

**Goolawah Co-operative
Annual General Meeting Agenda
12 August 2023**

Chairperson: Craig Singleman

Minute Taker: TBA

Commenced:

Acknowledgement of Country Yahway - Barri Dhungatti

Housekeeping:

Reminder regarding meeting etiquette (Rule 49 Standing Orders at GMs)

Voting:

Inactive members are not permitted to vote at a General Meeting either in person or via a proxy (Rule 41 Voting).

Attendance:

Directors:

Members:

Visitors:

Apologies:

Proxies:

Tabled:

Previous Meeting minutes, treasurer's report, work claims

Annual Financial Statement 2022-2023, Tax Free self assessment

Confirmation of previous General Meeting Minutes: (Chairperson)

PROPOSAL: To accept the previous GM minutes (signed by Chairperson)

PROPOSED:

SECONDED:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Directors standing down:

Ben Adams, Ralph Erthel, Julica Jungehuelsing, Jac Larsen, Nicholas Reid,
Craig Singleman, Wayne Skinner

Election of Directors for 2023-2024 year:

Candidates:

The following eleven candidates (in alphabetical order by last name) nominated before the nomination cutoff date to fill seven director positions that become vacant as a result of the Directors standing down.

- Stephen Campbell
- Anna Du Chesne
- Mark Green
- Julica Jungehelsing
- Jac Larsen
- Callum Lawson
- Marc Rosenstein
- Justine Shaw
- Leah Skinner
- Wayne Skinner
- Crow Tribe

Election of directors (Rule 33):

As the number of nominees exceeds the number of vacancies, the election of directors must be conducted at the meeting by ballot (Rule 33 h).

All nominees are listed on a ranked choice single ballot paper in alphabetical order, with members required to number in order of preference (33h i). Refer to Ballot Paper.

If a poll is demanded the returning officer is elected at the meeting and will determine the validity, counting of votes and announcement of results. The directors, secretary and anyone who has an interest in the election are not eligible to be the returning officer (Rule 33h ii).

Only closed proxies will be accepted (Rule 33 e).

(Note: It has become apparent preferential voting is not required as all directors have equal standing. Rule 33 h will be amended before the 2024 AGM).

PROPOSAL: To allow a single resolution approving the seven nominees with highest number of votes as the elected directors for 2023-2024.

Rationale:

CNL 173 (4) A motion approving or nominating 2 or more persons for election as directors by a single resolution must not be made at a meeting of a co-operative unless a resolution that it be made has first been agreed to by the meeting without any vote being given against it.

PROPOSED:

SECONDED:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

PROPOSAL: To approve the seven successful nominees as directors for 2023-2024.

PROPOSED:
SECONDED:

For:
Against:
Abstain:

Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2023-2024 year:

Treasurer:

External Accounts Reviewer: Peggy Hughes

Finance:

Fire Warden:

Flood Warden:

Newsletter Coordinator:

Website Administrator:

Nominations for Committees:

Membership:

Social:

Nevertire Road Stage 1 & 2:

Road Maintenance:

Tractor and Machinery Maintenance:

Policy:

Finance:

Landcare:

Camp Kitchen Maintenance:

Rule Breaches and Disputes:

PROPOSAL: To accept all the elected Office Bearers and Committees.

PROPOSED:
SECONDED:

For:
Against:
Abstain:

Director Portfolio Allocation:

The directors will discuss and choose their portfolios at the next Directors Meeting.

General Meeting Component

Treasurer's Report & Work Claims:

PROPOSAL: To accept Treasurer's Report and Work Claims

PROPOSED:
SECONDED:

For:
Against:
Abstain:

Annual Financial Statement

PROPOSAL: To accept the Annual Financial Statement 2022-2023 and Income Tax Free self-assessment

PROPOSED:
SECONDED:

For:
Against:
Abstain:

Mark Green Animal Management Plan

The community has asked the Board to approve uncontroversial Animal Management Plans (AMPs) directly, but to bring any controversial ones to a General Meeting for a vote. The AMP from Mark Green asks for approval to have introduced species not permanently contained by fencing, but discouraged from wandering onto community land. Approval of this AMP could require Bylaw 8 to be amended, and will create a precedent for any other member to have uncontained animals wandering beyond the boundary of their own lot. This would be a significant enough change to warrant a vote by the whole community.

<https://goolawahmembers.com/2023/07/23/animal-management-plan-13/>

PROPOSAL: To approve Mark Greens Animal Management Plan

PROPOSED:
SECONDED:

For:
Against:
Abstain:

Business arising:

Infrastructure shares (raising funds for sealing Nevertire Road Stage 2):

At the April GM it was minuted to aim for Infrastructure Share Special Resolutions to be posted 3 weeks before August AGM. This didn't happen.

Should we hold a SGM for the vote or wait until the October GM?

The previous SRs were:

- a. To adopt the following amendments to the Goolawah Co-operative Rules to allow for a second class of share, to be known as the Infrastructure Share.
- b. To adopt the Terms of Issue for the Purchase of an Infrastructure Share with a nominal value of \$5,500 in Goolawah Co-operative. Note: Nominal value TBA.

By-Laws Revision

By-Laws have been revised occasionally since inception, but a full revision has not occurred since 2016. The idea was raised at the April GM, with the purpose of bringing our By-Laws up to date with current expectations and practice relating to conduct of members, and operations and governance of the Co-operative.

Members were invited to provide comments and suggestions, and none were received. Meanwhile some policy people met to work on the revision and develop a draft for members to consider, which has been posted to the website. It's a work in progress, so members are again invited to consider it and provide any input or ideas.

Visiting dog at Adam and Shantells

Secretary's Report: (Natalie)

- A reminder that members can receive notifications for updates of the website blog via email was posted on the phone tree.
- The Animal Management Plan template has now been saved to the website under Forms
- Natalie has submitted her resignation as Secretary owing to other commitments but is happy to continue until a suitable replacement is found. The board is required to appoint a secretary under the Co-operative National Law (CNL).
- Natalie has created a Secretary handbook outlining the duties and responsibilities of the secretary.

Membership Report: (Julica)

Rule Breaches and Disputes update: (Nick)

Land Care Report: (Jac)

Nevertire Road Stage 1 and 2 update: (Wayne)

As per the July SGM the community has accepted Arnway Pty Ltd's tender. Council have agreed to alter the S138 to remove the need for the bond and to reduce the Road Maintenance period to 6 months.

Community discussion as to whether we would agree to sealing another section of Nevertire road earlier than the 2027 S138 submission date considering the outcome of Stage 1 and availability of funds.

Road Maintenance Report: (Craig)**Machinery Report:** (Ralph/Sam)**Fire and Flood Report:** (Craig)**Traffic Calming committee Report:** (Elizabeth)**Social Committee Report:**

G Week

Project updates:

1. Nevertire Road Stage 1
2. Red Hill Last Resort
3. Red Hill Boomerang Garden
4. Red Hill Playground
5. Kevins Camp Kitchen Art Project

General Business:

Next General Meeting: 9am 14 October 2023 at the Camp Kitchen.

Meeting Closed: