

# Goolawah <sup>CO OP</sup> Gazette

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Even the roos were happy about the rain...

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## Events & Dates

**May 18: Pizza Night.** Camp kitchen from 5pm.

**March 19:** Deadline to complete the "Reflection and vision survey" online. The idea of the survey is to find out which values we share, to have a yard stick to measure decisions we make and show new members what Goolawah is about.

**April 1: Goolawah General Meeting** (limited number of fool's day jokes allowed) from 9am at Camp Kitchen. Agenda on the website members' section closer to the event.

**May 20: Goolawah working bee.** Details via phone tree and website.

**May 20/21: "Deep Ecology - The work that reconnects".** Weekend workshop with our member John Seed in and around Goolawah. Fee: \$100 - 200.

All proceeds go to local environmental projects.

Bookings: johnseed1@ozemail.com.au

**June 10, 11 and 12: Farm Gate Tour**

Organised by Hastings Landcare. Great opportunity to meet local producers and farmers, with open doors on several dozen farms, nurseries and other rural producers in the Hastings area.

Check [www.hastingslandcare.org.au](http://www.hastingslandcare.org.au) for details closer to the event.



## From the Editor

2017 is only just under way and Goolawah already had some firsts:

- the first 'home grown only' pot luck dinner (page 6)
- the first snake bite (red bellied black meets Alicia, page 3)
- the hottest day on record with 46.8 °C (Sun Feb 12)
- for the first time Goolawah's under-18 population has reached double-digits: Raven, Joel, Malayka, Shanti, Rami, Mucki, Alec, Acacia, Isaac, Izumi, Isis = 11 young people.

It was impressive and slightly frightening to feel February's soaring heat, and like most of you I was grateful that we were not having to cope with bush fires around that period.

Ishbel has worked on the new *Goolawah Muddy Pages*, a treasure trove of talent you can find on the website (members' section).

I hope you enjoy the first Gazette of 2017. As always, let me know if you've got ideas, pictures or topics for the next newsletter.

Stay happy and healthy.

Cheers from Cookie Close,

Julica



## New Member

### Alan Blake

Alan Blake was ratified as a new member and is now a joint shareholder with Trinh on Cockatoo Ridge's lot 36.

"Hi one and all, I'm finally a bona-fide Goolie and very happy about it!

I join my partner Trinh on our block next to Larry & Griff.

I spent most of my life in the burbs, SE of Melbourne, growing up near the beach. I have been self employed in IT for most of my life, mainly doing a mix of programming, linux and networking.

We are very excited to have found Goolawah, where we can immerse ourselves in a long list of projects: growing food, robotics, hydroponics, aquaponics, beekeeping, sustainability, permaculture, off grid tech etc.

A big thank you to everyone for helping us as we transition to our new home."

Warm regards, Al

## Goolawah very International Women's Day

For *International Women's Day* on March 8 the very international women of Goolawah gathered for hot beverages, cakes and a swim in Crescent Head.

They were indeed an international group – with Australian, Japanese, Vietnamese, German backgrounds.

It made us think about how very multicultural the women of Goolawah indeed are, whilst we bumped into Goolie girls of Irish and South African backgrounds on the beach, with some English, Norwegian, US-american, Uruguayan female members back at the ranch.



Who knows what type of heavy treasures people manage to squeeze in their shipping containers. Standard loads, capacities, road weight limits and truck specifications are all just digits for some – until the moment of truth. Marc helps an airborne truck distribute a container with several thousand kilograms on the right spot. Muscle power is a great thing. (No Goolie was harmed for the photo)

# Learning from a Snake Bite

A serious 'first' indeed, with the first snake bite at Red Hill late February. The target of the Red Bellied Black was Alicia while checking her laundry.

Here's some lessons she learned, which might be useful for others:

- If you are bitten by a snake do your best to identify it, without putting yourself at further risk
- Immobilise yourself - move as little as possible
- If you are bitten on the foot (as I was) **DO NOT ELEVATE** it (as I did). Keep the foot down low.
- Any venom will initially be in the lymphatic system, not the blood stream. So **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CUT OFF CIRCULATION** (as I did). Instead, use a compression bandage firmly around the bite area, (and in this case up the leg). The ambulance applied a small, sterile plastic sheet over the bite area (before the bandage) to allow for a venom swab later at the hospital (the swab experience is very painful, by the way)
- Tie legs together to help minimise movement
- Call the ambulance. We started driving and the phone cut out 3 times. We met them at the end of Crescent Head road and they said that if we'd been able to describe our vehicle (before the phone cut out) they could have met us further along the road, rather than wait around
- I was initially asked if I was having trouble breathing or swallowing, as these are early signs - I wasn't.
- In the emergency ward my blood was tested 4 times over 12 hours to see if venom was present (they were testing for coagulation). Luckily no venom was in my body, probably because it was a mature red bellied black snake which is less likely than a baby to envenomate. The adults commonly just strike to scare away people, saving their venom for edible prey - their enzymes begin

digestion. I was also given a saline drip and my heart rate and blood pressure were monitored for 12 hours.

- Thankfully there was no venom in my body, so there were no symptoms. I was just fighting off an infected foot for a week. Now I must learn to happily co-exist with the snake again, being more careful where I step and what I lift up (we no longer leave washing baskets sitting outside).

Alicia Fox

PS: There are compression bandages in the Camp kitchen and near Red Hill's Letterbox now, thanks Ish!



