

Goolawah^{CO OP} Gazette

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Up go the Rafters



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The long awaited roof trusses and rafters are up! With the help of an enormous crane the ten wooden frames were lifted over the beautifully sanded and oiled poles and fixed. Quite a spectacular scene and a fabulous result. Goolawah Men's Shed is now tackling the next tasks towards completing the construction.



From the Editor

Hello Goolawah, spring is here, dams are full and the co-op is abuzz with activity.

Camp Kitchen's new roof starts looking amazing, and work has progressed on Red Hill's Last Resort (page 8).

In this quarter's Gazette you get to know some new members and hopefully enjoy art, words and pictures sent to me by creative members.

Just a reminder, if you have questions about signed articles

or would like to discuss their content, please talk to the author. Since we're just a quarterly publication, letters referring to stories from three months ago don't seem practical.

Please keep sending your pictures, stories, art and ideas (julica.j@gmail.com) or talk to me about stories you'd like to read or write. This is your Gazette!

Cheers from Red Hill, Julica

Native Wildlife: The Eastern Chestnut Mouse



The Eastern Chestnut Mouse is listed as vulnerable and found locally. This picture was taken by Craig in his old kitchen. The chestnut mouse can be identified by the following characteristics: medium-sized native rodent with distinctive chestnut-brown dorsal fur, grey belly and pale grey feet with a thin fringe of white hairs extending beyond the claws. A faint eye ring may also be present. Tail is shorter than the head body length and sparsely haired. They also move differently to a house mouse.

According to the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage, these are the main threats to this species in coastal NSW:

- Long-term fire exclusion from its habitat heavily favours the competing Swamp Rat.
- Loss of natural swampland and heathland to agriculture, mining, and urban development.
- Predation by Red Fox.
- Feral pigs.
- Direct predation on adults by cats and dogs.

More info:

<http://australianmuseum.net.au/eastern-chestnut-mouse>

<http://australianmuseum.net.au/house-mouse>

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10687>

Paul, JJ, with support from the above mentioned sources.

Cauliflower Rice

Thanks to Roger & Belinda for this recipe. It actually hasn't got rice in it but the result might look like rice in the end.



Ingredients:

800 grams cauliflower cut into florets

1/4 cup olive oil

2 cloves garlic, crushed

2 cm ginger, grated

2 tsp ground cumin

2 tsp ground coriander

1-2 chilli, finely chopped

1 tsp vegetable stock powder

1/2 cup fresh coriander, chopped

6 spring onions, chopped

black pepper to taste

Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C. Process cauliflower until finely chopped then combine oil, garlic, ginger, chilli, spices and stock powder, then add to processor and pulse until well mixed. Transfer to a large shallow baking tray. Cook in oven, stirring occasionally, for 25-30 minutes until the cauliflower is tender. Season with black pepper and stir through half the fresh coriander and spring onion and garnish with the rest. Add any other roasted or grilled vegetables you have for variations.

Old chairs

If you have old chairs that you really don't like or need anymore, please sell them on Gumtree/Ebay etc, give them away for free (check 'Pay it forward' / Free stuff webpages for example) or drop them at the Waste Management Centre on Crescent Head Road (weekdays 7am-4.30pm, weekend 9am-4pm).

The Community kitchen is now stacked with lots of chairs, most of them extremely ugly or uncomfortable or both (that's probably why people got rid of them).

So please be a good Goolie and don't use the Camp Kitchen as a trash dump.

New Members

Jenny & Wayne Skinner

Fresh faces in The Outback will soon be our new members Jenny and Wayne Skinner. They purchased Vivian Armitage's share and have plans to build on lot 75. To introduce themselves they sent the Gazette a poetical adaptation which sounds pretty close to an unofficial G-Ballad.



My Goolawah

(Adapted from Dorothea Mackellar's - My Country)

We're from a place of sunshine,
Of heat and humid climes,
With traffic, noise and bustle,
Around us all the time.

Strong love of tree lined distance,
Brown streams and star filled nights,
Has drawn us to the place,
Where hearts soar on heights.

We love a Goolawah Country,
With dusty Red Hill lanes,
Of shaded Forest ways,
With fire and flooding rains.

We love her bush lined borders,
Her Crescent headed sea,
Her beauty and her mystery,
The Goolawah Co-op for me.

The Outback's looming Tallows,
The gold of the banksia brush,
Frog Hollow's longing croaks,
They wait there for us.

The bracken shaded soil,
The kitchen and it's bowl,
Cockatoo's on the ridge,
Will always fill the soul.

Where wallabies and roos greet us,
Our guardians of the road,
Determined you Nevertire,
When you arrive at your abode.

Where craftsmen, artist and talent,
Call Goolawah home,
A place where people care,
And you never feel alone.

Where you never feel alone,
With people there for you,
In spirit and in person,
And Dorothea's words come true.

"Though earth holds many
splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly."

Wayne & Jenny Skinner August 2016



Lyn & Ron Ringrose

Ron and Lyn Ringrose are semi retired and came from Shoreline Drive, Port Macquarie and Phillip Island, Victoria, where their two married sons and wives live with the grandchildren.

During their working lives they were involved in overseas projects, spending 15 years in the Pacific and 8 years in Zambia on an Aus-Aid project. Ron is from an engineering and agriculture background and Lyn is from accounting.

They purchased Dave Rolph's share at 59 Tallowood Road and have plans to extend the house and develop the site.

Goolawah Co-op Annual General Meeting & Community Kitchen Roof Celebration

Saturday 1st October / (Long Weekend)

Time to celebrate the completion of the community kitchen roof. Not only will the AGM be out of the sun or rain but also out of the tractor shed (the swallows can have it!). It also means the celebrations will continue, rain, hail or shine. In usual Goolawah fashion there will be food, entertainment and of course some *Three Island* refreshments. Come and enjoy the live music of the *Three Island Natives* + special guests as they also help Craig celebrate his 50th birthday. The night will continue with open mike/ jamming etc. The BBQs will be cranking so bring something to cook to go with the breads, salads and desserts provided by Rebekah and the *Three Island Social Club*. Why not stay off the roads and avoid the crowds this October long weekend and party Goolawah style?

