

## **May 2019 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 4/5/2019**



**Minute Taker:** Lexie Gonzalez

**Chairperson:** Craig Singleman

**Commenced:** 9.07am

**Attendance:** Bruce and Nicola Hore, Mark Doonan, Frank Dykshoorn, Margaret Leech, Keith Leech, Mohini Browngedge, Rob Hewitt, Harvey Creswell, Ralph Van Hulst, Jim Ronchetti, Callum Lawson, Alan Blake, Roger Ball, Belinda Ball, Bronwyn Little, Denise Coburn, Michael Clancy, Larry Knight, Crow Tribe, Ralph Erthel, Daniel Rose (D), Dave Launt (D), Cindee Pascoe (D), Trinh Nguyen (D), Craig Singleman (D), Kevin Harper (D).

**Apologies:** Rebekah Gorline, Dennis Coburn, Wayne Ellis, Tony & Louise Roberts, Julica Jungehuelsing, Peter O'Hara.

**Visitors:** Stephen Campbell, Logan Christensen.

### **Amendments to previous minutes raised by Bronwyn Little:**

- 1) Re: Proposal that Goolawah print the gazette in black and white in the future and that we outsource to a commercial printing company  
Proposed – Peter    Seconded – Trinh  
10 for, 2 against, 6 abstaining  
*Brought forward to next meeting for further discussion*  
10 -2 motion passed; abstaining votes are not counted.
- 2) Re: Adult Defibrillator – \$3000 grant given to Men's shed specifically and not Goolawah community

**Vote for amendments:**

For-9, Against- 0, Abstain – 5

**Amendments passed**

**Confirmation of Previous minutes with included amendments:**

*Proposed –Craig                  Seconded –Ralph E.*

*Vote unanimous*

### **Business arising from Previous Meeting:**

- Clarifying 2/3 majority vote – Abstentions don't count as part of vote. Only for and against votes are counted.
- Printing solutions for Goolawah Gazette (Julica/Peter/Ralph E.) – letter read by Cindee on behalf of Julica (survey results):

“Since Ralph’s equipment doesn’t allow printing of the Gazette in Goolawah anymore (see discussion and minutes of April meeting), we’re looking for other options.

Printing 14 pages in colour (for example at OfficeWorks) costs about \$12 per 14-page newsletter. This was considered too expensive. Another option is printing in black and white at 80 cents a copy whilst the colour version of the Gazette will still be available as pdf on the website. Everyone can print it from there if they want their own colour copy.

The last meeting voted for the b&w option, but the chair decided to include more views and opinions so we asked for input via an online survey.

23 Goolawah members participated in the week long survey and answered as follows:

- 0% voted for keep receiving colour copy of gazette and happy to pay approximately \$12 per copy
- 52% voted for receiving a black and white copy with colour version available online
- 44% voted for members who want the gazette in colour should pay \$12
- 4% voted for printing gazette in colour should continue and be paid for by everyone

The next Gazette (June 15) will therefore be printed in b/w with colour options available on website”.

- Macleay Valley Solutions – making trestles/tables for Goolawah (Kevin) – Kevin denies responsibility for this topic. Macleay valley options quote not received. Nityama stated that she would produce trestle tables. James offered his table tops on loan at previous event. with thanks. For next meeting business arising.
- Goolie Bee Club – further to website discussion (Trinh)- looking for clarification about how to move forward. Taking into consideration discussion of management plan for Goolie bee club from Goolawah website.  
Do we change by-law #8 or keep by-law and not permit introduced bee hives?  
If we are to change the amendment then it is essential for a member to propose an amendment to bylaw and bring to a meeting for voting.  
Community discussion extended about pros and cons of native bees versus European bees and further management.  
Trinh has offered extensive research on native /feral/managed Bees by NPWS and other valuable resources for members to view at their leisure.  
Motion to set up a workshop for those parties interested. Possibly invite NPWS/NSW NP to understand where they stand on this topic.  
Proposal to be made for next meeting.
- Road engineering plans for Nevertire Rd. (Ralph E.) –letter received yesterday from KSC. Council happy for us to do Nevertire Road in 4 stages. First stage to be completed by May 2020. Stage 2 by May 2021 and stage 3 by May 2022. Final stage 4 to be completed within

12 months of Maria River Road being tarred. Possible issue is that the council have requested that the first 400m from North gate to be 6m wide tarred road and the rest to be 4m wide.

