

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

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## Big Hill (trail), Big Fire

See page 2



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## From the Editor

There was so much colour and movement around the co-op recently, that it wasn't the easiest task to balance this Gazette out. I hope you like the mix, hot, cold, sweet and spicy. It's got some serious reading, but hopefully you find entertaining and enjoyable pages as well. No time and space for the over-due building update - so much has changed on several sites in the Outback as well as on Cockatoo Ridge and Red Hill, but I promise to prepare that - with your input - for the first 2018 Gazette in March.

Thanks for contributing, thanks for reading, have a peaceful end of the year and may good energy be with you for a healthy start to 2018

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## Calendar

### December

- 17 Crescent Head Markets, 8am-1pm
- 24 Santa Surf event Crescent Head, from 4pm, Crescent Surf Club
- 25 Bah Humbug Day, Three Island, Cockatoo Ridge
- 31 New Years Evening Celebration at Camp Kitchen. Music by Three Island Natives & open mike (see "Holiday fun" p9)

### January

- 6 Community meeting 9am, complaints resolution drafts
- 20 General Meeting, 9am, Camp Kitchen, bring morning tea to share

### February

- 3 Goolawah Community Meeting
- 11 Bago Vineyards, Bago, *Jazz in the Vines* from 9am, [bago.com.au](http://bago.com.au)
- 18 Working Bee, time to be advised on phone tree
- 25 Funkya@Unkya Market, from 8am in Unkya Reserve, Eungai, "make it, bake it, sew it, grow it, recycle it philosophy" [unkya.com.au](http://unkya.com.au)
- 26 Site slashing deadline

### March

- 3 Community Meeting, 9am Camp Kitchen

### General Meeting in January

Just a reminder: our next General Meeting is scheduled for 20 January 2018. It will start at 9 am, as usual. The agenda will be published as soon as finalised in the members section of our website. A proxy form for voting has been sent via email and/or post.

# Over 9,000 hectare fire in Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve



Goolawah's bushfire season started a month later than last year, and the blaze came from the south this time. A fire had been noticed near Saltwater Lake on Monday (Dec 5). By Tuesday midday it had travelled far enough north to reach the Big Hill Trail area. Gusty, strong winds pushed the flames towards the southern boundary of the Co-op.

Sprinklers and hoses got a run that afternoon, at least around Red Hill. RFS started backburning along Frog Hollow, and amazingly it began to rain in the evening. On Red Hill we measured 5mm overnight, and the wind dropped, helping to reduce the blaze.

Wednesday began with heavy fog, moisture on the ground and smoke-tasting rainwater. Roger, Paul and others took out the striker and tractor plus tanker to put out spot fires during the afternoon since strong winds were forecast. A good test-run for our equipment and skills.

Helicopters supporting the fire crews filled up with two dozen runs in Lot 5 dam in the afternoon, continuing to empty it on Thursday, and then started filling up from the Slide Dam, Dan's, Three Island and other dams.

On Thursday members and visitors had the striker, pumps and hoses ready to help defend lots in the Bowl and Outback. More than four trucks of the RFS were on site as well. On Maria River Road fire crews started a 15 km back-burning operation, blocking the road.







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At time of writing, there's still an impressive smoke cloud towards the south-east, back burns progressing ahead of a predicted southerly wind. Watch updates on the website, your *Gazette* has got to get printed....stay safe!

Thanks to National Parks and RFS crews from Crescent, Gladstone, North Shore, Frederickton, Eungai and Yarahapinni and many others who came to help and fight the blaze.

By Saturday (Dec 9) the fire had burned approximately 9000 hectares, mainly in Limeburners Creek National Park.

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Empty bucket



Full bucket



# Snake Action

When we watched these two red-bellied black snakes on Red Hill in late September, we first thought we witnessed love-making the snaky way. After reading more about the reptile's behaviour, I think we may have watched a combat between rival males.

The two snakes – very similar in size – curled around each other, often with lifted heads, occasionally showing little head movements that looked like bites. According to the Australian Museum (<https://australianmuseum.net.au/red-bellied-black-snake>) this behaviour is typical for two males preparing for courtship and mating:

“Males travel widely in search of receptive females and will engage in combat with any rival male that they encounter. Combat involves the two combatants

spreading their necks and rearing up their fore-bodies, and hooking their necks around one another with a twisting motion that leads to the bodies becoming intertwined.”

The Museum also states that in the wild, these bouts may last from a few minutes up to half an hour. Our snakes had more endurance though. We noticed them whilst planting trees, and they seemed oblivious to their surroundings. We called neighbours over to watch the scene. An hour and a half later the snakes were still engaged in their rolling and twisting movements in the grass. Apparently, eventually a “winner” is determined and the snakes part ways, with the defeated male leaving the area.

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Two red-bellied black snakes intertwined with another for almost two hours on Red Hill.

## Snake Bites: New Facts & Advice

Following a recent study on snake bites the S.E. Section of the Royal Flying Doctors Services (RFDS) has updated its advice and procedures. The Australian Snakebite Project (Medical Journal of Australia, mja.com.au) is the most comprehensive study ever carried out, involving over 1500 patients and snakebite data from 2005 to 2015.

Tracey King, Senior Flight Nurse at RFDS reminds people to be vigilant in the warmer months: “There are around 3,000 reported snakebites each year in Australia, resulting in 500 hospital admissions and an average of two fatalities.”

The study produced some surprising statistics, challenging long-held perceptions about where snake attacks occur and how to treat them.

The brown snake was the most common biter (41%), followed by the tiger snake (17%) and red-bellied black (16%). Three-quarters of people bitten are males aged in their 30s. Most snake attacks occur near houses, not in the bush. Half of all bites occurred while people were out walking, with gardening and trying to catch a snake the most common other scenarios.

While only 23 out of 835 cases resulted in death, the effects of a snakebite can be far-reaching. Three-quarters of those bitten experienced venom-induced coagulopathy, which causes blood clotting and life-threatening haemorrhages. Kidney injuries, brain and muscle damage and cardiac arrest are other possible side-effects.

Tracey King again: “Surprisingly, bites are often painless and may go unnoticed as tissue damage is mostly light – lacerations, scratches or light bruising along with some bleeding or swelling.” Over 90% of

snakebites occur on the upper and lower limbs, so these need to be checked first. Common symptoms include an unexplained collapse, vomiting and abdominal pain, bleeding or paralysis.

### Flying Doctors change their advice

Many dangerous myths surround the treatment of snakebites. The most important dos and don'ts include:

- Do NOT wash the area of the bite or try to suck out the venom. Traces of venom are used with venom identification kits.
- Do NOT incise or cut the bite, or apply a high tourniquet. High tourniquets are ineffective and can be fatal if released.
- DO bandage firmly, splint and immobilise to stop the spread of venom. Slow the spread of venom by placing a folded pad over the bite area and then apply a firm bandage. It should not stop blood flow to the limb or congest the veins. Only remove the bandage in a medical facility, as the release of pressure will cause a rapid flow of venom through the bloodstream.
- Do NOT allow the victim to walk or move their limbs. Use a splint or sling to minimise all limb movement. Put the patient on a stretcher or bring transportation to the patient.
- DO seek medical help immediately.

