

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: Emma Fluhrer Relationship to you? Wife
Children's names and ages: Ocean (4.5)

1. How did you hear about Goolawah Co-operative?

I come bearing the enthusiasm of a thousand sunsets, thanks to the radiant tales spun by my sister, Mim, who has been living the Goolawah dream for the past 4 years alongside the legendary Marty

2. Describe your current living/housing situation.

I am a proud 44 year old adventurer, currently shackled up with my partner and our almost 5 year old in the bustling family homestead in Bellingen. Mama and Papa are our room mates and the place has become a revolving door for my siblings seeking temporary asylum. It's like the United Nations of family chaos.

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

If so, where?

Why do you want to leave/did you leave?

No.

4. What are your occupation/s and interests?

I am a human Swiss Army Knife! A dedicated parent and have mastered the art of juggling four siblings without dropping any. Health Coach extraordinaire, experienced undercover security, outdoor enthusiast and tree hugger, I rise with the sun and go to bed with the chickens, because who needs night life when you have feathered friends?

5. What inspires you?

I am into plant-based living, turning spaces into something magnificent, all things sporty especially volleyball, surfing and the latest sensation, pickle-ball! Turning everyday moments into something extraordinary.

6. What frustrates you?

Sitting bumper-to-bumper in traffic, dishonesty, forgetting where I left things, cold weather (unless I'm at the snow), when new skills won't just magically implant itself in my brain, instruction manuals.

7. Why would you like to join Goolawah Co-operative?

I've heard whispers of the magical moments, the camaraderie, and the occasional fierce debate over whether pineapple belongs on pizza. Living in a community of like-minded souls, families with young children, spontaneous games of tag and hide-and-seek, sharing food, stories and support, impromptu jam sessions under the moonlight, to discovering secret treehouses, every day is an adventure.

8. What could you contribute to Goolawah Co-operative?

I genuinely care for Mother Earth, I am dedicated to preservation, even beyond the environment. I have a family-focused approach, creating a friendly and nurturing environment. I bring a safety first mentality, and can contribute to the over-all well-being of the residents. I advocate for open communication, fairness in decision-making and a culture of trust. I like to infuse creativity into everyday life and nature inspires me to live ~~and~~ a clean, low-toxic environment and consume as nature intends.

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

I enjoy a close-knit community where shared values and common goals create a sense of belonging. I would revel in the shared commitment to sustainable living, allowing me to actively participate in creating a greener, more mindful lifestyle. I would delight in the collaborative atmosphere where creativity flourishes. And I will definitely enjoy watching our children live their best life. ♥

10. What might you find challenging about co-operative living?

Cooperative decisions are often made collectively. Navigating through various opinions and reaching consensus can be time consuming and may require more patience and effective communication. It can be challenging to make and maintain personal boundaries in a close-knit community, it may mean dealing with varying noise levels and adjusting to the community's rhythm.

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

That we can all enjoy and respect the values of community living, we can navigate shared spaces. Also endless laughter echoing in communal spaces, culinary delights from my creative neighbours, random acts of kindness, communal support and endless creativity!

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

We have ~~many~~ ^{a few} friends who live in intentional communities, up in Mevlana, Mullumbimby. Have learnt a lot from Mim + Marty who live in Goolawah. Have googled and contacted people on intentional communities via Instagram. I have also listened to "ecovillages and intentional communities" podcast. List four things that are different about living in an intentional community compared to renting or owning property.

- Decision-making in intentional communities is often a collaborative process involving all members, as opposed to the property owner or LandLord.
- Members of IC share responsibilities such as maintenance and communal projects. In traditional living situations responsibilities fall on the property owner.
- IC often emphasise the sharing of resources compared to traditional living where resources are generally individually owned or managed.
- Living in an IC involves aligning with shared values and a communal lifestyle, Renting or owning.

13. What would you like to do on your lot, and over what timeframe?

To build a simple self sufficient, sustainable home for our growing family encompassing permaculture principles. To grow a permaculture garden and to make a welcome space for community.

I envisage building a small guest house for my parents to visit, to continue being part of their grandchildren's lives.

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?

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

As soon as we can put a liveable dwelling on the site.

15. 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 think they provide a foundation for shared values, expectations, and behaviors, contributing to a harmonious living environment. The structure promotes transparency and accountability, ensuring that everyone is informed and involved in the co-operative's processes.