*Expect them in unexpected places ... red bellied black in hot water system.*



## The Loo Rescue

The Men's Shed got into gear once again and worked on major improvement and repairs on the Camp Kitchen toilet. You can now climb the stairs in the dark without danger, the mechanism in the chambers has been repaired and the men replaced the rotting timber by corrugated iron. There might be even a new seat waiting in the near future. Thanks guys for the loo rescue!



# Pyrethrum, white oil and lots of love

After a working bee some of us witnessed a formerly green spotted gum tree transformed into a yellow swirling, living creature, just like in a David Cronenberg movie. Red-shouldered leaf beetles (*monolepta australis*) had taken over - at least a billion of them eating through the tree.

Discussing what to do (there were too many beetles to squash or pick them), our experts recommended a dose of pyrethrum spray. Pyrethrum is a natural insecticide made from dried flower heads of chrysanthemum (*cinerariifolium* and *coccineum*). It worked well and the tree is still shading a Goolawah verandah.

Here are a few other natural treatments for pests and diseases in and around the gardens:

## White Oil

The famous white oil is good for controlling scale, aphids, sooty moulds, mites and some other bugs. You can buy half a litre for \$15 from Bunnings or mix your own.

Rob Hewitt shared his recipe:

1/2L cheap vegetable oil, and 1/2L cheap dishwashing liquid

- mix them with 1/2L of water and apply twice over a couple of weeks.

## Chilly Spray

Roger: "Beetles who won't leave (even if asked politely) can be chased away by Chilly Spray."

Here's a recipe I found:

Boil 4 ripe chilli pods in 3 litres of water for 20 minutes. Take off the heat, add 3 more litres of water. Leave to cool, filter through a cloth and keep the liquid. Add soap so that the mixture sticks to the pests and the leaves. Use potash based soft soap that is used for washing dishes to avoid harming plants.

## Organic Weed Spray

Happy WWOOFers' hands can be a great solution for weeds, but if they're not on call, Roger's organic weed spray might help:

2L vinegar, 1 cup epsom salt, 1/2 cup of salt.

Mix, dissolve and spray in the morning after dew evaporated.

If you don't like sprays or powders maybe follow Frank's advice:

"Simply weed and mulch your plants. They'll be fine!"

You can't go wrong if on top of this you follow Lexie's recommendation:

"Just give them lots of love."

Thanks for all your contributions, happy gardening!

Julica



Red-shouldered leaf beetles on a Goolawah spotted gum, adults are about 6mm long and don't like pyrethrum.

## Resolution for April GM

Proposed by Ralph van Hulst, seconded by Ralph Erthel.

That the western boundary of site #18 (by road) be adjusted to align with the currently planted row of babmboo. The area of the site (1/2 hectare or 5000m<sup>2</sup> is to be compensated by an adjustment of the northern and/or eastern boundaries where appropriate (both fire access trails).

Rationale: Site #18 was originally impinged upon by the curve of the road and has not been adjusted on any maps. This will also allow a water pipe trench to be dug along the edge of the road at an appropriate distance to allow water access to the main Red Hill dam.



Thanks to the team of the first roof working bee at Last Resort: Zac, Anne W., Ralph v H, Ric, Jac, Nityama, Luke, Julica, Paul, Alby, Frank and Sattwa.

## Eight Rafters are up

Despite heat and busy calendars several working bees happened over summer on Red Hill to progress the building of the **Last Resort Fire Shelter**.

Visible progress: eight massive timber roof rafters for the octagonal building were raised and fixed. Quite a legendary achievement by everyone who helped sanding, oiling, adjusting and planing, but especially lifting those heavy beams into position. Special thanks to visitors Jac and Ric from Melbourne - without their long and strong arms the Goolie team might have needed a crane after all....

Next steps are the purlins and wall frames, made of recycled timber.

## Mohini's Birthday

Mohini and Tarrik invited everyone for her birthday in January. In and around the new house on Red Hill, Goolies and guests enjoyed soccer matches, home brews, juggling with fire and of course delicious treats prepared by the birthday girl and served by the family.



## Kevin's Goolawah sketchbook

The original pizza oven was built back in 2003. Keith gave it a serious upgrade in 2012. Then Roger arrived with the knowledge and built a new one in September 2014 which we still use today.



## HOME GROWN POT LUCK

It was the first but won't be the last: end of January's 'home grown only' pot luck dinner in the camp kitchen was a great success. The idea: exclusively Goolawah grown, found or harvested ingredients were used to prepare the dishes. The only exceptions were salt and oil. Since no one went hunting, all meals were vegetarian, lots of them vegan.

The variety was stunning and the stews, salads, dhals and other plates were so delicious that the chefs – amongst others Mohini, Belinda, Anne & Paul, Rebekah, Griff, James & Alicia, Lexie – certainly would have won most master chef competitions. I can't wait for the sequel (I might even be able to bring more than 3 radishes then).

Thanks to *Three Island Brewery* for supporting the event by Goolawah-brewed beverages.

Julica



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# Fabulous start for 2017



Gigantic Goolawah New Year party: members, relatives and friends celebrated the last day of the year 2016 in legendary numbers with a fabulous night. Live music with the *Three Island Natives* & talented guests (thanks Ella!), a fantastic round of *Family Feud* (thanks Isaac, Acacia, Alec), delicious pizzas, and lots of chats, dance and fun. Long time residents confirmed that it was by far the biggest turn-out to celebrate together at the camp kitchen so far. Thanks to Wayne, Larry & the social events team for never giving up on organising those fab events we all love!