The new study has prompted the RFDS to drop previous advice about the importance of identifying the colour and type of snake: “Staying in the area after an attack can be dangerous, and recent advances in medication mean we can now treat any snakebite with a generic polyvalent anti-venom, so identification is no longer necessary.”

Julica J



# Information about Effective Complaint Management

Since August the *Complaints Resolution Committee* has been working on policy and procedure for complaints management. The aim is to uphold the *Code of Conduct*, and to ensure members and visitors feel safe within the Goolawah Co-operative, are treated with respect and integrity, and have the right to speak and be heard in a safe environment. Although I have not been able to attend the committee meetings, I have provided feedback and researched best practice in complaint management.

Co-operative members may make a complaint because they believe another member or the Co-op has breached the Code of Conduct. It is important to find out precisely why a member is complaining. It can be helpful to ask what the member wants to happen, or what they believe should have happened. This helps clarify the reason for the complaint and can help determine an appropriate response. Addressing a complaint effectively and in a timely manner will often avoid an escalation into a dispute. It's important to develop a culture that respects and values complaints.

**Effective Complaint Handling Guidelines** produced by the NSW Ombudsman provides some excellent information which I'd like to share with the community. The following is my attempt of a summary, and copy and paste of some of the information and guidelines that I think may be helpful to the cooperative in developing policy and procedure for complaints management.

## **When people complain they want;**

- it to be finalised in a reasonable time
- to know approximately how long it will take after initial acknowledgement
- to be kept up-to-date throughout the process
- to be patiently listened to
- to be heard but not judged
- to have their point of view understood
- to be treated with respect and courtesy, and as an individual
- to be given an explanation
- to have corrective action taken as soon as possible
- to be given an apology, if appropriate
- to be compensated, if appropriate
- to be treated fairly
- to be assured the problem won't happen again
- to not suffer any adverse consequences from making a complaint

## **When people are asked why they don't complain about a genuine grievance, they often give one or more of the following reasons:**

- there was no information on how to make a complaint
- it was too difficult to find out who to ring or go to
- it would be time consuming
- I was worried about retribution if I complained and had to keep dealing with these people/this organisation
- I doubted it would be taken seriously
- I didn't think it would make any difference so I didn't bother

- I had received a negative reaction before for raising problems
- I wanted to avoid further upset after experiencing rudeness
- I didn't want to be seen as a troublemaker
- I gave up after the initial fob-offs

***It is also important to acknowledge that many people who may wish to raise their concerns do not have the skills, knowledge or capacity to do so.***

There are a range of barriers that may have an impact on someone's ability or desire to make a complaint. These include:

- Culture
- Language issues
- Individual characteristics, including disability
- Power imbalance, fear of retribution and fear that making a complaint will lead to further marginalisation, harassment, victimization
- Relationships
- Daily challenges

The onus is on the organisation to be aware of these issues and barriers and to address them as far as reasonably possible.

## **Guiding principles for effective complaint management include;**

- Enabling complaints (people focus, ensuring no detriment to complainant, visibility and transparency, accessibility)
- Managing complaints (responsiveness, objectivity and fairness, equity, privacy and disclosure, communication)
- Managing the parties (conduct of parties, work health and safety, complaint involving multiple parties, empowerment of the team)
- Accountability, learning and prevention (accountability, continuous improvement, prevention of ongoing disputes).

A complaint should always be viewed in a positive light, and an opportunity to improve our practices. I hope this information assists the community to develop an effective policy and procedure for complaints management.

Denise Cobourn

## **Reality check #1**

1. Something happens
2. It means nothing.
3. We make up a story about what it means.
4. The story we make up creates our reality, it creates our world, it creates what's possible and not possible.



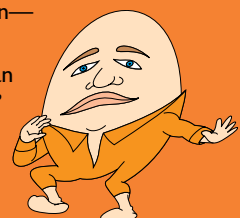
## **Reality check #2**

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less."

"The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things."

"The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master—that's all."

Thanks to Alice in Wonderland



# Our Money Works for Conservation

As you know we changed our bank in 2016, and transferred Goolawah's main funds from NAB to Bank Australia, because of its fossil fuel divestment and 'carbon neutral' policies.

Treasurer John Tennock suggested members may be interested to learn about BA's investment projects, including conservation: for example a 927 ha conservation reserve of three biodiverse bushland properties south of Little Desert in western Victoria. The area is part of the huge restoration zone 'Habitat 141' connecting outback and ocean. The Bank's website has more details, and the following comes from it's newsletter.

BA purchased the first property Minimay in 2008 and has worked to restore them and research the ecology to find ways to protect the habitat of 227 native plant and 270

native animal species. Partners are Greening Australia and Trust for Nature, who share the idea of science-based conservation.

**Minimay** (525 ha.) boasts wetlands and a rich supply of buloke woodland, including nesting holes for S. Eastern red-tailed black cockatoos.

**Ozenkadnook** (236 ha.) further south was purchased in 2010 and links two large areas of remnant forest. The dominant vegetation is stringybark trees which are an important food source for the cockatoos.

**Boorooopki** (166 ha.) was purchased in 2012 to protect and restore the dominant buloke woodland, and connect other landscape reserves.

websites: [bankaust.com.au](http://bankaust.com.au), [habitat141.org.au](http://habitat141.org.au)

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## New Member **Gordon Hook**

Gordon Hook was approved as a new member in March 2017. He bought a share at the end of Red Hill Road, and has since the right to occupy site 20 on Red Hill. He's not around permanently (yet) but sent the Gazette a few words about himself and his plans:

*"My place, I'd like to blend in through calm buildings and native plants and on into the bush. Working on this, time. I'm into amateur theatre, motor sport with two of my brothers, music but not musical, and would like to research relaxing a bit more. I work with people with different abilities and love it. Well that's my little bit for now, hope to see youse soon, Gordon"*



## Eric the Echidna

If there was ever any doubt about the echidna's favourite food, this guy dispelled it. The spiny anteater hovered around our house one spring day for hours, sticking its long, hairless snout into dozens of rich termite and ant hunting grounds. It broke off logs around garden beds,



dug through dirt around the steel poles, checked under the steps and found ants even in our succulent pots. Our echidna visitor hung around long enough to be christened Eric\*.

The visitor was unfazed by us watching, filming and photographing. The next day a similar-looking echidna paid a visit to Tarrik & Mo's place, again unfussed about nearby humans. Eric dropped by Alby's later as well.

Up close we were able to exactly see how the echidna feeds. The State Office of Environment & Heritage ([environment.nsw.gov.au](http://environment.nsw.gov.au)) described it like this: "After finding food, an echidna catches the prey with its long, sticky tongue. Because it has no teeth, it grinds its food between its tongue and the bottom of its mouth."

\* Eric could indeed have been Erica. [wildcare.org.au](http://wildcare.org.au): 'Neither the size nor weight of an echidna is a useful indicator of age, maturity or gender. It is therefore very difficult to tell if an echidna is a male or female unless an experienced veterinarian conducts an ultrasound, or there is obvious evidence of the sex (such as the presence of a baby)'.

Julica



# Garden Blitz

While working in her orchard, Trinh came up with the idea of a gardening club. As with many good ideas, the concept is simple: just turn up for a Saturday morning of gardening. Volunteers 'blitz' three different participant sites in one day. A very willing team arrives with tools in hand, ready to make light work of those garden jobs you've put on the back-burner.

