



## **CO-OPERATIVE BY-LAWS**

### **REFERENCE:**

Rule 9 By-laws, Rule 43 Decisions at General meetings

- To become a by-law an Ordinary Resolution with 21 days' notice must be proposed and approved at a General Meeting.
- A breach of a by-law shall be deemed to be an infringement of the rules.

*It is important to understand the by-laws and how they might impact the way you live.*

### **BEHAVIOUR**

1. Members, their families, and guests shall abide by the Co-operative's Code of Conduct.
2. Members, their families, and guests are not to drive faster than 20km in residential areas and 40km in non-residential areas on the Co-operative.
3. Members, their families, and guests are not to engage in 'off roading,' 'bush bashing' or dangerous driving on the Co-operative.
4. Noise emitting machinery and equipment, including generators and pumps can only be used on the Co-operative between 7.30am & 6.30pm during daylight saving and between 8.30am & 5.00pm at other times. All motors must be adequately muffled.
5. Members, their families, and guests are not allowed to go onto another member's site without that member's permission except for official or emergency purposes.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

6. Cats, dogs, and firearms are not permitted on the Co-operative.
7. Cloven-hoofed animals are not permitted on the Co-operative. Other introduced species are not permitted on community land. Members wishing to keep introduced species on their site must follow the procedure outlined in the Introduced Species Management Plan (ISMP) and be approved by the Board or a General Meeting.  
*Note: The ISMP is available under the Forms tab on the website.*
8. Removal of native trees on community land or individual sites must comply with current land management legislation. Removal of native trees with a diameter greater than 100mm on community land must be approved by an Ordinary Resolution requiring 21 days' notice to a General Meeting.
9. Herbicides and pesticides are not to be used on the Co-operative without consultation.

10. Members intending to use any of the Co-operative's natural resources must present a written management plan by Ordinary Resolution with 21 days' notice to a General Meeting for approval, to ensure that all resources are managed in a sustainable and equitable manner.
11. Members may take up to 3 cubic meters of sand per year (approx. 5-6 car trailers) from the designated sand mining area. Larger amounts are subject to approval by Ordinary Resolution at a General Meeting. Sand is not to be removed from the Co-operative.
12. Members shall comply with the Co-operative's Bushfire and Land Management Plans. Fire permits require Board consent.

## **DEVELOPMENT**

13. Members shall comply with Kempsey Council's Goolawah Co-operative Development Consent Conditions. Signed consent by the board is required for all new Development Applications before submitting the application.  
*Note: DA guidance and the signed consent letter are available under the DA tab on the website.*
14. Before occupation or development on individual sites, a Development Application must be submitted and approved by the Council. This includes an approved greywater system and a dry composting toilet. Home built designs must comply with NSW Health regulations. Pit toilets and septic systems are not permitted on the Cooperative. If necessary, all other systems (e.g. AWTs) require consultation with neighbours.
15. Members wishing to build a dam on community land, or their site must obtain an agreement from neighbours, and submit a detailed plan (including size, location, and vegetation removal) by Ordinary Resolution, with 21 days' notice to a General Meeting for approval. The plan must be resubmitted if not built within 12 months.
16. Members who wish to build a structure or plant vegetation creating shade on their neighbour's site must consult with and obtain agreement from their neighbours prior to building or planting.
17. Members wishing to use community land or individual sites for private enterprise that has the potential to affect others, and the environment must obtain agreement from neighbours and submit a detailed proposal by Ordinary Resolution with 21 days' notice to a General Meeting for approval.

## **GOVERNANCE**

18. Directors and Office Holders are legally obligated to abide by Co-operative National Law and the Co-operative's Rules. Directors and Office Holders must abide by the Delegation Manual for Directors and Office Holders.
19. Members must abide by Goolawah Co-operative policies, available under the Policies tab on the website.