as solitary as commonly assumed. Mating occurs between June and August. During this period, unmated females come into heat for about three days every three weeks. Copulation lasts up to eight hours, with the male grasping and licking the female's neck while she remains crouched with closed eyes and a lowered head. The gestation period is only 21 days, after which the female gives birth to an average of five young, which suckle in her pouch from September to October. They are then kept in a nest from November to January, protected by the female; the male has little contact with the offspring. After 18 weeks the young quolls are independent and reach maturity at the age of one year.

It has been said that the spotted-tailed quoll is naturally rare because it is a specialist mammal, requiring specific habitat and food sources, and because it competes for food with the eastern quoll, Tasmanian devil and introduced cats. It is also threatened by predation from introduced species such as foxes, feral cats, domestic cats and dogs. However, over the last 20 years, forest clearance has spread and become a serious threat to the spotted-tailed quoll with South-east Queensland losing 70% of its forest habitat during this short time.

For more information on the spotted-tailed quoll, visit:

- The Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment:

www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/BHAN-5373RD?open

- BBC Wildlife Finder:

www.bbc.co.uk/nature/species/Tiger_Quoll

The Power of the Goolawah Collective

Contributed by Mairead

One day recently I started to think about who our members are and listing out the skills and knowledge that Goolawah has brought together. In our membership we have engineers, electricians, mechanics, builders, plumber, welder, metal fabricator, carpenters, chef, artists, crafters, professional photographer, graphic designer, musicians, writers, printer, fitness trainers, translators/speakers of many languages including German / Spanish / French / Japanese, horticulturists, fire fighters, surveyors, scientists, ecologists, teachers in many subject areas, nurses, carers, alternative health practitioners, psychologist and counsellors, administrators, managers,. And there are many more members whose background I am not familiar with, so apologies if I have not mentioned you.

Not only do we have our members, but we also have all the people our members know which connects us into a much bigger web of skills, knowledge and resources. Not many people in society can say they are part of a network like this, and can approach people for advice or help from this range of people.

Recently through working I was struck by what an amazing resource we have available to us to solve problems and generate solutions. At the July meeting we were talking about road costs and road engineers and a member was able to ring his brother who is a civil engineer to give us information to help with our road decisions. This was a new member we had just ratified at that very meeting, welcome to the team! We also had members at that meeting with experience in road building and surveying who made valuable contributions. In the next August meeting we were talking about the requirement to do a geo-technical report for upgrading Nevertire Road, and again a member who have just been ratified at that meeting said he could help us to make contact with a Geo-technical firm in Coffs Harbour who he used to work with. We have also been exploring where to get legal advice and we were able to get the names of two solicitors experienced with multiple occupancies that members had prior experience of and could recommend. Another example of what we can achieve are the renovations at the camp kitchen and how within our members we have all the required people-power and skills to complete this job, including design, welding and carpentry.

Being part of a collective is challenging sometimes, but it does mean we have created a formidable force that we can bring to bear on any situation or adversity. Here's to Goolawah people power!!



New Members on Red Hill

Welcome to Mohini, Tarrik, Muki & Rami

Young family, happy to find community.

We wanted to spend these early, formative years with a focus on family. That's primarily what attracted Mohini and I to Goolawah. Secondly the areas of natural beauty and fantastic beaches sealed the deal. We hope to make Goolawah our permanent home in the near future. Earthworks on our spot on Red Hill have already made our dreams a reality. The other half of the equation, the people or "Goolies" continue to strengthen our resolve to push forward on this new adventure. It must be a sign of the strength and vitality of the community- as each member we meet shines- through their positive outlook, words and actions.

We hope to bring our own flavour to add to the pot and look forward to life in a vibrant community.

Tarrik

Classified

Bus for Sale

1980 Mercedes 0303 Coach. V8 Diesel, mechanically sound but needs work for rego. Would be ideal as a weekender/temporary housing on Goolawah. Has most things you need, kitchen, lounge, QS bed, bathroom, laundry. HWS & power system. See Kev or phone 0429639072

July General Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/7/2014. Commenced: 9.15am. Location: Machinery Shed.

Facilitator: Craig. Minutes: Denise.

Attendance: Denise, Craig, Dennis, Wayne, Ralph, Larry, Griff, Bronwyn, Mark, Roger, Belinda, Alwyn, Mairead, Rob, Michael, Russel, John T, Deb, Frank, Anne T, Greg, Peter F, Paul, Rose, Lexie, Marty.

Apologies: Anne W, Rebekah.

Visitors: Louise and Tony, Jo.

Previous Community Meeting minutes (7/6/14): not discussed

Previous General Meeting minutes (5/4/14): Confirmed - passed unanimously

Business Arising: Insurance (see Secretary's Report)

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

• Insurance – Eagle had responded to scenarios. Anything happening on building sites is not covered. Tabled response from Eagle Insurance Brokers. Anne W also contacted Sydney company - only \$570??? – quote seems too low. Oxley Insurance Brokers unable to do both.

Eagle Insurance Brokers quote - \$2170 (land \$10 million), approx. \$300 more for \$20 million. \$1450 (\$1 million for office holders and directors).

Need more information regarding distinction made between sites and community land.

TOTAL Policy Cost: \$3620.00

Need to complete Risk Assessment once policy is in place.

Each member is responsible for insurance on individual share (council requires public liability of \$20 million). For individual insurance can we investigate a 'job lot'? Bundagen – recent push to make it compulsory for all individuals to take out own insurance.

By-Law will need to be amended. What about Wwoofas?

Proposal:

To continue process of securing insurance for policy property ownership liability and professional person liability and pay up to \$4500.

PASSED Unanimously.

ACTION: Ralph to follow up all matters related to insurance.

• Email from Cindy read to meeting - Refusing to pay levies until road is removed from Site 44 – requesting a response.

Discussion – The end of Three Island Road infringes on Cindy's share by approx. 5m. Occurred due to turning circle required on all Cul de Sacs.

ACTION: Ralph to respond via email regarding slight moving of boundary. Will still be required to pay levies. All agreed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Details for financial year have been sent to accountant – will be ready for AGM. Treasurer's Report tabled (attach). Need to be mindful of where monies are kept – not locking up in Term Deposits.

Ingrid / Jackie Rada - if no response will be in default on share at AGM.

Should we include the names of members in Newsletters if they are behind with payments? Need to be mindful of shaming people as reasons for non-payment can be so varied. Payments can be slow coming but tend to come in eventually.

Greg commented Fair Trading expects people to be active members.

Non-Trading Co-Ops do not have to have a yearly audit. Even so, it's still worth doing for members and accountability. Accountants provide invaluable advice and information.

