**Minutes of Community Praxis Cooperative Inc. Board Meeting**

**6th August 2016**

**at Howard’s place, Maleny**

Attending: Howard Buckley, Lynda Shevellar, Em James, Tina Lathouras, Paul Toon, Neil Barringham (minutes).

Apologies: Gillian O’Brien, Gerard Dowling, Peter Westoby, Dave Andrews.

1. Meeting opened 10:30amand attendees enjoyed a mug of quality Howard coffee in front of the cosy warm fire.
2. Paul (as facilitator) then manouvered us to the exposed and freezing windy verandah to do some strategic planning. These conditions kept us awake as we hoed into the delicious platters of food that various members had brought. We enjoyed escaping from the wintry conditions and moved inside for warm soup for lunch a little later. (in spite of this whinge – thanks to Paul for excellent job facilitating)
3. We spent the next 4 hours considering our current place in the light of our history. We touched on our ‘creation story’ and reviewed some of the dramatic changes in our context over the past few years. We also named some of the changes in our internal capacities and roles. We agreed Praxis has 3 significant functions at this time – generating paid work for members, providing collegial support for members, and influencing our sector. Extensive notes on this discussion have been kept separately and will be circulated to members.
4. The Board spent time looking ahead to our next Praxis function on October 28th in Caloundra. Howard has agreed to team lead this activity and Lynda and Tina have agreed to participate. Other Board members not present are asked to let Howard know if you can participate. We agreed that participating Board members can be paid for this with an option for members to donate their earnings back to the Coop to be used for development of new work for Praxis.
5. Next Board meeting is 10am on September 23rd at Octane at Zillmere and the AGM will be held at this time as well. Howard to oversee preparation of the 2015-16 audit and Neil to prepare secretary documents for the AGM.
6. Meeting closed at 3pm.