

# Goolawah <sup>CO OP</sup> Supplement

*A snapshot of what's happening around the community in August 2021*

## • AGM 2021

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 14th August beginning at 9am at the Camp kitchen. Seven members have nominated for the 7 Director roles for the coming year. Perfect number hey? As nominations have now closed, Denise, Craig, Bronwyn, Wayne, Julica, Ralph V, and Kevin will assume their roles during the meeting. Other items on the agenda can be checked out on the website.



## • Boomerang Garden Red Hill

The proposal for a garden rejuvenation near the post box on Red Hill is now posted on the website for you to check out. The idea is to fence an area around the existing trees, improve the soil, plant extra trees, make some spaces for seating and play activities, and erect an entry sign similar to the one at the Illa Langi entrance. We are hoping to get the budget approved at the AGM so we can hold a community working bee in Goolie Month. For further info speak to Ish or Jac.

## • Goolie Month festivities

October is Goolie Month, celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the Co-operative. Plenty of ideas and plans are brewing, so if you have something you would like to add to the occasion, now's the time! Please contact a member of the Social Committee: Craig, Trihn, Larry, Noemi or Clint. So far we have ideas for trivia nights, performances, cricket matches and of course the Art exhibition and inaugural GooliArchi prize.

Please note that COVID restrictions are likely to be in place so please consider limiting attendance so that all households can be represented. Of course you can send in a closed proxy if you like. Please email the Secretary [secretary.goolawah@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.goolawah@gmail.com) or speak to a current director for further info.



## • 'Coming of Age' - Goolawah Art Exhibition featuring the 'GooliArchi' Portrait Prize

To coincide with our 21st birthday Goolie month celebrations, we will be holding an art exhibition, from 14th – 24th October 2021, at the Macleay Valley Art Gallery in Gladstone. ***This is the call to action to get going on your submission!***

To mark the celebrations, the newly conceived 'GooliArchi' portrait prize has been added to the program. Inspired by our national portrait prize, the idea is to produce portraits of Goolies, by Goolies, in any format you want! It could be a painting, drawing, photo, or even sculpture, so long as it represents a member of our community. There are prizes on offer and everyone, including our younger folk, is encouraged to participate. Need more info or intend to submit something? Please contact Alby or Kev.

## • Fire ready

As the ground dries out after the big wet, cutting of the fire tracks has commenced courtesy of the gents from Men's Shed. It's been a good growing season for the forests and swamps of Goolawah, but with winds bringing down lots of dead wood, bark and leaves it's time to check in on your fire plan, machinery, and any other equipment you may need in case of fire. Cleaning up around your site and reducing the fuel load is also crucial in protecting our slice of paradise. We'll run a feature in the next Gazette with more details to help you prepare.

## Women's group meeting

Looking forward to connecting with all of the Goolie women fold at our next group meeting Saturday 28th August, at the Camp Kitchen. If you'd like to know more, call Cindee or Anna.

## • NAIDOC week

This year's NAIDOC program in Kempsey has been postponed due to COVID. They have tentatively put it forward to September, although the best way to find out more is to connect with their Facebook page – Kempsey Naidoc.

## • Jax Trax Snapshot

Swamp Mahogany's are flowering profusely this winter, feeding thousands of birds, bats and koalas on the fringes of our swamplands. Friarbirds, spinebills and a myriad of honeyeaters, are often seen dive-bombing in lingering pools of water.

Check out the Sandpit dam and Giant's Crossing mid afternoon for the best show. The Glossy black Cockies continue to gnaw on Casuarinas, whilst Bandicoots are busy turning Goolawah into holy ground.

Keep an eye out for orchids as they pop up like little gems along the edge of the tracks. And if you spot or hear a koala let me know as I'm doing a survey of hot spots. Happy daze.



## • What's next?

Email Jac at [gooliegazette@gmail.com](mailto:gooliegazette@gmail.com) any ideas for the next supplement.

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