

From the Editor

2014 is starting to wind down, but Goolies are busier than ever! In the past few months several more members have come to reside permanently on Goolawah – Louise & Tony (Burrendong), Stuart, James, Alicia, Peter & Julica (Red Hill). Thanks to everyone who contributes energy to new & long term community projects & activities such as Men's Shed, Policy & Guidelines Committee, Craft Group, DA Team, Yoga, Newsletter Team, Working Bees and Pizza Nites. Fantastic to have more energy, ideas, input and help!

To complete yet another but even better newsletter thanks to Griff for layout & design, to Alicia for inspiring photos and to Julica for getting involved with newsletter co-ordinator's role. Ralph has put together an annual planning calendar for 2015 which is included with this newsletter.

Keeping up with Goolawah news is getting easier with updates to www.goolawah.org and now having access to follow by email to the Goolawah blog. Thanks Peter O.! If you would like to go paperless and receive only e-newsletters, please let myself or Julica know as we are currently updating newsletter preference list for 2015.

Wishing everyone an amazing year at Goolawah in 2015 as preparations to celebrate 15 years kick off!

Rebekah

Goolawah Services Directory will be published in the March 2015 newsletter. Example of current skills offered – tree identification, tutoring, IT support, general labouring, sewing/mending, etc...sign up at the next meeting or get in touch with Anne Wilson.

MEMBERS WHO ARE SELLING: – please contact members directly to look at the available sites

- Site No. 45 – Cockatoo Ridge, Cindy Munro, 0413 218 894
- Site No. 59 – Burrendong, David Rolph 0413 289 443
- Site No. 75 – Outback, Lexie Gonzalez 0431 464853

Hot: New Pizza Oven

New Pizza Oven is proving to be a major winner.

Doughs and toppings made and brought by everyone are tasting even more delicate in this piece of engineering/art. Men-Shed-men supported by some external helpers and a talented cement mixer created an amazing device.

PS: The old pizza oven will be approved for heritage listing asap.



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Upcoming Events

Wednesdays – Men's Shed meet at the Camp Kitchen for the morning

Sundays – 8-9am Gentle Yoga movement & meditation at Mark & Lexie's home

31 Dec - Camp Kitchen Deck – Pizza Nite to welcome in the New Year at traditional Goolawah midnight!

Sat 17 Jan - General Meeting (No proposals or proxy)

Agenda

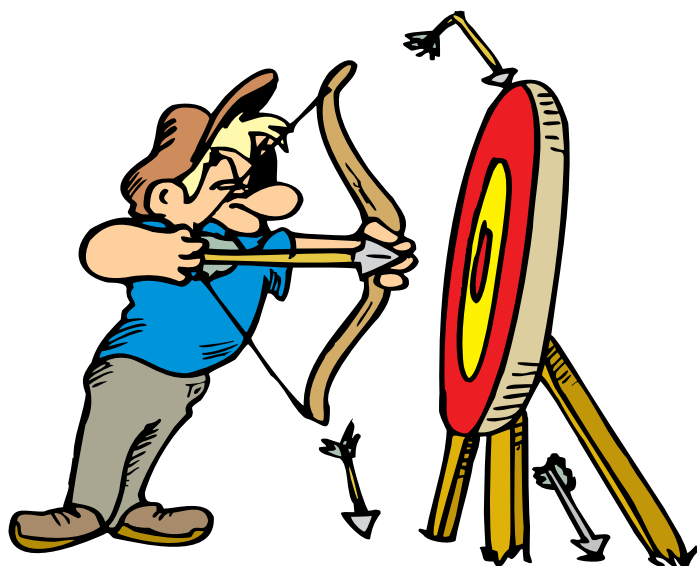
- Approve Oct 2014 AGM minutes as in newsletter
- Reports: Secy, Treas., DA, Roads, Machinery, Membership, other
- Arising Matters – inc By-Laws update
- General Business & Work Claims

2014-2015 Board of Directors

Bronwyn Little, Dave Launt, Mark Doonan, Mairead Shorten, Rose Mahar, Ralph Erthel (Secretary), & Craig Singleman.
With much appreciation for everyone's time and effort for the upcoming year!

Seed Library

Wayne brought back a great idea from the big smoke, aka Port's library: our very own Goolawah Seed Library. Since Saturday 14 Dec 2014 it lives in the community kitchen. You'll see it on your right once you've stepped inside. Of course it looks better than the PML's, holding seeds in a wire-work-of-art. The idea is you bring your spare seeds, write a few useful details on how or when to sow best on the envelopes provided and tuck it on the wall. You don't have to use all the seeds in a packet, but can leave some for others. Check-out what's already there and feel free to grow the library like your gardens.



Goolawah Archery

After a 2 year break the range is now operational again (thanks you Fred Hollows!) Inviting members for semi-regular target practice sessions. You need your own gear because a bow is a very personal thing...! Whilst competition-grade compound bows **start** at \$2000, 'beginner packs' are available for around \$100 (Apex Hunting, Abbey Archery etc.). They contain bow, arrows, arm guard and other such rudimentaries. I can help with that 'personalisation', draw length, physio exercises, home-grown sights and all that. Fletching, knocking and other such tools are available. Tuition: yes (recurve and compound - NOT long bow). On the range Archery Australia Safety Rules apply strictly - eg. minimum age 16, no sandals, awareness of DDS's orders (whistle) etc.

Interested? Call Ralph 0401 688350.



Glen and Josh after the Special Olympics National Games in Melbourne. Glen with 2 Gold medals in Teams and Doubles, and Silver in Singles. Josh with Silver in Singles. Bronze in Teams and Doubles. Awesome guys!

First ever Fishing Day

Members of the Three Island Sports and Social club had an extremely enjoyable day last month when we hired two pontoon boats for a day of fishing on the Hastings. Considering the inclemency of recent weather we were treated to a perfectly calm and sunny day, with everyone relaxing with a few Three Island brews. We even caught a couple of fish, including a stingray by James. Julica caught her first ever fish, of course mainly thanks to captain Frank's help and net: a big flathead.