The word blitz may not be suggestive of an unhurried approach to gardening, however substantial results are achieved in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with lots of discussion.

So far two garden blitz events have happened this season in Goolawah. Twenty trees were planted, a huge area mulched and three hundred native seedlings potted up.



*During the first garden club action on James & Alicia's site next to Frog Hollow Road the gardeners planted natives and eradicated fire weed.*

During the first blitz in October the volunteers planted native trees roadside at Alicia & James's place; mulched the swale north of Trinh and Al's site; and got into some serious weeding on Alby's grounds.

A seedling potting session at Rob's was one of the highlights during the second Goolawah garden blitz in November.

The garden work is followed by a tasty lunch - so far provided by Trinh.

If you enjoy a chat while gardening, consider giving it a try. Get in touch with Trinh for dates and updates.

*Rob H. / jj*



*The team repotted over 260 seedlings in Rob's nursery in early November.*



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## Membership update 2017

Here's an overview of the membership committee's work during 2017:

We had 24 enquiries, most of them came through our website, a few were friends of existing members or other personal connections. Several enquiries reached the committee via ads from Cyndi, Todd & Gemma and Tim & Bev.

The result of these initial enquiries in 2017 were two new memberships (welcome Gordon and Ric & Jac!).

18 of the requests the committee dealt with, did not progress much further than a casual enquiry, three of these folks visited Goolawah.

Four membership enquiries are pending or in the

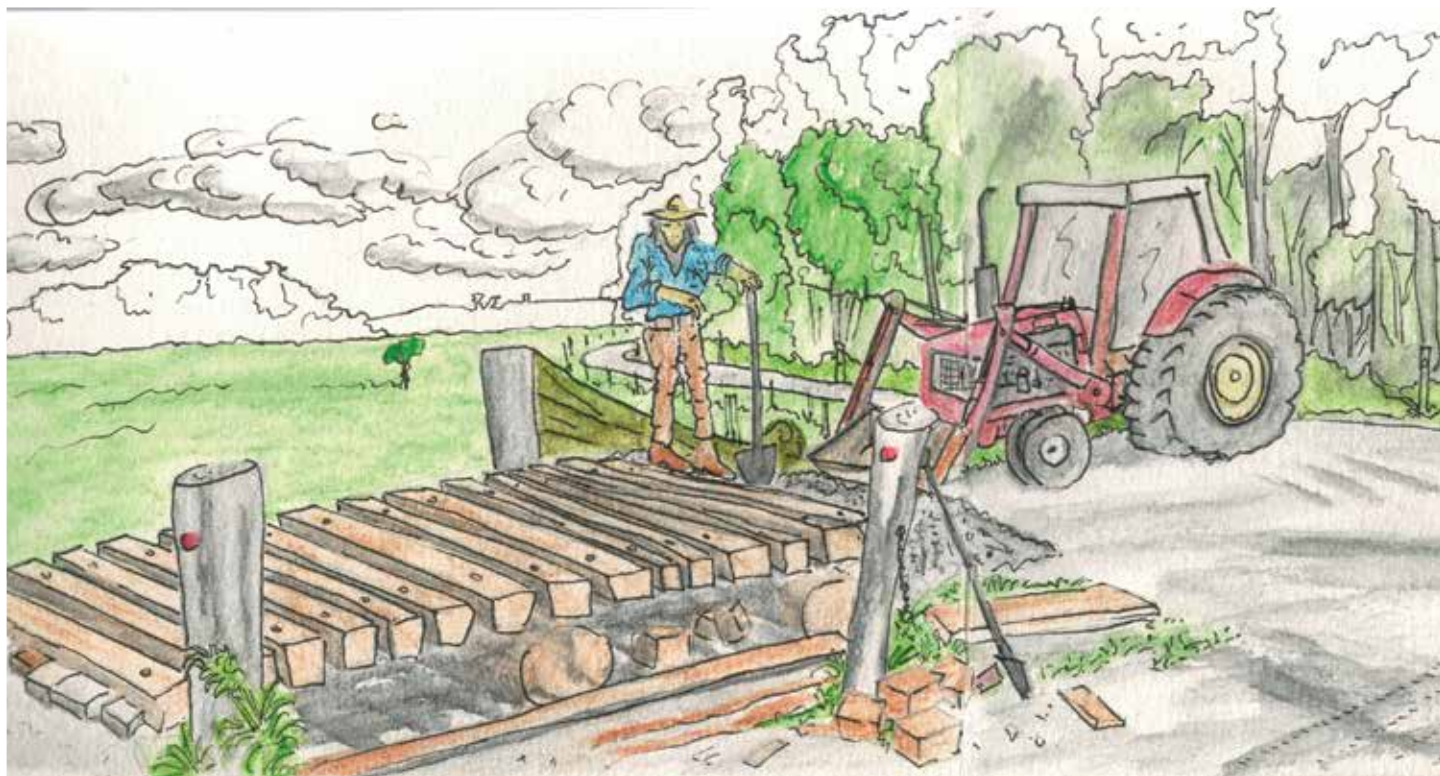
process of being completed. So on average, the committee responds to two enquiries every month.

### Recent movements:

- Cindee and Jim have almost completed their membership process.
- Clint and Noemi, who visited twice with their three children, are also going through the membership application.
- Aaron attended two meetings and is working on his application.
- David Browngedge (aka Dharma, Mohini's dad) went through the Guest process and was accepted as a Guest of a Member during the December meeting.

*Tarrik, Nityama*

Rebuilding the timber cattle grid on Nevertire Road. Thanks to our neighbour Jason for organising the repair!



### Resolutions for January 2018 meeting

#### Special Resolution 1

That Rule 17D is to be changed as follows:

**"IMPOSITION OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE FEE**

17d Members are required to pay an infrastructure fee which shall..."

Sub-headings a) to d) remain unchanged.

The change is only in the terminology from Road Building Fee to Infrastructure Fee

*Proposed:* Ralph Erthel *Seconded:* Craig Singleman

#### Special Resolution 2

That new Rule 17E is created: -

**"IMPOSITION OF A WORK LEVY**

17e Members are required to pay a work levy of \$180.00 per annum with this amount to be considered by General Meetings from time to time. The levy is dischargeable by work hours contributed to the cooperative in accordance with the Approved Jobs List at a rate of \$10 per hour.

The cooperative's "Work Claims" form is to accompany claims presented at a monthly meeting."

The work levy is to be made a Rule, following advice from Bundagen community (resulting from bitter experience) that all levies must be part of the body of rules.

*Proposed:* Craig Singleman *Seconded:* Ralph Erthel

#### Special Resolution 3

Change to Rule 20 (d) No member shall hold, or have relevant interest in, more than 4 shares.

The above Rule Changes (*Special Resolutions*) have a common theme. Their purpose is to align the body of written Rules with what has been 'practice' for a considerable time.

*Rationale:* Bundagen's experiences from , eg., NOT having an agreed upon and long-standing levy as part of the Rules, ran to many thousands of \$\$ of legal expenses when it was challenged.

There are no changes in these proposals – they are merely a matter of dotting i's and crossing t's.

*Proposed:* Ralph Erthel *Seconded:* Craig Singleman

#### Resolution 4

Adopt the following to our existing membership policy:

A member wishing to sell a share is to inform the Secretary, who will inform all members via the members' section of the website and phone tree.

