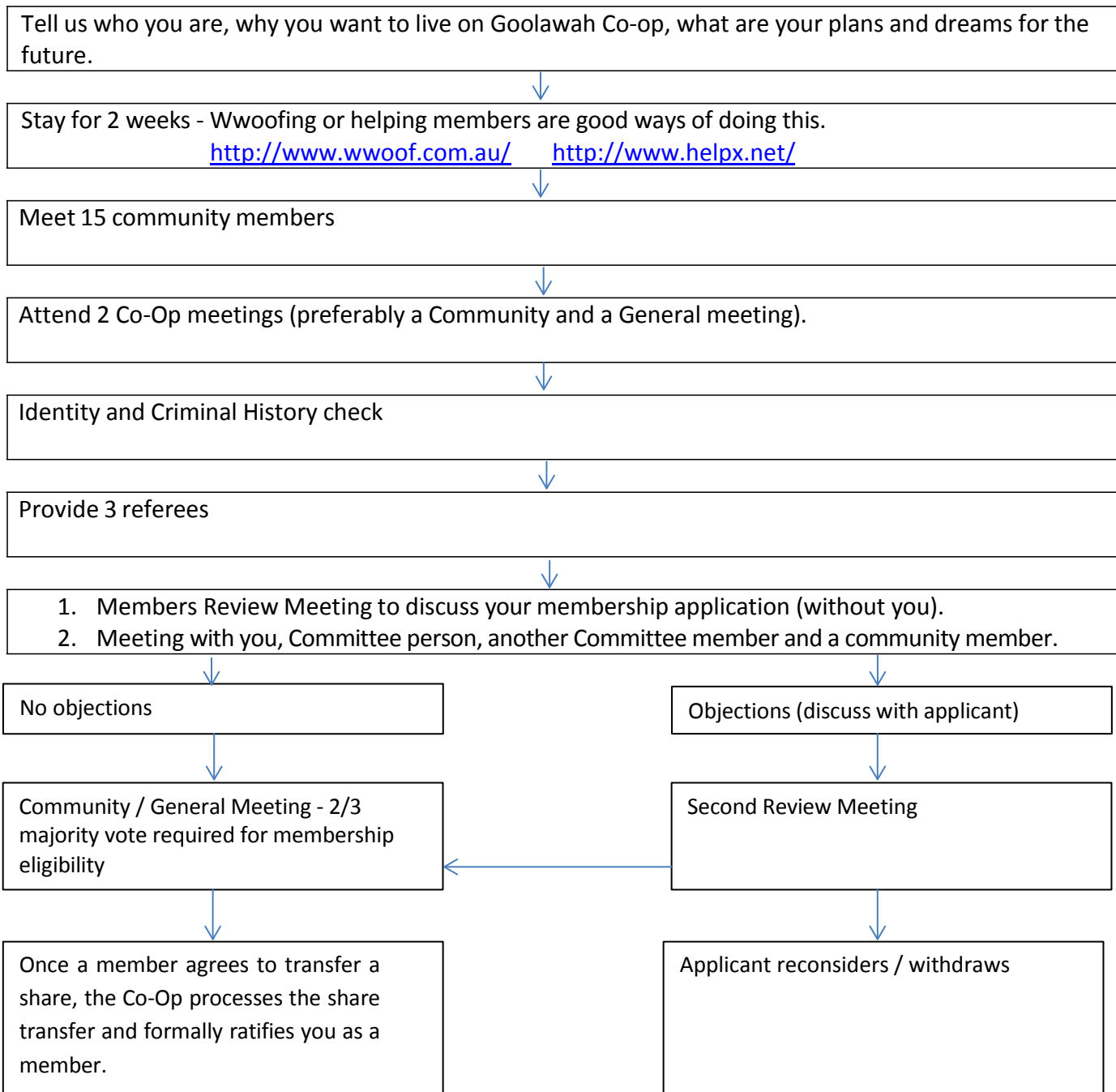


MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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This process is intended to ensure you are well informed about the Co-op and for the Co-op to decide if you are suited to our community. The Membership Committee will guide you through the process. You can choose single membership (one adult) or joint membership (two adults). Each person applying is required to complete a Membership Application.



At the end of the application process your private documents are returned and no copies will be kept. Identify Check Form is retained if your application is successful.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

STEP ONE



1. Complete the next 2 pages;
 - email to goolawah.secretary@gmail.com or
 - post to PO Box 40, Crescent Head, NSW 2440.
2. A Membership Committee Person will contact you and guide you through the process.

I give permission for the information arising from the membership application process to be reviewed by members of Goolawah and checked further if necessary.

Name: Contact Number:

Email: Signature:

How did you hear about Goolawah Co-op?

Describe your current living/housing situation.

Have you lived in or applied to join a community before, if so which one(s)?

What are your occupation and interests?

What inspires you?

What frustrates you?

Would other people live with you on Goolawah Co-op - who are they and tell us about them?

Why do you want to join Goolawah Co-op?

What do you expect from Goolawah Co-op and its members?

