

## **Goolawah Cooperative General Meeting 10 July 2021 - Minutes**

Commenced: 9.03am

Minute Taker: Julica Jungehülsing

Chairperson: Craig Singleman

Windspeed: 35 - gusting to 56km/h

Acknowledgement of Country Yahway - Barri Dhungatti

Attendees: Dan Rose, Trinh Nguyen, Alby Hunter, Sam Wong, Aaron Shanks-Beehan, Clint Campisi, Belinda Ball, Peter O'Hara, Denise Cobourn, Bronwyn Little, Julica Jungehülsing, Erika Schuster, Russell Childs, Justine Shaw, Craig Singleman (D), Callum Lawson (D), Jac Larsen (D), Nick Reid (D), Kevin Harper (D), Marty Cole (D), Ralph van Hulst (D)

Visitors: Lee Albert, Ginny Reid, Elisabeth Locke, Caleb Reid-Boquist

Apologies: Roger Ball, Rose Mahar, James Galletly, Alicia Fox, Cindy Pascoe, Andrew Barson, Tony and Louise Roberts,

Proxies:

Jenny Skinner, Anthony Griffith, Louise Roberts (Bronwyn)

James Galletly (Julica)

Andrew Barson (Sam Wong)

John Tennock (Belinda Ball)

Cindee Pascoe, Rose Mahar, Ralph Erthel (Denise)

Lexie Gonzales (Trinh)

Confirmation of June General Meeting minutes:

PROPOSAL: To accept the previous minutes.

PROPOSED: Craig Singleman SECONDED: Kevin Harper  
passed unanimously (1 abstained)

To be signed by Chairperson

### **Business arising:**

1. Local Land Services - Koala Protection Agreement (Craig and Jac)  
Olivia Kemp ((Project Manager Koala Conservation at Local Land Services) and Simone had planned to visit Goolawah Tuesday before the meeting, but their office prohibited all site visits due to Covid regulations, they postponed their visit until regulations ease.

If you spot a koala, please report (if available with picture) sightings to Jac who is compiling a database of where they are seen. Some areas North East of Red Hill are being considered for conservation.

2. Director nominations reminder: Nominations for Board 2021/22 must be received by the Secretary no later than 9am on the 31.7.21 via email or written and signed by nominee. Interested members are invited to nominate; Director Duties, Role & Responsibilities have been posted on the website

3. Query re the wording on invoices and Rule 25. "Cancellation of membership of inactive members" (Russell/John): The wording of the misleading paragraph (June meeting) has been changed.

#### 4. Playground (Marty)

Goolawah kids had their first meeting Friday, July 9th, on Red Hill to brainstorm ideas and discuss improvements of the playground area. Plan is to start work with donated bits and pieces, create a jungle/climbing area, swings, sandpit. The goal is to make it interesting for different age groups and useable for adults as well, for example with exercise options.

Considerations include: longevity, respect for neighbouring sites, access, shade, spreading out. Children will come up with more ideas over time. Some wishes (skate ramps, hard surface ball area) were regarded as too disruptive/noisy for adjoining sites and could be considered for Gold Mine Hill in the future.

Budget for the plan could be around \$1000, please donate if you have things/items that might be useful. Part of a still to be finalised/developed masterplan will be: planting for shade and privacy, bush tucker, kids are encouraged to do some fundraising themselves (maybe during G-Month). Beyond the area: Children hope the slide dam could be repaired.

Question: Would an extended playground need extra insurance?

Action: Dan to check with insurance

#### 5. Reconciliation Week (Jac)

Kempsey Reconciliation Week activities were postponed to September due to Covid Restrictions, gathering ideas about possible activities continues.

#### 6. Gazette contributions – G-Month focus.

Please send contributions to Jac, he's planning a short "News flash"/special issue for G-Month

7. Speeding issue (Nick). The problem persists, no action has been taken so far.

8. Flood Grants: Andrew contacted federal local MP, no funding is available at this stage.

## **Special Resolutions**

### Special Resolution 1

Rule 45 General Meetings

Proposal: To accept the amendment to Rule 45 General Meetings.

Change from:

Rule 45 d. The board may, whenever it considers appropriate, call a special general meeting of the cooperative, outside of the scheduled monthly general meeting.

Amend to:

Rule 45 d. The board may, whenever it considers appropriate, call a special general meeting of the cooperative.

Rationale:

At the May General Meeting the frequency of General Meetings was discussed. Members leaned towards having General Meetings every second month. To implement this, we need to amend Rule 45 d by deleting “outside of the scheduled monthly general meeting”.

PROPOSED: Denise Cobourn SECONDED: Wayne Skinner

Passed unanimously

### Special Resolution 2

Rule 33. Election of directors (CNL ss173, 179)

*Change from:*

a. All directors shall retire at each annual general meeting prior to the calling of nominations for new directors.

b. A retiring director shall be eligible for re-election without nomination, subject to the person holding the qualifications specified in Rule 32.

c. At an Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which a director retires or a casual vacancy occurs, the vacated office may be filled by electing a person to it.

d. Nominations for candidates to fill the vacant positions shall be submitted two weeks before the AGM.

e. The election of directors shall be decided by a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded, and determined by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting.