John explained we haven't been having a full audit – referred to as a review (approx. \$1600 for Full Annual Report).

DA REPORT (Mairead):

Received a letter from council with modified conditions (on website). Response required by 22 June – Dave has requested more time.

What needs to happen:

- Fire Conditions – require building (not a shelter or retreat) on fire evacuation area on Red Hill (can be one sided structure – must meet building standards – requires DA – Anne was following up). What do we want to build? Can use plastic tank already there. Suggestion – pavilion style with a picnic table near playground. Organise a meeting on-site before next meeting (develop a plan). Signage for fire trail – Michael following up with RFS. Need Fire Management Plan – Mairead to send around draft plan.
- 20 m managed area required on northern side of connecting road. Need to be aware of this and keep this area maintained and extended. Frank and Michael to investigate this further. Not required immediately by council. \$1500 per day per acre for mulcher. Future project.
- Outstanding DAs are completed (all but one – in hand)
- Council requires DA on second sites.
- Roads – Kirsty hasn't had a lot of time to follow up. Mairead has spoken to Dennis Partners – no movement on Structural Engineering Report as yet (Josh will work with Goolawah) - Dave to follow up. Do we need to seek further legal advice? Yes we do - as is necessary. May need to consider options and avenues. Seek out free advice initially – Mairead.

Rob Doolan looked at conditions. Timing of meeting deadlines – Illalangi needs to be dedicated before Occupancy Certificates granted.

Council expectation - All buildings on Goolawah require DA.

Proposal: No more illegal buildings allowed since DA approved.

ABSTAIN: 2

AGAINST: Nil

Low Cost Rural Land Sharing – acknowledgement this is a precious commodity.

Looks like council will propose to transfer Crown Roads to council – waiting for clarity from council regarding precise location of road.

If struggling with council fees need to approach council individually regarding a payment plan.

Section 94 (Road Contribution) must be paid before getting Construction Certificate. Is this the norm in the broader community?

ROAD REPORT:

Mark recently did pot holing – thank you. \$45 trailer load (Kempsey). Agreed to get another trailer load to finish pot holing.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Application from James and Aliesha. Suggestion to be able to pay deposit to hold site ie. \$7000 to Goolawah.

Tony Roberts and Louise Watters – all monies paid (Vincent Ryan's share). Donated Macadamia tree.

Ratified as members and approved share transfer – passed unanimously.

MOVED: Mairead

SECONDED: Ralph

Julica and Peter looking at a second share.

Peter Neilson's share has become available (next to Calum's) – on website.

Lot 75 also on website.

Pauline has decided not to proceed with Cindy's site / membership.

Discussion regarding posting prices on the website. Grey area? More thought required.

FIRE TRUCK REPORT:

All ok. Battery charging.

Burning off ban could be starting as early as 1st August.

TRACTOR REPORT:

Tractor is going ok.

WORK LEVY CLAIMS:

New proforma to be posted on website.

Following passed:

Stewart – 16 hours

Anne Tennock – 2 hours

Mairead and Peter – 4 hours

Russell – 51 hours – question re fuel reduction behind site. Other members don't claim this. Recommend submitting levy claim quarterly.

Dennis – 14 hours

Rob – 12 hours

Myumi - 12 hours

Michael – 10 hours

Justin – 12 hours

Leah – 12 hours

Sue L – 8.75 hours

Discussion regarding slashing fire breaks – can we estimate area to be slashed? Not really possible due to varying weather conditions.

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'.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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).

AGAINST:1 PASSED

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).

Discussion: People owing a significant amount of money – can they start paying quarterly and work out a payment plan?

Any payments will be applied to the oldest invoice (no exceptions).

Expectation people will pay annual levy quarterly.

Will receive a statement with interest detailed (if appropriate).

John has a SIM card specifically for Goolawah.

Hardship – not really getting any requests. Most contact has been confirming what's owed. Most are paying fees owed. Some are disconnected and only paying a small amount. Some members had lost track. Items need to be distinct and members need to know what payment is being applied to.

Anything overdue should attract a 1.5% per month interest charge.

After 2 years – lose right to be a member if inactive. Should we implement a 6 month grace period?

Mairead read out Rule – definition of 'financial' ie must pay by due date. Paying \$20 off a \$3000 bill doesn't keep you active.

Bundagen pay 8%pa interest. Pay ahead receive \$2 week discount/reduction. If don't pay ahead incur \$2 debt (ie 8%). Automatic deductions are used.

Concern regarding poor getting poorer. Payment Plan - sign an agreement to pay a certain amount eg. direct debit \$10 week. One person has set up a direct debit to pay off debt.

Directors have access to who is owing money. Noted – not all Directors have seen this.

Berangi – publish who owes levies in newsletter. Charge 10%pa interest.

Everyone is part of the community regardless of whether they permanently live at Goolawah or not. There is an expectation members will eventually live at Goolawah as a permanent resident. Engagement is important.

FOR: 14 AGAINST: 1 proxy, 3 ABSTAIN: 3 PASSED

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.

Discussion: Able to work off interest.

Paid back by direct transfer if work off Annual Levy, and paid within first quarter.

Annual levy: \$10p/h

Work levy: \$15p/h

ABSTAIN: 3 PASSED

SPECIAL RESOLUTION I

To amend rule Annual Subscription 17A to read:

Members will 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 site 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.

Discussion: Now 10 shares as second block ie. \$5000 Annual Levies.

In the past paid \$500 each, now \$500 per share. What about members who want to do something else with a second block? eg. market garden. One member already has a market garden on one share. If you have multiple shares you should be able to afford \$500 levy per share.

The community loses \$500 per share when members have a second share. With 78 shares we can potentially have 78 families.

Special Resolution needs to be seen by Department of Fair Trading. Wording needs to be clarified. Can only be a member once. Two shares should be entitled to 2 votes.

Road use and number of vehicles owned may require further discussion.

Council regards each site as a potential development. May need to re-visit owning 4 shares. When a share becomes available next door members are considering a second share.

Is it a mistake in our Rules to be able to have 4 shares? eg. 20 small farms changes the Goolawah concept. Should be a disincentive to have

more than one share.

FOR: 11 (5 proxies) AGAINST: 4 (1 proxy) ABSTAIN: 2 PASSED

ACTION: Bronwyn and Ralph to follow up with Fair Trading

RESOLUTION 5

That there be a road levy for the 2014/15 financial year and that the value will be decided at the 5 July 2014 General meeting.

Amended Resolution: \$500 per site to be dedicated to Nevertie Road DA Fund over 2014/15. Payable 365days after invoice received.

Discussion: Road maintenance fund and DA fund should be kept separate.