Thanks Alicia & James for organising this great morning-after-get-together!



## Bread & Butter Cucumber

Your editor was lucky enough to get a jar of this seriously delicious pickle. So if you've got any cucumbers left, try it out! It's a treat, the recipe was tried and tested by Roger & Belinda.

### Ingredients:

- 4 kg cucumbers
- 3/4 cup salt,
- 5 cups vinegar,
- 4 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 1 tbs dill

### Method:

- slice cucumbers and leave skin on
- sprinkle salt over the top, cover with ice cubes and leave for 3 hours
- drain juice and wash slightly
- boil vinegar with sugar, mustard and dill
- add cucumber and boil another 10 minutes
- place into hot jars.

## Zucchini Loaf

Goolies who've been at the March community meeting probably remember how delicious this tasty treat is. Thanks to Roger and Belinda for not keeping the recipe a secret.

### Ingredients

- 3 small eggs (or 2 large)
- 1 tbs custard Powder
- 1 cup oil
- 3 drops vanilla
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 1 tbs soda
- 2.5 cups caster sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 3 tsp cinnamon
- 3 cups plain flour
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- nuts (optional)

### Method

Beat eggs, add oil, vanilla, sugar till thick, add remaining ingredients. Bake for 1 - 1.5 hours at 180°C



# The deadly disease you've never heard of...

Goolawah resident Margaret (Mog) Leech has recently been diagnosed with *Cryptococcal meningitis*. This is an extremely rare condition and the chances of someone contracting it is very low however there are certain conditions at Goolawah that may increase the risk.

*C Gattii* infections are not contagious – humans and animals can only become infected by breathing airborne dried yeast cells or spores from the environment. Until recently endemic to tropical northern Australia, this appears to be the first human case in this region, though it has been found in a preclinical form in the nasal cavities of koalas in this region.

Symptoms may include severe or prolonged cough, pneumonia-like illness, shortness of breath, blurred or double vision, headache, chest pain, fever, weight loss, skin lesions and changes in mental status. If the infection is caught when only in the lungs, treatment can be relatively trouble-free, but if caught after it has entered the central nervous system, treatment is likely to be long and unpleasant.

*C Gattii* occurs in decaying wood in the hollows of trees, and in the soil around some trees. It was initially thought to be associated with particular forms of eucalyptus –

River Red Gum and Tallow Wood have been named in the literature – but it has now been detected in more than 50 diverse tree species, including both angiosperms and gymnosperms. Some trees and soil appear to be permanently colonized, but colonization at other sites seems to be transient. It occurs in the top 15cm of soil, on trees, woodchips, mulch and similar 'natural reservoirs', and its spores are readily aerosolized by soil disturbances.

What lessons can Goolawah draw from this?

The basic points are that the illness is very serious, that the fungus is likely to become more common over time, and that the probability of breathing in the spores rises with the cutting of tree limbs and disturbing of soil. It is probably not feasible to eliminate the fungus or even test for it, but it is feasible to minimize the probability of sending spores into the air by reducing, to the greatest extent possible, machine-based clearing and mulching of scrub and trees. Hazard reduction by burning may be a preferable strategy, though even this would need to be carefully assessed. Slashing of grass, where necessary, should be done gently, with the deliberate aim of not disturbing either leaf litter or the top 15-20cm of soil.

Harvey Creswell



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

*It's a fine line...*

As Henry Ford said: "If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses".

Goolawah's modus of administration aims at near-total inclusiveness – an admirable ambition wherever possible – and also a risky one if resultant inertia makes that administration dysfunctional.

Democracy on the other hand, is a way of government of the people which is ruled by the people. Democracies understand the importance of protecting the rights, cultural identities, social and religious practices of all individuals. In order for the people's will to govern, a system of majority rule with respect to minority rights is then in place.

Democracy Minority rights are guaranteed to everyone, even if they are not a part of the majority. These rights cannot be eliminated by a majority vote. Minorities must trust that the majority will keep in mind the wishes of the minority when making decisions that affect everyone, after all: The minority of today will not necessarily be the minority of tomorrow!

The eight elements of democratic governance are: -

1. Rule of Law
2. Transparency
3. Responsiveness
4. Consensus Oriented
5. Equity and Inclusiveness
6. Effectiveness and Efficiency
7. Accountability
8. Participation

Good governance (administration) thus is equitable and inclusive – even though, like in ALL human affairs, 100% consensus is never achievable (the concept crippled Bundagen in the early/mid-80's to the point of ... well: dysfunctionality!).

Consciousness is always limited within its temporal confines. Who knows where (or what) Goolawah will be in 2030, in 2050??

Ralph

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

# Goolawah House Numbers

The jury of the First Goolawah House Number competition had finally found time for a few rounds of judging and nominated the following winners.