What can you contribute to Goolawah Co-op and its members?	
What do you think you would enjoy about Goolawah Co-op?	
What do you think you would find challenging about Goolawah Co-op?	
What would you do with a home improvement site on Goolawah Co-op and over what time frame?	
What do you estimate it would cost to establish a home, and how would you finance this?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a house? • Alternate power system? • Grey water? • Composting toilet? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water (domestic and firefighting)? • Communications? • Council fees? • Estimated total?
<p>Read a Diana Leafe Christian (DLC) book or view DLC 'youtube' videos and describe what you learned.</p> <p>Diana Leafe Christian Book Options:</p> <p><i>Finding Community: How to Join an Ecovillage or Intentional Community.</i> ISBN: 0865715785.</p> <p><i>Creating a Life Together: Practical Tools to Grow Ecovillages & Intentional Communities.</i> ISBN:</p> <p>What was relevant to Goolawah Co-op and why?</p> <p>What was not relevant and why?</p>	
What is your opinion of Goolawah Co-op's structure and our rules compared to other communities?	
How would you change / evolve Goolawah Co-op?	
NEXT STEP: Email or post (as above)	

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

STEP TWO



- 1. Stay for 2 weeks.** (Advise the Membership Committee Person when you intend staying at the Camp Kitchen Campground. He/she can assist with member stays.

List dates you stayed at Goolawah Co-op (**minimum 14 days**):

<u>Camp Kitchen Campground (minimum 7 days required);</u>	<u>Staying with members (aim to stay with 3 different members);</u>
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- 2. Meet 15 members (one member per site).**

Member	What you learned about Goolawah Co-op from this member

At this stage of the application process you may ask the Committee Person for a list of shares for sale.

3. Attend 2 Co-op meetings.

Date:

Date:

4. i) Complete the 'Identity Check' form (signed by 2 directors).

ii) **Criminal History Check** provided. Go to <https://www.nationalcrimecheck.com.au/>

5. Provide 3 referees: (to be contacted by Committee Person)

e.g. community groups, organisations, work colleague.....

Name	
From	
Relationship to you	
Contact Number/s	

Name	
From	
Relationship to you	
Contact Number/s	

Name	
From	
Relationship to you	
Contact Number/s	

6. Which housing site are you are interested in?

List the names of surrounding site members you successfully contacted:

Member	Dates	Contact Method	Outcome of Attempted Contact

7. Goolawah will be my / our 'Principal Place of Residence' by the_____/_____/_____.

Thank you for providing this information

The next page explains what happens next with your application

What Happens Next with your Application

- Your referees will be contacted.
- Court record search will be conducted.
- You will be contacted if further information or clarification is required.
- Members are invited to attend a Review Meeting to discuss your application and any objections (without you).
- You attend a Membership Committee meeting with your Committee Person, another Committee member and one community member.

Agenda items include;

1. Discussion of the information provided in your application.
2. Discussion of any member concerns or objections.
3. Your understanding of Goolawah Co-op intentions, structure and responsibilities as a member (you should be familiar with the Rules, By-Laws and Code of Conduct).
4. The 'reality check' regarding setting-up and living at Goolawah;
 - Understanding the issues and challenges.
 - Your personal strengths & likely pressure points.
 - Understanding and accepting the inherent risks - bushfire, flood, wildlife.
 - Understanding the costs, effort, time and stresses involved in setting-up and living on a community.
 - Community and mental health issues.
 - Communication and decision making.
 - Neighbours off the Co-op.

Notes For Your Information:

- You will be given the opportunity to discuss any objections.
- Information regarding shares for sale will be provided after the two week stay and meeting 15 members. The names and contact details of members on neighbouring sites will be provided. It is your responsibility to contact and/or meet these members.
- Members are not permitted to take deposits for the sale of their share. Deposits are payable to the Co-op only after you have been approved as eligible for membership. Once approved as eligible for membership, to secure a site, you may lodge the share transfer fee of \$7,000 with the Treasurer, and it will be held in the Co-op bank account as a refundable deposit.
- Once your membership is approved and a member agrees to transfer a share to you, the Co-op can process the share transfer and formally ratify you as a member.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IDENTITY CHECK



TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH APPLICANT

Name on your ID:

SURNAME:	OTHER NAMES:
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Type of Government Issued Photo ID:

Driving Licence ☐ Passport ☐ Proof of Age card ☐

Other ☐ If other, please specify:

Is the name you gave in your membership application / guest agreement the same as the name on your ID?

Yes ☐ No ☐

TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTORS

I have sighted the applicant's Identity and confirm the name on the Identity is the same as listed above;

Director's Signature: _____ Director's Name: _____

Director's Signature: _____ Director's Name: _____

GOOLAWAH CO-OP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS FEEDBACK



Please give your Feedback Form to a Membership Committee person or post to
Goolawah Co-op PO Box 40, Crescent Head, NSW 2440

How would you sum up your experience of the membership application process?

How was the application process helpful/worthwhile for you?

How was the application process difficult/challenging for you?

What are we doing right?

How could we improve the process?

Any other comments?