

## **Goolawah Women's Gathering - May 29, 2021**

At the Camp Kitchen on Saturday afternoon, nineteen Goolawah women gathered (with apologies from 3 others who were unable to join us), and 5 children. Though it was a chilly day, we cuddled in a circle and shared deeply of what we love about Goolawah and our dreams for the future.

The most common comment was that although we've been focussed over the last years on the building of our homes and, for those of us with male partners, in helping create the infrastructure for a strong Goolawah, we now want more opportunities to gather and share our lives in a more 'female' way.

The consensus was that this expansion of friendship and activities among women will benefit the wider Goolawah community, both in the culture and in the governance. Those of us who have been involved in the past with women's gatherings could attest to the enrichment and inspiration such joinings can promote.

As initial ideas to pursue: a regular large women's gathering, such as Saturdays, perhaps once monthly; a crafts day; planned times for sharing of skills and knowledge – we are a diverse and talented womenfolk!; a separate phone tree for women to receive information and to reach out to each other re feminine interests or requests.

Special thanks to Denise for the idea to bring us together, to Louise and Belinda for our beautiful lavender posy/corsages, to Bron for organising a door prize, to everyone who helped set things up and clean up after, and to all you women who brought such yummy – and healthy – treats for our afternoon tea! I was delighted and honoured to play a role.

Thank you,  
Cindee