DA fund could be identified as tarred road fund. Planning and thinking ahead is the key. Current levies – there are more outstanding than paid. Maintenance is very dependent on weather conditions.

Currently there is no quarantining of DA preparation fund. Possibly up against a \$1600 road levy for a number of years.

Council has requested we come up with a plan to meet their standards (not negotiable). Need to get preliminaries done ie. Survey (ask Dennis Partners), get a quote from George, and then go back to council to negotiate.

AGAINST: 1 (2 proxies (original proposal) PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Deck and Mens' Shed – profiles ready to go in next week. Frank has welded up piers. Timber to be delivered next week. Going well.

Invoices for decking frame and flooring: Total \$6219.89

Approved at previous meeting.

Wayne is meeting with Port Macquarie Mens' Shed coordinator.

Opportunity to access grants, insurance, Work for the Dole.....(to be discussed at next meeting).

- Letter to National Park regarding trail through the swamp (can they complete). Craig and family recently walked track. NP efforts to keep clear have back fired – can't access anymore.

ACTION: Frank and Ralph to write a letter to NP.

- Letter from Justin and Leah regarding dam and the quality of water (Rob read out the letter). Concern regarding health to the family. Request a response within 4 weeks. If not, further action will be pursued.

Craig and Paul provided background to the issue. Justin & Leah had previously sent a letter to council. Daniel Trotter (Septic Officer) has been to investigate – focus was on composting toilets. Received a positive response from council (verbal) – no follow up report or further correspondence has been received. Craig's family have not been unwell from swimming in the dam. Rob asked if the nutrient level had changed over the last 18 months – Craig explained this was dependent on rainfall events. Other questions - Is algae still present? Is there anything involving human activity and waste within 40 meters of the dam? Algal growth can be explained. Ducks can be an issue. Reducing duck and kangaroo access....to be considered. Discussed water testing (approx. \$150 - dam owners to pay?). Testing provides a reading at a point in time. This could become a bigger community issue. Please read guidelines regarding composting toilets (Mairead to post on website).

ACTION: Directors to provide a written reply within 4 weeks to Leah and Justin based on the meeting's discussion.

- Hair care and beard cuts – Anne T has offered free haircuts and beard trims.

- Draft Code of Conduct – Denise attempted to initiate a discussion around the Code of Conduct (draft). Denise had emailed the Treasurer, Directors and some members involved in the Mens' Shed to raise concerns around the behaviour of a member. The meeting was closed due to discussion becoming too heated. Before the meeting was closed it was agreed the Code of Conduct (draft) needed to be discussed at a future meeting. The Code of Conduct (draft) was posted on the website for comment earlier this year.

Meeting Closed: 2.45pm

August Community Meeting

Date: 2/8/2014 Commenced: 9.30am

Location: Machinery Shed Facilitator: Craig Minute Take: Denise

Attendance: Denise & Dennis Cobourn, Bronwyn Little, Wayne Ellis, Mairead Shorten, Craig Singleman (Chair), John Tennock, Ralph Erthel, Lexie Gonzalez, Mark Doonan, Russell Childs, Dave Launt, Paul Martin, Alwyn Hunter, Callum Lanson, Michael Clancy, Kevin Harper, Stuart Plogher.

Apologies: Rebekah Singleman, Griff, Roger and Belinda Ball, Tony Roberts and Louise Watter.

Visitors: Sarah Finlayson, Crow Tribe, James Galletly, Alicia Fox

Previous minutes: July GM minutes to be approved at AGM.

Business arising:

1. Amendment of Rule Annual Subscription 17A – Bronwyn submitted – approval from Fair Trading received.

ACTION: Bronwyn to advise Sue Loudon of rule change, and advise Fair Trading of Goolawah Co-operative's new lot number.

2. Letter to National Parks - Frank & Ralph – in process.

3. Response letter to Justin & Leah re dam water quality – Mairead circulated a draft response. Additional information – Craig has dam water tap in kitchen. Some people drank water before taps labelled 'Not Suitable for Drinking' – didn't get sick. Unclear re who pays for water testing? Ask Justin and Leah to be more specific regarding any actions / include options in letter.

ACTION: Mairead to email draft letter to Director's for finalising before sending.

4. Code of Conduct (draft) – place on AGENDA for Community Meeting 6th September in business arising. Request for members to make any comments on sheets posted in kitchen re;

- Code of Conduct (Draft) – comments may also be made on the website.

- Dispute Resolution Officer/s – appoint at AGM

- Meeting Protocols

ACTION: Comments due by 30th August. Denise will collate for discussion at September meeting.

'Creating Communities' Book by Diana Leafe Christian – publish her proposed 'Dispute Resolution' steps in next newsletter.

Noted: Draft By-Laws still requiring action – to be reviewed by members and approved at a meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Rate Notice received \$3,700. Insurance update – covered for \$20 million at no extra cost. Individuals need to seek out own cover. Risk Assessment - costs money – is it necessary?

Ralph emailed Cindy – John advised Cindy has paid up to date.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Copies of Report circulated. Report to be posted on website. Important to identify yourself when making a payment. Plan to start listing actual item in expenditure Kitchen / building project – currently spent approx. \$10,000. Some confusion as whether budget approved is \$12,000 or \$20,000 (confirm for next meeting). Audit in progress. Members who have two shares have been invoiced for annual levies for second share. Lyle's share – did a letter go to Lyle? – unsure. He hasn't paid any extra to date. Ingrid has made contact and is now paid up to date. Still waiting for promised payments from Jackie Rada.

DA REPORT:

(acknowledge Mairead's input into reviewing DA Report post meeting)

A detailed 7-page DA report will be available on website with minutes. Article to go in Newsletter. Complex issue, members asked to read report & DA documentation on Goolawah's & Council's website to stay informed. Mairead sought direction from meeting on how much time/detail people wanted – mixed views, a detailed report was given to meeting.

DA Committee to meet regularly, members welcome to attend.

Council's May meeting voted to modify our electricity, telephone and road conditions. Supply of telephone and electricity to all lots/building envelopes no longer a condition to be met (this is a typical sub-division condition but we are a SEPP 15 development so we are not required to do this). Road conditions also changed, all-weather standard OK now for Illa Langi; Nevertire still to be upgraded; more detail later.

Of the 23 DA Consent conditions attached to our DA – 17 now resolved, 6 remain outstanding, of which road conditions are the most challenging:

Condition No. 3 - DA applications required for Existing structures – Only one outstanding, Leah's/Justin's second site, they have made contact with Council, in hand. Thanks to everyone for getting their paperwork in.