Goolawah + lots of soup = 10 new Sumba loos

In May this year we went to Sumba, Indonesia for six weeks to spend all of the money we had gathered from soup nights at Goolawah (thanks again 'Three Island Brewery') and from generous donations from friends and family all over the world. Many, many thanks to everyone who has supported us.

We flew to Bali and decompressed for a couple of days on the south east coast before jetting off to Sumba – a one hour flight. On arrival our good German friend Lukas picked us up at the airport and took us to a little bungalow by the beach and our trusty (but very dilapidated) motorbike.



Luke (right) giving a captivating educational talk on sanitary matters.

The next morning we headed off into the wild west to Ratengaro village in the Kodi district where we were to stay for several weeks. We were welcomed to the village with a chicken dinner. Luke held the legs of the chicken while our host, Martinus, slit it's throat. It was gnarly. The village is very traditional with bamboo houses and thatched roofs reaching 18 metres. We slept on a little mattress under a mozzie net with chickens and roosters



Checking out one of the new toilets: A woman from the village with her boys



Nurse Kori and her son Sensi with Luke and Ish in Hoha Wongo.

under the bamboo floor below. What a joy it was to hear them one metre away from our ears at 4am every day!

From this village we commuted to Hoha Wongo village where our nurse friend Kori lives and our little project flourishes. Kori is dedicated to helping out the local community. People here are very poor, a lot of kids are not at school and sanitation is not good.

Sinar Sumba donations funded the building of ten toilets this year bringing us to a total of 36 loos! PLUS cladding and inner walls of four houses. PLUS repairs to two of Sinar Sumba's previous toilet builds. PLUS we purchased five pieces of handwoven cloth that we are trying to sell for a profit to return to the village. I went back to Ireland for two weeks while Luke continued to work on fully assimilating into Sumbanese culture. We plan to return to Sumba in March 2017 – tentative dates of course.

Thanks once again for your support – we couldn't do any of it without you!

Peace, love and magic, Ish & Luke



Super happy - the young man on the left is the proud new owner of a pair of shoes Booyong had donated - Thanks Boo!

Bushfire season is approaching

As a reminder, here are some basic preparation tips from the **NSW Rural Fire Service**:

These maintenance steps may help prevent burning embers destroying your house

1. Install metal gutter guards to protect from embers
2. Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors
3. Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps
4. Enclose the areas under the house
5. Repair or cover gaps in external walls
6. Attach a fire sprinkler system to gutters



Jobs around house & garden

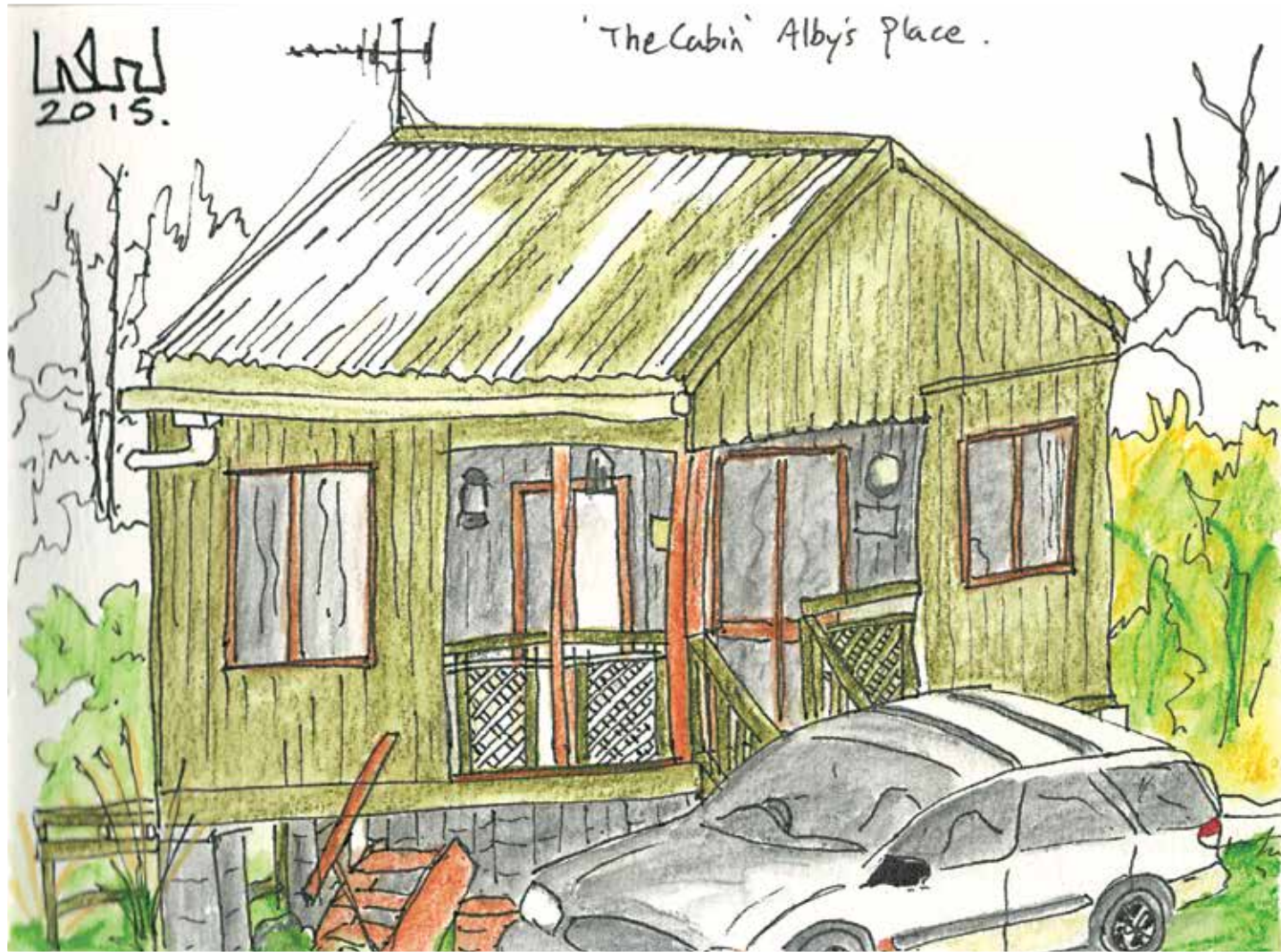
1. Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained
2. Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
3. Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the lot
4. Clean gutters of leaves and twigs
5. Have hoses long enough to reach around your house
6. If you have a tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your entrance, so firefighters know where they can get water
7. Check and maintain adequate levels of home and contents insurance. Ensure it is up to date.
8. Move any woodpiles or other flammable material away from buildings.
9. Store petrol and fuel safely away in a shed.
10. Ensure that firefighting equipment like pumps, hoses and fire extinguishers are at hand.
11. Complete your bushfire survival plan (www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)



