



19th July 2016

AGM & Annual Awards Dinner



There's still time to secure your place at this year's Cooperative Business NZ AGM and Annual Awards Dinner, Wednesday 10th August.

Tickets are only \$100 + GST and the dress code is business attire. Please [Contact me](#).

Deputy Prime Minister, Bill English, will be our Guest Speaker and "*The importance of co-operatives to the New Zealand economy*" is the topic of his address.

For the evening's itinerary, which starts with the AGM at 5pm, please click [here](#).

- Norwood and Long Rooms, R A Vance Stand, Basin Reserve, Wellington.

Nominations still open for Annual Awards

This year at our Annual Awards Dinner, a number of new awards will be presented as we celebrate co-operative success. This includes acknowledgement and appreciation of those who have contributed towards the NZ co-operative sector through outstanding governance and leadership within their respective organisations and across the co-operative sector.

This is a great opportunity to acknowledge and recognise the outstanding contribution made by so many staff, management and board members in serving their co-operative organisations and local communities. Nominations opened in June and **close at 5.00pm this Friday, 22nd July**.

All nominations will be considered by the Cooperative Business NZ Board which will form the judging panel. Nominations for all awards can be made by the staff, management and directors of any Cooperative Business NZ Member (organisation). Members are able to nominate their own staff, management or directors, as well as themselves as an organisation (where applicable).

The awards are in three categories as follows:

1. Co-operative Leader of the Year Award

This award will be presented to an individual who has shown significant co-operative leadership either within a Member's co-operative or the co-operative sector generally over the 2015/16 year (1st June 2015 to 31st May 2016).

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 and support of well recognised and accepted co-operative principles.

2. Co-operative Business of the Year Award

This award will be presented to a Cooperative Business NZ Member (organisation) that has made a significant and positive impact within the co-operative community during the 2015/16 year.

The award is about celebrating the success of the co-operative business model, and the winner will have clearly demonstrated the value of the model in returning benefits to their Members and their wider communities and/or across New Zealand.

3. Outstanding Co-operative Contribution Award

This category is to recognise an individual that over the long term (10 plus years) has demonstrated either a significant contribution to the success of the co-operative model for a Cooperative Business NZ Member organisation or toward the wider co-operative sector overall.

This award is not intended to just recognise long service; it is to recognise significant contributions made to developing a Member's co-operative model or to the broader co-operative sector here in New Zealand.

Winners of these awards will be asked to attend the Awards Dinner.

Please send your nominations on the [attached forms](#) and return them to me at craig.presland@nz.coop by 5.00pm, Friday 22nd July 2016.

In addition, we will continue our *Enduring Service Awards* that recognize and celebrate those Member organisations which have reached the following milestones as a co-operative:

- ❖ 25 - 49 years
- ❖ 50- 74 years
- ❖ 75 - 99 years
- ❖ 100+ years

We look forward to seeing you in Wellington to join in the celebration of co-operative excellence.

Co-operatives in profile

We have refreshed [our website](#) again profiling even more of our highly successful Members.

Please take time to read about these examples of NZ businesses which have grown rapidly over the years through people working together for common benefit.

- Don't forget that you can check out our earlier profiles, dating back to 2014, [right here](#).



Long before the term 'corporate social responsibility' existed, the proudly 100% NZ-owned and operated Foodstuffs South Island's co-operative approach to serving the mainland set high standards in looking after its workforce, community and environment.

[Foodstuffs South Island](#) officially began in 1988 from the merger of two long-established grocery co-operatives, Foodstuffs (Christchurch) Ltd and Foodstuffs (Otago/Southland) Ltd. However, the company can trace its roots back to 1928. [Read more.](#)



[EastPack](#) provides post-harvest services for kiwifruit growers in all major growing regions in the North Island from Northland to the Hawkes Bay. A third of all growers in the New Zealand kiwifruit industry choose to pack their fruit with EastPack with its state-of-the-art packing and cool-chain infrastructure.

EastPack was established in 1983 when it was known as Rangitaiki Fruit Packers and now operates seven packing sites processing over 40 million trays of kiwifruit per year. [Read more.](#)

Kind Regards,
Craig Presland