*Amend to:*

Rule 33. Election of Directors (CNL ss 172-174)

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM), where all directors retire, their vacated offices will be filled in the following manner:

- a. At least 6 weeks before an AGM, the board will notify members via the Co-op web site that nominations are open.
- b. Advise the members of their eligibility to nominate, the duties and responsibilities of a director; and the nomination and election procedures.
- c. A nomination must include the nominee's qualifications and experience. The nomination may be provided in writing and signed by the nominee or sent via email.
- d. The nomination must be lodged with the co-op secretary at least 14 days before the AGM and posted on the Co-op website.
- e. Closed proxy voting will be permitted.
- f. If the number of nominees equals the number of vacancies, the nominees must be declared elected at the AGM.
- g. If there are insufficient nominees to fill all vacancies, the nominees are to be declared elected at the AGM and nominations for people to fill the remaining vacancies are to be called during the meeting and a ballot held if the total number of nominations exceeds 7.
- h. If the number of nominees exceeds the number of vacancies, the election of directors must be conducted at the meeting by a ballot;
- i. All nominees are to be listed on a ranked choice single ballot paper in alphabetical order, with members required to number in order of preference.
- ii. If a poll is demanded the Returning Officer is elected at the meeting and will determine the validity, counting of votes and announcement of the results. The directors, the secretary and anyone who has an interest in the election are not eligible to be the returning officer.
- iii. If there is an equality of votes, the outcome must be determined by lot.
- iv. The chairperson is to declare the election results on a show of hands.
- i. If any vacancies remain at the end of the meeting, the vacancies are to be casual vacancies and must be filled in accordance with Rule 38.

Rationale: At the June GM it was noted Rule 33 did not permit proxy voting for directors. Members agreed closed proxy voting should be allowed in the election of directors. With the introduction of submitting nominations two weeks prior to AGM, the entire rule requires amendment.

PROPOSED: Denise Cobourn SECONDED: Peter O'Hara

For: 16 Against: 2 Abstain: 2 / Proposal carried

**Secretary's Report:** (Dan)

The necessary Crown approval for Illa Langi Road works had to be followed up several times, photos of the road have been submitted, Approval is about to be confirmed now and will be valid for roadworks for 5 years (until 2026).

The Illa Langi Road neighbour (South) put an extra pole in, encroaching further on the Crown Road, this might have to be pulled out when works begin.

### **Road Report: (Callum)**

GME were unable improve our roads due to wet weather. Callum had suggested to work on the edges first, gravel and rocks were pushed out, after 1 day of work it was decided to postpone due to wet weather. It's not sure if GME will be able to come back before spring. Callum is considering to use some smaller equipment for some repairs in the meantime.

Mens Shed picked up a flat plate that might be helpful to improve bumps and act as a mini grader.

Question: in some places it might be better to slowly go over the pot holes instead of widening the road by trying to avoid the holes? Whatever you consider best - please drive carefully.

Another pot holing working bee will happen, depending on team and rain, date TBA.

In the meantime: Everyone can pick up gravel from the pile near Machinery Shed and do some pot holing along the way.

### **Treasurer's Report & Work Claims: (John/Craig)**

Our Bank Australia term deposit matures on 14 July so John proposed that we:

- Transfer \$110,000.00 to CCU Bonus Saver at 0.45%. When we do eventually need to draw on these funds we will simply lose bonus interest for one month.
- Reinvest the balance of \$76,648.40 in Bank Australia 12 month term deposit at 0.5% interest or 36 months at 0.6%
- The change to a 30-day-billing-cycle had a significant effect on reducing overdues: "Well done Goolawah!" (John)

### **Work Claims:**

Trinh (\$20), John Tennock (\$201), Griff (\$180), Kevin (\$60)  
Jac (\$180)

**PROPOSAL:** To accept the Treasurer's Report, suggestions and Work Claims.

**PROPOSED:** Peter O'Hara **SECONDED:** Kevin Harper  
approved unanimously

Big round of applause to thank John for his work.

**Finance report: (Wayne)**

Budget 21-22, infrastructure budget and 10 year masterplan have been posted on the website, proposed for approval at the August AGM.

**DA Report:**

Wayne has signed an affidavit to confirm the traffic count. McLaren's traffic consultants have reviewed the results. Wayne is expecting a final report from Hones Lawyers.

**Policy Report: (Denise and Peter)**

Complaint Management Policy and Procedure (CMPP)

-After a community meeting in early 2021 members were asked to give feedback and input for improvement of the CMPP. After Bruce resigned, a folder surfaced which contained the input of five members. Taking these comments into account directors and the policy committee are now working on a new approach.

"Directors and Office Holders Duties Role Responsibilities"

- The document has been posted on the website with the invitation to nominate as director (see above).

**Machinery report:**

There has been an incident with the old slasher, which will be looked at next Mens Shed/Monday. Please ask for advice if you need help with machinery/tractors.

Ongoing: discussion about the purchase of a new slasher/or mulcher, Frank and Sam O. are looking into the purchase of a 4-stroke mulcher (around \$3.500). A new heavy slasher would cost up to \$10.000 Team is considering options, including possibly second hand gear from Council.