This season the fire squad with support of many members and our trusty new striker organised several controlled hazard reduction burns around Goolawah. Controlled burns happened near Frog Hollow, Red Hill North, below Camp Kitchen and behind Denis & Denise's and David's sites. Since 1st September burn offs and push pile burns are only allowed with a permit, issued by the local Fire Services on request.

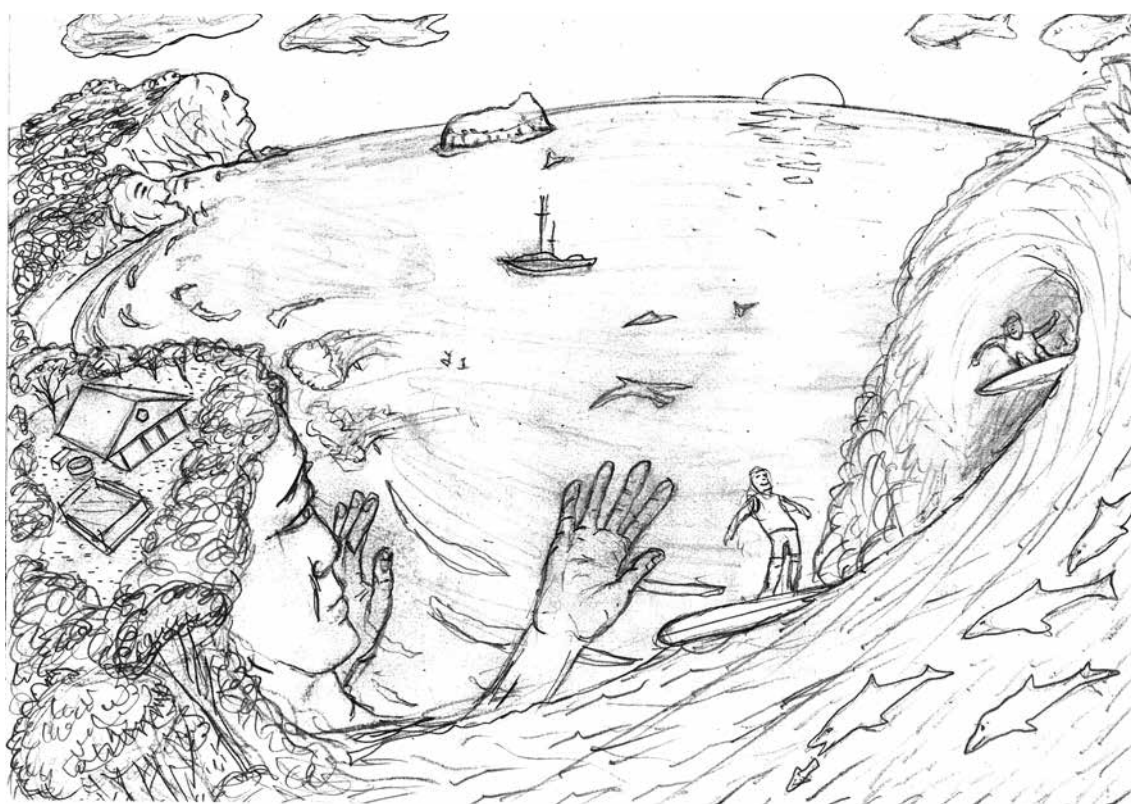
Kevin's Goolawah sketchbook

Al Hunter's house on Red Hill.



Colour
this in

Alby sent us this
surf and sea drawing.
He suggested it
might work well for
colouring-in



Cheerful House Numbers

House numbers keep being created (maybe not at record speed but at a progressive Goolawah pace). The HN Jury received a request 'to allow a special category for the competition, to help the creatively-challenged feel engaged and more able to compete.' The applicant (he entered this month's Gazette with his no 5, boldly convinced of winning the new category) suggested the following entrant criteria for this new category named 'Cheap & Cheerful':

- No expenditure allowed on new materials (including screws and nails) for the construction (everything must come from your own sh-t pile).
- And no scrounging from the neighbours or other sh-t piles.
- Total time allowed on the sign construction is max. ONE HOUR
- Beauty is optional, i.e. in the eye of the beholder, so to speak.

Ps: Not all of this month's number creations are entrants for the C&C category.

Paul & Anne #25

Peter & Julica #5



Al Hunter #29

Roger & Belinda #67



The poles are up

Last Resort working bee

A good crew of 17 people came to the working bee on the first September Sunday. Thanks to happy hands, lots of tools and great preparation the wood workers managed to get the six corner poles of the hexagonal building sanded, routed, oiled and up. A second team cleaned concrete left-overs from the site, used to fill potholes in Forest Way and returned with trailer loads of red clay

from Goldmine Hill to be used later for the walls. Since some had to attend family business before the group photo taken in the end, here's a big thanks to all involved: Anne W, Sattwa, Paul, Kevin, Larry, Nityama, Julica, Peter OH, Mohini, Tarrik, Dan, Alicia, Luke, Ish, James, Craig and Ralph VH. Special thanks to Rebekah who spoiled the workers with a delicious morning tea.