*Proposed:* Tarrik *Seconded:* Nityama

#### Resolution 5 (a & b)

Adopt the following amendments to our existing membership policy:

(a) Prospective members meet with their membership guide, other committee person and community member at the end of their first week stay.

*Rationale:* An earlier meeting allows for more time for people to get info and answers to their questions (in the moment this meeting happens at the very end of the process).

*Proposed:* Nityama *Seconded:* Tarrik

(b) That we allow prospective members to receive info re sites for sale during the first week of their community stay.

*Rationale:* they want to know what is possible for their home - and they find out soon enough anyway after a few days of meeting more people.

*Proposed:* Tarrik *Seconded:* Nityama



# Outback Loo Legends



Former member Paul Cooper and Larry and the old Outback Loo, that burned down in the bushfire 2002.



Early access to the formerly green community toilet.

Goolawah has many loo legends and toilet tales. Some would fit gardening magazines (compost density, coconut base?), others science papers (nitrogen levels of he-urine and she-urine) or real estate columns (chateau toilette with bench or single seats? wheely-bin or eco-loo?)

A recent historical toilette tale from southern Goolawah was recounted in the *Gazette* and generated some comment.

It's the story of a blue A-frame sitting under tall gums at the edge of the Outback. Unfortunately the *Gazette* got this loo legend wrong in the last issue, so we bring you a correction from Russell.

Wayne has added some photos that might evoke fond memories for G-pioneers, and fill in a few archival gaps for newbies.

Russell clarified that his camp was never on common ground and that the dunny was always a community toilet. It was built by Russell himself under an agreement with previous Outback members.

In those days the blue loo was called the "Outback Outhouse". The Goolawah Newsletter of June 2005 introduced the amenity to members:

"The new outback composting toilet was officially completed on 8/1/2005 (Saturday) same day as the general meeting. Specifications consist of an "A"-frame housing and an olive barrel inside a 24-inch tractor tyre and inflated tube designed and built by moi (myself). Thanks to the support crew for their valuable assistance...."



Larry testing the views from his outhouse on Cockatoo Ridge.

Larry's toilet in Goolawah's very early days.

In fact Russell built it as a replacement for the community toilet that got burned out in the 2002 bushfire (see photo).

Thanks to Russell for correcting the record and apologies from the *Gazette's* sub-editor, and from Kev (see below).

Since then members have of course built a more modern community toilet with rotating bins near the Camp Kitchen, painted in green (see photos), and recently upgraded to silver.

Text: Julica Photos: Wayne E

"Russell, I'm really really Really sorry if I made a mistake in my telling of the story of the outback public dunny.

No offense was intended, mate." Kev



# Owner Building the Goolawah Way



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Roof loft in the straw bale house, owned by it's builder

A description of Goolawah, that I have heard used in conversations is “Goolawah is like an owner builder suburb”. This seems to fit as, in one way or another, we are all out here building our own house and unlike most, managing our own roads and common areas. A somewhat more controversial, though still correct, description could be “Goolawah is an unlicensed Owner Builder suburb”. Sounds too good to be true: a place where you can build your own home, without the necessity of the government sanctioning your ability to do so with a meaningless piece of paperwork and fee, (ie. the owner builder licence), but it is true.

I never actually obtained an owner builder licence. I attempted to, but along the way became frustrated with how complicated they were making it, because they didn't have a box to tick for an owner builder who doesn't own the land they are building on, so I read the *Home Building Act 1993* and found our loop hole. Here it is:

The home building act sets out and regulates how a person is to go about “residential building work”. Somewhere in the act it states only licensed persons may undertake “residential building work”. A licensed person would be a licensed tradesman or a person with an owner builders licence.

## But what is a “dwelling”?

If you flick to the rear of the *Home Building Act* you will find a list of definitions in schedule 1, where they actually define what exactly “residential building work” is. They list a number of works all relating to a “dwelling” so this begs the question what is a dwelling? Well this is also defined in the act, and in

the definition of a dwelling is a long list of exemptions from that definition, and one of those exemptions is a residential dwelling that is only permitted under a SEPP 15 development, which is what we all have on Goolawah.

So there it is. If you're carrying out residential building, on a SEPP 15 development, like Goolawah, it is not regulated by the *Home Building Act*. Meaning you do not need to obtain an Owner Builder license. Just to be sure, I asked my friendly building inspector at Kempsey Shire Council, Lyn Kingma to confirm my reading of the legislation and he agreed: “dwellings associated with SEPP 15 approvals are exempt under the *Home Building Act*. As a consequence you will not be required to obtain an Owner Builders Permit.”

James Galletly



Wall detail inside of James & Alicia's straw bale house on Red Hill



# The G'wah Sunset Cinema

The G'wah Sunset Cinema (GSC) kicked off its 2017-18 summer viewing program with a screening of the documentary *Given*. The film told the story of an epic family surf adventure that spanned six continents, including a trip to Australia's very own Red Bluff. The subject matter of the film (and the pop corn) struck a chord with many of the Goolies in attendance and a pleasant night on the community kitchen deck was enjoyed by all.

The theme of renegade parenting was continued with the second offering by the GSC, *Captain Fantastic*. This film portrayed a families re-integration into society after living a life in the forest, and raising their children aligned with their own free thinking ideals. Plenty of food for thought and a few frank life lessons were given to all in attendance. Future plans for the GSC involve upgrading the sound system, more movie nights over summer on a regularly



irregular basis (mosquitos permitting) and perhaps a trilogy screening on three consecutive nights. If you have any film suggestions either movie titles or genres you would like to see, please talk to James.

*James Galletly*

## Zucchini, Potato & Herb Pancakes

One of my favourite recipes, easy to make, filling and delicious!

### Ingredients

- 500g waxy potatoes, peeled
- 500g zucchini (courgettes)
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup milk)
- 30g melted butter
- 2 tbsp each chopped parsley, sage and oregano
- 1 tsp salt & 1 tsp pepper
- 100g sour cream

### Tomato Sauce

- 500mL good quality pastat sauce
- 2 tsp soft brown sugar
- 2 tsp chopped fresh chilli
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar

### Instructions

1. Grate potato and zucchini. Mix in a bowl with onion, garlic, flour, eggs, milk, melted butter, fresh herbs, salt and pepper.
2. Preheat the oven to 150°C (300°F) and brush a large heavy based frying pan with oil. Heat pan over



medium heat and, using 1/3 cup for each pancake, cook in batches for 2-3 minutes each side until the pancakes are golden brown and quite puffy. Transfer to a heatproof dish and keep warm in the oven while cooking the rest.

3. To make the tomato sauce combine all the ingredients in a pan with salt and pepper to taste. Bring the mixture to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent it catching on the base of the pan.
4. Serve pancakes drizzled with tomato sauce and with a spoonful of sour cream.

This is suitable for vegetarians but vegans can use an egg replacer, coconut milk and olive oil spread.

*Griff*



© Harvey Cresswell

## Camp kitchen comes out

Our camp kitchen has a new lease on life. *Men's Shed* cladded and painted the front wall and renewed a window. Anne W and Ralph vH installed the upgraded solar system and the new sliding door works a treat.