**Membership Report**

Applicants (allocated Guide):

- Arly and Sam, eligible (Trinh, are still interested to remain on the list
- Patrick Indo and Kylie: (Trinh) have done no further steps nor replied to her follow-up messages
- Michelle and Logan, eligible
- Elisabeth Locke, (Marty)
- Caleb Reid-Boquist (Trinh), 2nd GM, camping on site 4 (RH) until Thursday
- Lee Albert (Trinh), finished a week of visiting, met many members

- Michael Young (Ish/Marty): unable to attend meeting due to Covid/work in Sydney
- Ginny Reid (Ish), 3rd GM, is spending weekend in Goolawah, looking forward to getting in touch with more members

### **Sites for sale:**

Tony & Louise Roberts  
Isaac Ryan

### **Review of Membership Policy**

The final draft had been published and some of the more crucial changes were discussed:

- 1) To elect a Membership Committee of 4 at the AGM (approved)
- 2) 'To increase the stay on the co-operative from 2 to 4 weeks':  
Instead of making 4 weeks compulsory members suggested to say "prospective members stay a minimum of 2 weeks in Goolawah, preferably 4 weeks."
- 3) To increase the majority vote for membership eligibility to 80%  
(not carried, taken out of the draft policy)
- 4) To attend two GMs and one Director's Meeting: agreed to make the attendance of a Director's meeting voluntary, not compulsory.
- 5) After the membership eligibility vote the Directors, Secretary and Treasurer manage the completion of the Share Transfer and Ratification Forms. (approved)

Proposal: To accept the revised Membership Policy (including the suggested modifications, see above)

PROPOSED: Trinh Nguyen SECONDED: Marty Cole

For            Against            Abstain 1  
passed unanimously

### **'Who's Who List' for potential members (Marty):**

A phone tree message has been sent asking members to advise the MC details they would like included on the list. (share number, first names, no. resident children, contact preference e.g., email, phone (call, SMS), drop in, we'll contact you, year joined, some info e.g. teacher, carpenter, electrician, etc). So far only 4 people have added details, please mail Secretary if you'd like to be on the list or send to Marty by SMS (0412 639 968)

Action: to prepare (paper) spread sheet for the next meeting where members can enter their details to simplify and speed-up the process/list

### **Fire and Flood Report**

Reminder: Another Slashing date is coming up in August, good moment to clean up before summer season, congratulations to all Goolies who cleaned up around their sites and APZs, more work can be done; big effort of slashing in Outback and Bowl was done by Kevin (thanks!), many members on Red Hill have done clearing and burning, please put on phone tree if you want members to join big pile burning and ask for assistance with striker and safety equipment if needed

Possibility of an other La Niña year is above 66%

Several members attended first Sustainability forum in Kempsey in June and made contact with a team that might come out to Goolawah for cultural burns/cool burns, to learn and burn, opportunity for members to meet the indigenous group who is involved and learn from/with them.

### **Land Care**

Alby organised a series of lantana working bees in the 'secret paddock' (near North Gate), a big pile has been collected and will be burned on an appropriate date, area needs slashing, might be still a bit wet for tractor there in the moment.

### **Pigs**

Tarrik (and neighbour Darren) went out with composite bows, one pig got killed, more pig hunting will happen, if you see a white 4WD ute with dogs, it's most likely neighbour Darren who helps us with pig hunting

### **Social committee**

24th of July: Acoustic night will be going ahead (Covid regulations permitting) It's a Pizza night with music and fire, hand made doughs, bring toppings, pizzas are prepared in CK then in Pizza oven

### **G-Month**

A few ideas have been suggested by members adding to the music and performance nights (Nick & Anna: Trivia night, Julica: Beach walk to Big Hill), other ideas: Comedy, juggling magic, Halloween night, Spoken Word - Some events might be combined as performance night.

If you have ideas get in touch with Craig and Laz

The Goolawah Exhibition at the Art Gallery in Gladstone was named "Coming of Age". Besides that preparations are running for the inaugural "Goolie Archie" Portrait Prize, members are encouraged to enter with a portrait of another Goolie, an exhibition is planned with all entries, judging process will pick the Top Ten, which will be shown in a special event during the exhibition at



the Gallery. The Request for a Goolawah Co-Op supported prize of \$100 for the 'GoolieÀrchi' was brought forward, a proper proposal will be formulated for the GM in August.

Another creative workshop with Alby happening at CK, Saturday 3-5pm

### **General Business**

- Camp kitchen toilet: deck is progressing

- Last Resort: Small team of 6 or 7 got 2 eaves done, next working be in the coming week to fix more eaves

- Boomerang planting Red Hill: A proposal for planting on the side of the oval, starting near thee post box, has been prepared and will be posted on the website. Meeting didn't vote on budget since not all got a chance to study the plan (and the cold westerly wind was gusting up to 56 km/h by that point of GM), generally (straw vote) everyone approved the project and agreed to formally allocate/vote for the budget in the August GM

- Russel is planning to build a house and would appreciate member's advice on/help with the DA process

**Meeting closed: 11.30am**