Fire, food and music

A great time was had by all at our election night *Don's Party*. My birthday just happened to fall on the same day. Thank you all for the nice greetings and reminding me that I'm another year older.

Special thanks to Belinda, Bron, Mog, Peter O'H and Griff for making sure that our guests were well fed.

The delicious warm food was very welcome on this cold night. Turnouts like this really encourage us to keep trying to make our events even bigger and better.

See you all for the roof celebrations next month. *Laz*



*You call that a bonfire?
Excellent outdoor heating and
great show for the election
night party on July 2nd*

CUI BONO?

Like all organisations of people, however big or small, with whatever purpose, be it the local football club, bingo evening, the primary school's parents group, a business or a SEPP 15 establishment – the bodies responsible for keeping the wheels turning, the bills paid, the local authorities happy and so on, those governance groups, have to constantly balance the benefits to the group vs. the benefits to the individual. Governments in democracies are arguably in a similar position.

Mr Spock (remember him? the ears...) had it that “the benefits of the many outweigh the benefits of the few – indeed the benefits of the one.”

Goolawah's governance bodies (the committees, the meetings) would evaluate proposals, ideas or 'movements' by their merits to the whole.

This is of course not aimed at some artificial “sameness” amongst the membership - history shows very clearly what happens to such endeavours.

Members' personal ambitions are not only no problem, they should be encouraged and supported – adding as they do to the colourful tapestry that is the community's 'human capital'.

Too often however, personal endeavours are being allowed to prevail - ostensibly for the sake of peace – even though they are so very much not only NOT in the group's interest, they are, at times, blatantly counter-productive - and that momentary “peace” often turns into much acrimony amongst members in the weeks & months following such decisions.

Politics are complicated these days, even those of Goolawah. The world can't be divvied up into 'left' and 'right' anymore. We can't distinguish people by their god, their tribe or their size or shape. We can't even break them down by the things they like to eat or which particular species they want to preserve.

Something is either right or it is wrong.

It can be argued – cogently – that proposals coming before any of the co-operative's forums should undergo this basic test: Cui Bono?

It's Latin for 'Who Benefits?' and has been usurped somewhat by crime fiction writers in relation to 'motive' for a crime.

However, the Roman Senate had all proposals undergo this simple test: cui bono?

The expression dates back to the days when Rome was still a Republic - the nearest to what one could call a democracy in that ancient world. Caesar hadn't done his thing yet and his nephew wasn't yet installed as the first emperor, Augustus.

Yeah, those who don't learn the lessons from history are condemned to repeat it...

All that aside, is this not an easy litmus test for proposals before Goolawah: cui bono?

Ralph

Disclaimer: The views expressed in the Secretary's column do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor.

July General Meeting Minutes

2 July 2016

Minute Taker: Denise Cobourn

Chair/Facilitator: Peter O'Hara

Commenced: 9.10am

Attendance: Roger Ball (deputise for Kevin Harper), Tony Roberts (deputise for Louise Roberts), John Tennock, Gerard Shea, Ron & Lyn Ringrose, Margaret Leech, Bron Little, Dennis Cobourn, Greg Ryan, Cynthia and Justin Fitzpatrick, James Gallety, Belinda Ball, Alwyn Hunter, Daniel Rose, Wayne Ellis, Anne Tennock, Tarrick Morssi, Robert Conlan, Craig Singleman (D), Rose Mahar (D), Sue Loudon (D), Satwa Horne, Nityama, Anne Wilson (D).

Apologies: Julica Junghuesling, Stuart Pougher, Kevin Harper (D), Louise Roberts (D), Mohini Brownegedge.

Visitors: Wayne and Jenny Skinner, Ralph Van Hulst, Brian Alexander.

Confirmation of Previous minutes:

2 April General Meeting

Proposed – Craig Singleman Seconded – Bron Little

Approval - Unanimous

7 May Community Meeting

Proposed – Craig Singleman Seconded – Bron Little

Approval - Unanimous

NOTE: 4th June Community Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.

Business arising from Previous Meeting(s):

1. SLOW REDUCE DUST signs – still to be erected.
ACTION: Dennis, Justin, Craig and any volunteers to erect dust and speed signs next weekend.
2. Proposed resolution by community to change current By-Law 10A (a) i) 9 FROM “The speed limit on Goolawah is 20kph in residential areas and 40kph on connecting roads.”
TO “Members and their visitors are not to drive faster than 20kph in residential areas and 40kph in non-residential areas in Goolawah and on both Nevertire and Illa Langi access roads”.
Approved unanimously
3. Draft Finance Policy (on website).
This will always be a working document, and is a statement of Treasurer's duties.
John clarified question relating to account queries.
Move to adopt Finance Policy - Peter Seconded - Ralph
Approved unanimously Thank you John.
4. Resolution “To refer Justin and Leah's debt to debt collectors if they fail to pay their current Goolawah debt by 27 June 2016”. Did they pay? Received an email from Leah saying they won't be paying, as more pressing debts have come up (car regos), and they didn't getting enough from sale of vehicle. Tax return should enable debt to be repaid.
Comments: Can we ask them to pay all overdue amounts of more than one year? Yes. Fee schedule for debt collectors may be quite substantial. At Bundagen - expulsion at a GM usually results in payment. Rare to get to debt collection stage.
Amended Resolution “To refer Justin and Leah's debt for all debts more



than 12 months overdue as at 30.6.16 to debt collectors as they failed to pay their Goolawah debt by 27 June 2016".

Approved unanimously

ACTION: The Board will act on the debt collection process asap.