Condition No. 22 - Fire Conditions -

Main requirement remaining is building for fire retreat / evacuation area of Red Hill. Dave – Quotes from Macleay Valley Sheds for one sided colourbond shed –\$3580 for 6mX6m or \$3000 for 3mX6m; \$2600 for them to erect. Position – near the green water tank. Can become a BBQ / social area and earth-friendly creative features added later. Mairead researched kit pavilions – all involve wooden structure, not as cheap as shed. Shed option can be put as proposal to AGM. If anyone has an alternative costed design and plan of who/how to build then put forward as a proposal for consideration. Once design finalised, need to submit DA application in advance of any building work.

Fire Trail Signage: Michael to confer with Wayne and craft group.

Bushfire Works Management Plan completed and circulated about how we fund and organise Bushfire Works

Conditions No. 4, 12, 13, 14 - Road conditions - most challenging.

Summary of Road Conditions (more detail available on DA report on website):

- Illa-Langi Road - All weather standard – no longer needs to be class 3 sealed. It is a crown road that still needs to be dedicated to Council and maintained by us forever.

- Nevertire Rd – Conditions still worded as upgrade to Class 3. These road classes are used by Council for subdivisions. Class 3, called a Local Road, is for access roads servicing a maximum of 50 potential dwellings with 20-200 vehicles movements a day (VPD). Characteristics are: 6m wide seal, 1m shoulder, 20m road reserve with a design speed of 80km an hour. In contrast, a Class 2 road is a Rural Laneway, 4m wide gravel with a speed of 40-60km.

Council argue the number of dwellings in the development and car movements created as a result on the road mean Nevertire should be upgraded to a class 3 road. We argue a Class 3 road is not reasonable or financially feasible. We are not a sub-division, we do not buy/sell land like sub-divisions do, we do not sell undeveloped land for big profits. It is a rural area surrounded by all-weather roads. We have two potential access roads which reduces our VPD. 80km an-hour highway is not safe for a quiet residential road with cattle grazing on the sides. Council have indicated willingness to accept some compromise in design, e.g. to work within existing road widths; but Council want at least 1.5km sealed. Our preferred option is an all weather road, if necessary consider sealing 0.5km adjacent to neighbours properties for dust mitigation. Consultation with neighbours should be part of our road proposal.

Met with Dennis Partners Road Engineers (Josh) to discuss ways forward, costs and design options. Estimate approx. \$6000 (\$4000 preliminary design + \$2000 to complete).

Survey (\$2000 approx) – Dennis Partners need this as first step for design. Surveyor options are Graham Sawyer (previously did surveying work for Goolawah) or Peter Phyllis (recommended by Dennis Partners). Our members to do as much ground work as possible.

Geo-technical Report (\$2000 - \$3000 approx). Can come later after road design approved by Council. Involves taking core samples to determine depth of fill required. James, new member, has worked with



Coffs Harbour firm – will make enquiries.

Fund-raising options for road upgrade - neighbours contribute (some legal precedence for this), grants, raffles. Post ideas on website forum.

Road building cost depends on what design Council will accept. Under current Council conditions - cost could be as much as \$6,000 to \$8,000 per share. Estimates for road upgrading vary from \$600,000 from George McKweon road contractor to \$350,000 from Tarrik's brother, a Brisbane civil engineer, if get Council preferential rates for materials.

Recent Correspondence with Council and our responses circulated to the meeting. Council are pressuring for outstanding conditions to be met immediately and to firm up completion dates. Emergency Directors Meeting held to prepare a required response to Council for 16.7.14 detailing steps taken, who we are liaising with and completion dates for outstanding conditions where possible and again highlighting completion dates are not available for road conditions. Council have since contacted Crown Lands and Dennis Partners to ensure we are acting.

Council are currently withholding Building Certificates for existing structures until Road Conditions are met.

2 page document available to provide guidance for members on making DA applications to council for a new dwelling (see website – started by Anne W, updated by Mairead).

Discussion of legal advice options. Free legal advice sought, see report, useful but limited, more in-depth advice recommended, we need to know our legal position in a number of areas for future negotiations with Council; Council have sought their own legal advice on our case. Council need to accept reasonable timeframes and what is financially feasible, we need to show willingness to comply and take action, doing nothing is not an option. Solicitors with multiple occupancy experience identified: Warick Smith in Nambucca and Worth Wall in Mullumbimby. Al Hunter offered to investigate lawyers in Newcastle if required.

ACTION:

Step 1 - Contact solicitor (Warwick Smith first, then Worth Wall) for legal advice.

Step 2 - pending legal advice, contact surveyor and Dennis Partners to progress road design

Have multiple DA committee members at meetings where possible.

Proposal: Approve budget of \$500 for next month to 'get ball rolling' ie. seek legal advice. Approved unanimously.

BIG THANK YOU to Committee and Mairead for all the DA work.

Road Report: Pot Holing completed on link road.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

- Lexie approved to join Membership Committee.
- Late Brian Saul – Verity Gill (inherited) - making application (Bronwyn).
- Recent enquiry – visiting August (has been provided with some guidance).
- Share Transfer from Mark Hawking to Peter O'Hara. Existing member acquiring second share. Approved: unanimous.

- Second share for Callum – in the process of acquiring Peter Neilson's share.

- James Galletly and Alicia Fox – completed application process for membership. Proposed (Mairead), Seconded (Ralph): To ratify James Galletly and Alicia Fox as members and approve Share Transfer from Tracy Somerville to them. Approved: unanimous. Aim to be permanent residents within a couple of months.

MACHINERY REPORTS

Fire Truck Report: All OK.

Key signatory for shipping container is Justin (ROMER LOCKS). Need an extra key.

ACTION: Michael to check with Larry how to go about this. Discuss with Justin.

Large Steel Water Tank gifted by National Parks to form a mobile fire fighting trailer - at Paul and Anne's place – very heavy – need to work out how to move.

Tractor Report: Losing transmission fluid. Mark has contacted mechanic. If you need to use the tractor, check fluid and be careful as the 3 point linkage is dropping.

Work Levy Claims:

Wayne & Bronwyn – 6 hours (sighted by John)

Ralph – 92 hours. (secretary, community's printing including all materials, road works....)

Griff – 12 hours

Mark & Lexie - 8 hours

Michael – 3 hours

All claims approved.

Reminder: All claims need to be sighted by John. Please submit prior to the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Deck Update (Wayne) – fantastic response from the community. Progressing well. About 3 more sessions will see the project near completion. No further major costs expected for deck stage – some nails... Ongoing oil maintenance will be required. Slab poured for pizza oven.