All agreed that it was something we should be doing again, in fact the consensus seemed to be that three hours was probably not long enough. Considering the growing numbers of the club we will probably have to have 3 boats next time. Other sporting events are planned for the future including a day of barefoot bowling at Crescent bowling club.



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Goolawah Policies & Guidelines

On the 23rd August 2014 a group of members met to discuss the draft Code of Conduct, meeting conduct and process, roles and responsibilities of Directors, addressing/resolving breaches of conduct expectations, disputes, conflicts, and mediation.

A second meeting was held on the 12th October to review By-Laws, the Community Job List and Work Claim Form.

A third meeting was held on the 25th October with the Treasurer to review specific By-Laws related to Treasury, the Community Job List and Work Claim Form.

A fourth meeting was held on the 9th December to finalise Chair & Minute Taker Guidelines / Checklist, seek volunteers for Chair & Minute Taker Roster, discuss ways to improve access to the Goolawah website, review By-Laws and to update the Tractor & Machinery Policy.

Members involved in the meetings were: Lexie, Bronwyn, Roger, Belinda, Louise, Tony, Mairead, Denise, Ralph, Peter O, John. All members are welcome.

Outcomes of the meetings include;

- Code of Conduct was passed unanimously at the September Community meeting and will be reviewed at the March Community meeting.
- Draft Director's Roles & Responsibilities was presented at the September Community meeting, left open for comments, and passed unanimously at the November Community meeting.
- Membership Committee Roles and Responsibilities is now posted on the kitchen Notice Board.
- A Notice Board has been set up in the kitchen to post all Policies and Guidelines. Policies and Guidelines are also posted on the website.

A Coloured Card System has been introduced for trial at three

consecutive meetings commencing at the November Community meeting. The aim is to facilitate efficient communication, participation and consensus decision making at all meetings. Red card is used when conduct of a member is unacceptable or is off topic. Yellow card indicates someone has a question. Green card indicates members are in agreement and a decision can be reached. Purple card indicates thank you / gratitude for contribution. Cards can also be used for indicating voting preferences rather than counting hands.

Draft By-Laws continue to be reviewed and updated. A copy is available on the kitchen Notice Board and on the Website. All members are requested to take the time to read and make any comments via the website, notice board, or by coming along to a meeting. Aim will be to have the By-Laws passed at a future General Meeting.

Agenda items for the January General Meeting will include:

- Goolawah Work Claim Form & Community Job List
- Chair & Minute Taker Guidelines / Checklist
- Chair and Minute Taker Roster
- Updated draft Tractor & Machinery Policy
- Goolawah Website - adding Wordpress feature. By subscribing you will receive an email when anything new is posted on the website. I watched this one minute Wordpress video - I can now see how useful Wordpress could be - www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdvEdMMtNMY
- Delegation Manual for Board of Directors / Governance Flowchart
- Dispute Resolution Officer/s

Thank you to all members who have contributed and completed tasks over the past 4 months. Our efforts will be a positive and important contribution to our wonderful and unique community.

Denise

Saltwater Lake Excursion



Expedition team braved the elements

Getting up early is a great first move for any successful expedition. So condition #1 worked out fine when the crew of seven brave started around 6 on a hot Saturday to explore the depth of Saltwater Lake in Limeburners Wilderness Area, south of Goolawah.

Cars parked on Maria River Road, Marc, Paul, Peter OH, Julica, Anne, Alicia and Mohini walked 2,5 easy hours to reach the magic lake. The desired jump-in and cool-off didn't quite work out immediately since water depth was around 5 to 10 cm at our western banks. So Mo proved that girls can walk on water too. Nicely so.

Team decided for the adventure of an off-track return to Goolawah, following maps, GPS and various noses. Tree-climbing squirrel helped orientate further. Country that was burned about 2 years ago left an interesting coaly glamour in and on most faces. Over-head high bush and thick forest taught newer members what older members call "bush-bashing". Advancing speed reduced down

to about 100 meters in 10 minutes and after a while some were sceptical who was bashed by whom. South Goolawah hill was a mile stone, high enough as well to call for a pick up since smartly the clever team had left some back up forces back on the ranch. James trucked in via Frog Hollow and Big hill track with beautiful supplies of coldish water, oranges and 3 warm ciders. Yum.

Refreshing cool-off worked perfectly by the way - half an hour later in the community dam. What an amazing day!

Lessons learned:

- lots of water and extra food are a good idea, especially when you're 'only going for a few hours'
- Hot days can be pretty hot
- Grass trees are up to 6 m high down there
- The bush can bash back if you bash it
- James has a great ute

Words & photos: Julica J



October Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/10/2014. Commenced: 9.15am. Location: Machinery Shed.

Facilitator: Craig. Minutes: Denise.

Attendance: Mairead Shorten, Bronwyn Little, Wayne Ellis, Ralph Erthel, Craig Singleman, Dennis & Denise Cobourn, John & Anne Tennock, Larry Knight, Roger & Belinda Ball, Dave Launt, Craig Singleman, Harvey Cresswell, John Noonan, Rose Mahar, Russell Childs, Pete Farley, Alicia Fox, Mark Doonan, Lexie Gonzalez, Tony Roberts, Louise Watters, Rodney Foreshaw, Frank Dyckshorn, Kevin Harper, James Galletly, Deb Broughton, Dave Van Megchelan, Allan Highfield.

Apologies: Anne Wilson & Paul Martin, Peter O'Hara & Julica Jungehuesling, Isaac Ryan, Nityama & Satwa, Alwyn Hunter, Ishbel Keenan.