5. Tractor seat belt. **ACTION:** Dan has the belt and will liaise with members to organize installation.

Secretary's Report:

1. Letter sent to Turner Freeman on the 5.12.15 seeking advice on insurance was returned to sender last week.
2. Pay current bills - Milne Alexander \$3,871 Public Liability Insurance. Eagle \$1396 Directors Insurance Secretary's print bill \$236
3. Dispute between Justin and Cynthia Fitzpatrick and Cindy Munroe. **Background and Discussion:** Justin and Cynthia spoke about their version of events: a verbal agreement to work on Cindy's dwelling in return for 12 month occupancy; within 3 months Cindy began intrusive and accusatory behaviours; recently threatening them over differences about when the agreement ends. C & J have told Cindy they will be moving out on the 27.7.16, which is 12 months. Threats have been verbal and via text, which C & J have kept as evidence. Police have been involved in the past week, and advised C & J to take out an AVO. Which would probably not come into effect until after their move. Cindy approached Craig for assistance - he relayed her grievance to the Board - the Board suggested they follow the Dispute Resolution Process. Code of Conduct - read out. The community agreed Cindy had breached the Code of Conduct. **ACTION:** Board to send a letter to Cindy stating she is clearly in breach of the Code of Conduct. The letter should relate specifically to the Code of Conduct and not include reference to the 'Agreement' between C & J and Cindy. Provide C & J with a draft letter before sending. C & J thanked meeting for support.
4. Crow Tribe - requested street sign for 'Lovers Lane'. *Approved unanimously.*

DA Report:

Mike Dutton's quote:

- a) All-weather - council knocked back.
- b) Sealed in front of residences - approx. \$100,000 for 400m of seal plus \$100,000 for all-weather road improvement, removal of cattle grid and fixing corner.

NOTE: these are not definite quotes.

- c) Sealed to the standard of Kinchela Right Bank Road - no quote.

Peter and Ralph met with Mike Dutton last Wednesday - the first letter was not satisfactory after a 2 month wait. We now have an updated letter, which requires further review before presenting to council. Peter read out a section of Mike Dutton's letter. It would cost \$870,000+ to build a road to council's original request. It is not possible to build a road to this standard as it is technically unachievable ie. would involve buying land, complicated corners, drainage issues etc.

Mike Dutton recommended we request council agrees to an upgrade of the all-weather road ie. approx. \$100,000 with a view to sealing in front of residences over a 5 to 10 year period as funds permit. Dust minimisation is important - a speed of 20km does reduce dust.

NOTE: Goolawah will be responsible for ongoing maintenance. A square meter tar costs \$6. Need a good base and good cover of tar. Greg Ryan

has experience with road costs and tarring. 6 month deadline to appeal to council runs out in September.

ACTION: Meeting empowers DA Committee to analyse current information/approach council to continue negotiations. All-weather and tar in front of residences is the most cost effective solution (time frame to be negotiated with council).

Moved: Roger Seconded: Anne W Approved unanimously.

Road Report:

Illa Langi Road - thanks to all who participated in working bee. Mick Conomos has quoted \$2640 (3 days to complete) to clear to fence line (approx. 1 km on southern side). Goolawah is responsible for removing burn piles.

Action: Quote accepted unanimously. Notify council of work.

Membership Report:

Guest membership:

George White - Query regarding the progress of George's guest membership. To date he has not followed through with the procedures, and has moved from host to host. Rebekah is now managing guest membership. Frank is currently hosting George as a guest and will be billed \$20 per week. Previously Treasurer billed Tarrick (direct debit since beginning of March). Police check not followed through and expired - he has agreed to re-do with Rebekah. Currently working on Red Hill fire shelter - he needs to submit a Work Claim. Discussion around exempting him from \$20 per week for a month or two in lieu of work on Red Hill Fire Shelter.

Note: Unapproved guests should be billed at \$10 per day after 28 days.

Setting ourselves up for problems if we don't follow our own procedures.

Action: Exception to our rule of \$10 per day, George will pay \$20 per week pending completion of paperwork by next meeting.

Abstain: 4 All others in favour.

Applications in process:

Ralph van Hulst (Rusty) - enjoying his time on Goolawah and has met most members over the last few weeks. Comes from Tasmania, but mostly lived on mainland. Electrician. Enjoys travel and nature -

Jenny (Mark's sister) and Wayne - visited Goolawah many times, always enjoy the freedom, space, wildlife and people. From north of Brisbane. IT architect working globally for a number of years. Jack of all trades. Found meeting process interesting.

Moved: An exception be made that Ralph, Jenny and Mark don't need to attend a second meeting due to cancellation of June meeting.

Seconded: Sue

For: 12 **Against:** 1 **Abstain:** 5 **Carried.**

Bron and Lexie withdrew from Membership Committee.

Current Membership Committee: Tony, Rebekah, Paul and Nityama. !

Machinery Report:

Tractor fan belt replaced. Small slasher has new blades. Frank welded on skids. Big slasher needs new blades - approx. \$150. Someone has been too rough with tractor - do not use as a bulldozer!

Fire Squad Report:

Trailer working well. Burn practice behind kitchen went well. Continue with burn offs where needed. Trailer is left empty of water due to weight over winter. Everyone should have a Fire Plan booklet - clean up around your place and update plan as required.

Resolutions:

1. Fire prep mowing

Resolution: "All members are to regularly mow their sites to reduce fire fuel load. If a site is not mowed by cut off dates of 15/08, 15/11, 26/02, then the co-op will use a contractor to cut the grass, and bill the charges to the member. Goolawah members will be approached first to do the work, but if none are available, an off-site contractor will be hired. Charges will be at an hourly commercial rate. It is the member's responsibility to clearly mark trees and tidy up objects not to be mowed.

Rationale: Persistent long grass on approximately ten sites is posing a fire hazard. We need a better, less bureaucratic system to make sure that blocks are mowed at least three times a year in line with fire and grass growing seasons. Currently private arrangements, and members volunteering to slash others' sites using the community tractor are mostly working ok, but some sites have lots of trees/objects and take longer to do, and \$50/site is not a fair rate for these sites.

Amended Resolution: "All members are to regularly mow their sites to

reduce fire fuel load. If a site is not mowed by cut off dates of 15/08, 15/11, 26/02, then the co-op will use a contractor to cut the grass, and bill the charges to the member. Goolawah members will be approached first to do the work at \$25 per hour, but if none are available, an off-site contractor will be hired. Charges will be at an hourly commercial rate. It is the member's responsibility to clearly mark trees and tidy up objects not to be mowed. Scope for Fire Squad to add additional dates or change dates at short notice depending on fire season."