Men's Shed (Wayne) – not an actual space at present. Nominating a space – provides \$5000 cover for theft, \$100,000 insurance. Grants available. General rule – about \$8000 grant to set up a Men's Shed eg. generator, solar, shower.... An established Men's Shed will have a flow on benefit to the community. Roger (President), Frank (Vice President), Wayne (Secretary), Larry (Treasurer). Plan to meet with Lions Club in Crescent Head and council. 15 – 18 participants to date. Insurance - \$30 per head per annum. Waiting for confirmation of registration of the Goolawah Men's Shed. Men's Shed representative has met with the group on two occasions. Steel storage rack to be donated to Goolawah. Agreed not to claim Men's Shed as community work hours. Centrelink – Work for the Dole (meets activity requirement for Men's Shed members). Strong membership puts the group in a better position to gain grants.

Working Bee 16th August - Reducing fuel load along the northern side of the connecting road from the Kitchen to Red Hill – to be part of next working bee. Kitchen deck upgrade. Put date on notice board for 9am start - Bronwyn. Any ideas - place on kitchen noticeboard.

Summary of your life in the community (Russell) – 1 to 2 minutes each meeting?

Mairead mentioned Louise has offered to help out with meeting processes and mediation. Other members who participated in the Non-violent Communication workshop, such as Anne W, Lexie, Rebekah have also indicated they may be able to help out with dispute resolution, mediation, etc. Craig offered to help and Dave Launt offered to do mediation if called upon.

Newsletter items due 7th September.

Meeting Closed: 12.15pm

September Community Meeting

Machinery Shed – 6th September 2014 – *Commenced: 9.15am*

Minute Taker: Mairead & Anne

Chair/Facilitator: Craig

Attendance: Ralph Erthel, Mairead Shorten, Craig Singleman, Anne Wilson, Wayne Ellis, Bronwyn Little, Callum Lawson, Dave Launt, Isbhel Keenan, Lexie Gonzalez, Griff, Mohini Browngedge, Kevin Harper, Roger and Belinda Ball, Russell Childs

(People who attended August meeting please check if you picked up meeting attendance book in error)

Visitors: Callum's son in law, James (prospective member)

Apologies: Issac Ryan, Louise Watter and Tony Roberts, Denise Coburn

Approval of Minutes: *Moved by Mairead, seconded by Craig that August Community/Directors meeting minutes be approved and June Community/Directors meeting minutes be approved with the following amendment "membership ratification of Tarrik Morssi and Mohini Browngedge and the transfer of two shares from John Harkins to them was passed unanimously". Passed unanimously.*

Business arising from last meeting:

- Bronwyn to advise Sue Loudon of rule change – *done*
- Bronwyn to advise Fair Trading of Goolawah Cooperative's new lot number – *Bron will do so once we have sorted our new address. See general business.*
- Response to Justin & Leah re dam water – *reviewed and sent, see general business*
- Letter to National Parks - Frank & Ralph.
Not done yet. Revisit when a draft is complete.
- Code of Conduct, Dispute Resolution Officer/s, Meeting Protocols – feedback from meeting held on 23.8.14 (Lexi, Mairead, Tony, Louise, Bronwyn & Denise attended) - *see General Business*
- Extra key for shipping container (Michael). Issac arranged to be new signatory. Currently two keys held by Roger and Mark. One additional key to be cut and held by Issac. Anyone else who needs a key let meeting know. Key access restricted to protect community assets in container and manage diesel paid for by the community
- Draft By-Laws still requiring action – *Review and workshopping to be arranged*

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Council rates paid.
- Notification from Council that we have an approved system waste management system (dry composting toilet and grey water) on our property and the annual charge arising from that is included in our rates. Charge \$61 for single dwelling, other rates given for commercial premises – not specified what was levied or location of system, just our overall lot number given – presumed to be camp kitchen or a general ratepayers notification sent per property.
- Notification from Department of Fair Trading recent rule change has been ratified (annual levies now per share rather than per membership).
- Share number error for Michael Moey sorted out.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer's report tabled.
- Available funds – \$138,026 (\$98,102.54 in Cheque A/c and \$39,923.66 in Investment A/c)
- Request that treasury report be circulated to directors in advance of meeting when possible to give a chance to digest contents.
- Jackie Rada will be "inactive" before October AGM. Repeated promises to pay have not eventuated. Treasurer will send final notices.
- Discussion of system for budget allocations and monitoring proposed by Treasurer. Allocate budgets for major expenditure areas (current major areas: DA Road Requirements, Camp Kitchen up-grade,

Building on Red Hill), budget expenditure reported regularly by treasurer, budget allocations reviewed at general meetings to ensure they are still appropriate/possible, contact treasurer to get a purchase order number for any purchases over \$1000 to ensure funds are available and purchase is within current allocated budget. Moved by Anne and Seconded by Chair, recommendations made by treasurer be adopted – passed unanimously.

Anne takes over Minute Taking

DA REPORT:

- DA Report Tabled.
- Bron, Dave and Mairead met with lawyer Warwick Smith. The following options were identified:
 - Option A:* Appeal current Section 96 Modification through a Land Environment Court, Conciliatory Conference, Section 34. \$10,000 - \$15,000, may have to pay Council costs if we loose
 - Option B:* Lodge a new Section 96 application to modify and appeal through a conciliatory conference if not happy with determination.
 - Option C:* Back to negotiations with Council with lawyer on board. If we cannot come to a reasonable agreement then revert to Option A or B. Negotiations with Council on an hourly basis and will need some time to prepare, \$350 an hour+GST, office overheads to be covered, but is not in it for the money.
- Following discussion of options and negotiation positions, *moved by Chair, seconded by Mairead: to proceed with Option C: passed unanimously.*
- *Moved by Chair, seconded by Mairead: to approve up to \$6600 for Graeme Sawyer (or competitor if cheaper) to survey Nevertire Rd: passed unanimously.*
- *Moved by Chair, seconded by Mairead: to approve proposal for October AGM: "We reserve a budget of \$4200 from our general funds to build a structure on the Fire Retreat / Evacuation Area on Red Hill." Passed unanimously. Meeting next Saturday morning 9am at Ishbel and Luke's to discuss options for building.*
- Council treat each site as separate entity, discussion of possibility of merging sites when adjoining sites are held by one member – affected members to investigate if interested.

