

## 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: Griff Relationship to you? Partner

Children's names and ages: Lewis aged 32 + Melanie aged 29 (almost 30)

How did you hear about Goolawah Co-operative?

Through Griff, when he first moved here back in 2010.  
First visited in 2017 when I relocated to Port Macquarie  
from Sydney. Moved here 13-05-2024. Have been a  
Guest of a member since October 2024.

Describe your current living/housing situation.

Living with Griff

Have you lived in a residential co-operative in the past? No.

If so, where? —

Why do you want to leave/did you leave? —

What are your occupation/s and interests?

- Administration Officer in the public service, private sector + NGO's / NFP's
  - parkrun, walking in nature, reading, movies (I'm a bit of a movie tragic!) learning German, learning about bushtucker, learning keyboard, tiny homes + what people can do with small living spaces + less stuff, + I have a few places left on my travel wish-list
- September 2024 that I'd still like to see some day.

women's health



What inspires you? my kids; the healing power of nature; quiet; the more I learn about Indigenous wisdom, from here + around the world, the more I want to learn; people who are kind to others; being around people who help me to be a kinder person.

What frustrates you?

Technological changes since about 2005.  
When it rains for 40 days + 40 nights.  
Humidity

Why would you like to join Goolawah Co-operative?

To live with Griff  
To be part of a community where you not only know who your neighbours are, but to connect meaningfully with each other.  
To have a closer connection to nature.

What could you contribute to Goolawah Co-operative?

I enjoy things that bring people together that are joyful such as: co-ordinating the G2S Cookbook + our Market Days. I'd love to continue with Market Days + see how they evolve. The Newsletter.  
In the future → GECO; Clarifying our Values (+ possibly Purpose, Vision, mission); + other creative ideas brewing!

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

I have loved catch-ups whether organised or informal eg, Market Days, Community Dinners, Book Club, Coffee Club, Games Nights/Afternoons, silent sessions, music events, GGGFFF, Almost 1/2 marathon, Tedx Talks, All Stitched Up, Bonobo Bar, Garden Tours, the Romeo + Juliet Play in 2020.

It's very special to live in this little pocket of paradise, that is unique to anywhere else, with the wildlife on our doorstep, allowing Country to just be...



What might you find challenging about co-operative living?

Bumpy Maria River Road, not having a strong phone signal, keeping up with the weeds - they are prolific + relentless! Interestingly, I thought modular living would be difficult, but I actually love it!

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

Considerate + respectful neighbours ♥ (😊)

List the sources you used to research intentional communities e.g., title of books, articles, podcasts, YouTube, websites. Living it in real life; recent visit to Bundagen.

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

→ Websites for Bundagen, Black Horse, Crystal Waters + moora moora.

Talking to different people at Goolawah; attending the visit by Savannah and reading her blog and her recent completed report.

- ① It's off-grid living
- ② There's more meaningful interaction with neighbours
- ③ Decision making is 2/3 majority vote.
- ④ You own a share in the whole of Goolawah, not the 5000m<sup>2</sup> block.

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

Everything is already here that we need.

My wishlist for the future would include:

- growing more bush-tucker + native plants
- pebble the whole of our driveway + the path in the veggie patch.
- maybe a boardwalk to the shower + rocket.

It'd be super fun to have a tiny home on our site too!

*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?

Goodlawah has been my principal place of residence since 13-May-2024.

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

From what I have seen so far, it all seems very reasonable. The longer I live here, the more I am learning.

Any comments or questions?

Thank you for the opportunity to live here.

It's been life changing + I wish I had moved here sooner.

Thank you for considering my application!

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