

# COOPERATIVE BUSINESS NZ ANNUAL AWARDS

2021/2022

Recognising outstanding leadership and success  
within the co-operative business sector

**The Cooperative Business NZ Annual Awards recognise outstanding leadership and success within the co-operative business sector.**

Across various categories, organisations and individuals can be nominated for an award which is then judged by an independent panel. The awards programme is highly regarded and culminates in a cocktail evening and ceremony at the end of the year.

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**The Award categories are as follows:**

Co-operative of the Year  
Leader of the Year  
Outstanding Contribution to Co-operatives  
Emerging Co-operative of the Year  
Emerging Leader of the Year

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**Key dates:**

Nominations open: Wednesday 20 July 2022  
Nominations close: Friday 26 August 2022  
Finalists announced: Late September 2022  
Cocktail evening and awards ceremony: Mid November 2022

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**How to take part:**

Nominations can be put forward on behalf of your co-operative, yourself, or another co-operative or individual. You can nominate across as many award categories as you wish so long as your nominee meets the eligibility criteria of each category.

To submit a nomination, complete the relevant nomination form (either digitally as a PDF or manually). Alongside the form, please also submit information that addresses how your nominee meets the award criteria. This should fit within the following format:

- 10pt font
- Times New Roman, Calibre or similar font
- 1.15 or 1.5 spacing
- Maximum of 5x pages (including attachments)

This formatting is to ensure consistency across all nominations and for ease of comparison.

## How to submit a nomination

Please return your completed nomination form, and attach your up to five page of nomination information to Cooperative Business NZ as follows:

**EMAIL:** [info@nz.coop](mailto:info@nz.coop)

**SUBJECT LINE:** Award Nomination

**DUE BY:** 5pm, Friday 26 August 2022

We look forward to receiving your nominations and the fantastic celebrations ahead! If you have any questions, get in touch with us on [info@nz.coop](mailto:info@nz.coop)

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## Awards Cocktail Evening

The winners will be announced at the cocktail evening and ceremony held in November 2022 in Auckland. Date and location will be confirmed in the coming weeks. Both in-person and virtual attendance will be available.

This evening is a highlight on the co-operative business community's annual calendar and is well attended by both co-operative leaders and the emerging co-operative generation alike. It is a key opportunity to network, connect, and celebrate the co-operative sector. Everyone is welcome to attend regardless of whether they are up for an award.

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Keep up to date on the awards and cocktail evening details at [www.nz.coop](http://www.nz.coop).

**If you have any questions, please get in touch with us on [info@nz.coop](mailto:info@nz.coop) or with CEO, Roz Henry on [roz.henry@nz.coop](mailto:roz.henry@nz.coop)**

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**See the following pages for the award criteria and links to each nomination form.**

## The 2021/2022 award categories are as follows:

### CO-OPERATIVE OF THE YEAR

This award will be presented to a Cooperative Business NZ Full member (organisation) that has made a significant and positive impact within the co-operative community during the 2021/2022 year (1 June 2021 – 31 May 2022).

The award is about celebrating the success of the co-operative business model. The winner will have clearly demonstrated the value of the model in returning benefits to members and to their local communities.

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### LEADER OF THE YEAR

This award will be presented to an individual who has shown significant co-operative leadership either within a members' co-operative or the co-operative sector generally, over the 2021/2022 year (1 June 2021 – 31 May 2022). The nominee must have clearly demonstrated:

- Co-operative leadership
- Vision and courage for the co-operative model
- Successful initiative(s) that have benefited their co-operative or the co-operative sector
- Commitment & support of well recognised and accepted co-operative principles

This award is open to all members of Cooperative Business NZ, regardless of membership type.

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### OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO CO-OPERATIVES

This Award will be presented to an individual that over the long term (10 plus years) has contributed significantly to the success of the co-operative model for a Cooperative Business NZ member organisation, or to the wider New Zealand co-operative sector.

This award is not intended to just recognise long service but is to also recognise significant contributions made to developing a member's co-operative business model and/or to the broader New Zealand co-operative sector.

This award is open to all members of Cooperative Business NZ, regardless of membership type.

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## EMERGING CO-OPERATIVE OF THE YEAR

This award will be presented to an emerging co-operative (under five years in operation) who has been tenacious in establishing their businesses and attracting members to support the co-operative sector in New Zealand and the communities that they are operating/plan to operate within.

The award aims to recognise and celebrate the work that a newly established co-operative is doing in ensuring their long-term success, viability and contribution to the co-operative community.

This award is open to a Full or Provisional member (organisation) of Cooperative Business NZ.

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## EMERGING LEADER OF THE YEAR

This award will be presented to an individual (aged 35 and under) who is making their mark within their member organisation.

It aims to recognise contribution through innovation, driving best practice, collaboration or co-operation.

This award is open to individuals working within or a member of an organisation that is a Full or Provisional member of Cooperative Business NZ.

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**Need inspiration? See our 2021 award winners here.**