Proxies: Anne Wilson

Confirmation of previous minutes: July GM Proposed - Craig
Seconded – Denise Approved unanimously

Business arising from Previous Meeting(s):

- Jackie Rada - did she respond to Final Notice sent by Treasurer? No response – forfeited share. Share cancellation sent to Jackie on the 2/9/14. Further discussion - refer to General Business.
- Feedback from meeting held on 13th September re Fire Retreat / Evacuation Area structure. Refer to Ordinary Resolution
- Mairead to contact Vivienne Armitage regarding slashing her site. Site has been inspected and is ready for slashing, no need to contact her.
- Repairs to community toilet. Roger has completed temporary repairs – thank you.
- Vote on Director's Role and Responsibilities - draft has been available on the kitchen noticeboard and website. Vote at next meeting.
- 'Guidelines / Meeting Protocol Meeting'
ACTION: Group to organise a suitable date and time before next Community Meeting (put on Community Notice Board – all welcome). Meeting will include discussion on Draft By-Laws, Guidelines for Dispute Resolution Officers, Minute Taker Guidelines, Minute Taker / Chair Roster.
- Tandem trailer for the steel water tank - any luck? No luck
- Mail box Red Hill: Any volunteers, Griff suggested at September meeting? Completed - thank you Griff.
- Bindi / Burr weeds at Camp Kitchen. Address at next working bee.
- Letter to National Parks - Ralph and Frank. Not yet.

Secretary's Report: Quiet month. Received email from Shane Reinhold (Council) regarding progress with Road Conditions (refer to DA Report). Assisted Mairead with preparation of a document folder for solicitor (requested hard copy). Used 2 reams of paper – approved \$80.00 reimbursement for printing stationary etc. Preparation for court case if required. Thanks Mairead – acknowledged this was a major task (included Sections A to I).

Transfer of share from Peter Neilson to Callum Lawson completed.

Treasurer's Report: 2013/2014 Financial / Audit Report and Treasurers Report tabled. To be posted on website.

Audit Report – statutory reporting requirements have changed with Fair Trading (no longer require a copy of the report). Wrights Accountants audited accounts for \$2500 (increase of \$900) – John will look around for better price. Remains important to have our bookkeeping examined by an external qualified person.

FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 27/9/14:

TOTAL available funds - \$134,163.71

Camp Kitchen Project – spent \$11,650.55 (\$20,000 allocated).

Road Funding has presently exceeded Road Levies received.

Tightening up on accounting processes – aim is to simplify. This will enable smooth hand over to future Treasurer. John has reviewed accounts back to 1 July 2012. Difficulty defining due dates – old

invoices didn't have due dates (how long have members owed?). Suggested sending out notices where debt is more than 2 years old. Need to be fully financial at some time in the last 2 years to remain active. From now on all invoices have due dates. When making a payment need to say what you want payment applied to (or John will make judgement). Being non-financial is a complex issue – what are the consequences? eg. Should members lose voting rights?

2013/14 Financial/Audit Report - Passed unanimously.

DA Report: Mairead - one page DA Report tabled. Dave - Survey of Nevertire Road – Quotes - Graeme Sawyer \$6600, Peter Phyllis \$3300 (recommend by Dennis Partners) – advised yesterday to go ahead. Mairead – spent one month compiling a folder with relevant road documentation (solicitor currently reviewing). Need to reply to Shane Reinhold (Council) email received 1st October by the end of this week – request for progress report on DA road conditions.

Crown Roads correspondence received last October – have now reviewed all Crown Roads in area. Crown Roads want landowners to purchase roads or transfer to council. Map handed around - there are a number of roads available for purchase. Lines in black indicate neighbours have applied for road closure – any objections need to be lodged with Crown Roads. Current annual enclosure permit fee for Crown Road running east from North gate is \$140 (may change in future). To purchase this road cost is approx. \$3000 in fees plus value of land (1.2145 hectares). Discussion as to whether members would like to purchase this road. Crown roads propose to transfer Illa Langhi and the Crown Road leading from Westgate entrance to Northgate entrance back to council. Reason – a road servicing many lots. Council has not responded to Crown Roads proposal. We are able to make comments / file objections. Solicitor has Crown Roads letter – advised we object to road between our two entrances being transferred to council.

Michael is following up signage for fire trails with RFS.

Thank you Mairead and Dave.

ACTION: Post DA Report on website. Mairead to reply to Council by the end of the week with a progress report. Dave - ask surveyor to clarify who owns sections of road from Nevertire to Illa Langhi – Council or Crown Lands? Further discussion re Crown Roads purchase and any objections at next meeting.

Road Report: Nothing to report

Membership Report: Allan Highfield (currently joint membership with Marion Arent Site 20) Would like to transfer share to sole membership - need Marion's consent. Received Share Transfer form today.

Mairead tabled Membership Committee Round Up 2013 – 2014.

- 2014 Received 19 enquiries – most used website for making contact and information. 5 applications received. 2 more expected (James and Ilona Reitsma - Callum's daughter and son-in-law, and Verity Gill – inherited Brian Saul's share)
- 2013 Received 10 enquiries and 2 applications. applications previous 12 months – 20 enquiries, 5 applications processed.
- No additional sites available since last meeting.

John – **2004 / 05 audit report** - share capital changed from 78 to 77 shares (currently remains at 77 shares). Seems to be an administration error (needs to be investigated, explained and corrected but is not urgent).

ACTION: John will bring a resolution to a General Meeting.

Fire Truck Report: Isaac has a new job – not able to spend as much time in Goolawah.

Tractor Report: Battery weak – probably need a new one (be aware). Put on charge after use. Oil leak slowed. Private tractor use (\$8.50 per hour) – please advise John when using the tractor.

Election of Board Members and Office Holders:

Current Directors and Office Holders step down – thank you!

Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Result
Mark Doonan	Craig Singleman	Anne Tennock	Successful
Craig Singleman	Ralph Erthel	Denise Cobourn	Successful
Ralph Erthel	John Tennock	Anne Tennock	Successful
Bronwyn Little	Anne Tennock	Denise Cobourn	Successful
Dave Launt	Wayne Ellis	Mark Doonan	Successful
Rose Mahar	Craig Singleman	Bronwyn Little	Successful
Mairead Shorten	Craig Singleman	Denise Cobourn	Successful

ACTION: Denise - Email Roles & Responsibilities to all new directors.

Note – needs to be adopted at next Community Meeting.

Mairead will be overseas for 4 to 5 months – Louise Watters to deputise.

