

APPENDIX A

Questionnaire Applying to become a member of Goolawah Co-operative

I agree to this questionnaire being posted on the Goolawah Co-operative website for discussion at a General Meeting, which may decide not to progress this application. Attach additional pages for extended responses.

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Applying for joint membership with: Saray Barba

Relationship to you? Wife

Children's names and ages: Camilo 9yo, Cristobal 6yo, Maya 3yo and baby on the way

How did you hear about Goolawah Co-operative?

My wife contacted Noemi by a facebook homeschooling group

Describe your current living/housing situation.

We are house-sitting their place until July in the meantime we've been searching for a place to live near Port but with land and freedom for the kids.. but we still haven't found one, we think Goolawah ticks the boxes of what we'd like/need/want

We used to live in port for 3 years and we were happy but after that that we had the opportunity to live for 8 months near Kew on a big land , and we loved it... so we realized that is what we wanted , and that's what we've been looking for..

Have you lived in a residential co-operative in the past? No not yet.

If so, where?

Why do you want to leave/did you leave?

What are your occupation/s and interests?

I had all my life been working in the furniture business (in Mexico) with factory and stores.

I'm working now as a painter/cleaner/carpenter. And trying to start my own business

Im good working with my hands and fixing things at home.

I love music, singing, drums, sports, and I'm very creative

What inspires you?

Having a balanced life (work/family/ hobbies/friends) and being able to keep evolving as a human being

What frustrates you?

When I cannot communicate properly with my family

When promises are broken

When my space/are/house is not clean and organized

Why would you like to join Goolawah Co-operative?

To be able to learn to live in a community, share life and experiences, help each other, work together and learn from each other.

What could you contribute to Goolawah Co-operative?

With my ideas, work , help and energy .

What do you think you would enjoy about co-operative living?

Learning, sharing, nature, freedom

What might you find challenging about co- operative living?

Boundaries , respect for each other and asking fro help

What do you expect from the Co-operative and its members?

Learn from them, share, help,live

List the sources you used to research intentional communities e.g., title of books, articles, podcasts, You Tube, websites.

List four things that are different about living in an intentional community compared to renting or owning property.

- Respect
- Boundries
- Helping each other out
- Sharing

What would you like to do on your share, and over what timeframe?

We are still thinking about it and developing it, we'll let you know as soon as we know

Note: Lending institutions will not lend for building on co-operatives. Are you able to finance construction of a dwelling with an off-grid power system, grey water system, composting toilet, water for domestic and firefighting purposes, communications, and infrastructure to council specifications? yes

When do you anticipate the Co-operative would become your principal place of residence?

2026

What is your opinion of the Co-operative's Governance structure i.e., Rules, By-laws, Code of Conduct, policies, and decision-making processes?

I don't really know much about it , still learning

Any comments or questions?

They will come soon..

Thank you!!



