

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: Callum Lawson Relationship to you? Husband

Children's names and ages: Tamar 38, Lily 37 (her children Nick 18, Jed 10) + James (husband)
Shallum 33 + Naddie (wife), Caleb 31

How did you hear about Goolawah Co-operative?

We know John + Kirsty Steer who used to live at the Co-Op + they told us about it.
We bought our share in 2013

Describe your current living/housing situation.

I live with mum + dad looking after them as they are elderly + disabled (in Sydney) + once a month I come up to Goolawah.

Have you lived in a residential co-operative in the past? Yes

If so, where? Goolawah

Why do you want to leave/did you leave? N/A

What are your occupation/s and interests?

Gardening, creating, sewing (sewing machine), cooking, music/keyboard, exercising, decorating my house, love nutrition + healthy living
[I run my own Nutrimetics (for 20 yrs) business (skincare/makeup/cleaning products)
+ love ~~doing~~ facials + makeup artist

I am a soldier in the Army which I have been doing for 20 years - I am an Air Dispatcher - building loads to be dropped out of aircraft, loading aircraft, driving different army vehicles/trucks, driver instructor.
I train + teach other soldiers.

What inspires you?

- God, the bible
- Being outdoors in nature
- Listening to music - Love lots of colour.
- Love getting up every morning, doing stretches + exercise + getting stuck into my work whether being in Sydney or after mum + dad, my business, army or up at Goolawah + doing my garden + creating new areas.

What frustrates you?

- Being restricted with rules + regulations, space.
- Living with mum + dad
- When too many things go wrong + trying to sort out too many problems!
- Living in Sydney, dumb drivers!

Why would you like to join Goolawah Co-operative?

- I have been coming here for the past 12 years + Callum lives here + I have created a beautiful home.
- I love the friendships I have made over the time + help/advice I've been given with gardening, solar energy, building etc.

What could you contribute to Goolawah Co-operative?

- Playing in the band
- Helping with the working bees
- Join in with the community dinners.

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

- I love being in such a peaceful, beautiful nature
- I love that we can help each other + in return they help us or give us Food etc.
- We can share with each other.
- I was so touched when Callum was locked in by Floods for 12 days in May + Friends came around with food - so beautiful! When I'm not there he gets invited for dinner by people / Friends
- I love playing in the band.

What might you find challenging about co-operative living?

- Having my plants eaten by wild life
 - When people start sticking their noses into our affairs putting restrictions on us
- But so far this has not really happened
- People coming onto our share without being invited.

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

- Not too much
- Relative amount of peace, harmony, friendships - which we have made quite a few of.

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

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

Youtube:

Go Downsize, Tree + Julia
Ted X Talks, The Housing Revolution

Podcast

Sustainable world
Ecology + permaculture

Book: Creating a life together

4 differences

- * Community lifestyle
- * Financial structure
- * Ownership + Investment
- * Sustainability + Self Sufficiency

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

- We have already built a beautiful house with a beautiful garden.
- ATM as I am only able to come up once a month I can't have edible fruit/vegetables that needs a lot of attention. Once I can, then I would like to grow more edible food.
- Slowly we are finishing off our house.

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?

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

I guess once mum + dad pass away.

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

It is important to have these rules + by-laws for fair, ethical + effective functioning Co-op, and good to have active member participation in meetings

Any comments or questions?