ROAD REPORT:

- Illa Langi looking great after 6" of rain! Graders working on Maria River Rd, Port end.
- Will hold off further road works until decision reached re Nevertire.
- Big thanks to Mark for quality pot-holing work.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

- *Moved by Mairead, seconded by Chair: to transfer share from Peter Neilson to Callum Lawson. Passed unanimously.* This is a second share for Callum, so no joining fee applies. Peter wishes us well and is gifting \$1000 from share capital towards community building development.
- *Moved by Anne, seconded by Chair: to spend \$500 on camp kitchen and \$500 on building on Red Hill fire shelter/evacuation area. Passed unanimously.*
- Crow Tribe has submitted a membership application; he is currently away, but when he returns will commence conversations with council and site search.
- Shares available: Cindy, Brian Hardy, Bill Hardy and Lexie and Mark's 2nd site.

MACHINERY REPORTS:

- Community chainsaw is being kept with Mark – see him if you want it for community use.
- Let the treasurer know how many hours you use the tractor for private use so it can be levied to you (excludes slashing).
- Mechanic came out to check tractor - still leaking oil but not as much. Working fine, but battery on the way out. Hook the solar charger up when you're done with it.
- John to include tractor budget in overall budget.

Keep eyes out for a tandem trailer for the steel water tank – men's shed to pursue?

Work Claims / Expenses:

- Bronwyn passed around sample levy claim form layout.
- Claim Bronwyn – 6 Hours DA, 3 hours Code of Conduct workshop, \$30 Petrol expenses driving members to solicitor appointment in Urunga. *Approved unanimously.*
- Claim Mairead/Peter – 6 hours Working bees, 3 hours Membership committee, 20 hours DA. \$30.96 Expenses (Camp kitchen: First Flush Diverter; Rainwater Sign, Gas Lighter). *Approved unanimously.*
- Mairead to contact Vivienne regarding making her site slashable.
- **Updated approved community jobs list:**
- Slashing agreed community areas (e.g. fire breaks, fire trails, fence-lines, road sides, evacuation/sports field areas)
- Clearing fallen branches/trees to facilitate slashing of approved community areas
- Weed eradication
- Repairs to toilet at camp kitchen – URGENT

*** 11.00am. Break for morning tea ***

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Visitors: Callum Lawson introduced his son-in-law James who is interested in a share.

Code of Conduct: Draft passed around. Discussion regarding final sentence and consequences for breaches. Altered 'will' to 'may'. *Moved by Mairead, seconded by Chair: to adopt altered Code of Conduct, with a review in 6 months. Passed unanimously.*

Director's Roles and Responsibilities: Passed around draft, open for comment (send to Mairead), to be voted on at AGM.

Coloured card system for meeting participation: Passed around card examples, different colours to non-verbally represent member's positions during a meeting. *Moved by Lexie, seconded by Chair: to print and laminate a set of 30 to trial at the next three community meetings. Passed unanimously.*

Gratitude Round. *Moved by Anne, seconded by Chair, to include a gratitude round at the end of meeting. Passed unanimously.*

Rentals and visitors: Problems with renters in Bundagen. Reminder that renting is not permitted under SEPP 15. Reminder that members are responsible for their visitors, especially when you have visitors and you are not present. Lexie to remind Deb to go through the relevant visitor process.

Our address: Distance of Illa Langi from Crescent Head Road junction is 1291m. Straw vote on postal systems: a) 1 box on Maria/Illa Langi, with an informal box on Red Hill and West gate; b) Individual street addresses (eg 3 Red Hill Rd). Voted in favour of option a). Griff can you make another beautiful box for Red Hill please? Will adopt address 1293 Maria River Rd (to avoid any confusion with 1297).

Minute taking resumed by Mairead.

Clarification of community owned machinery – tractor and implements (2 slashers, pipe ripper, auger), chainsaw, cement mixer, fire truck.

North Gate Works. Budget up to \$400 approved next time George is here with suitable machinery to sort through large burn piles with a view to clearing, getting rid of weeds and making slashing easier.

Animal Habitat. When clearing / tidying up dead wood, please be mindful that logs / piles that seem a nuisance may be homes for native animals. Request logs that could provide hollows / nesting be moved outside of slashable areas where possible.

Justin/Leah's Complaint about Dam Water. Justin contacted Mairead after last meeting to follow-up on community response to their complaint and provided clarification of issues from their point of view. They consider Toilet/Greywater systems on adjoining sites to be impacting dam water, they want those sites to use Council-approved systems and intend making another complaint to Council to this effect.

Mediation options were proposed to/by parties. Parties have different views on the issues and how to proceed. Adjoining sites use the dam water without issue and don't believe their systems impact dam water quality. Craig advised they are submitting details of their existing and planned systems to Council for approval. Anne advised their systems are not in the catchment area for the dam shared with Justin/Leah which appears to be accepted by Justin/Leah. *Discussion on:* whether it is a private or community issue; standards and best practice of systems; dam water testing; impact of members' actions on the community; detrimental consequences and costs for the community arising from complaints made by members to Council.

Community Toilet Structure needs urgent repairs – working bee, men's shed, volunteers.

- Permission granted for James/Alicia to store materials in Machinery shed for 6 months. Will remove if space is required for community purposes. Thanks given for asking first.

Kitchen Upgrade: Deck on Camp Kitchen progressing well. Clarification this is a community project and anyone can participate in work sessions.

Men's Shed: Just received notice of incorporation. Completing paperwork for membership of Men's Shed Association and Centrelink "work for dole" accreditation. Aim is to benefit Goolawah and members and get access to resources. To have discussions on how it is all going to work and will revert to the community for consultation, e.g. managing projects and participation of community members.

Wildlife spotting report for NPWS. Two spotted quolls at Red Hill, dead raven at Machinery shed, two echidnas on road-side at north gate and Goldmine Hill.

Bindi Weeds / Burrs. Some at camp kitchen - address next working bee. Soft burrs forming now, important time to check sites and community areas, dig out before burrs mature into sharp spikes and spread to areas of Goolawah that are burr free.

Final Gratitude Round. People offered thanks for what is going on in the community. Thanks given for members and visitors who helped out with: decking, pizza oven, Men's shed, transforming camp kitchen, DA and Council, treasury, new letter box, slashing, meeting facilitation, pizza cooking, newsletter, craft morning attendance, morning tea for meeting, respectful conduct at meetings, helping new members, helping members with grey water systems, attended working bees, donation of money and time to the community.

Meeting Closed: 1.00pm

Please keep Goolawah free of burrs

Over time people have inadvertently brought burrs home from town on their shoes and tyres. Grass verges on the streets of Kempsey and Port Macquarie have burr-type weed in abundance. They go by different names, some people call it Bindi weed, grass burrs. It is easy to spot in short grass as it is a deep green colour, with small feathery leaves reminiscent of parsley. In spring it forms large round seeds with soft spikes which makes it really easy to identify. These seeds dry out into burrs with sharp spikes during the summer. They stick in everything – tyres, shoes, clothes, feet, skin, animals, ouch!!! One of the pleasures of Goolawah is the freedom to be barefooted and sit on the grass. Please do your bit to keep Goolawah burr free so adults and children can continue to enjoy this pleasure. Look out for burr weeds on people's sites and community areas. It usually starts on regularly used walking or driving paths as the burrs become dislodged from people's shoes and tyres. If caught early it is easy to manage. The longer you leave it the more it spreads. Spring is a great time to dig it out before the burrs mature into hard spikes and spread over summer. If you don't know what it looks like ask someone to help you identify it.