WINNER  
of the category  
"Cheap & Cheerful"



WINNER  
"Piping Hot"



WINNER  
Most Dots on a Pole



Special Recycling  
AWARD



FIRST PRIZE of the  
Young Inventors



WINNER "Best Use of an ex  
Bedhead"



Route 67 AWARD



Best Water Feature  
Combo CUP



Momentary Lapse of  
Reason AWARD



Happy Cow CUP



Frog Hollow AWARD



Bamboo  
PALME D'OR



Oceanic Blues  
MEDAL



Grand Palace PRIZE



Early Bird AWARD



BEST Number  
Twenty-Nine



Size Matters AWARD  
(who cares about the  
number anyway)



# January General Meeting Minutes

21 January 2017

Minute taker : Louise Roberts

Chair: Craig Singleman

Commenced 9.05 am

**Attendance:** Ralph Erthel (D), Denise and Denis Cobourn (D), Tarrik Morssi, Alwyn Hunter, Bron Little, Greg Ryan, Gemma Dowell, Lexie Gonzalez, Todd Henshall, Isaac Ryan, James Galletty, Mark Doonan, Rose Mahr, Craig Singleman (D), Michael Clancy, Ralph Van Hulst, Justin & Cynthia Fitzpatrick,

Nityama Martin, Sattwa, Stu Pougher (D), Tony Roberts, Louise Roberts (D), Peter O'Hara (D), Julica Jungehulsing, Larry Knight, Griff, Wayne & Jenny Skinner, Harvey Cresswell, Franklin Dykshorn, Roger Ball (D).

**Apologies:** Mohini Browngedge, Anne Wilson, Alicia Fox, Paul Martin, John & Zoe Hutchinson, Keith & Margaret Leech

**Visitors:** Aliya Aamot, Mark Korenic, Robina and Philip Laing, Gorden Hook, Emmett Blackwell, Kelly Jones, Glenn Nowotny, Jan Larsen, Ric Marie. Proxies - 6

**Confirmation of Minutes:** for General meeting 2/7/16, *proposed* Stu, *Seconded* Julica, *Vote:* Unanimous

For Community meeting 3/12/16, amendment: Gemma & Todd's site 4 not 24

*Proposed* Ralph, *Seconded* Craig, *Vote:* Unanimous

## Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- 1. Guest Policy Questionnaire:** Denise Coburn explained the differences in the new draft and old policies and facilitated the questionnaire. All members present were given a copy to fill in. Results would be tabled after morning tea and discussed.
- 2. Road Access to ex Wauchop block** The new road has been correctly aligned on Crown road reserve and issue resolved. Some safety concern about lack of vision near the intersection. Agreed to put up a Give Way sign.

## Secretary Report:

1. NPWS - no response to query re key location for new gate at our end of Big Hill fire trail and also their response to a fire situation.  
*Action* : Bron to follow up with NPWS.
2. NSW OEH (Office Environment and Heritage) letter received re. tree felling along Illa Langi Road. The Co-op will not be fined this time, however we must notify them if we cut down any more native trees.
3. Overdue member fees. Three members are more than 12 months overdue. It was agreed to follow policy and Ralph to send out pro forma follow-up letters.
4. Illa- Langi - nothing further to report
5. Latest mail-out - two members' mail returned to co-op. Unable to reach them.
6. NBN. Ralph has a contact if anyone is having trouble with an NBN application.
7. Charlie living on Cindy's site: A letter was sent to Cindy to contact the Co-op before today's meeting to explain. No formal correspondence received from her. Stu spoke to Cindy re the Guest Policy, but her intentions are unclear.

## Actions:

- Nityama offered to go through the guest process with Charlie (Cindy's guest)
- The Co-op should follow its rules and charge \$10 a day
- We must be mindful of using correct language:  
GUESTS ARE NOT MEMBERS
- It should be clarified with the Treasurer that Cindy's payments
- All actions to be finalised at next community meeting
- 8. Insurance. Given the sabotage around the Co-op Ralph has quotes to insure Camp Kitchen building and contents, and machinery shed building and contents. *Action:* Ralph to get more quotes.
- 9. A new router is needed to update the Secretary's computer used for Goolawah's business - cost \$50. *Proposed* to approve by Tarrik, *Seconded* Craig, *Vote* Unanimous

## DA Report

Council's verbal (in principle) acceptance of both our access roads as all-weather gravel with appropriate design standard, was put into a new S96 Application dated 16.12.2016 and submitted for approval (on the website). Response from Council is still pending, and Ralph will follow up with Shane R next week to check on progress. Council had also insisted that we consider neighbour objections to our previous S96 and these were addressed in our last one.

Council have indicated they will take ownership of Illa Langi Road from Crown roads and provide maintenance of it, and have put up for discussion the cattle grid at intersection of Nevertire Road and Maria River Road (which is currently broken).

Discussion about the broken cattle grid, and Frank has offered to get quotes to fix it using steel.

*Action:* Frank to get quotes but hold off on work till a formal response from Council has been received.

## Road Report:

Grass along Illa Langi Rd needs cutting. Discussion re safety concerns using tractor.

*Action:* Special working bee Sat 27/1 at 7am start. Members to bring brush cutters and own safety equipment.

Request for street sign for Lovers Lane. Agreed not to purchase one but to paint a sign.

## Membership & Guest Report

A few applications have been completed. Emmett Blackwell nominated for guest approval - process is complete and no issues.

*Nominated* by Tarrik, *Seconded* by Craig. *Vote* Unanimous

Deb Broughton nominated for guest approval - process complete and no issues.

*Nominated* by Nityama, *Seconded* by Griff. *Vote* Unanimous.

*For noting:* Tim Davis site between Russell and Gerard is for sale. No amount disclosed.