Nominations for Secretary: Ralph Erthel. *Passed unanimously.*

Newsletter Co-ordinator: Julica Jungehuelising. *Passed unanimously.*

Anne Tennock offered to assist. Griff to assist with lay out.

Nominations for Principal Executive Officer: Bronwyn Little. *Passed unanimously*

Nominations for Treasurer: John Tennock. *Passed unanimously.*

Nominations for DA Committee: Ralph Erthel, Bronwyn Little, Mairead Shorten, Dave Launt. *Passed unanimously.*

Nominations for Road Co-ordinator: Ralph Erthel. *Passed unanimously.*

Nominations Machinery co-ordinators: Roger Ball, Mark Doonan and Frank Dyckshorn. *Passed unanimously.*

Nominations for Flood Warden: Dave Launt. *Passed unanimously.*

Nominations for Fire Warden: Frank Dyckshorn. *Passed unanimously.*

Nominations for Membership Committee: Lexie Gonzalez, Paul Martin, Mairead Shorten, Bronwyn Little. *Passed unanimously.*

Nominations for Dispute Resolution Officer/s: To be dealt with at future meeting following discussion and agreement about role and process.

ACTION: Draft Guidelines to be developed at next 'Guidelines / Meeting Protocol Meeting' – bring to next Community meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinary Resolution I

"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.

Discussion: Meeting 13th September suggested a pole frame shed – Dave completed drawing (tabled). Budget is now \$4,700 (\$500 gift from Peter Neilson). Satwa may be able to assist with building. Many willing workers for this Community Project.

Passed unanimously (included 1 proxy vote).

MORNING TEA BREAK

General Business Agenda Items:

Treasury Report to be adopted by meeting.

Moved: Craig *Seconded:* Rose *Approved unanimously.*

Jackie Rada – Discussion: John has spoken to Jackie on a number

of occasions – payment hasn't been received, despite promises of payment. Share cancellation sent on 12/9/14. Discussion - procedure from here, sell share, site improvements noted, involvement of Jackie, setting price, option of offering share to Nick Reid, Crow Tribe is looking for a share. Jackie phoned during the meeting, got answering machine.

ACTION: Membership Committee to contact Jackie.

Kitchen Deck / Men's Shed. Wayne - Men's Shed is now fully insured. You need to be a paid up Men's Shed member to participate in Men's Shed projects. Men's Shed is for men only. Deck is close to being finished, and on budget. Proceeding with submission for an \$8000 grant (Men's Shed) and \$4000 grant (Coastline Credit Union). Obtained a worm farm and composting bin from council – receiving a lesson from council on how to use this.

Shared dam on Red Hill. Craig received an unannounced visit from Daniel Trotter (Council). Council had received a written complaint – not at liberty to discuss content of letter. Spent a lot of time going through composting toilet and grey water set up. Containment of manure checked – satisfied with process. Current state of dam – couldn't see a correlation between grey water run-off and algae. Craig currently preparing design / report of current grey water set up (references scientific reports). New shower is not 40m from the dam – Daniel explained this was a guideline and each case is assessed individually. Craig is currently experimenting on grey water design for kitchen sink. Daniel was accepting of experimentation. Possible causes of current algae problem – current cycle, water volume, duck / chicken population, fertiliser use, leaf litter. Daniel didn't want to pursue water tests as there were no indicators of grey water being the issue. Kevin spoke to Justin about the issue – Justin expressed concern regarding lack of community involvement. Mentioned a comprehensive testing regime over 12 months.

ACTION: Kevin will follow up / discuss with Craig.

Sand. Mairead mentioned they are using more sand than allowance detailed in By-Laws. Meeting expressed they had no issue with this.

Calendar / dates for next year's meetings – GM January to be held on 17.1.15

Property alongside Tallow Wood Road is for sale (600 acres).

Work and Expenses Claims:

Work claims can be difficult to process – John has a new pro forma he would like people to use. John will process the claims prior to the meeting for approval of work hours completed. Description of work – must be wording from the Approved Community Work List. Any 'new work' needs to be approved at a meeting before completing the work and submitting a claim.

ACTION: Post Work Claims pro-forma on website.

Co-ordinator Work Claims.

Treasurer: Claims Annual Levy and Work Levy.

Secretary: Claims Annual Levy.

Newsletter Co-ordinator: Claims Annual Levy.

Roads Co-ordinator: Ralph – claim Work Levy.

Printing: Ralph reimbursement of \$500 for printing.

Annual Levy paid in lump sum: receive a refund for completion of approved community work @ \$10 per hour.

John – submitted claim for \$740 (work already completed). Included hours from previous year. Approved unanimously.

Russell – approved last meeting.

Claims to be processed and approved at next meeting:

- Kevin – submitted claim prior to meeting.
- Roger – submitted claim prior to meeting.
- Russell – new claim submitted at meeting (withdrew hours for work on the deck).

Kitchen deck. All voluntary work ie. no claims from Men's Shed or community member.



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Review Community Work List:

Approved Community Work List (displayed in kitchen)

- Brush cutting along Illa Langhi Rd
- Pot holing roads
- Clearing fence line along Forest Way
- Weed eradication eg. lantana, camphor laurel...
- Tractor maintenance
- Slashing / mowing on agreed community areas e.g. fire breaks, fire trails, fence lines, road sides, evacuation/sports field areas
- Membership Committee business
- Website maintenance / updates
- Minute taking – finalisation and distribution
- Community Kitchen Area (building, power, grounds, gardens, toilet.....)
- Organising children's activities during GMs
- Clearing large fallen branches/trees to facilitate slashing of approved community areas

Discussion. Do we need guidelines for Community Work? Work seems to get done without specific guidelines of when, how and who.

Anne Tennock would like to complete an analysis of hours required to keep community safe with slashing of fire breaks - Fire Report may be helpful (located in filing cabinet).

Working Bee 18th October (follow up with pizza lunch)

Suggestions:

- Community kitchen area – toilet (what next?), demolish old pizza oven / tank stand, gardens, bindi / burr removal.
- Fuel reduction on link road.
- More jobs – add to list (kitchen notice board).