- OH&S book/manual for Goolawah machinery/Slasher (Kevin) -  
Clutch on old tractor/slasher blown. To be fixed on both slashers?  
Kevin has been working in fire trails around Nevertire and Frog Hollow.  
Encouraging members to attain competency on machinery.
- Privacy policy – further to website discussion (Louise). Denise stated that the new Changes reflect Goolawah current practices. We keep minimal information on paper for members.  
Peter to put new privacy policy as draft form on website and discuss for next meeting.

**Secretary/DA/Road report:** see road engineering for Nevertire Road in business arising.

**Membership Report:**

***Proposal that Stephen Campbell be eligible for membership***

***Proposed: Lexie***

***Seconded: Ralph V.***

***Vote Approved***

***Propose that Michelle Nguyen and Logan Christensen be eligible for membership***

***Proposed: Cindee***

***Seconded: Jim Ronchetti***

***Vote Approved***

Only current site available is Ralph Erthel's site 50.

**Machinery Report:**

Clutch on old tractor/slasher blown. To be fixed on both slashers?

Kevin has been working in fire trails around Nevertire and Frog Hollow.

New tractor– flange for oil now fixed and working well.

**Fire Squad Report:**

\$2200 spent on mulching fire break on frog hollow. Will still require some cleaning up (possibly to be included in a Working bee).

Harvey raised concern about pile of tyres on Russell's site that pose a threat as toxic combustible waste. Roger stated that it is on Goolawah fire management plan to be dealt with.

Roger requested that members make the most of the debris/burn piles on Frog Hollow and use this for personal firewood usage.

Frank has put a fire reel to be hooked up at camp kitchen. Roger requesting funds for fittings, nozzles and brackets to set up.

***Proposal for \$100 approval for Fire equipment expense***

**Proposed - Roger                      Seconded-Ralph E.**  
**Voted unanimously**

**Treasurer's Report:** Refer to report on website.

**Proposed –Roger      Seconded –Craig**  
**Voted unanimously**

**Work and Expenses Claims:**

**Proposed –Trinh      Seconded –Lexie**  
**Voted unanimously**

Regarding Note 1 of Treasurer's report: Unclaimed unidentified receipts current total \$6282.94.

***Proposal - Treasurer recommends that we establish a policy that we only retain liability for unidentified receipts for the current and immediately previous financial years. Add to finance policy.***

**Proposed: Roger      Seconded: Lexie**  
**Voted unanimously**

*Regarding Note 2 of Treasurer's report: Ironstone dam budget blown*

Approval for rehabilitation of Ironstone Dam was given at 2017 meeting but no actual budget was given. Directors gave approval for \$3700 including Bentonite clay which Mark Doonan paid for. Total Invoiced for \$4900.

Glen had worked on several other sites on Goolawah and had invoiced on target to quotes.

However, this was different for the Ironstone Dam rehabilitation.

Mark agreed to contact the contractor Glen, to query the quote and get back to community/directors.

***Proposal: Treasurer to pay invoice for work carried out on Frog Hollow by contractor.***

**Proposed: Craig      Seconded: Kevin**  
**Voted unanimously**

Meeting reiterated the need for all future quotes to be in writing.

**Landcare group report:**

Fire and Biodiversity workshop at Crescent head from Nature Conservation Council discussing biodiversity, fire and land management on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

To be put on phone tree, website and Goolawah Facebook page.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/crescent-head-hinterland-fire-and-biodiversity-workshop-tickets-57568852989>

**Last resort Report:**

Work done at last working bee.

Two more coats of render on walls to go and one more door to install.

Process of updating new financial budget for Last Resort for next financial year needs to be considered.

More physical support and enthusiasm for Last resort working bees would be appreciated.

**Directors Report:**

There is a need for longer-range planning of budgets and project oversight as Goolawah becomes a larger community as sites fill up. Currently joining fees are providing the necessary income to complement our levies to meet our budget needs but it is still anticipated this will fall off

If our income exceeds \$150,000, we will need to consider paying GST which would either add 10% to our levies or reduce our available income by 10%. This is not foreseen in the immediate future but may need to be considered eventually. Implications to be explored.

Invitation for people to start thinking about new projects for Goolawah. Building a wish list for the future.

**General Business:**

New intentional community named Bullimah in Nymboidah has 2 sites available. Would like to offer anyone interested or prospective members interested. Please see Trinh for details.

**Gratitude Round**

**Meeting Closed:** 11.50am