After we lost the tank's water, the *Men's Shed* moved the empty tank to a new position creating space for other projects in the back of the building, and connected the pipes to fill it when the rains come.

Thanks for everyone's amazing work!



## Goolawah & One World

For two weeks Alicia showed photographs from a decade of travelling in "Summer & Reliving Pop-Up" Shop at 90 Horton Street. Almost two dozen Goolawah members celebrated the "One World" exhibition opening in Port Macquarie, enjoyed music by Lauren and supported the raffle for I-India charity projects. Alicia thanked the members who came to town that night:

"I just want to say a massive thanks to all the Goolies (and future members) who made it out to the big smoke for the opening of my travel photography exhibition end of November. It was wonderful having your energy and support there. I had a wonderful evening and I hope you did too."

Alicia Fox







## Rules, rules and more rules

THERE ARE NO RULES read a bumper sticker from the late 70's/early 80's, much favoured by the so-called counter-culture. Things turned a little more complicated when the first communes sprang up and the free love & brown rice-philosophy was found inadequate. People from various walks of life living together were – surprisingly – in immediate need of a set of rules that governed what was and what wasn't acceptable in their day-to-day interactions.

It is a well known fact that communities like Goolawah, Bundagen, Tuntable Falls Tallebudgera etc. attract people who are somewhat less 'mainstream' in their ambitions, opinions and outlook generally. I think we meet many more people with extreme views and aspirations in communities than we would ever expect in traditional suburbia.

Even if this wasn't the case and the entire community population consisted of orderly accountants in pinstripe suits, a set of rules would very soon become a dire necessity.

Societies like Goolawah are just as dependent on them as the outside world, where the rules are created, and enforced, "from the top down" (by the state). This has the effect of compliance with rules being a direct function of

the fear of reprisals. It has the side-effect of scheming and wrangling by parts of the population to circumvent and undercut the system for their personal benefit - and at the expense of society as a whole.

In community life the structure is created "from the bottom up" and is therefore much more an agreement between individual people than that laid down by some clown in parliament.

In our community it is important that every member knows the rules and bye-laws (after all, that is what we all signed up for) and behaves accordingly. We have no police here at Goolawah (who would want to do that job?), so it is up to every member to do it for themselves.

Communities are more in need of a functioning system of governance (and consequently of fairly rigorous enforcement) than the society like, say, on the Isle of Man. Absence of consequence of unacceptable behaviour will result in the dysfunctional and anarchic in general – and in turn destabilise the whole structure.

So, heartfelt thanks to the committee members, office-holders and all other contributors to this very tricky subject. The quality of life on these 1600-odd acres depends to a considerable degree on these concepts.

Ralph Erthel

## Holiday Fun

With the silly season approaching, *The Three Island Sports & Social Club* is planning a few celebrations for the entertainment of our members.

### **Proposed schedule for the holidays:**

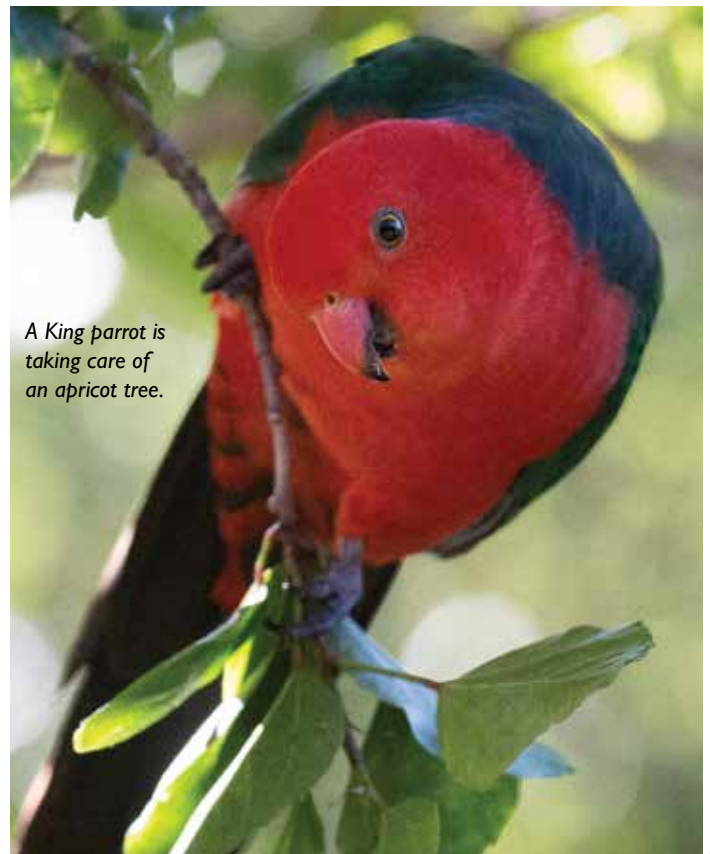
Monday, Dec 25: "Bah Humbug" day on Bonobo Island. Outdoor games, BBQ and drinks from 1pm. Live music from 3pm til late

Sunday, Dec 31. NYE festivities at camp kitchen. Live Music with *The Three Island Natives* and special guests. Open mike, food (Pot luck or bring something for bbq), drinks from *Three Island Brewers*.

All members and guests are invited to join the fun.

P.S. To all *Three Island Sports & Social Club* members, club subscriptions due 31st December

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A King parrot is taking care of an apricot tree.

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Frankie's Bromeliad wonderland on Red Hill keeps growing. Thanks for letting us brighten up the minutes with your fabulous plants. Photos © Julica

## September Community Meeting Minutes

02 September 2017

Chairperson Peter

Minute taker: Nityama

Commenced: 9.05 am

**Attendance:** Russell, Nick, Mog, Belinda, Roger (D), Lexie, Craig (D), Julica, Ralph vH, Wayne, Tony (D for Louise), Ron, Lyn, Rob (D for Denise), Stu, Justin F, Cynthia, Ralph E (D), Harvey, Kevin (D)

**Apologies:** Michael C, Sattwa, Louise, Denise and Dennis, Bronwyn  
Peter opened the meeting with an inspiration from Stan Grant.

"The Australian genius is the willingness to compromise".

### Confirmation of previous minutes:

There was some discussion on previous minutes and on minute taking in general.

### 1. Amendment to August minutes,

Proposed Julica Seconded Nityama.

To delete the following sentence contained in item 5 of General Business.

"This planting is clearly a commercial quantity of giant bamboo for personal gain, and has been planted by the very people who claim to be conservationists. For 8 Against 5 Abstain 3 Not Carried.

### 2. Amendment to August minutes,

Proposed Nityama Seconded Lexie.

To amend the sentence in item 2 of General Business (referring to a committee being formed and the name and purpose of that committee) to the following:

"form a committee to discuss and formulate a clear, helpful, and easy to understand process for Conflict Resolution, breaches of Code of Conduct, and respectful communication between members. Further, to add the name of Lexie to the list of committee members.

Agreed Unanimously.

### 3. Amendment to August minutes

Proposed Julica

To amend the typo in item 9 of General Business where it reads "Adult of a Child Agreement" to be corrected to "Adult Child of a Member"

Agreed unanimously.

Acceptance of the August minutes was then proposed Roger seconded Dan.