Proposed: Paul *Seconded:* Anne W *For:* Unanimous.

Action: John will require proper documentation / invoice for this work.

Submit a Work Claim Form with details of site number mowed or slashed (to be paid at \$25 per hour).

Add to Community Job List.

Nityama volunteered to oversee sites are slashed.

Issue of Work Cover if we are paying an hourly rate.

Clarify this – Sue.

2. To establish a cemetery on Goolawah

Resolution: To establish a cemetery on one of these 3 sites:

- a) the North Eastern corner of the cleared area of Gold Mine Hill (photo in previous newsletter)
- b) South-West corner Illa Langi / Forest Way
- c) 20-40m East of Forest Way intersection, on Northern (left) side of Illa Langi: between road and Goldmine-"proper"; all other non-residential sites unsuitable, lying below 1-in-100-year flood levels.

Proposal to Establish a Cemetery (Refer to June Newsletter for article by Ralph)

Discussion and Comments (note – Craig replaced Peter as Chair for discussion).

- Above Resolution was on Proxy Form but not in the Newsletter.
- Hold over as we have more pressing issues atm.
- Have we actually voted on wanting a cemetery?
- Tabled Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW Action Plan 2015-2020. Refers to Cemeteries and Crematoria Act. Read out paragraph relating to statutory obligations and best practice governance (complex regulatory framework for the operation of cemeteries and crematoria).
- Legislation should not be a reason not to proceed with a cemetery.
- Need to progress now rather than later.
- Who would be buried on Goolawah? Straw vote – a minority indicated they would be buried on Goolawah.
- The people who want a cemetery should oversee it.
- Need for a lot more discussion.
- DA is not that complicated.
- Maintenance issue.
- Differentiate in your own mind what undertakers do and how cemeteries are run.
- Bundagen experience – costs \$400 for paperwork. Homemade coffin – pick up coffin from undertaker. Digging a hole most difficult aspect – resorted to digging a vertical hole with post hole borer. Health Department came out the first time only to inspect the hole.
- Call it a memorial park rather than a cemetery.
- Completes a cycle – spiritual aspect.
- Mick Conomos can dig a grave in one hour.
- Cost is not at the heart of issue.

Amend Resolution:

Proposed – Ralph

Seconded – Anne T

Abstain: 1 All others in favour.

New resolution: To establish a cemetery on Goolawah.

For: 15 *Against:* 2 *Abstain:* 5

Treasurer's Report:

(available on website for viewing prior to the meeting):

Receipts delayed due to computer break down.

Paul Martin is no longer a signatory on the bank accounts. Louise, Craig, Ralph and John are current signatories.

Reports are too big to load on website when Work Claims are sent as photos.

Work Claims and Treasurer's Report to be separate documents in the future.

Financial Audit – cost will be similar to last year.

Discussion regarding Red Hill Fire Shelter Work Claims. Hours have not

been claimed for the Community deck and roof. Red Hill Fire Shelter – Work Claims are being submitted. 1200 hours of work have been recorded for Community deck and roof construction to date (consider keeping a record for Red Hill Fire Shelter). 3 Men's Shed members are using the hours to meet Centrelink's Work Activity requirements. Work Claims for either project will significantly increase the cost of the projects.

'Free Labour' for work on the Red Hill project was mentioned at a previous meeting but not minuted. Discussed considering cap on Work Levy for building projects.

Satwa offered to withdraw current Work Claim.

June Report

Propose Treasurer's Report be accepted – John *seconded* – Tony

July report

Propose Treasurer's Report be accepted – John *seconded* – Roger

Both Treasurer's reports were approved unanimously.

Work and Expenses Claims:

Reminder - Work Claims must be submitted to Treasurer 10 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be approved. Claims received after this date may be held over and submitted to the next meeting.

Work Claims from June meeting will be included in 2015 / 16 financial year.

Work Claims from June and July approved unanimously

Review community jobs List

Add in \$25 per hour for slashing / mowing sites as per Resolution approved on the 2nd July.

General Business Agenda Items:

1. Cancellation of meetings (Bronwyn) – all agreed not cancel meetings in the future.
2. A Shared Vision for Goolawah (Anne W) – caring over to next meeting.
3. Financial reports in Newsletter (Peter O'H for Julica) – all agreed to take Treasurer's Reports out of newsletter.!

Gratitude Round: Thank you all for attending.

Meeting Closed: 1.30pm

August Community Meeting Minutes

6th August 2016

Minute Taker: Rose Mahar

Chair/Facilitator: Louise Roberts

Commenced: 9:05 am

Attendance: Peter O'Hara, Anne Wilson (D), Mark Doonan, Tony Roberts, Roger Ball, Sue Loudon (D), Mick Clancy, Wayne Ellis, Julica Jungehueling, Alicia Fox, Bron Little, Daniel Rose, Ralph Erthel (D), Craig Singleman (D), Louise Roberts (D), Rose Mahar (D)

Apologies: James Galletly, Dennis & Denise Cobourn

Visitors: Ralph Van Hulst, Wayne & Jenny Skinner, Brian Alexander !

Confirmation of Previous minutes:

2nd July General Meeting

Proposed - Ralph, *Seconded* - Craig, *Unanimous*

Business arising from Previous Meeting(s):

1. SLOW REDUCE DUST signs – still to be erected. Put on list for next working bee.
2. Justin and Leah's debt. Paid most of arrears debt and have made a commitment to continue regular payments. Now current.
3. Tractor seat belt. May not be needed due to age of tractor. Thank you Daniel for installing.
4. Letter to Cindy Munro regarding breach of the Code of Conduct. Was sent as agreed at July meeting. !

Secretary's Report: Ralph

1. Census night – Tuesday 9th August. Collector delivered forms to Ralph for individual households. Do online or return via post.
2. Grant Woolcock's debt. Letter to be sent reminding him he needs to keep up regular payments.
3. Carmel's shares. Carmel came to talk about this. They have been cleaning up the blocks. She has the prices set at \$55k, \$60k & \$65k for the separate blocks. Price is negotiable. It was previously agreed that annual levies would be waived for 12 months while blocks were for sale. She has paid levies up to the end of last financial year. Meeting agreed the 12 period should start this financial year to be reviewed at end of year. Carmel has agreed to mark blocks clearly to facilitate easy boundary delineation. Some discussion about possible problems with the access through one block to Ronnie's place.

