How did you hear about the Co-operative?

I heard about the Co-operative after responding to advertising on Realestate.com through Toni and Loise.

Describe your current living/housing situation.

I live with my husband and daughter in Charm Haven. We rent a 1 bedroom apartment overlooking Lake Manmorah.

Have you lived in or applied to join a community before, if so which one(s)?

I have never lived in or applied to a community before.

What are your occupation and interests?

I work in agecare as registered nurse. I like cooking, singing, surfing and spending time in the garden.

What inspires you? What frustrates you?

Singing and travelling, hanging out in Nature, spending time with family. Travel restrictions.

Would other people live with you on the Co-operative - who are they and tell us about them?

My Husband and 1 year old daughter would live with me. My Husband Jonathan is studing to be a disability worker but has a background in construction he has been doing volinteer work to keep himself busy, he likes surfing and all things outdoors. My daughter is walking and is learning to speak she lots of fun!

Why do you want to join the Co-operative?

The cooprative seems like it would be a great place to bring up my daughter. The comunity seems very interactive and busy with lots of social activities.

What can you contribute to the Co-operative and its members?

I can help out if there is a medical emergency. Im happy to join in to activities Im a great singer and enjoy philipino food if anyone wants to try philipino traditional cooking.

What do you think you would enjoy about the Co-operative?

I think being in a cooprative would make it easier for us to own our own home and be part of a community that cares about each other. You don't really get to know your neighbours too well living in the city.

What do you think you would find challenging about the Co-operative?

Remembering everyones name because it seems like there are alot of people that live there. Its a little remote in some ways as there are no shops close bye so I think I will need to make a thourough shopping list before going shopping. I think I would be ok working there with others as im very laid back and are use to working with a good variety of people.

What would you do with a home improvement site on the Co-operative and over what time frame?

I would like to build a tiny home like the ones you can fit on a trailer. But something more perminant would be better and some of the metal shed homes look great as well. Im also happy if we found an existing house as long as it was set up well. I think the construction time would be under a year.

What do you estimate it would cost to establish a home, and how would you finance this?

- Building a house? 80K
- Alternate power system? 35K
- Grey water? 3K
- Composting toilet? 1.5K
- Water (domestic and firefighting)? 4K
- Communications? 1K
- Council fees? 5K
- Estimated total? 120K to 130K

What was relevant to Goolawah Co-op and why?

I think Dianne has found the successful formula for running small communities its hard to go against her expertise and knowledge on the subject.

What was not relevant and why?

Most of what she says seems relevent.

What is your opinion of the Co-operative's structure and our rules compared to other communities?

The rules seem very straight forward and simple to follow. Im not sure about other communities as we are unable to find any rules online.

How would you change / evolve the Co-operative?

I have only been to Goolawah once its a little hard to say at this point.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I give permission for the information arising from the membership application process to be reviewed by members of Goolawah and checked further if necessary.

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