

## **ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

To adopt the revision of the Goolawah Co-operative By-laws June 2024.

**PROPOSED:** *Julica Jungehulsing*

**SECONDED:** *Denise Cobourn*

### **Rationale:**

The revision will bring the By-laws up to date with current expectations and practice relating to the conduct of members, and the operations and governance of the co-operative. The revision of the By-laws was raised at the April GM 2023. Since then, there has been extensive consultation with members, with this final draft being the outcome of the SGM held on the 11 May 2024.

## **CO-OPERATIVE BY-LAWS**

### **REFERENCE**

Goolawah Co-operative Rules: Rule 9 By-laws

To become a by-law an Ordinary Resolution with 21 days' notice must be proposed and adopted at a General Meeting. It is important to understand the by-laws, and how this might impact the way you live. A breach of a by-law by a member shall be deemed to be an infringement of the rules.

### **BEHAVIOUR**

1. Members, their families, and guests shall abide by the Co-operative's Code of Conduct.
2. Members, their families, and guests are not to drive faster than 20km in residential areas and 40km in non-residential areas on the Co-operative.
3. Members, their families, and guests are not to engage in 'off roading,' 'bush bashing' or dangerous driving on the Co-operative.
4. Noise emitting machinery and equipment, including generators and pumps can only be used on the Co-operative between 7.30am & 6.30pm during daylight saving and between 8.30am & 5.00pm at other times. All motors must be adequately muffled.
5. Members, their families, and guests are not allowed to go onto another member's site without that member's permission except for official or emergency purposes.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

6. Cats, dogs, and firearms are not permitted on the Co-operative.
7. Cloven-hoofed animals are not permitted on the Co-operative. Other introduced species are not permitted on community land. Members wishing to keep introduced species on their site must follow the procedure for approval outlined in the Introduced Species Management Plan (ISMP) <https://goolawahmembers.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/introduced-animals-management-plan-v3-1.pdf>
8. Removal of native trees on community land or individual sites must comply with current land management legislation. Removal of native trees with a diameter greater than 100mm on community land must be approved by an Ordinary Resolution requiring 21 days' notice to a General Meeting.

9. Only environmentally friendly herbicides and pesticides are to be used on the Co-operative. For guidance all members should refer to the *WiseGardening* website.  
<https://wisegardening.sgaonline.org.au/>
10. Members intending to use any of the Co-operative's natural resources must present a written management plan by Ordinary Resolution with 21 days' notice to a General Meeting for approval, to ensure that all resources are managed in a sustainable and equitable manner.
11. Members may take up to 3 cubic meters of sand per year (approx. 5-6 car trailers) from the designated sand mining area without the need for approval. Larger amounts are subject to approval by Ordinary Resolution at a General Meeting. Sand is not to be removed from the Co-operative.
12. Members shall comply with the Co-operative's Bushfire and Land Management Plans. Fire permits require Board approval.

## DEVELOPMENT

13. Members shall comply with Kempsey Council's Goolawah Co-operative Development Consent Conditions. Signed consent by the board is required for all new Development Applications BEFORE submitting the application.  
<https://goolawahmembers.com/development-applications/>
14. Before occupation or development on individual sites, a Development Application must be submitted and approved by the Council. This includes an approved grey water system and a dry composting toilet. Home built designs must comply with NSW Health regulations.  
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/domesticwastewater/Pages/wcts.aspx>  
Pit toilets, aerated water treatment and septic systems are not permitted on the Co-operative.
15. Members wishing to build a dam on community land or their site must obtain agreement from neighbours, and submit a detailed plan (including size, location, and vegetation removal) by Ordinary Resolution, with 21 days' notice to a General Meeting for approval. The plan must be resubmitted if not built within 12 months.
16. Members who wish to build a structure or plant vegetation creating shade on their neighbour's site must consult with and obtain agreement from their neighbour prior to building or planting.
17. Members wishing to use community land or individual sites for private enterprise must obtain agreement from neighbours and submit a detailed proposal by Ordinary Resolution with 21 days' notice to a General Meeting for approval.

## GOVERNANCE

18. Directors and Office Holders are legally obligated to abide by Co-operative National Law and the Co-operative's Rules. Directors and Office Holders must abide by the Delegation Manual for Directors and Office Holders.
19. Members must abide by Goolawah Co-operative policies, shown on the Co-operative website at  
<https://goolawahmembers.com/policies/>