

By-Laws



By-Laws According To Rule 9 of Goolawah Co-operative Ltd

BEHAVIOUR

1. All members shall abide by the Co-operative's Code of Conduct.
2. A Director will act as a first port of call for disputes and complaints, and facilitate the resolution by guiding the member/s through Rule 24 Disputes and Mediation or the Complaint Management Policy and Procedure.
3. Members and their visitors are not to drive faster than 20km in residential areas and 40km in non-residential areas on the Co-operative and on both access roads of Nevertire and Illa Langi.
4. 'Off roading' or 'bush bashing' is not allowed on the Co-operative.
5. Noise emitting machinery (petrol or diesel) or generators can only be used on the Co-operative between 7.30am & 6pm during daylight savings, and between 8:30am & 4pm at other times. All motors must be adequately muffled to a normal quiet standard and other machinery must operate in an acceptable quiet manner at all times.
6. Members or visitors are not to go onto another member's home improvement site without that member's permission.

ENVIRONMENT

7. Cats, dogs or firearms are not allowed on the Co-operative.
8. All cloven-footed animals are banned from the co-operative. Other introduced species are banned from community land, and anyone wishing to run these on their site must submit a plan of management, with regard to soil/air/water quality, noise abatement and permanent containment, to a general meeting for approval.
9. The decision to remove any native trees >100mm on the Co-operative is to be made by ordinary resolution at a General Meeting and must comply with current legislation. For guidance of removal of trees on a member's site refer the Flowchart on the website.

10. Herbicides, pesticides and **non-biodegradable detergents and products** are not to be used on the Co-operative without permission from a meeting.
11. A member intending to use any of the Co-operative's natural resources, must present a written management plan to a general meeting for approval, to ensure that all resources are managed in a sustainable and equitable fashion.
12. Members may take trailer loads of sand from the designated sand mining area, without need for approval. Larger amounts are subject to approval at a general meeting. Sand is not to be removed from the Co-operative.
13. **All members shall comply with the Fire and Landcare Policy and resolutions.**

DEVELOPMENT

14. **All members shall comply with Council's Development Consent Condition and the State Environmental Planning Policy No. 15- Rural Land Sharing Communities (SEPP15), which includes making the co-operative your 'Principal Place of Residence' (refer to Co-operative's website – DA Goolawah).**
15. **Before any occupation or development takes place on individual sites, a Council Development Application must be submitted and approved (refer to Co-operative's website – DA Members). This will include an approved grey water system and a dry composting toilet. No pit toilets are to be dug on the Co-operative. Functioning home built designs shall comply with NSW Department of Health regulations.**
16. All members who build dams must consult with and obtain agreement from neighbours and the community prior to construction. A detailed plan must be submitted at a meeting including location, size and vegetation removal. If the dam is not constructed within twelve months the plans must be re-submitted.
17. All members who build a structure or a plant tree/s creating shade on their neighbour's site must consult with and obtain agreement from their neighbour prior to building or planting.
18. Members and potential members wishing to use community land, **including individual sites**, for private enterprise must submit a detailed proposal to a general meeting.

GOVERNANCE

19. **All Directors and Office Holders shall abide** by the Delegation Manual for Directors and Office Holders, which includes General Matters, Policies & Procedures, Legal Matters, Complaints Management, Insurances, Banking Receipts & Payments, and Roads & Other Public Works.
20. **All members and potential members shall comply with the Membership and Guest Policies.**
21. **All members shall comply with the Finance Policy.**
22. **The maximum number of shareholders on one joint share is two persons (delete as covered by Rules).**
23. Co-operative machinery shall be used **only by active members**, and in accordance with the Tractor and Machinery Policy.
24. **The number of newsletters is at least four per year (delete as not necessary).**