Agreed unanimously

### Business Arising:

1. Consequences of Paul's breaching of Code of Conduct was deferred till General Business item of report from committee for Conflict Resolution, Code of Conduct breaches, and Respectful Communication between members.
2. Rehabilitation of the community land behind the dam at the back of Paul and Anne's shares. There was some discussion about the findings of the group who volunteered to look at the site: Ralph E, Mohini, Justin Fitzpatrick, Denise, and Rob. Peter, Ralph vH, and Tarrik also had a look.

Motion: We ask Paul to remove the 39 giant bamboos he has planted on community land, within 6 weeks and to commence proceedings to rehabilitate the land.

Proposed Rob Seconded Ralph E.

For 16 Abstain 2 Carried.

3. Dogs. Discussion about the by-law prohibiting dogs. Is there some room for flexibility on "visiting dogs" or is it a total blanket ban? Nityama and Lexie to work on a resolution reflecting some members wishing to have a little flexibility on visitors with dogs, which can be tabled at the October GM. It is very clear that we do not allow residents on Goolawah to have a dog. Ron and Lyn will remove their dog from the property when they leave in 10 days, and will not bring the dog with them when they return. Thank you Ron and Lyn.
4. Adult Child of a Member Agreement finalised and added to Membership Policy. Proposed Lexie Seconded Nityama. Agreed Unanimously.
5. Cemetery: Should be a little further down the road? South of blue tape? Since none of the cemetery planners were present we agreed to leave this for future discussion. Ralph offers bamboo to landscape around cemetery.
5. Fire and Access Trails. Carried over to October meeting. Dave Launt is needed.

### Treasurers Report

Three overdue member debts: Marty and Ben have paid their overdue levies.

Judgement made against Grant Woolcock and debt collecting agency fees of \$400 have been added to his total levies owing.

Cindy has written to John about Charly's stay and guest fees billed. Dates of Charly's stay and departure may need clarifying. Ralph to check with John.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report and attached work claims.

Proposed by Ralph Seconded Lexie. Agreed Unanimously.

### DA Report:

Ralph wrote to Melinda Pavey re council dragging their feet on our S96 application and Crown Roads/Illa Langi. She replied, attaching a copy of letter she had received from KSC's Robert Scott. Ralph to write back to Melinda Pavey correcting politely some factual inaccuracies in Scott's letter. Peter suggested that perhaps we make enquiries re sealing of Illa Langi to form part of KSC application to state govt for Maria River Road sealing? Ralph added that our solicitor informed him that KSC has no time limit in deciding our S96 application.

Discussion on roads followed. Time to get our road design and costing done?

It was agreed that a DA committee needed, comprised of, Peter, Bronwyn, Roger, Craig, Tony, Dan, Ralph E.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

### Roads Report:

Cattle grid at Nevertire in need of further infill.

Nick Hobbs talked with Ralph re his intention to do some potholing on Illa Langi and some co-op input. We will use what's left of the gravel pile for these 2 actions.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

### Fire Report:

Fire restrictions now apply. Permits are required for any burning off. Time to get your fire fighting gear in order. Check that pump etc is in working order.

### Machinery Report:

Roger and Ralph vH did some work on the fire striker. Fuel gauge reads full but not working. Connection to clutch was loose, but now fixed. Thank you R and R.

### General Business

Peter suggested that we make space in the meeting for people to apologise for any regretful behaviour

1. Resolution for the October GM.

To replace Rule 96 Disputes with Fair Trading Marked-Up Rule "Disputes and Mediation" dated 11/7/14

Lexie read the relevant documents from Fair Trading.

Proposed Lexie and sec. Dan Agreed Unanimously.

2. Report and draft plans from the committee for Conflict Resolution, Code of Conduct breaches and Respectful Communication between members.



The drafts were read and discussed and will be posted on the website. Some corrections/amendments/ideas were offered. The committee will carry on working, incorporating feedback. There is a plan to produce a booklet on communicating well with your neighbours / other members. This will accompany the more formal process that is being worked out. Consequences for Paul's breaching of the Code of Conduct. When raised by the Chairperson no proposals for further action were forthcoming. Letter from Dennis re incident with Paul on 24/8/17 was tabled by Rob. Letter from Anne re her meeting with directors on 11/8/17 was tabled by Lexie.

Both letters were made available for members to read.

Gratitude Round was made with thank yous and appreciation for the many and varied contributions made by our lovely members.

Meeting closed at 12.40 pm



## October AGM Minutes

7 October 2017

Chairperson: Craig

Minute Taker: Nityama

Commenced: 9.10 am

**Attendance:** John ,Frank ,Belinda, Harvey, Tarrik, Mohini, Greg, Callum, Justin F, Cynthia ,Tony, Margaret, Alicia, Rebekah, Alby, Griff, Ralph v, Nityama ,Lexie, Sattwa, Mark, Gerard, Dennis, Rob, Dave, Wayne, Larry, Anne, Paul, Julica, Aliya, Peter, Craig (D) ,Louise (D), Ralph E (D), Roger (D)

**Apologies:** James, Zac, Michael ,Zoe and John, Dan ,Denise, Bron, Stuart, Rose

**Visitors:** Cindee Pascoe, Jim Ronchetti, Aaron Beahan, Jack Walton.

**Approval of minutes of 2016 AGM:** Proposed: Anne T Seconded: Ralph Julica explains there is a typo on the proxy form. Please amend the date if you have a proxy form.

### Secretary's Report:

Share transfer from Todd/Gemma to Nick has been completed (share 4) Administrative steps to change a single share to a joint share explained. Letter to Melinda Pavey (correcting KSC Robert Scott's letter to her) Ralph's draft discussed and decided against sending it.

### Treasurers Report:

Auditor's report for last financial year passed around, and treasurer's report and work claims.

John explained the debt collector's report to the Co-op and reviewed how the process works. Questions and discussion followed. Do we carry on following our process for the 3 delinquent members at present? Agreed unanimously

John raised the issue of Cindy's guest charges. Some were paid, some are still in question as they were incurred during the time our guest policy was being finalized. John suggests that we accept what Cindy has paid and forget the rest.

**Motion:** To adopt Treasurer's recommendations re Cindy's guest charges.

**Proposed:** Roger **Seconded:** Julica **Approved Unanimously**

Discussion re annual Auditor's report. Legally, this should be made available before meeting for all shareholders to consider. Also should be advertised

as a motion for the AGM in the newsletter. It was decided that the auditor's report be put on the website 2 weeks before the AGM and that a hard copy would be available for members in the camp kitchen.

**Motion:** To accept annual auditor's report and Treasurer's report.

**Proposed:** Roger **Seconded:** Julica **Approved unanimously**

Current Directors and office holders step down. THANK YOU for all your work and contributions this past year. Nominations are invited for directors 2017-18.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Result</b>	
Lexie	Elected	
Rob	Elected	
Kevin	Elected	
Dan	Elected	
Roger	Elected	
James	Elected	
Craig	Elected	
Dave Launt	Not Elected	
Sattwa	Not Elected	
Harvey	Not Elected	
Ralph Erthel	Not Elected	
<b>Office</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Result</b>
Secretary	Ralph Erthel	Elected unanimously.
Treasurer	John Tennock	Elected unanimously.
Newsletter team	Julica, Griff and Ralph	Elected unanimously.
Website	Peter	Elected unanimously.
Media Liaison	Julica, Alicia and James	Elected unanimously.
D.A. Committee	Louise, Peter, Ralph, Bron, Dan, Craig, Roger and James	Elected unanimously
Membership Committee	Nityama, Tarrik, Tony, Alicia, Griff, Trinh and Justin.	Elected unanimously
Social Director	Larry	Elected unanimously
Complaints Resolution Committee	Lexie, Dan, Roger, Mohini, Nityama, and Louise	Elected unanimously
Machinery Team:	Roger, Ralph V, Frank and Mark.	Elected unanimously
Roads Team	Ralph E, and Craig	Elected unanimously
Fire Warden	Roger, Mohini	Elected unanimously
Flood Warden	Craig	Elected unanimously
Pig Warden	Ralph V	Elected unanimously

### Resolution 1

Road Levy for the financial year 2017-18 to be \$500 billed (quarterly) in accordance with normal billing procedure.

