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## Co-operative Principles

During my recent visits to our Members around NZ I have sometimes been asked about my views on the co-operative business model and what defines it, including co-operative principles which form the basis of this highly successful model. I thought I would provide our Members with my thoughts and came up with 12 key principles:

1. Long-term sustainability and survival.
2. Open and volunteer membership.
3. Members contributing equitably and controlling their organisations democratically.
4. Member benefits based on the volume of supply and / or the amount of business transacted.
5. Member equality.
6. Member solidarity.
7. Autonomy and independence.
8. Self-help and self-responsibility so that Members are more in control of their own destiny.
9. Concern for the community i.e. sustainable community development through policies and investments approved by Members.
10. Social responsibility from Members.
11. Values-based organisations including people working effectively together with integrity, honesty, openness and care for others.
12. **Co-operation amongst co-operatives** so that Members can benefit from their close relationships and collective strength.

The last principle, **co-operation amongst co-operatives**, represents a real opportunity for many CBNZ Members in my view. I will be adding this as a workshop discussion topic for those Members attending day 2 of the governance seminar on 11th August.

Cooperative Business NZ currently has 54 Full Members across a wide range of industries and yet there is little collaboration taking place. For example, most of our Members and their staff need to travel internationally and yet we are not leveraging from [World Travellers](#), one of our Members with 42 award-winning stores nationwide.

If you would like to provide me with your views on how we can best collaborate here as a business sector, prior to the workshop discussion on 11<sup>th</sup> August, please email me.

Your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

## Enrol now for August events!

Please complete the following form and return to me by [email](#) before 5.00pm, 10<sup>th</sup> June, including the names of those attending.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 <sup>TH</sup>		(Please TICK if attending)
Co-operative Governance Seminar (Day 1)	10am – 4.30pm	
Annual General Meeting	5pm – 6pm	
Dinner	7pm – 10.30pm	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 <sup>TH</sup>		
Seminar (Day 2) - workshops and case studies	9am - midday	

### COSTS

- Seminars plus workshops \$695 + GST
- AGM plus dinner \$100 + GST
- All events, both days \$795 + GST

### NOTES

- Please advise any special dietary requirements
- NOTE – IOD members receive 8 CPD points for attending the Seminar.



### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION DEAL FOR CBNZ MEMBERS

Members are invited to take advantage of a group discount we've negotiated at the Museum Art Hotel, located near the Basin Reserve at 90 Cable Street – opposite Te Papa. Simply [complete this form](#) and return directly to the hotel.

## Did you know?

New Zealand's **co-operatives and mutuals** employ *more than* **43,000**

Kiwis and generate *over* **\$43,000,000,000**

a year. . . that's **15%** of this country's GDP and *over* **1/3<sup>rd</sup>** of our exports. . .

and in 2014, the **United Nations** declared New Zealand to be **the world's #1 ranked** co-operative economy in a survey of **145** nations.

SOURCES: Companies Office | United Nations | Cooperative Business New Zealand

Kind regards,

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