Removal of bindi and burrs – best to control by hand (keep on top of this!). At times may require spraying (chemical). Always inform community if chemicals are used for purpose.

Newsletter Items due Sunday 7th December.

Meeting Closed: 1.25pm

November Community/Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 1 / 11 / 2014 *Commenced:* 9.15am *Location:* Machinery Shed

Minute Taker: Anne Wilson *Chair:* Lexie Gonzalez

Attendance: Peter O'Hara & Julica Jungehuesling, Mairead Shorten, Wayne Ellis, Ralph Erthel, Craig Singleman, John Tennock, Roger & Belinda Ball, Dave Launt, Harvey Cresswell, Mark Doonan, Lexie Gonzalez, James Galletly, Rose Mahar,

Apologies: Bronwyn, Denise, Anne Tennock

Visitors: Crow Tribe, Matt, Vivienne.

New Coloured Card System: Explanation from Lexie

Confirmation of Previous minutes:

AGM *Proposed* - Craig *Seconded* – Anne *Approved unanimously*

Secretary's Report: Ralph.

Kelli Vallis has expressed that she is intending to move to the co-op, and has changed her name to Kelli Brasil.

Treasurer's Report: John T.

See attached report, in particular principles for applying payments. Moved to adopt treasurer's report, including recommendations for processing payments: passed unanimously. Requested that we decide on next financial year's levies at the April meeting, so that payments can easily be applied at beginning of financial year. Generally working towards simplifying the treasury. Vivienne still has significant amounts overdue. Other members who are two years inactive owe relatively small amounts. Payments seem to be happening in a much more timely fashion. Marion Arent and Alan Highfield still in negotiation about share transfer.

DA Report:

See attached report from Mairead. Crunch time. A few recommendations to seek legal advice from MRM. Discussion regarding submitting new Section 96 on grounds that previous submission was rushed and not approved by a GM. Discussion of pros and cons of Illa Langhi, widths, per site contributions, how hard to push, costs for different upgrade options, etc.

Moved by Anne, seconded by Roger, that DA committee seek legal advice from planning law specialist and obtain quote from GME for 2 options, with an open budget, and convene emergency director/ community meeting asap following.

Option 1: 4 meter tar and 6m formation in front of neighbours, and leave rest as 2WD all weather on Nevertire.

Option 2: Same for Illa Langhi.

Approved unanimously.

Membership Report:

Visitors Matt and Vivienne are interested in membership, and want to know which sites are definitely available. Discussion regarding status of Jacqui Rada's share. Matt and Vivienne are interested in it but prefer Nick R's – to continue discussion with Nick.

Moved by Anne, seconded by Mark, to cancel Jacqui Rada's share.

Approved unanimously.

Break for tea at 11:30. Meeting resumed at 12:00.

Tractor Report: Roger:

Tractor battery OK now, fixed connections, keep an eye on it.

Business arising from Previous Meeting(s):

- Directors roles and responsibilities – draft has been available at camp kitchen and emailed to directors. Moved by Mairead, seconded by Roger to adopt Director's Roles and Responsibilities as tabled at October AGM. Passed unanimously.
- Update of by-laws. Guidelines/protocol meeting have spent hours cleaning up by-laws. Mairead passed around 10 copies. Please read, make notes, and come along to the meeting if you want to contribute to the continuing cleaning up of the by-laws document – date and time TBA. To be eventually passed at a General Meeting. Please also contribute relevant by-laws from other communities.
- Jacqui Rada's share – Mairead to confirm process of transferring money for improvements with Warwick Smith for next meeting.
- Tandem trailer for steel water tank. Still looking for one. Tank can also be put on the back of a 4WD ute.
- Shared Dam on Red Hill. No new comments.
- Nick Reid's site. Ralph has been in contact with Nick, whose main concern is the noise, rather than the position of the dam, and intends to move here around 2016. He hasn't put forward a concrete proposal. Possibility of swapping with Jacqui Rada's old site. Ralph to contact Nick again with latest developments and ask him

for a firm proposal.

- Post party clean-up. Discussion of rubbish left over after parties at camp kitchen, particularly as there was some mess left after Kirsty's party. Moved by Lexie, seconded by Anne that for private parties it is the member's responsibility to clean up, and for community events, it is everyone's responsibilities, and extra cleaning up after the event can be claimed against work levy.
- Fire risk management. Tarik for Marty, who was unable to be here today, but is looking to clear trees into communal land behind his site because his building is very close to the bush – thinking of removing 14 mature trees in the first 4 meters. Discussion regarding removing undergrowth vs large trees. Not sure whether he has calculated the BAL rating. Tarik to mark trees in question and Marty to come to meeting with firm proposal.
- Trees on Red Hill oval area. Moved by Paul to spend up to \$100 on fertiliser and replacement trees for the ones that have died. Passed unanimously. Tarik to ask Rob for replacement trees.
- Seedlings. Rose has Red Cedar seedlings to trade.
- Seed library. There is one at Port Macquarie library. Wayne wants to start one here at the camp kitchen – much support.
- Feral animal control. Discussion regarding offering a 'bounty' for foxes, cats and dogs caught on Goolawah. Discussion of how to counter corrupting the process, humane methods and training. More work needed. General support for compensating members for their time to eradicate feral animals, need to work out details. Paul to contact Bernard and James Baldwin.
- Phone list. Anne to re-do phone tree and Kev to create phone and services directory.
- Proposed storage shed. Behind camp kitchen, on stumps where tank used to be. No firm proposal yet, Kev to formulate. Leave the stumps there for now.
- Tiki carving. Discussion regarding where to stick him. Moved by Kev to put him a few meters Nth of pizza oven, but off the road – passed unanimously.

Work and Expenses Claims:

- Roger and Belinda. 16.5 hrs, working bee, pizza oven, etc.
- Kevin 12 hours sculpting Tiki and working bee.
- Sue 2.25hrs, website

Moved by John T, seconded by Anne to approve claims: passed unanimously.

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- Cleaning up on the morning after a community party.

Meeting Closed: approx. 1:30pm.

