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NZ Co-operatives, Collaboration and Support for the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals

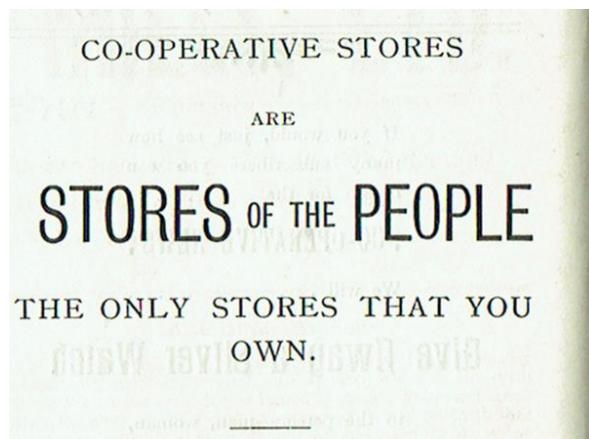
I invite you to read an [article](#) which I have written recently and posted onto our website.

This provides a high-level view of NZ's co-operative sector, the co-operative business model and support for the United Nations as it addresses 17 key challenges to be met by 2030. While this article has been written to help raise awareness and understanding held by the general public and our politicians, I think it will be a useful overview and reminder to our Members.

NZ co-operative sector historical photos and brands

We have recently added to our [presentation](#) of Member photos, brands and logos. We have some interesting images and articles in this collection - and what a very proud history we have here in NZ!

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Co-op Roundtable Discussions

One of the most suitable and, potentially, most productive areas for our Members to collaborate across the Co-op Family, is with the sharing of information, knowledge and experiences as we seek to become world class in all that we do across our respective businesses.

We have the opportunity to learn from each other so that we are not 're-inventing the wheel', nor duplicating our efforts, as we strive to continuously improve.

Cooperative Business NZ is keen to establish a series of quarterly "Co-op Roundtable Discussions" which our Members are invited to attend, contribute towards and learn from such discussions.

This is all about our Members providing their insights into what works well, what does not, and how they have gone about establishing effective governance, leadership, planning, systems and processes, risk management etc. The focus will be on conceptual learning, rather than specific detail, while any commercially sensitive information need not be disclosed.

These **Co-op Roundtable Discussions** will be held across New Zealand in June, September, November and February of each year and will run from 9am to midday, followed by lunch. They will be free of charge to attend while limited to 20 people.

I have drafted some discussion topics of interest and now seek your feedback (ranking) of each. Please [click here](#) to access a short questionnaire which I encourage you to complete and [return to me](#).

The first **Co-op Roundtable Discussion** will be held in late June in Auckland, details to follow over the next week or two. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served, basis while attendees will need to be Members of Cooperative Business NZ.

Collaboration

As reported in my [April newsletter](#), I am delighted with the new collaborative initiatives that are now in place, together with those being planned for implementation over the months ahead. Most of these involve reducing cost by leveraging on combined volumes (eg. for electricity), along with supply agreements for products and services. We now have the opportunity to extend this through the sharing of information during the **Co-op Roundtable Discussions**.

For a list of new collaborative initiatives to date (since 1st Nov 2016), as well as those being planned, please visit [Co-op Amongst Co-ops](#).

AGM and Annual Awards Dinner

Thursday, 10th August, Eden Park, Auckland
AGM from 5.00pm, Awards Dinner from 7.00pm

Please mark this date in your diaries now!

We look forward to seeing you in Auckland for our annual celebration of co-operatives, mutuals and societies, including successful collaborative initiatives and overall achievement.

In addition, we will hold our next governance seminar with Richard Westlake that day at Eden Park. In terms of our awards themselves, we will continue with those that were introduced successfully last August:

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, during the 2016/17 year (1st June 2016 to 31st May 2017).

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 2016/17 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 his/her Members, and in addition possibly to local communities.

3. Outstanding Co-operative Contribution Award

This category is to recognise 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, otherwise to the wider co-operative sector here in NZ.

This award is not intended to just recognise long service - it is to recognise significant contributions made to developing a Member's co-operative business model and/or to the broader NZ co-operative sector.

While I will provide more details and nomination forms closer to the event, I encourage you to start thinking now about suitable nominees as our financial year-end is fast approaching (31st May).

In addition, we will continue with our **Enduring Service Awards** that recognise 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 will also be welcoming new Full Members on the night while we are planning on inviting two guest speakers.

Regards

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