DA Report

August 2014 Meeting

At the end of May, Kempsey Council's made a decision on our Section 96 application and modified our telephone, electricity and road conditions. All other conditions attached to our development consent are manageable and have been or are being addressed.

Telephone and electricity conditions were changed. We no longer need to provide evidence of supply to each site, just that capacity exists in the area if supply is desired in the future. Evidence of this has already been provided, so those conditions are now sorted.

In terms of road conditions, Illa Langi is now only required to be to an all-weather standard, but we still need to organise ownership to be transferred from Crown Lands to Council and do up an agreement to maintain it forever. The requirement to upgrade Nevertire Road still stands. There is also a new condition that we maintain the Crown road from our west gate entrance to our North Gate entrance forever.

Council has been agitating for urgent action on outstanding conditions since June, including threatening us with legal action. It is now 18 months since our DA was approved in April 2013. The outstanding conditions are: roads, one outstanding individual DA application for existing structure and some elements of the fire condition. The outstanding DA application and fire condition elements are being addressed. Council want urgent action on submitting a design for the building in the fire retreat / evacuation area of Red Hill, budget and design to be finalised at the AGM.

Of 23 conditions originally set out in our DA we are down to arguing with Council about one sub-condition of Condition 4, and that is the interpretation of the Class 3 road standard required for our access road, which Council have now nominated as Nevertire rather than Illa Langi. We are currently working towards drafting a proposal to upgrade Nevertire in a way that is: reasonable for the site characteristics, suitable to the required functions of the road, is within our financial means and is completed over a time frame that allows us to raise funds from our members with consideration of their economic profile. This process involves legal advice, surveying the road and a road design by a road engineer. Preliminary free legal advice was received from a number of sources, and we had a meeting with experienced multiple occupancy lawyer, Warwick Smith, to advise and assist us. An initial meeting was held with Joshua of Dennis Partners Road Engineers, he quoted \$4,000 to do a ground work and produce a preliminary design. Surveyors East Coast GPS who previously did our survey work quoted \$6,000 to survey Nevertire, a second quote to come.

In terms of individual DA's, members with existing structures are continuing to work through the conditions associated with their development consents. Many members have completed all required conditions and are awaiting building certificates for their existing structures.

Building Certificates have been prepared by Lyn Kingma, but Council are holding them until they get legal opinion on whether they can release them prior to us being compliant with the conditions of our overall DA. Lyn advised occupancy certificates for new dwellings will not be affected and will be released. Members building new structures or amending existing structures are submitting DA applications to Council. Consult with Council and get a consent letter for Council from the co-operative prior to building. Guidelines on submitting DA applications for new dwellings available on Goolawah's website or see DA committee members. Council consent is available for temporary occupation while building a dwelling.

We have applied to Council to be a 78-site residential development under SEPP 15, giving a plan of each of our 78 sites. As a consequence of this, Council regard each site as an individual entity requiring its own development application and each site is expected to include a dwelling.

Thanks to everyone for their support of and help with the DA process. This is a headline summary, if you want to know more read the

minutes of meetings, go to meetings, read DA reports on member's section of website or approach members of the DA committee.

Treasurers Report - Goolawah Community Meeting 02/08/2014

It seems to me that the treasurers reports are taking up too much space in the newsletters so I will try to summarise these to be brief and relevant and load more detailed information on the website for those who require it. You can always contact me by phone or email if you have specific questions.

Unidentified Payments

Most members pay their levies on-line and most provide sufficient information for me to identify them reliably. Occasionally I receive a payment with absolutely nothing to identify it. It's not my responsibility to try and figure out who made the payment so any unidentified payments get posted to a separate account and will sit there until someone claims them by providing precise details (date and amount) of their payment.

Some members take the trouble to send me an email or SMS advising that they have made a payment. This is a big help and much appreciated. Invoice numbers are the safest way to indicate which invoice you want a payment applied to, otherwise it will be applied to the oldest outstanding amount.

I do my best to send receipts by email within 48 hours or by post within 7 days (depending on your preference) so, if you make a payment and don't get a receipt please contact me as soon as possible so that we can sort it out quickly. This also applies to work levy claims which I aim to process within a few days of the meeting at which they were approved.

Financial Position as at 31/07/2014

(Payments made after this date are not included.):

Cheque Account	\$77,174.40
Investment Account	\$39,849.26
TOTAL available funds	\$117,023.66

Receipts (this financial year)

Source of Payment	July 2014	This financial year
Total Cash Receipts	\$22,078.73	\$22,078.73
Levies paid by approved work claims	\$1,518.75	\$1,518.75

Since invoicing 2014/15 levies, three members have an account balance of zero (i.e. fully paid up!).

Of the \$489 DA Fee advance, \$5868 has been paid and \$1012 is still outstanding.

Of the \$800 Road Levy 2013/14, \$36,800 has been paid and \$20,818 is still outstanding.

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

Community Land – Forest Way \$330.00

Paid by 6 members - \$4092.00

Still to be paid by 2 members \$2087.50

These amounts were invoiced on 3 May 2014 with 30 day payment terms so are now overdue.

Delinquent members

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

Jackie Rada's last payment was 10 October 2012. I have had phone/SMS contact with Jackie. Jackie has made repeated promises by phone, but payment has not eventuated.

Payments in July 2014

In future I will try to bring a list of payments each month to be ratified

by the meeting.

Forward Budget

I have started working on a future cash-flow budget which I hope to bring to the AGM in October.

Camp Kitchen Project

Paid by cash, cheque or expense reimbursement	\$10,107.42
Levy claims	\$495.00
TOTAL	\$10,602.42

Audit for FY 2013/14

The audit is in progress but not yet completed.

Treasurers Report - Goolawah Community Meeting 06/09/2014

Financial Position as at 29/08/2014

(Transactions after this date are not included.):

Cheque Account	\$98,102.54
Investment Account	\$39,923.66
TOTAL available funds	\$138,026.20

Receipts (this financial year)

Source of Payment	August 2014	This financial year
Total Cash Receipts	\$27,690.17	\$49,768.90
Levies paid by approved work claims	\$500.00	\$2,018.75

Since invoicing 2014/15 levies, six members have an account balance of zero (i.e. fully paid up!)

