



29th July 2016

Welcome New Member

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Blackfern is the brainchild of like-minded individuals who recognised a simple need within NZ's automotive market: assisting independent workshops with co-operative solutions for marketing, technology and meeting future challenges in an ever-changing consumer landscape. [Read more.](#)

IN PROFILE:



Provelco – the **Producers' Velvet Company** - was established in 2003 to add value to its shareholders by bringing about consistent and sustainable profitability to the business of growing deer antler velvet. Based in Wigram, Christchurch, the growing co-operative currently has 155 members from Northland to Southland. [Read more.](#)

AGM & Annual Awards Dinner – 10th August - last chance for tickets!



There's little time left to secure your place at next month's Cooperative Business NZ AGM and Annual Awards Dinner, Basin Reserve, Wellington, Wednesday 10th August. Tickets are only \$100 + GST and the dress code is business attire. Please [contact me](#).

Deputy Prime Minister, Bill English, left, will be speaking on *"The importance of co-operatives to the New Zealand economy"*.

Second speaker confirmed!

Dr Steven Saunders

Dr Steven Saunders, *pictured right*, is definitely not your normal psychologist! Described as an 'Edutainer', he has earned a well-deserved reputation as one of Australasia's foremost platform speakers. After the awards are presented, you can sit back and hear from Steve.



5.00pm: AGM

6.30pm (*otherwise when the AGM finishes*): Drinks

7.00pm (*sharp*): Annual Awards Dinner, welcome and guest speaker introduction

7.05pm: Guest speaker, Deputy Prime Minister Hon Bill English: "The Importance of Co-operatives to the NZ Economy"

7.30pm: Dinner served

8.30pm: Annual Awards

- **Co-operative Leader of the Year Award**, presented by Kim De Garnham, Cooperative Business NZ Board Member
- **Co-operative Business of the Year Award**, presented by David Shaw, Cooperative Business NZ Deputy Chairman
- **Outstanding Co-operative Contribution Award**, presented by Jonathan Lee, Cooperative Business NZ Chairman
- **Co-operative Business NZ Enduring Service Awards**, presented by Blue Read, Cooperative Business NZ Board Member
- **Welcome new Full Members**, Christine Burr, Cooperative Business NZ Board Member
- **Final acknowledgements and celebrations**, Jonathan Lee, Cooperative Business NZ Chairman

9.15pm: Speaker, Dr Steven Saunders: "How thrive on stress".

10.30pm: Event ends.

Kind regards,
Craig Presland