## Machinery Shed Report

No major reports

New runners are needed on the old slasher

*Action:* Frank to check.

## Fire Squad Report

We are in a high fire danger season - members are reminded: NO FIRES

## Resolutions

Resolution Number 1

*Proposed* Board, *Seconded* Belinda

"The decision to remove any native trees > 100mm on Goolawah Community land, apart from those on a member's own home improvement area, is to be made by ordinary resolution at a General Meeting. Removal of Trees > 150mm require DA approval. For information: [https://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/development/pubs/clearing\\_of\\_trees\\_and\\_vegetation](https://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/development/pubs/clearing_of_trees_and_vegetation) Research has been attended by Wayne Skinner and provided to the meeting - it depends on land zoning. For RU (rural landscape) covering our hamlets no DA is required, but if it is environmentally sensitive then approval is from NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

Concern was raised at how many trees were taken down in the Outback. Older members reminded the meeting that the Outback was originally cleared of trees 15 years ago and that it has taken a long time for those sites to be sold and in the meantime trees have grown there. Discussion continued about communication between neighbours and sharing of plans to cut trees down on members' block. There are heavy fines for breaking laws and Goolawah must be compliant.

*Action:* Resolution withdrawn and needs more workshopping. Harvey to rewrite and bring to the next meeting. Harvey is happy to have input.

*(Break for Morning Tea - 15 minutes)*

Amended Resolution 2 - Adopt Guest Policy dated 10/01/17

Denise provided feedback from the questionnaire completed by members:

The majority of people believed the free stay should be 2 months

A guest register should be put in place.

Guest status should be reviewed as required.

Amount \$20 per week (to be updated in the policy).

Areas that needed more discussion as numbers were too close:

1. How many guest levy exemptions per member?

After much discussion it was agreed to allow applications for 2 exemptions per membership.

Vote: 23 for 2 exemptions 7 for 1 Exemption 2 for zero exemptions

Policy to be updated to include 2 exemptions for each member

2. Exemption for family members to go through the guest application process. After very lengthy discussion, it was agreed that ALL GUESTS go through the process unless the member applies for special circumstances exemption, which will be decided by the Board.

Vote: 31 for 0 abstaining 0 against.

Policy to be updated to include this clause.

3. Guest policy AS READ OUT including the amendments of two levy exemptions and exemptions from undertaking the guest process; 2 months free and \$20 p.w levy; a vote was held:

That the amended draft guest policy be approved

Vote: for 31 0 abstain 0 against.

### Treasurer's Report

Proposed Ralph, Seconded Craig, Approved Unanimously

### Work and Expenses Claims

Discussion about work claims for Red Hill Last Resort and Community job list. Agreed to hold over to February Community Meeting. Submitted work claims approved, except for Gemma & Todd's held over.

### General Business

#### 1. Community access trails

Agreed to purchase star pickets to mark out community trails with a budget of \$200. Website maps needs updating as inaccurate.

Nominated Bron, Seconded Ralph, Vote Unanimous

Bron to attend

#### 2. Dam and use of water in Burrandong, The Bowl and the Outback.

Proposal by Chris Jones to pump water to his market gardens till 7.30 p.m. It was not accepted as it would change a by-law and the correct process must be undertaken. Therefore pumping water after 6 pm is not allowed.

Discussion about the many issues surrounding the tank and not enough water, or water pressure.

Given Chris has a commercial vegetable garden, it was suggested he purchase his own tank. This would alleviate the issue of coming home to an empty tank, and needing to fill the tank after 6pm. It was also suggested consideration be given to a solar pump.

Resolved that Roger, Chris, Kevin and Tony work together to sound proof the pump to mitigate noise intrusion.

Chris confirmed that the water he uses is first pumped to the community tank and then gravity fed to his site.

#### 3. Bamboo plantings at Northgate.

It was agreed at the meeting these plants are too close to the road as this bamboo species is a large plant 4+ metres wide. The community access trail between 26 and 25 was relocated some time ago, and is now located between 27 and 28, so no issue regarding bamboo plantings between 26 and 25. Members need to seek approval at a community or general meeting if they wish to plant on community land.

ACTION The North Gate trees should be moved - Sattwa to organise

#### 4. Privacy Policy

Goolawah needs a privacy policy under the law. A pro forma policy from the Dept of Fair Trading was obtained and used for Goolawah policy. It will be placed on the web site

Action For Ratification at next meeting

Gratitude Round

Everyone was thanked for their patience and contributions.

Meeting closed 14:05

## February Community Meeting Minutes

4th February 2017

Minute Taker: Denise Cobourn

Chair/Facilitator: Louise Roberts & Craig Singleman

Commenced: 9.05am

**Attendance:** Stuart Pougher (D), Frank Dyjkshorn, Craig Singleman (D), Todd Henshall, Gemma Dowell, Chris Jones, Dennis and Denise Cobourn (D), Tony & Louise Roberts (D), Ralph Van Hulst, Ralph Erthel (D), Harvey Creswell, Peter O'Hara (D), Julica Jungehulsing, Lexie Gonzalez, Nityama Martin, Mark Doonan, Anne Wilson, Russell Childs, Kevin Harper, Roger (D) and Belinda Ball, Wayne Ellis, Crow Tribe.