Of the \$489 DA Fee advance, \$6357 has been paid and \$978 is still outstanding.

Of the \$800 Road Levy 2013/14, \$44,800 has been paid and \$14,940 is still outstanding.

Bush mulching in The Outback

Paid by 6 members - \$4365

Still to be paid by 1 member \$1815.00

These amounts were invoiced on 3 May 2014 with 30 day payment terms so are now overdue.

Delinquent members

The following member(s) will become 'inactive' before the October AGM unless payment is received meantime:

Jackie Rada's last payment was 10 October 2012. I have had phone/SMS contact with Jackie. Jackie has made repeated promises by phone, but payment has not eventuated.

I will send final notices before the October AGM.

Payments and Expense Reimbursements in August 2014

Camp Kitchen Project - Paid by cash, cheque or expense reimbursement and levy claims	\$11,435.07
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Audit for FY 2013/14

The audit is completed. Directors will need to meet (by email if necessary) to approve the report. Two directors will need to sign the printed copy which will then be presented to be formally adopted at the AGM.

The Four Winds

From 'The Second Ring of Power' by Carlos Castaneda

Also called:

- the Four Directions
- the Four Corners of a Square:
- the Four Moods

They are said to represent the four different female personalities that exist in the human race:

1. The East

The first wind is the breeze, the morning. It brings hope and brightness, it is the herald of the day. It comes and goes and gets into everything. Sometimes it is mild and unnoticeable; other times it is nagging and bothersome. Its personality is gay, sleek and shift.

She is called **order**. She is optimistic, light hearted, smooth, persistent like a steady breeze.

2. The North

Next is the hard wind, either hot or cold or both.

A midday wind, blasting full of energy but also full of blindness. It breaks through doors and brings down walls. Its personality is energetic, commandeering and impatient.

She is called **strength**. She is resourceful, blunt, direct, tenacious like a hard wind.

3. The West

Then there is the cold wind of the afternoon, sad and trying, a wind that will never leave you in peace, it will chill you and make you cry. Its personality is moody, melancholy and always pensive.

She is called **feeling**. She is introspective, remorseful, cunning, sly like a cold gust of wind.

4. The South

Lastly there is the the hot wind that warms, protects and envelops everything. It is a night wind and its power goes together with the darkness. Its personality is happy, abandoned and bouncy.

She is called **growth**. She is nurturing, loud, shy, warm like a hot wind.

Which type of woman are you, or which type of woman are you living with?

Contributed by Griff, feedback welcome...

Considering getting a re-locatable dwelling? Earthworks? Tanks?

Info and Tips By Alwyn Hunter

Just a few words about houses/cabins being relocated to your share site. Firstly, finding a suitable relocatable dwelling can take a lot of searching and time. Roger from Gladstone Removals (0408624872) has a special trailer that he can move houses that were not designed to be moved. Kirsty had success with her permanent house that was moved by Roger's team. Zac's cabin was transported from the Central Coast. It cost me \$10,000 to move my cabin from local site to lock-up stage on my Red Hill site. Roger's team also built the concrete and brick piers, ready for the cabin when delivered. Then they joined the sections and in a very short time ready for occupation.

You may be aware that some people just want to get rid of a place and will sell very cheap. But moving relocatable houses on freeways and difficult terrain can be very costly. So if you are considering relocating a dwelling, try to get as much info and foresights into the move as possible. There are many removalist businesses and websites.

Onto earthworks... recently the excavator operator, Pete, from George McKweon's Earthmoving Business (02) 6562 3636 did earthworks on several Red Hill sites. Pete's work included the creation of some interesting designs like circular garden beds, good functioning swales and greywater trenches. I would highly recommend him based on these recent jobs. If you can get a bunch of 'goolies' to get work done at the same time and share the float cost it works out even better!

Looking for a 22500 litre tank? A Bushman Tank is currently \$2450 including delivery from Wauchope Rural Centre (as of mid-August). Lots of suppliers, found this to be the best deal after lots of looking around. Happy to answer any questions – you can call me on 0422 362 764.



The quoll trying to get out of Frank's chook house, usually he is trying to get in so he can eat a few chooks...

Three Island

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Fermentations

Three Island Brewers were pleased to be part of last month's Indonesian fund raiser. Those who attended gave generously and judging by the amount of empties collected next day it was apparent that our beverages were appreciated.

As we are now coming to recognise the tastes that drinkers favour we are preparing new brews for the spring celebrating the various black animals and birds seen on and around Goolawah. The first of these will be The Black Cockatoo, a light bodied ale with the citrus fragrance of the Wakatu hops, and The Red Bellied Black, a rich dark beer made from Morgan's famous roasted malt. (If you liked the recent "Late Bloomers" you will love this one) Members are once again invited to sample these new brews (and of course some of the older ones as well) at the premises of Three Island Brewers on Cockatoo Ridge through September and October on Fridays from 3-6pm.

For the non drinkers we are branching out into non alcoholic beverages as well. Those who prefer an alternative to beer will be able to sample Three Island Brewers traditional Ginger beer, brewed in the traditional method from our own natural ingredients, as well as other beverages from our orchards.

Now the summer months are approaching it's time for getting out and enjoying the sunshine. Three Island Brewers are planning to organise golf, cricket and fishing days, as well as other sporting events. Therefore we welcome all members to join "The Three Island Brewers Sports Club". For a small annual subscription, to cover the costs of ingredients, card carrying members will drink for free at any function catered by Three Island Brewers. Membership is open now, cards can be purchased at brewery premises.

Always drink responsibly and please return our empties. (We need them) Cheers



Men's Shed working on the Deck



A few months back Roger suggested we form a Men's Shed here at Goolawah. All of the men thought that was a great idea which would benefit everyone. We had a few meetings around an esky and a barbie before we decided that we should do some work. Our first endeavour was to build a veg and herb garden near the camp kitchen. This went down very well so we decided to get even more ambitious and rebuild the camp kitchen. We put Denis in charge and everyone is happy to work and learn under his guidance. As you can see we have nearly finished the deck.

We have also had meetings with Men's Shed representatives from Port Macquarie who gave us lots of advice about setting up, getting grants. At a later meeting we appointed Roger as President, Frank as Vice President and Larry as Secretary. We are now registered with the Men's Shed Association and can now apply for grants and other funding. It will also give members an opportunity to 'work for the dole'. Membership will only be open Goolawah Co-operative members.

We are all hoping that this concept will be embraced by everyone at Goolawah and that the community will ask us to do lots of work.





Scene from the Winter Solstice Beanie Party



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