

## MEMBERSHIP REVIEW - DRAFT PROPOSALS

By introducing further recommendations from Diana Leafe Christian's research the co-op would strengthen and build on the current Membership Application process, allowing the community and the prospective member more time to get to know each other on a day to day basis.

1. To propose we divide the Membership Application process into four steps with a vote at the completion of each step.

**Rationale:** Currently we have two votes. One for eligibility of membership and one for member ratification and share transfer.

- The first vote would take place after the completion of the questionnaire, National Crime Check, court record search and character referee checks.
- The second vote would take place after the prospective member/s have stayed at the co-operative for 2 weeks, met 20 members, attended one General Meeting and one community event.
- The third vote would be eligibility for membership. This would take place after a second 2 week stay, meeting an additional 20 members, attending a second General Meeting, one working bee and another community event.
- The fourth vote is ratification of a member and share transfer.

2. To propose we introduce a Who's Who list to give to prospective members to assist in getting to know members.

3. To increase the number of members to meet from 15 to 40 members.

Rationale: There are approximately 70 adult members living on the co-operative.

4. To attend one working bee and two community / social events.

Rationale: Currently there is no obligation to attend a working bee or community / social events.

5. To increase the stay on the co-operative from two weeks to four weeks.

6. To include a Director and up to four members at the Final Review meeting.  
Currently the Final Review Meeting includes the Membership Guide, another Guide and a community member.