**Apologies:** Sattwa Horn, Bronwyn Little

**Visitors:** Mitch, Greg Hunt (neighbour).

**Confirmation of previous minutes:**



January GM 21.1.17

Proposed: Peter Seconded: Lexie Approved unanimously

### Business arising from Previous Meeting(s):

#### 1. Giveaway sign at the new road intersection with Frog Hollow.

Monitor if required. 'Use Caution' may be a more appropriate sign.

2. **Bron to contact NPWS with regards to key for gate** and response plan to fire. We now have a key. 4 keys – 1 North Shore fire brigade, 1 Crescent Head fire brigade, 1 NPWS and 1 Goolawah Co-op. Bronwyn signed to say it was to be used for emergencies only. Craig to hold key at his place in a box (will notify of location).

3. **Charlie's Guest Application and clarification of payment** (Nityama & Ralph). Charlie's Guest Application is in process. Possibly moving into a house in Gladstone in a couple of weeks.

4. **Building and Content insurance quotes** for camp kitchen and machinery shed (Ralph). Bailey, OIB, NRMA unable to accommodate, main reason being they would want public liability insurance included. Proceed with Milne and Alexander quote \$2500 approx. (Ralph to organize). Proposed: Roger Seconded: Mark For: 12 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

5. **Cattle Grid Nevertire Road** (Frank – quotes). No quotes as yet. Wait until we know more about S96 – Robert Pitt returns end of February.

6. **New runners on old slasher** (Frank). Frank is fixing.

7. **By-law 10A (a) i) 4.** Amended resolution regarding native tree removal. Louise and Lexie have worked through legislation and put together a flowchart for members wanting to fell trees on their share. Louise went through the Flowchart Steps (to be posted on website and Camp Kitchen noticeboard). Zoning is RU2, Regulation Native Vegetation Act 2003, Regulating Body Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH), Building under a RAMA (routine management agricultural services). Identify protected trees with an X – Mohini, Rob and Sattwa may be able to assist with identification. Recommend taking photos of trees before they felled. Include Flowchart in info pack for new members. Russell concerned about large Blackbutt near his dwelling – needs to get an approved DA before it is felled. OEH updating legislation in June.

Someone from the Co-op has reported members to OEH for illegal felling of trees - OEH are not pursuing the issue.

Plan to complete a flowchart for felling trees on community land in the near future.

SEPP 14 is land under 4m sea level (community land). All shares are on RU2.

ACTION: Ratify amended By-law 10A (a) i) at April GM.

"The decision to remove any native trees >100mm on Goolawah Community Land, apart from those on a member's own home improvement area, is to be made by ordinary resolution at a General Meeting. Removal of trees on members own share must comply with the Office of Environment and Heritage. Refer to Flowcharts - Members wanting to fell trees on their share of land. Felling trees and removal of native vegetation on community land".

Approve Flowchart – Members wanting to fell trees on their share of land. For: 15 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

#### 8. Community access / fire trails between shares.

Star pickets have been purchased. Ralph tabled updated map (required further corrections). Access trails are 4m wide.

See General Business for discussion with Greg Hunt regarding fencing.

9. **Moving bamboo back from the road at Northgate.** Cuttings come from Bernard's clumps – may not be as large as first thought. Community would still like them moved back from the road.

#### 10. Privacy Policy ratification.

Louise explained. Privacy Policy approved unanimously

Need to have a locked filing cabinet with Secretary.

Office Works – 2 drawer cabinets are \$89.00.

**ACTION:** Purchase filing cabinet.

*Proposed:* Ralph *Seconded:* Craig *For:* 17 *Against:* 0 *Abstain:* 0

## 11. Guest Register responsibility and format.

**ACTION:** M&G Committee person to enter details into Guest Register when ID, Guest Agreement, and Committee Person Checklist is handed to Secretary at approval meeting (please ensure completed paperwork is brought to meeting and handed to Secretary once approval granted). Chris advised Via hasn't been at the Co-op since 11th December, and hasn't stayed on the Co-op for 2 months in a 12 month period – therefore no paperwork required.

**ACTION:** The two invoices totaling \$720 should be cancelled. Nityama feels members should be consulted before such invoices are issued.

## Discussion of Director's role;

Remember Directors are 'volunteers' and don't always get it right – they are trying to ensure our policies, guidelines, by-laws and rules are abided by. Not desirable to have an 'us and them' feeling in the community. Be mindful of how we treat and speak to each other. Louise & Tony have been getting feedback from members the Co-op is turning into a rule / policy driven Co-op. It's important to note there are no new rules. Our increasing population necessitates members aim to be more compliant with rules, by-laws, Code of Conduct, policies and guidelines. The Directors welcome any feedback from the community regarding any improvements / changes to the way community business is being managed.

Nityama feels meetings can be too fast paced, and members should be encouraged to speak up and have a voice at meetings.

**ACTION:** Russell to receive an information folder containing rules, by-Laws, policies and guidelines.

## Secretary's Report:

Overdue members have been contacted and are paying.

Stuart asking Tarik for Emmett's Guest Agreement, ID Check and Committee Person Checklist – wasn't brought to approval meeting on the 21.1.17.

Having issues with new lap top computer - waiting for Alan's help.

Dangerous driving behaviour by neighbour Mark Dunn (white Toyota Prado) – last week he's reported to have driven fast down the center of Illa Langi Road towards Ralph and Griff and Lyn Kingma causing them to veer off the road. **ACTION:** Ralph to report to police.