**Rationale:** the \$500 road levy for 2017-18 was unanimously approved at the 1 April 2017 meeting. This was necessary to include it in the 1 July invoice run. The question was raised whether as a matter of procedure, this should be the subject for a formal resolution.

**Proposed:** John Tennock **Seconded:** Ralph Erthel For: 26 Against: 3

**Motion Carried**

### Resolution 2

Road Levy to continue as a regular levy until the DA formally approved and any associated road costs covered .The amount to be agreed by vote at the April GM without the need for a special resolution.

**Rationale:** All road levies collected are being accumulated into a DA Road Fund budget. This is still short of expectations about what the total cost might be, so we need to continue accumulating these funds. Road maintenance is not taken out of this budget. Once the DA is approved and associated road works completed the road budget requirements can be reviewed.

**Proposed:** John Tennock **Seconded:** Ralph Erthel

A lengthy discussion was held, re our road levy ,our road situation in light of DA developments and the impact on us of the possible future bitumen on Maria River Road. How much money we possibly may need to get our access road in a condition that will satisfy our DA requirements. Having our Road Levy payments accumulating in the bank can only be a good thing-we are probably going to need it! We can always make a special resolution to use the money for something different. Some concern that the road levy will go on forevermore.

Motion proposed: Greg Secended: Harvey

To amend the original 2 by including the rationale in the wording of the resolution.

For: 26 Against: 1 Amendment carried.

Resolution 2 withdrawn by John Tennock.

### Resolution 3

Proposed Amendment to by law re dogs.

That visitors with a dog be allowed to stay with a Goolawah member for a maximum of 2 or 3 nights. With the proviso that the dog is tied up or on a lead, only within the perimeter of the members site. That the dog is well trained and well behaved and under the supervision of a responsible owner at all times,

Please note that when the above conditions are not strictly adhered to Goolawah reserves the right to ask the member that their visiting dog leaves forthwith.

*Rationale:* Some Goolawah members have relatives or close friends whom they would like to have visit and stay in their homes, accompanied by their family dog. When the above conditions are complied with, and there is no disturbance to neighbours or wildlife, then these occasional visits can be made possible, thereby meeting the needs of some of our members .

*Proposed:* Nityama *Secended:* Lexie

Discussion about this resolution followed, with concerns raised about how this could result in many visitors with dogs, how such a policy could be overseen etc.

Resolution 3 withdrawn by Nityama.

A reminder from our newsletter editor that any Resolutions to go in the newsletter need to be given to Julica in good time to be published. A reminder that anything to go on website needs to be in PDF format. (not ODT)



## October General Meeting Minutes

7th October 2017

### Approval of minutes of September 2nd Community Meeting

*Proposed:* Peter *Secended:* Julica For: 21 Abst:3 Carried

**Secretary's Report:** see AGM

**Treasurers Report:** see AGM

**DA Report:** DA committee to reconvene soon. The whole dynamic of the situation has changed, since Councils application for a grant to bitumen Maria River Road. KSC is re-structuring and Robert Scotts letter to Melinda Pavey clearly implies that KSC is waiting for our plans to upgrade the access roads. Next step is for us to get engineering specs/road design, then to costings. Ask Mike Dutton how much he will charge us to do a road design. Then, either get him to do it, or look for another civil engineering firm?

**Membership Report:** Ric and Jac have completed share transfer with Marion and Allan-share 28

Proposal to ratify Justin (Jac) Larsen and Ric Marie as joint members of Goolawah Co-operative *Proposed:* Nityama *Secended:* Alby  
For: 24 Abst:2 Carried

Visitors/prospective members at todays meeting are Jim and Cindee, Aaron,

and Jack with little son Flynn.

**Machinery Report:** Tractor is presently not working at Cindy's place. Roger will have a look and hopefully get it started.

**Fire Report:** It would be good to get a little rain!

### Business Arising:

1. Fire /Community Access Trails carried over to next meeting.
2. Committee for Communication, Complaints and Disputes. Suggestions from several members have been incorporated into the process/ documents drafted so far. Working group will meet in the coming weeks to progress further.
3. Roads/Traffic signage Working Group, plans for signs, landscaping, speed bumps, new ideas. Carried over to next meeting.
4. Ron and Lyn Ringrose and dog. Ron has written a letter requesting that the community make an exception to the rules, on compassionate grounds ,and accept that Lyn needs to have her dog with her here at Goolawah. We have already discussed these members situation with resident dog and made decision that said dog cannot be kept on the property. The community present at the meeting rejected this new request. Ralph and Craig to inform Ron and Lyn that we stand by the no dog decision.
5. Resolution re Marked-up Rule 96 is moved to the January GM.
6. Removal of bamboo planted by Paul on community land that we asked him to remove within 6 weeks (by October 20th). No signs of any removal so far.  
*Proposal:* To write a letter to Paul informing him that if the bamboo is not removed within this 6 week time frame, that the community will engage a contractor to do the bamboo removal, and will bill him for the costs incurred.  
*Proposed:* Harvey *Secended:* Dennis  
For: 16 Against: 1 Abst: 5 Motion Carried.  
Ralph will send letter to Paul advising him of this.

### General Business

1. Our security camera was stolen from where we had placed it, on the gate near to Forest Way. Ralph to purchase a new camera, to be installed back in its original position overlooking camp kitchen.
2. Media enquiry; Belinda Cleary from "Daily Mail" contacted Julica. She's interested in meeting some Goolawah residents as she's doing a "living off grid" story. Most people are positive about the idea. A small number of people are willing to be interviewed. Julica will take care of her.
3. Harvey reports that sadly, 2 kangaroos have died on his site recently. Hit by cars? Harvey would like to have speed bumps on that stretch of flat road, (Tallowood ) which would encourage drivers to slow down. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY!
4. Louise reports that mail was stolen from the post box opposite the machinery shed, and specifically mail re the vote on same sex marriage. Very disappointing that this would happen on Goolawah.
5. Ironstone dam near to Mark and Lexie's house. It is actually a disused quarry with some water in it. Was done originally as part of Goolawah road building and needs to be rehabilitated into dam as planned. Next time George is out with his big machine we need to get him onto it. Or if anyone is using George and his big machine privately, please contact Mark.

**GRATITUDE ROUND:** much appreciation was expressed for all the varied talents and contributions made by our lovely members.

Meeting closed at 1.30 pm.

