

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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This process is intended to ensure you are well informed about the Co-operative and for the Co-operative to decide if you are suited to our community. The Membership Committee will guide you through the process. You can choose single membership (one adult) or joint membership (two adults). Each person applying is required to complete a Membership Application.

Complete Step One of Membership Application and submit completed forms.

Complete Step Two of Membership Application which includes:

A) Stay for 2 weeks at the co-operative and meet a minimum of 15 community members.

B) Attend 2 Co-operative meetings.

C) Provide 3 referees as a character reference.

D) Identity and National Crime Check (Identity Check Form is retained if your application is successful).

1. After one week stay: Meeting with you, your Membership Guide, another membership committee member and a community member.
2. After two weeks stay: Review meeting to discuss your application (applicant does not attend this meeting).
3. Final meeting with you, your Membership Guide, another committee member and a community member.

No objections raised at review meeting



Community / General Meeting - 2/3 majority vote required for membership eligibility



A 2/3 majority vote is then required to effect a share transfer and formal ratification of membership

Objections raised at the review meeting (discuss with applicant)



Second Review Meeting



Applicant reconsiders /may choose to withdraw

After the application process your private documents are returned and no copies are kept.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

STEP ONE



Goolawah
Co-operative Limited

PO Box 40
Crescent Head
NSW 2440
www.goolawah.org

1. Complete the next 2 pages;

- Email completed forms to goolawah.secretary@gmail.com OR
- Post to PO Box 40, Crescent Head, NSW2440, OR
- Submit forms to the allocated Membership Guide.

I give permission for the information arising from the membership application process to be reviewed by members of Goolawah and checked further if necessary.

Name: Contact Number:

Email: Signature:

How did you hear about the Co-operative?

Describe your current living/housing situation.

Have you lived in or applied to join a community before, if so which one(s)?

What are your occupation and interests?

What inspires you? What frustrates you?

Would other people live with you on the Co-operative - who are they and tell us about them?

Why do you want to join the Co-operative?

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

What can you contribute to the Co-operative and its members?	
What do you think you would enjoy about the Co-operative?	
What do you think you would find challenging about the Co-operative?	
What would you do with a home improvement site on the Co-operative and over what time frame?	
What do you estimate it would cost to establish a home, and how would you finance this?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a house? • Alternate power system? • Grey water? • Composting toilet? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water (domestic and firefighting)? • Communications? • Council fees? • Estimated total?
<p>Read a Diana Leafe Christian (DLC) book or view DLC 'youtube' videos and describe what you learned.</p> <p>Diana Leafe Christian Book Options: <i>Finding Community: How to Join an Ecovillage or Intentional Community.</i> ISBN: 0865715785. <i>Creating a Life Together: Practical Tools to Grow Ecovillages & Intentional Communities.</i> ISBN: What was relevant to Goolawah Co-op and why?</p> <p>What was not relevant and why?</p>	
What is your opinion of the Co-operative's structure and our rules compared to other communities?	
How would you change / evolve the Co-operative?	

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION STEP TWO



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1. **Stay for a minimum of 2 weeks** (advise the Membership Guide when you intend staying at the Camp Kitchen Campground and get assistance with organising stays with other members).

Dates at Camp Kitchen Campground:	Dates with members unknown to you (aim to stay with 3 different members):
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2. **Meet 15 members (one member per site)**

Member	What you learned about the Co-operative from this member

3. Attend 2 Co-operative meetings.

Dates:

4. i) Complete the 'Identity Check' form (signed by 2 directors).

ii) National Crime Check provided. Go to <https://www.nationalcrimecheck.com.au/>

5. Provide 3 referees as a character reference: (to be contacted by Membership Guide)
e.g. community groups, organisations, work colleague.....

Name	
From	
Relationship to you	
Contact Number/s	

Name	
From	
Relationship to you	
Contact Number/s	

Name	
From	
Relationship to you	
Contact Number/s	

6. Which site would you be interested in (if applicable)?

List the members of surrounding sites you successfully contacted:

Member	Dates	Contact Method	Outcome of Attempted Contact

7. Goolawah will be my 'Principal Place of Residence' by the ____/____/____.

Thank you for providing this information

What Happens Next with your Application

- Your referees will be contacted.
- Court record search will be conducted.
- You will be contacted if further information or clarification is required.
- All members are invited to attend a Review Meeting to discuss your application and any objections (you do not attend this meeting).
- You attend a meeting with your Membership Guide, another committee member and a community member.

Agenda items included in the conversation;

1. Discussion of the information provided in your application.
2. Discussion of any member concerns or objections.
3. Your understanding of Co-operative intentions, structure and your responsibilities as a member (be familiar with the Rules, By-Laws and Code of Conduct).
4. The 'reality check' regarding setting-up and living at the Co-operative ;
 - Understanding the issues and challenges of living in a community.
 - Your personal strengths & likely pressure points.
 - Understanding and accepting the inherent risks - bushfire, flood, wildlife.
 - Understanding the costs, effort, time and stresses involved in setting-up.
 - Community and mental health issues.
 - Communication and decision making.
 - Neighbours off the Co-operative.

Important information:

- Information about shares for sale may be provided after your first week of stay.
- Members are not permitted to take deposits for the sale of their share. Deposits are payable to the Co-operative only after you have been approved as eligible for membership. You may lodge the shareholding deposit of \$7,000 for a site you're interested in with the Treasurer. This money will be held in the Co-operative bank account as a refundable deposit in case you're unsuccessful.
- Once your membership eligibility is approved and a member agrees to transfer a share, the Co-operative can process the share transfer and formally ratify you as a member.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IDENTITY CHECK



TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH APPLICANT

Name on your ID:

SURNAME:	OTHER NAMES:
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Type of Government Issued Photo ID:

Driving Licence Passport Proof of Age card

Other If other, please specify:

Is the name you gave in your Membership Application / Guest Agreement the same as the name on your ID?
Yes No what other names are you known by _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTORS

I have sighted the applicant's Identity and confirm the name on the Identity is the same as listed above;

Director's Signature: _____ Director's Name: _____

Director's Signature: _____ Director's Name: _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS FEEDBACK



Please give your Feedback Form to your Membership Guide or post to
Goolawah Co-operative PO Box 40, Crescent Head, NSW 2440

How would you sum up your experience of the Membership Application process?

How was the application process helpful/worthwhile for you?

How was the application process difficult/challenging for you?

What are we doing right?

How could we improve the process?

Any other comments?