When Ralph was spraying weeds along Illa Langi Road last week he was abused by Mark Dunn (spray blowing away from his property) – Mark said he was reporting the spraying to police.

Ralph was spraying with a weed killer approved by the community 3 or 4 years ago (couldn't recall the name). Why are we spraying? What about burning twice a year?

**ACTION:** Further discussion regarding use of sprays at next meeting.

Increasing traffic coming through Goolawah – what to do? Do we need to put up signs – 'local residents only'?

**ACTION:** Brain storm ideas at next meeting.

## Treasurer's Report:

*Proposed:* John *Seconded:* Louise *Approved* Unanimously.

Tabled invoice (\$1800) for fencing between the Co-op and Greg Hunt (neighbour). Total bill \$3600 (Co-op paying half).

*For:* 15 *Against:* 1 *Abstain:* 0 *Approved*

## DA Report:

Shane Rheinhold – little progress with Robert Pitt on leave (returns end February). Impacting on Illa Langi Road maintenance ie no maintenance allowed until S96 sorted. Shane will talk to engineering people to see what can be done to enable maintenance work on Illa Langi Road. Paperwork between Crown lands and Council is in process. Neighbour (Tracy Hobbs) thankful for slashing along Illa Langi Road

## Road Report:

See DA Report

## Membership & Guest Report:

Stuart – Gordon hoped to attend today (working). Membership process nearing completion.

Janet (Kevin's guest) – Guest Application in process.

Charlie – Guest Application in process.

Rick & Jack – membership application in process.

Kealy and Glen - membership application in process.

Dianna Leafe Christian book needs to be tracked down and returned to Goolawah.

## Machinery Report:

Repairing new slasher, and then fixing old one.

## Fire Squad Report:

Nothing to report

*MORNING TEA: 10.45 Reminder to please bring something along for next meeting. Thanks Belinda for pikelets. Craig chaired after morning tea.*

## Work and Expenses Claims:

**Red Hill Fire Shelter** – clarify if work claims are being submitted.

Anne spoke - confusion among Directors regarding work claims, remembers a meeting last year where it was said Work Levy could be claimed, initial meeting July 2015 – claiming work hours would increase cost of project so community agreed no work hours would be claimed (budget \$24,200), Anne forgot this was agreed to.

Discussion / comments regarding Red Hill Fire Shelter work claims;

Good idea to limit claims to Work Levy.

Part of our DA. Anne said the labour would be free, member had no recollection of a meeting changing this.

Are Red Hill work claims coming out of budget? No. Note: one work claim came out of budget.

Should not be claiming work hours.

'Main people' should be able to claim Work Levy ie Anne, Sattwa.

Confusion regarding work claims not limited to Directors, broader community confused, needs clarification.

Broader issue around work claims; Work Levy never intended to be revenue raiser. Happy to pay Work Levy if not completing work.

Future Co-op expenditure – the more we claim – the less we have in the bank for projects.

Approved Community Job List needs to be clear and well defined. Peer opinion should not come into it.

Entire income lost from work claims is 11% (income includes Work, Annual and Road levies).

**ACTION:** Further discussion required around Work Claims.

Work Claim Todd and Gemma – approved.

Members should be able to claim the Work Levy on the Red Hill Fire Shelter.

*VOTE: For: 8 Against: 2 Abstain: 3 Approved* ie. members are able to claim the Work Levy on the Red Hill Shelter (not the Annual Levy).

## Review Approved Community Job List:

Read though Approved Community Job List and deleted 'cleaning up day after community events, collecting firewood for pizza oven'.

**ACTION:** Update Approved Community Job List (Denise).

## General Business Agenda Items:

1. **Greg Hunt (neighbour) regarding fencing** – requesting \$1800 from Co-op for fencing east of North Gate. Dry weather has allowed access to areas previously unable to be accessed. Line has been cleared by tractor where possible. Quality barbed wire has been used.

2. **Camp Kitchen / area upgrade** – fire extinguisher requires annual check / completion of necessary paperwork. Lyn Kingma has approved roof and deck. - Next stage – re-modeling front wall of kitchen (Frank donating door). Use remaining budget for this.

- Work force of approx. 10 attend Men's Shed every week.

- New composting toilet / shower – make this a priority. Needs a DA (include everything on the one DA). Need to decide on model – consider double chambered toilet. Include disabled access. Usage issue – need a system designed for heavy use. Wayne to check with Sattwa re costing. Bring costing back to next meeting. Building is currently dangerous. Need volunteers to look after toilet.

- Wayne to text community when mowing is planned so others can chip in.

- Kevin has done a drawing of what the area may look like in the future (comments please, but not on the drawing).

- Roof over pizza oven.

- New roof over kitchen.

3. **Cat and fox eradication** – Garth is professional eradicator. Uses dog and whistle – shoots with 22 magnum rifle. Member local gun club and the Sporting Shooters Association (sight this re public liability



insurance). Seeking permission to eradicate on Goolawah (free service). Laws around how close shooting can occur to homes. Humane practice is important. Frank would be prepared to get a gun licence and rifle. *Approved unanimously.* Anne or Paul will send out a text when Garth is coming.