Attached: DA report (following), Treasurer's Report and Proposed Reserves Table, Draft By-laws.



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DA Report - November 2014

- Survey done, Dave Launt helped as his Chain man, thanks Dave
- Meeting with Dennis Partners with Mairead and Dave Launt. Joshua brought his dad Robert in and we met with him.
- Warwick solicitor reviewed our case and Mairead had an in-depth call with him.
- Mairead and John Tennock had a call with another lawyer Michelle who is the chairperson of Environmental Defenders Office in Brisbane who John Tennock sourced. Free legal advice and she is looking at her network for further assistance for us.
- Plans for Red Hill were submitted by Dave Launt, thanks Dave
- Correspondence from Council has continued, with repeated questions of when it will be done and we have given updates of progress made. Thanks Ralph. Council want a DA application for the building on Red Hill Evacuation area and highlighted it will also include fees for RFS referral. Dave Launt is going to look after that.

MAIN THINGS THE SURVEY HAS TOLD US

- All the Road including the junction with Maria River Road is on the road reserve, although the road is not always centrally located on the road. Property boundaries/fences are where they should be.
- The Drainage Channel on the east side of the road is within the road reserve.
- MAIN THINGS ROAD ENGINEER SAID
- From a road engineering perspective it is possible to upgrade Nevertire to a type 3 road from a technical perspective. If we are arguing about it, then it will be other grounds – not being able to afford the cost of and being a SEPP 15 development and not a sub-division.
- To upgrade it to Type 3 will be at least \$1,000,000 by their estimates. Based on \$500 a linear metre for Type 3. It is easy for costs to blow out. The two main issues are the width of the formation (8m) and the pavement preparation required to get it ready for seal. The width impacts driveways which will have to be upgraded and provided with drainage, table drains and drainage channel moved and filled, the road realigned to centre and straighten it. Trees will need to be removed. The sub-surface under seal needs to be level and flat, road works done to date will have created an uneven surface. It is cheaper to level it and treat it like a new road build, otherwise getting the heights and fall correct is difficult. There is no bodging up a public road, e.g. spraying a bit of seal on top, that is not done on public roads. It all has to be designed, supervised and signed off that works were done as executed.
- At the moment the law says it must be a Type 3 to Council Standards and signed off, in order to get that condition changed you need to submit an application to modify the conditions or appeal the decision.
- It is normal for a development of our size to be required to upgrade

the road, and Council take on maintenance afterwards. Otherwise when Maria is eventually sealed, Nevertire residents and some of our members will be asking Council to seal it. The idea is developers wear the cost of extra traffic the development generates, reducing the costs to the wider community in the future.

- Councils work from Standards and Tables, their table (written for sub-divisions) is limited to six categories which does not cover every situation. Type 3 road is the type for a development our size
- He Recommended we propose a staged approach
- Design the full length of the road and get that design agreed, this would include geo-technical reports, which will be critical in determining the depth of the fill required
- Upgrade the residential section to a 6m wide formation with 4m seal – which would be 650m long, starting 100m from our property. With this narrow width it would be \$200K by their estimates, we need to talk to George to see what he thinks. The AUSTRoad standards allow for a 4m wide road where vehicle movements are less than 150 per day.
- Upgrade the rest of the road, over time to a 6m all-weather gravel formation suitable for emergency access. He advised 6m formation was better than single 4m width with passing bays in terms of cost, need to check with George
- He advised exploring the option of smoothing out the corner. If Jason is willing to dedicate the corner of his block, then it may not be expensive and make the road a lot safer.
- We may have to be prepared to upgrade further sections to seal over the years. They are our fall back positions. e.g. when Maria River Road is sealed, at full occupancy. Although upgrade is usually done after the development consent and not at some future date.

He questioned if we could legally be responsible for the maintenance of a Council public road.

He advised stick to one road. But look at Illa Langhi and determine which is the cheapest to upgrade (In March Council Engineer was open to either one, Nevertire was chosen the upgrade distance to be upgraded was 1.5km as opposed to 2km with Illa Langhi and closer to existing seal)

WARWICK ADVICE

- Last Section 96 application could make it difficult to retreat from upgrading Nevertire.
- Forget across the table negotiations, go to formal mediation.
- He is overseas from April, if appealing recommends we go with someone else, as court proceeding may not be completed by April. He can do across the table negotiation or formal mediation if that is what we want.
- He is low cost and understands SEPP15's, but he is a general law practitioner and not a lawyer who specialises in planning matters.

What we need to do now

- We need expert legal advice from a planning specialist, Warwick cannot offer this, this was the second opinion stage. Options to be pursued include: ERM in Newcastle (Louise has worked with them), EDO crowd is trying to find someone for us – lawyers in Nimbin. Need answers to
- Is it in our interest to appeal the Section 96 determination (note Nov 23rd deadline on this), given the application that was made on behalf of Goolawah.
- Can we submit a further Section 96, who determines whether to accept it
- Who determines the time frame for road upgrade, what timelines can Council enforce, given their repeated threats of proceedings
- We need to talk to George McKweon, Road contractor about costs
- We need to put our proposal into Council and decide the best strategy to do this. We need to be clear on what we want and what we can afford to do. We need to ensure it is feasible before committing ourselves to something.

December Community Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/12/2014. Commenced: am. Location: Camp Kitchen.

Facilitator: Lexie. Minutes: Anne.

Attendance: Rebekah Gorline, Peter O'Hara, Stuart Pougher, Michael Clancy, Mark Doonan, Julica Jungehueling, Nick Reid, Russel Childs, Bronwyn Little, Rose Mahar, Belinda and Roger Ball, Louise Watters, Lexie Gonzalez, Anne Wilson, Ralph Erthel, Tarrik Morssi, Mohini Brownedge.

Visitors: Crow Tribe, Matt Price.

Apologies: Craig, Denise, Paul, John T.

Moved by Bronwyn, seconded by Lexie to approve minutes of previous meeting: *passed unanimously.*

Secretary's report: Ralph sent a letter to Crescent Head Post Office requesting delivery to the property, and was denied. Ralph to now contact post master general.