4. John Tennock needs to update his accounting software and would like meeting to approve \$500 to buy Filemaker Pro. Vote: *Unanimous*

Treasurer's Report: As Tabled.

\$213,835 in account.

Grant Woolcock only overdue member.

Proposed - Ralph, *Seconded* - Rose, *Unanimous*.

DA Report: Ralph

Michael Young will call 5pm Monday afternoon to discuss the weight of Dutton's report for negotiations with council and /or court. Meeting on Ralph's verandah. !

Road Report: Ralph

- There's a few pot holes appearing on our roads but will hold off with repairs for now.
- Illa Langi Road clearing by Mick Conomos. Mick has made good progress – will need one more day. Discussion ensued re marking narrow culvert opposite the airfield. White posts and reflectors would probably suffice. Ralph will investigate.
- Vote of thanks to Mick and Roger for slashing along road etc. near Frog Hollow. !

Membership Report: Tony

- George White - still no paperwork from George.
- Jenny & Wayne Skinner – have completed all paperwork etc. successfully. Had pre-meeting re community approval. All OK. To be ratified today.

Proposed as new members by Tony, *seconded:* Anne. *Unanimous welcome*.

- Some discussion about hiccups in the new membership process – the paperwork doesn't match the process. Will need revisiting in the future.
- There is a need to replace Tony on the membership committee. Call out to all members to volunteer. !

Machinery Report: Roger

New blades for slasher still on order. !

Fire Squad Report: Julica, Roger

- Fire truck going great but battery was flat. Possibly needs a new battery. Anne(?) will check if trickle charge is working.
- First date for blocks to be slashed is 15th August but not too concerned at the moment due to recent rain.

Work and Expenses Claims:

1. Issue of Work Cover if we are paying contractors an hourly rate for slashing of sites. Sue investigated this issue and will send pertinent information to the directors and treasurer. In brief, if we don't pay more than \$7500pa in total we are exempt. We should avoid paying any one individual more than \$450 so that we don't have to pay superannuation. Thank you Sue for doing this.

2. Work Claim from Paul Martin for 25 hours setting up the fire truck.

Unanimous Approval and vote of thanks to Paul.

Review community jobs List:

\$25 per hour added to Community Job List for slashing of sites. Deferred for now until all have a chance to read the work cover information. !

General Business Agenda Items:

1. Tony and Louise are going on vacation - need members to volunteer for their current roles, i.e. Director, DA and Membership Committees. Roger Ball is taking over as director from Louise. Thank you Roger. Tony's membership role is still open.
2. Ground Parrot Survey – Anne. National Parks are looking for volunteers for a Ground Parrot survey. Information is posted on the website.
3. Red Hill fire shelter – Anne. The footings have gone in. The timber has been milled. There will be a working bee on the site in a few weeks time.
4. Vision Statement for Goolawah – Anne. Anne proposes that the co-op goes through a revisioning process to help make decisions, for the benefit of new members, and to help members know what ideas to advance. Discussion ensued re possible ways of surveying people and providing feedback. The process should involve revisiting and referring to existing Rules. Alicia & Daniel to assist Anne. Will possibly use Survey Monkey.

Proposal: To include admin work on the revision process on the community jobs list.

Proposed: Anne *Seconded:* Sue

For: 6, Against: 1, Abstain: 7

5. Camp kitchen update - finances and completion of works - Wayne
Trusses were to go up on Wednesday – delayed due to rain. Will go ahead this week weather permitting. There have been lots of delays to do with the order of the trusses but they were finally delivered last

week. Problem is a crane is needed to lift them into place as the cherry picker is not suitable and it is deemed too dangerous for the men.

Unfortunately it was not anticipated that a crane would be needed so it was not included in the original budget. The cost is \$6600 which means the project will run out of money before completion.

Proposal: To provide an additional sum of \$6600 to cover the cost of the crane for the installation of the trusses.

Proposed: Wayne

Seconded: Craig

For: 11 Abstain: 1 !

6. Rainforest Project - Wayne.

Rob still working on it. He has another 100 trees to plant in a couple of weeks. Would appreciate any donations of soil, stakes, tubes etc.

7. Newsletter items – Julica

Deadline - the day after meeting is the deadline for minutes, please hand in all other items not at the last minute but at least the week before.

Late items make a LOT of extra work.

Gratitude Round: Thank you everyone

Meeting Closed: 11:15



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September Community Meeting Minutes

Date: 03 September 2016 !

Minute Taker: Rose Mahar

Chair/Facilitator: Peter O'Hara

Commenced: 9:05

Attendance: Sue Loudon (D), Craig Singleman (D), Ralph Erthel (D), Kevin Harper (D), Roger Ball (D), Anne Wilson (D), Belinda Ball, Bron Little, Michael Clancy, Dennis Cobourn, Daniel Rose, Larry Knight, Julica Jungehülsing, Nityama, Satwa Horne, James Galletty, Wayne Ellis, Paul Martin, Tarrik Morsi

Apologies: Denise Cobourn, Mohini Browngedge

Visitors: Ralph Van Hulst

Confirmation of Previous minutes:

Proposed: Ralph, *Seconded:* Julica

Business arising from Previous Meetings:!

1. Guests of members

Discussion – There are problems with the policy/rules. The membership policy needs to be revisited and possibly make guest members free for 2 months. Members should let us know if they have a visitor staying. We need to qualify who can be a guest of a member. The host member must be present and responsible for the guest, not just allow someone to stay on their own. Possible issues of privacy to consider. Having skilled workers stay on site helps those who are building, but after a certain time the workers need to pay \$10/day to stay, which is still much cheaper than campgrounds or renting elsewhere.

Recommendation: Policy and Guidelines committee to review guest membership policy.