4. **John Seeds Deep Ecology Workshop** – 2 day weekend workshop. Anne read out overview. Fee – \$200, Concession - \$100, can't afford pay - no fee. Proceeds to environmental causes. Covered by public liability. Open to broader public – camp at kitchen. Suggested for May. 15 to 40 in workshop.  
*VOTE:* Accept request run workshop in May (toilet needs attention, port-a-loo?) *Abstain:* 1 *Remainder approved.*
5. **Membership Handbook Draft** – post on website and camp Kitchen noticeboard for comment. Some interested in the Co-op are turning up thinking they can buy a share for \$7000 – need to read the website more carefully.
6. **Mog – been unwell for last 2 or 3 weeks.** Fungal bacteria – serious disease (requires hospital treatment for at least 6 months). Isolated to eucalyptus leaf litter (breathe in spores, tallowood mentioned as a source). Staying in accommodation near base hospital (Rotary House). Public health issue. Rare emerging disease. *Cryptococcus gattii*. Symptoms – double vision, headaches, hearing. Lung stage – had no symptoms. Spread to brain. Harvey to contact NSW Health to ask if they would come to the Co-op (risk management plan). Bacteria found in the nasal cavity of koalas.

*Gratitude Round: comment from each member.*

*Meeting Closed: 12.40pm*

## March Board & Community Meeting Minutes

4th March 2017

*Minute-taker:* Ralph Erthel *Chair:* Craig Singleman

**Attendance:** *Directors:* Craig Singleman, Roger Ball, Bronwyn (dep. for Denise Cobourn), Tony Roberts (dep. for Louise Roberts), Peter O'Hara  
*Members:* Franklin Dykshoorn, Michael Clancy, Julica Jungehuelsing, Nityama Martin, Cynthia Fitzpatrick, Trinh Nguyen, Daniel Rose, Paul Martin, Anne Wilson

**Apologies:** Louise Roberts, Alan Blake, Denise Cobourn, Wayne Elliot, Sattwa Horn, Ralph van Hulst

**Visitors:** Gordon Hook, Julien Rossigue

### Business arising from Previous Meeting

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of February Meeting:** *prop.* Ralph E, *sec.* Peter O'H; *approved unanimously.*
2. **Location of NPWS key** on Big Hill fire track gate: to be housed at Roger (Fire Chief) and Belinda's in an accessible location to be made known to resident members.
3. **Fire Access Trails:** A3 map prints for Camp Kitchen (CK) and jpeg files to Peter for website; discussion re closed fire trail at Bollard & Cox/Quinn's sites which is deemed unacceptable, no action agreed at present; use term "Fire Access Trail".
4. **Removal of recently planted bamboo** at Northgate deemed 'disgraceful and inexcusable'
5. **Toilet at CK** cleaned, repaired and now in good working order; railings replaced on staircase; many thanks to *Men's Shed* for this essential work! Expense on materials is ongoing maintenance (not CK reno budget), and further minor work on the facility approved in principle.
6. **Fox & cat eradication:** held over till April;

### Secretary's Report

1. Letters from Dept Fair Trading (procedural) and KSC (final approval of Camp Kitchen extension);
2. Filing cabinet installed Ralph's office (\$120);
3. Building Insurance policy comprises 85 pages, so agreed to keep electronically;
4. Two security cameras installed in CK and Machinery Shed – to be evaluated for April meeting re purchasing further units; Dan to investigate powering them by solar;
5. Overdue members: only one non-resident owing some \$20 – all others now paid up current within one year.
6. Treasury billed Frank for George W's last four months' stay "by default", and the meeting decided unanimously that these charges be waived.



### Road Report

1. Ralph to talk to Police and KSC re possible installation of "No Through Road" signs at Illa Langi & Nevertire Roads to curb increased non-Goolawah traffic on our internal roads.
2. Nevertire quite deteriorated: Ralph to get quote from GME and time-frame for road works, with option for pot-holing. Ralph estimates roughly \$10-15K.
3. Ralph to write to Council re deterioration of Maria River Rd (Lyn's accident).
4. Ralph to write to Crown Lands re Mark Dunn's infringement on the road reserve and Illa Langi's deterioration, pending Section 96 resolution and transfer to KSC.

### DA Report

No news - see KSC corro above.

### Membership Report

1. Possible applicants, Rick and Jack, to visit 15 April.
2. Gordon Hook approved as new member.
3. Alan Blake ratified as joint member with Trinh.
4. No other aspirants at this time.
5. Cindy's guest Charley has left.

### Treasury Report

1. March report accepted unanimously: *prop.* Ralph, *sec.* Roger.
2. Work Claim for Paul & Anne accepted unanimously: *prop.* Ralph, *sec.* Craig.

### Machinery Report

1. New clutch plates installed on all three slashers; Frank has welded new runners; all slashers now in excellent condition; ditto tractor.
2. Many thanks to Frank for all welding work, thereby saving considerable expense.
3. Frank to look at off-setting one of the slashers to enable slashing near trenches.

### Fire Report

1. Several areas to be burned once fire restrictions are lifted (next month?); Illa Langi piles to be burned also – all useable timbers now removed.
2. Striker in good order and operational.

### Business Arising

1. Vision Statement Survey: 27 replies to date, other members to take action.
2. Sand mine at North Gate and dam at Ironstone: Ralph to organise once suitable machinery is on hand; rehabilitation is desirable at both; advice to be obtained from George (GME).
3. Cemetery: Paul to mark-out two suitable areas for choice, one West and one East of Goldmine Rd (approx 200 sqm)

*Gratitude Round; Meeting closed 1200 hrs.*



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