## November Community Meeting Minutes

Saturday 4th November 2017

*Chairperson:* Craig

*Minute Taker:* Rose

*Commenced:* 9:07am

**Attending:** Denise Cobourn, Justin Fitzpatrick, Cynthia Fitzpatrick, Dennis Cobourn, Michael Clancy, Ralph V. Hulst, Alwyn Hunter, Bron Little, Belinda Ball, Rose Mahar, Wayne Ellis, Mohini Murti-Brownedge, Griff, Alan Blake, Ralph Erthel, Rob Hewitt (D), Roger Ball (D), Craig Singleman (D), Lexie Gonzalez (D), James Galletly (D), Kevin Harper (D).

**Apologies:** Nityama, Alicia Fox

**Visitors:** Campisi family (x 5), Aaron Beahan

**Approval of Minutes** previous meeting 7th October 2017

*Proposed:* Craig *Secended:* Ralph E. Vote: Unanimous.

**Business Arising:**





1. Removal of bamboo has been carried out as requested. Re-planting with natives (thank you Rob) started with a small working bee last week. Rob has more plants and another working bee will be carried out soon.
2. Complaints Resolution Team: further refinement of process and documents. Following discussion and meetings, Lexie has a draft document ready for comment. It is on the web site and some hard copies were distributed. Please reply with any comments to Lexie. The team will meet again soon and hope to have a refined document ready for the next meeting.
3. Ironstone dam. No further action on this as yet but Mark is apparently considering getting the machine in ASAP.

#### Secretary's Report:

- Directors' manuals. 12 were printed initially and have been distributed to directors and some committee members. It was decided to print 12 more. All documents are available on the web and any updates are posted there too.
- A letter was tabled from Ron & Lyn Ringrose re the dog issue. This was discussed at length last meeting and the resolution to allow dogs was withdrawn. The NO DOGS policy stands and a letter to that effect will be sent to Ron & Lyn.
- There was a report that some residents regularly have visitors with dogs. They will be contacted and reminded of our policy.
- Ralph proposed the transfer of Zoe & John Hutchinson's share to Alan Blake & Trinh. All arrangements have been completed between the two parties – just need approval of meeting.  
*For: 13 Against: 0 Abstain: 3*  
There was some discussion about how members are informed when a block becomes available for sale. Lexie proposed a change to the membership policy to allow a one week cooling off period for any sales. The membership committee will discuss this further and bring suggestions to a subsequent meeting.
- Ralph suggested starting an incident book that could be brought to each meeting for the recording of any vandalism etc.
- Do we need a special resolution to pass the work levy as a rule to make it legal? To be investigated further.

**DA Report:** Four DA committee members – Roger, Louise, Peter & Ralph will be meeting with Robert Scott (KSC) to discuss our Section 96 application on 13th November. Mike Dutton (our road engineer) will also attend. Roger and Ralph will be meeting with Mr Dutton prior to the KSC meeting to discuss the issues around our application.

**Treasurer's Report:** As read by Craig and tabled.

*Moved: John Tennock Seconded: Roger Vote: Unanimous*

#### Delinquent Members:

- Grant Woolcock. Pro-collect document tabled and some monies have been paid. However there is a significant amount outstanding so meeting decided to allow pro-collect to continue with the debt recovery process.
- Ingrid Barrett. There was no response to John's letter. Future correspondence will be sent registered mail. Meeting decided John should continue with the process as outlined in the policy and proceed to the next level.
- Tarrik & Mohini have a payment plan.
- Justin & Leah have revised their payment plan and have also paid a significant sum off the total owing.
- I work claim submitted for Roger Ball. *Approved unanimously*

#### Membership Report:

- A couple requested a long term lease or rental. This is not allowed under the our guidelines.
- Aliya Aamot proposed to be ratified as a joint member with Crow Tribe.  
*Proposed : Lexie Seconded: Ralph V.H Vote: Unanimous*

- There are other prospective new members in the pipeline.
- There was some discussion about how the membership process is handled by the membership committee and how the committee members communicate with each other. It was suggested they meet and come up with a workable solution.

#### Roads Report:

Craig reported that Jason was considering fixing or replacing the cattle grid on Nevertire road at his expense. It was suggested we ask him to wait until after the upcoming meeting with KSC as the cattle grid may have to go entirely.

#### Fire Report:

The spring cut off date for fire reduction mowing is 15th November. All members (resident and non-resident) are reminded that they are required to reduce the risk of fire by mowing their blocks and removing flammable debris and rubbish. After this date blocks will be assessed by the fire warden. Arrangements for mowing/slashing will be made for any at risk sites and the owners will be billed accordingly.

#### Machinery Report:

Roger has purchased and will install a new hour meter for the tractor. He will also purchase and install a key safe to reduce the risk of vandalism, unauthorised access and loss.

#### General Business:

- **Voting Rights** (*discussion initiated by James*): If members are joint members they have only one vote between them regardless of how many shares they own. This is not the understanding of some members who were informed otherwise when joining. The rules clearly state that joint members have only one vote, as per Rule 28. (c). and that only active members may have a vote, as per Rule 28. (a). An active member is defined in Rule 14. (b) as someone who has paid all annual subscriptions, levies, fees, fines and charges by the due date. The purpose of these discussion points being brought up at the meeting was to let all members know what the rules are and that despite "how things have been done in the past" we are going to follow the rules. Many members brought up examples of how the rules were not followed in the past and how their understanding of the rules was different to the actual rules. It was noted that in the past there have been accepted practices that have not necessarily followed the letter of the law. Some rules have not been enforced and need some clarification. It was also noted that a list of un-financial members is attached to the treasurer's report and could/should/ would be used to advise meeting attendees about their right to vote. No decision about how to proceed with implementing this at future meetings was made.
- **Pizza oven roof** (*discussion initiated by Wayne*): Men's Shed are requesting approval to build a roof shelter over the pizza oven, steps and barbeque area. They plan to reuse some existing materials and estimate a cost of \$1500 +. It was decided a DA would be required and it was suggested the plans for the refurbishment of the kitchen / toilet area be included in the DA. An initial budget of \$2000 was suggested.  
*Proposed: Wayne Seconded: Griff Vote: Unanimous*
- **Industrial Area** (*discussion initiated by Kevin*): Kevin is looking for people interested in researching the possibility of establishing an 'industrial' area where a workshop(s) with possible access to mains power could be established. Some discussion about possible sites etc ensued. The designated area is the North Gate but some issues there need to be considered.
- **Prayer Flags** (*discussion initiated by Michael*): Some people find the prayer flags along the road near Red Hill offensive due to the political values they reflect. Mohini said they were erected as a happy reminder of overseas travel and were not intended to offend anyone. They will be removed.
- **Nursery shed / greenhouse** (*discussion initiated by Bron*): Bron & Rob have been looking into possible sites to establish a community nursery. Some discussion ensued. There will be further updates and a possible proposal soon.
- **Working Bee 18th November**: Roger mentioned the need for weed control in some areas. Notably Camphor Laurel & Lantana. Other working bee jobs to be advised.
- **Social Calendar**: *Message from Larry (social director)*. There will be a gathering on Bonobo Island on Christmas Day. Three Island Band will be performing a few tunes with a special guest singer. New Years Eve there will be a jam session and open Mike at the CK.

*Gratitude Round: Thanks everyone for your attendance and valuable contribution. Meeting closed at 11:00am*



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