2. Vision statement for Goolawah – Anne

Stage one of the process is ready - to ask opinions about what we do well and not so well, via Survey Monkey – links to be put on Facebook and the website. Paper copies are also available. It should be finished in 2 weeks. !

3. **Add \$25 per hour for slashing/mowing** sites to job list. Sue forwarded work cover info to the directors (community is exempt if it doesn't pay

more than total \$7500 in wages). !

- 4. Update on dispute** between Cindy and Cynthia & Justin
All sorted – not our problem. !

Secretary's Report:

- Bunnings overcharged for materials for camp kitchen – should get a refund soon.
- Feral pigs – are around again. Ralph too busy to deal with it. Rose will contact pig hunters and make sure they understand community guidelines.
- Unpaid levies – no members delinquent at present.
- Have received lots of letters from the council re onsite waste disposal. Possibly return all to council and ask them to put individual names/sites on them.

DA Report:

- Ralph read out the letter sent to council regarding our DA. The DA committee decided to let the September 12 deadline go and put in a revised Section 96 application.
- Ralph briefed the meeting about the need for a proper traffic counter device: The traffic count now underway, with members (guests??) ticking a box, has no evidentiary value;
- the battle with KSC is now headed for the Land & Environment Court;
- VPDs constitute an important factor in Goolawah's argument;
- we should consider using a Sydney company that hires out electronic counters, with one on each of our access roads (thus no "fudging" Nevertire's vpd);
- only that company can extract the data - making the evidence irrefutable; - cost is \$1,880 per week per unit.
- Michael Young (lawyer) is snowed under but should respond in writing next week.
- Suggestion to send councillors copies of correspondence between council staff and the Co-op.
- Speeding and dust on Nevertire continue to be an issue with our neighbours. They have made complaints to council. Discussion about possible solutions.

Road Report:

- Mick Conomos did a good job clearing the bush along Illa Langi Rd. Ralph has a fire permit to burn push piles when able to.
- Query about who possibly vandalised the poles marking the culvert. Discussion about the neighbour who is encroaching further into Illa Langi road with fence and obstacles. Ralph will write to crown lands office to complain.

Membership Report:

- Bron – the meeting to discuss Ralph Van Hulst's membership was held a few days ago. There were no problems and he has fulfilled all requirements. Bron *proposed* he be ratified as a member. *Seconded* by Roger. *Approved unanimously*.
- Ralph E. *proposed* we ratify the share transfer of lot no. 19 from Carmel Quinn to Ralph Van Hulst. *Seconded* by Roger. *Approved unanimously*.
- Paul – suggested we change information on the website to say it is not necessarily cheaper to build on Goolawah, as it gives the wrong idea, and it actually works out about the same as building in town. It was agreed Peter will do this. Only other prospect is Warren Goldsmith who is still looking around.
- Jo has left – she is no longer a guest of Sue, and her guest status is closed.
- Tarrik Morsi has offered to join the membership committee. Thank you Tarrik.

Machinery Report:

- Mark is looking for new blades for the slasher
- The tractor needs maintenance. Paul will contact the mobile mechanic to organise servicing to include check brakes, grease and oil, check steering wheel and possibly new tyres for the front. Thank you Paul

Fire Squad Report:

- Paul and Roger looking into getting a new coupling for the trailer. It isn't compatible with use on the tractor.
- Paul purchased a new battery for the fire truck
- Some burning off still to be done. A fire permit is needed now for any burning off.
- Paul will do a site inspection regarding blocks that require slashing. He will ask for volunteers from the community first to slash blocks at \$25/ hour to be billed directly to the owner as agreed at previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report (on website prior to the meeting):

Propose report be accepted - Roger Seconded – Sue
Accepted unanimously.

Thank you John for your hard work. !

Work and Expenses Claims:

Only one work claim from Denise. Approved unanimously.

General Business:

1. **Logging on Wauchop's block**, and use of Red Hill access. There is a rumour he is intending to log the block then sell the land. Anne has made some enquiries re what we can do to prevent this happening as it is valuable koala habitat and residents are concerned about log trucks on our roads. Anne given approval for up to \$300 budget to get a lawyer to write a letter to Wauchop outlining our concerns and also to notify him that we will no longer allow access to his block through our private property.
2. **Media Report** – Julica
 - Kate Legge interviewed a few members for the Weekend Australian magazine. It was a general article about community living. The members interviewed were able to ascertain its accuracy and agreed to the content.
 - Also approached by channel 7 Sunday Night program. This was knocked back as we wouldn't have control of the content.
 - Julica is going to attend the next local council meeting on 27th September. She is looking at local media to possibly get a bit of PR happening.
 - If anyone wants privacy or exclusion from any media contact let Julica know. !
3. **Working Bee.** Sunday – Father's Day will be working bee on the Red Hill fire shelter. Morning tea organised. Lots of jobs for all levels. Bring tools, safety gear etc. Starts at 8:30 am.
4. **Curfew on motor noise** – Roger. Discussion re using machinery after 4pm – it was noted that pumps and generators are being used late into the night. It is in our by-laws that motors should not be used after hours out of consideration to our neighbours. Roger will send out a text reminder. All members asked to be considerate. !
5. **Carmel's shares.** There was some discussion regarding the decision at the last meeting to waive levies for one year on compassionate grounds. It was decided that there had been no official agreement to do this and as such the decision made by the previous meeting with Carmel present was illegal. It was decided that Ralph E. will write to her and explain this. She can afford to pay the levies as Ralph Van Hulst has purchased one or her shares.
6. **Rainforest project.** Rob has planted more trees and work continues. Thanks Rob.
7. **Phone Text Line** – thanks Stu for doing this so well. !
8. **Paul has shade sails** for the playground. The meeting approved the purchase of proper fixings so they can be erected. Thank you Paul.

Gratitude Round: Thanks all for your attendance and efforts.

Meeting Closed: 11:50am.

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Sim van der Rym and Stuart Cowan, *Ecological Design*



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A few friendly echidnas visited Goolawah during winter. Denise photographed this one near their dam on Red Hill

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