



9th September 2016

BOOK NOW for next Co-operative Governance Seminar!

DATE

18th November 2016: 10.00am – 5.00pm

VENUE

Business School, University of Auckland, 12 Grafton Road

PRESENTER

Richard Westlake



Trusted corporate governance advisor and experienced board chair and director, Richard Westlake – pictured – will present the value-packed seminar. An MA graduate from Oxford University, Richard has a strong co-operative knowledge including serving on the board of Dairy Goat Co-operative and advising the Fonterra Shareholders Council and Rabobank. He has been a popular presenter at several Cooperative Business NZ events in recent years and led our recent governance seminar held in Wellington last month which was sold out. Due to a good level of ongoing demand we have decided to hold another co-op governance seminar before Christmas.

COST

\$695 plus GST (*includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea*)

CONTENT

This comprehensive seminar will give you the essential governance knowledge and skills to become an effective leader within the co-operative environment. Developed by Cooperative Business NZ in association with Richard Westlake Governance, this seminar is ideally suited for our Members, including our Members' Members.

In the morning, you'll learn about *The Co-operative Difference* – what's the origin of co-ops, why do people set them up, and what are the unique advantages (and challenges) of this type of company? Most of the day will be devoted to *Leading in a Co-operative* – what governance in a co-op is and should be; what's different from other companies; and what are your duties and responsibilities as a director of a co-op? You'll learn how to get the most from your co-op's board meetings and how your board can become a 'champion team' and not just a 'team of champions.'

Working with real-life examples across supplier, purchasing and customer-owned co-ops, this interactive workshop has proven to be very popular in the past. If you're a new director of a co-op or you're thinking of standing for election, otherwise if you are a CEO or senior executive within a co-op, this is the workshop that you should not miss.

Places are limited to 24, please advise me by [return email](#) if you or others within your co-op would like to attend.

Understanding the co-op model and its importance to NZ

I released a statement to the media yesterday in response to recent news reports and opinion articles which had shown some opposition towards the co-operative business model.

Cooperative Business NZ believes it is important to advocate strongly for our business model and promote its enduring success both here in New Zealand and overseas.

We have posted this [statement](#) online for Members' information and we encourage you to publish it on your own website, newsletters and other communications channels. Thank you.



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Kind regards,

Craig Presland