Treasurer's report: Peter O read John's emailed report – see attached.

Moved by Chair to accept treasurer's report – *passed unanimously.*

Moved by Chair to approve work claims – *passed unanimously.*

DA report: Ralph read Road Engineer Denis' formal recommendation for a 2 wheel, all-weather gravel surface. Waiting for Warwick to now mail council requesting formal mediation. Louise to call Warwick to give him 5 days to act before we hire a new solicitor. Dave has lodged DA for fire retreat building.

Road report: Will look at a maintenance grade for Nevertire early in new year.

Machinery report: Did an oil/filter/battery change. Gaffer tape holding well. Fire striker: If you use it for private use, leave it full of fuel and water. 1 red knapsack needs to be returned. Moved by Chair to source foot valve, Storz fitting and pipe to be installed as SWS fill point at slide dam for \$300: *passed unanimously.*

Membership report: Matt and Vivienne still looking to join. Another prospective member, Joe, will be spending some time here over Christmas. Crow is still finalising paperwork for membership. Long term visitors: Mairead to send letter to Sue, Lexie to chase up Sue and Deb. Anne to contact Sattwa.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Protocol Meeting: To work on roles and responsibilities, mediation, by-laws etc. There is a draft of proposed amendments/ tidy-up of by-laws on the website for comment. Bronwyn to arrange meeting time and put note on notice board n text.

Tandem trailer: Call out for a tandem trailer to carry the water tank.

Trees on Red Hill: Tarrik, Rob and Paul are working on it, Rose donated more today. Lexie donated water crystals.

Phone Tree and Directory: passed around meeting for comment and editing before printing in January.

Shed behind camp kitchen: decision deferred until next meeting.

Working bee and pizza night changed date to next Sunday 14/12.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Newsletter: Will go out in 3 weeks. Julica and Rebekah working on it at the moment – get contributions to them by 14/12.

Asset Protection Zones: Several people are wanting to do fire hazard reduction at the bottom of sites, ie: removing undergrowth, leaves etc. Moved by Roger, seconded by Clancy that members be encouraged to establish and maintain an "asset protection zone" (removing small shrubs and saplings) of at least 20m to 100m depending on terrain (see RFS guidelines) on community land adjacent to their site. For: 16, Against: 0, Abstain: 2. Carried.

Break for morning tea. Meeting resumed 11:06.

Removal of some trees behind Marty's site: Last month, Tarrik marked 3 trees proposed to be removed for fire hazard reduction. Frank objected to one bloodwood, so it will be left. Moved by Tarrik,

seconded by Chair, to fell the two marked trees. *Passed unanimously.*

Jacqui Rada – John T wants to re-send share cancellation letter via registered post with a cheque for the share capital less any fees owing. *Moved by Roger, seconded by Chair, to re-send share cancellation letter via registered post with cheque for the share capital less any fees owing. Passed unanimously.* Ralph to arrange. John and Ralph to follow same procedure with Vivienne.

Meeting to discuss new protocols and by-laws: Camp kitchen, 10am Tuesday 9/12.

Seed Library: Wayne has made a board with envelopes. Now collecting seeds. Bring them to next working bee.

Nick Reid's site: Nick planning to move here in 2016. He proposed that the slide dam be considered as part of Site 1, with him to pay for the construction of another community dam in an alternative location. Discussion regarding: Nick's need for privacy; others' need for a communal swimming hole with fun for the kids (a slide); and other sites on Red Hill, such as Kelly and Alicia & James' need for water. Further discussion regarding: pumping, possible other social dam, on Red Hill or below camp kitchen, and Nick's contribution. Nick is OK with: Quiet swimming in the dam; other sites on Red Hill accessing dam for water supply with a solar pump (no petrol); the slide remaining until he moves here or a new slide is constructed; moving mound from Nick's site to create a privacy mound / swale, with Nick to contribute \$3k to swale and new slide construction. Anne to consult with others re: constructing new slide at the back of the shared dam below their site, with communal access. No vote.

Glass etching workshop with Deb next Monday 8am at Camp Kitchen.

Working Bee tasks for Next Sunday:

- Camphorceddon
- Planting hedges around camp kitchen
- Illa Langhi fire break near gold mine hill tree removal
- Seed library
- Weeding garden

Meeting closed 12:30

Treasurers Report - Community Meeting 06/12/2014

On 24 October I send letters/emails to five members with invoices more than two years old advising that their membership was now inactive, that their account status would be reviewed on 22/11/2014 after which Share Cancellation may be invoked. The total amount demanded was \$3,340.00. With one exception (see delinquent members below) these were all resolved in various ways.

Chasing up overdue levies raises a few questions in my mind:

- Why do some members fail to fulfil their financial obligations to the co-operative?
- Are our current rules on this subject appropriate and enforceable?
- Is there a better way to address the issue?

Some of the feedback I have received when chasing money includes:

- I'm short of cash and Goolawah has plenty of money in the bank. Why should I be hassled to pay?
- You are holding funds on my behalf (presumably the \$5000 share capital contribution), take it out of that.
- I pay all my bills via Bpay. Could you set up that facility? (This costs about \$600 to set up)
- I'll set up a monthly direct debit to catch up on my overdue levies (no-one has ever fulfilled this promise).

Comments/Recommendations

As discussed at the November meeting our billing procedure needs to be streamlined and simplified. I

will bring proposals to future meetings for discussion/adoption. Below are some ideas:

1. Standard agenda item for the April General Meeting should be to set the levies for the following year so that they can be billed on 1 July.
2. All levies to be combined in a single invoice with separate lines for Annual Levy, Work Levy, and Road Levy (if any).
3. Work claims to be at a single rate regardless of whether applied to Work Levy or Annual Levy.
4. Maximum value of work claims in any one year to be limited to the total value of Annual plus Work levy (i.e. excluding road levy which must be paid in cash)
5. All levies (Annual, Work and Road) to be billed quarterly and included on a single itemised invoice.
6. Overpayments/pre-payments create a credit on the members account which can be applied to future quarterly invoices. This will appear on the member's statement.

Feedback/suggestions appreciated.

Financial Position as at 30/11/2014

(Transactions after this date are not included.):

Cheque Account (0.01% to 0.05%)	\$23,780.49
Investment Account (currently 2.35%)*	\$37,450.30
DA Road Fund Account (currently 2.35%)*	\$83,101.64
TOTAL available funds	\$144,332.43 CR

*(*BCM Business Cash Maximiser account minimum balance \$10,000 but available at call)*

Receipts (this financial year)

Source of Payment	November	This financial year
Total Cash Receipts*	\$9,353.26	\$86,960.06
Levies paid by approved work claims	\$727.50	\$4,680.50

**Cash receipts included \$4870.00 road levies which will be transferred to the DA Road Fund.*

Since invoicing 2014/15 levies, 18 members have an account balance of zero (i.e. fully paid up!) or in credit.

Of the \$125.00 Q1 Annual Levy for 2014/15, 15 members have not paid and will accumulate a 1.5% finance charge until paid.

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

Of the \$800 Road Levy 2013/14, \$48,000 has been paid and \$9825.00 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

Action regarding Jackie Rada and Vivienne Armitage to be discussed at the meeting 6/12/2014



Payments and Expense Reimbursements in November 2014

Date	Memo	Amount	Job No.
30/10/14	Australian Solar Timbers Invoice 11905	\$849.09	Camp Kitch Refu
31/10/14	NAB Account Fees	\$29.00	
07/11/14	Dennis Cobourn - Decking Oil	\$265.70	Camp Kitch Refu
13/11/14	Mark Doonan tractor parts	\$397.95	Tractor Maint
21/11/14	NAB Connect Usage Fee	\$11.25	
27/11/14	KSC DA Fee - Red Hill Shelter	\$340.00	

BUDGET**Goolawah Budget Status 30/11/2014**

Opening Cash at Bank as at 30/11/2014

Cheque Account	\$23,780.49
Interest Bearing Investment Account	\$37,450.30
DA Road Fund	\$83,101.64
TOTAL	\$144,332.43

Anticipated short term expenses

Professional Services (Legal and Engineers) DA Roads (amount unknown)	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00

Approved budget reserves	Budget Date	Original Budget	Income	Spent to Date	Committed
Camp Kitchen upgrade project	06/04/2013	20000	500.00	13369.69	7,130.31
Structure on Red Hill Evacuation / Fire Retreat Area	06/09/2014	4200	500.00	340.00	4,360.00
DA Road Fund (regardless of previous budgeting)	01/07/2014	50000	41996.60	2970.00	89,026.60
Tractor Maintenance (annual, non-cumulative)	01/07/2014	5000		264.00	4,736.00
Machinery for Northgate (one off)	06/09/2014	400			400.00
TOTAL					105,652.91
Available operating funds					38,679.52

Approved Community Job List for Work Claims

(reviewed at monthly meetings)

Claims to be submitted to Treasurer at least 2 weeks prior to monthly meetings. Must be submitted on Work Claim Form available on website and kitchen noticeboard.!

A. Clearing and Slashing	Category
1. Slashing/mowing eg. fire breaks / trails, road sides, fence lines, evacuation / field areas.	A. 1
2. Weed eradication eg. camphor laurel, lantana....	A. 2
3. Brush cutting eg. along Illa Langhi Rd, community dam, swings...	A. 3
4. Clearing large branches / trees to facilitate slashing	A. 4
5. Clearing fence lines eg. Forest Way	A. 5
B. Building and Maintenance	
1. Pot holing roads	B. 1
2. Machinery maintenance	B. 2
3. Community kitchen area eg. building, power, grounds, gardens, toilet, cleaning up day after community parties.....	B. 3
4. Community trees eg. fertilising, clearing weeds / grass, mulching	B. 4
5. Community projects	B. 5
C. Administration	
1. Committee business eg. Membership, DA...	C. 1
2. Website administration	C. 2
3. Reviewing Community Meeting minutes	C. 3
4. Organising children's activities during GMs	C. 4

Three Island

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Fermentations

Three new brews from the Three Islands Brewery

Friday afternoons at the brewery have become a bit of an event. What began as a few members coming along and sampling the latest brews has turned into quite a regular social gathering with many of our newer members attending regularly. Last month saw the launch of three more of our "black creatures" labels. Following on from "Black Cockatoo" and "Red Bellied Black" we have introduced some new tastes again with "Black Swan", a light refreshing wheat beer. "Black Fish" is a rye beer with a very distinct taste, reminiscent of the old English beers, and the "Black Swamp Wallaby". This gluten free beer is made from sorghum syrup and the ever popular B-Sazz hops which give it that zesty fruity taste. For those who prefer something other than beer we are also making our special "hard" (alcoholic) lemonade, and for the non drinkers we have ginger beer and lemonade, naturally brewed from our own ingredients. As usual club members are invited to sample these brews on Fridays, happy hours are from 4-7 pm.



The 6 best things about the GLASS ETCHING MORNING in December:

Great crafts morning with Deb in the community kitchen, learning how to etch

Lexie: you see the masterpiece in 30 minutes

Belinda: loved the creativity of it

Louise: Fabulous and fun

Bronwyn: the EASE of it. how it just worked and so lovely being with lovely people

Rebekah: quality of Deb's instructions and sharing her artistic creativity with us
(and even getting the boys involved, Rami and Muki)

Mohini: learning a new skill, interesting how it worked, and how it turned out beautiful



Working Bee December 14



Thanks to everyone who made the last working bee a great success.

Planting around deck, camphor geddon, mowing Red Hill, landscaping, seed librarian work, weeding, moving logs, Frank, Wayne, Bron, Roger, Belinda, Tony, Louise, Lexie, Paul, Anne, Julica, Craig, Isaac junior, Larry, Mohini, James, Dharma, Denise.

Great effort, excellent fun as those know who braved bee stings, multiple leeches and other blood suckers.

Thanks to Rob Hewitt for donating plants for the garden.



Rami and Muki tearing it up on Red Hill

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