

Australian Cooperative Data, Research, Reports and Links

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1. Sector data

Introduction

Total number of Cooperatives is difficult to determine due in part to the separate legislation currently regulating co-operatives in different States and Territories.

December 2009 - Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs invited comments on a proposed Cooperatives National Law. Such legislation may provide a nationally consistent replacement and allow for national data collection.

Cooperative National Law

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/pdfs/Cooperatives_and_associations/cooperatives/Cooperatives_national_law_bill.pdf

NSW has State passage of the Cooperative National Law from late 2010 when it has Parliamentary assent.

GDP Contribution

Source: Australia's Top 100 Co-operatives, Credit Unions and Mutuals by Annual Turnover

<http://www.australia.coop/ca/news/10-australiastop100co-operativescreditunionsandmutuals>

Co-operatives Australia Statement - June 2009

The top one hundred businesses operating as Co-operatives, Mutuals and Credit Unions in Australia control a combined annual turnover in the order of \$20 billion on behalf of the members who own those businesses. Turnover data is primarily for the year ending in 2008 but not exclusively depending on data availability.

(Attachment: Australia's Top 100 Co-operatives, Credit Unions and Mutuals by Annual Turnover)

Number of Cooperatives

In 2002, there were more than 1400 cooperatives registered in Australia, with 1013 of these located in Victoria (although NSW cooperatives were responsible for more than 80% of national cooperative turnover).

Victoria

- The total number of cooperatives in Victoria as of 31 May 2008 was 734, of which 97 were Non-Trading without shares and 262 Non-Trading with shares. The categories “Non-Trading with shares” and “Non-Trading without shares” are cooperatives mainly engaged in child-care, rental housing, indigenous community activities and other non-profit activities.
- Source: Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- According to the Australian Centre for Co-operative Research and Development database (2006) there are 778 cooperatives in Victoria.
- <http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/accord/links/coops/search.cfm>
- Appendix A: List of co-operatives with websites compiled by Co-operative Development Services Ltd <http://www.coopdevelopment.org.au/coopl原因.html> (Co-operative Development Services Ltd. 2010) = 139
- Consumer Affairs Victoria, 2008, Regulatory Impact Statement, For proposed Co-operatives Regulations 2008, August 2008

<http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/>

[CAV_Consultations_and_Reviews_Cooperatives/\\$file/Co-operatives%20RIS%20August%202008.pdf](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/CAV_Consultations_and_Reviews_Cooperatives/$file/Co-operatives%20RIS%20August%202008.pdf)

NSW

- The Registry of Co-operatives & Associations “State of the Sector: New South Wales Co-operatives, 2006” report provides in-depth information regarding NSW cooperatives in 2006.
- The total number of cooperatives in NSW in 2005-2006 was 643 of which 302 were Non-Trading without shares and 182 Non-Trading with shares.
Source: Registry of Co-operatives & Associations 2008, p. 6.
- According to the Australian Centre for Co-operative Research and Development database (2006) there are 761 cooperatives in NSW.
- <http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/accord/links/coops/search.cfm>
- Appendix A: List of co-operatives with websites compiled by Co-operative Development Services Ltd <http://www.coopdevelopment.org.au/cooplincs.html> (Co-operative Development Services Ltd. 2010) = 244

WA

- There are 66 cooperatives registered with the Western Australia Department of Commerce. These registers do not state how many of these cooperatives are Non-Trading.
- Appendix A: List of co-operatives with websites compiled by Co-operative Development Services Ltd <http://www.coopdevelopment.org.au/cooplincs.html> (Co-operative Development Services Ltd. 2010) = 26

SA

- There are currently 52 cooperatives registered with the South Australian Business Names System (SABNS). These registers do not state how many of these cooperatives are Non-Trading.
- Appendix A: List of co-operatives with websites compiled by Co-operative Development Services Ltd <http://www.coopdevelopment.org.au/cooplinks.html> (Co-operative Development Services Ltd. 2010) = 11

QLD

- According to the Australian Centre for Co-operative Research and Development database (2006) there are 203 cooperatives in Queensland. <http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/accord/links/coops/search.cfm>
- Appendix A: List of co-operatives with websites compiled by Co-operative Development Services Ltd <http://www.coopdevelopment.org.au/cooplinks.html> (Co-operative Development Services Ltd. 2010) = 47

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Number of Mutual Building Societies and Credit Unions

- There are 107 credit unions and 9 mutual building societies in Australia (Abacus 2010a p.1)
- Collectively more than \$73 billion in assets (Abacus 2010a p.1)
- Hold close to 8.5% of the new home loan market and 11.4% of household deposits (Abacus 2010a p.1)
- Collectively credit unions and mutual building societies are the fifth largest holder of household deposits in Australia (Abacus 2010a p.1)
- Serve over 4.5 million members – over 1 in 5 of total population (Abacus 2010a p.1)
- Population penetration highest in Tasmania (32%), SA (30%) and NSW (28%) (Abacus 2010a p.1)

Abacus 2010a <http://www.abacus.org.au/members/members-search-our-member-directory>

2. Databases

ACCORD National Co-operative database lists almost 2000 cooperatives across New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. The activity code allocated to each cooperative is based on the cooperatives Australian and New Zealand Industry Classification (ANZSIC). Where the cooperative has multiple activities, the primary ANZSIC code has been used. The database has not been updated since ACCORD closed mid 2005 and some of the links are not working.

<http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/accord/links/coops/search.cfm>

3. Reports and papers

ACCORD Reports

<http://www.accord.org.au/publications/index.html>

<http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/accord.html>

ACCORD Report No. 1

Building sustainable communities: co-operative solutions to rural renewal,
Josephine Barraket

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_FTACReport.pdf

ACCORD Report No. 2

Laughing all the way to the Credit Union: the CreditCare experience in 'No Bank' towns, 1995-2000 / Gary Lewis

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_CreditcareReport.pdf

ACCORD Report No.3

State of the Sector: New South Wales Co-operatives 1990-2000, Jayo Wickremarachchi and Andrew Passey, published June 2003

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_report3.pdf

ACCORD Report No.6

State of the Sector: New South Wales Co-operatives 2003 by Andrew Passey, published March 2005

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_state_of_the_sector_nsw_2003.pdf

ACCORD Papers

ACCORD Paper No. 1

Cooperatives In Australia - A Background Paper, Mark Lyons, published June 2001

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_CoopsinAustralia_1.pdf

ACCORD Paper No. 2

Successful Co-operatives - The Valencia Experience by Gary Lewis, published August 2000

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_SpainCaseStudy_2.pdf

Co-operatives in Rural Renewal: The case of Arranmore, Ireland by Gary Lewis, published August 2000

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_IrelandCaseStudy.pdf

ACCORD Paper No. 4

Community & Economic Development: Towns Shaping Their Destiny, Jill Jordan, published June 2001

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_MalenyPaper_4.pdf

ACCORD Paper No. 5

The Missing Link: Mutual Forms of Organisation, Social Capital and Community Regeneration in Regional Australia, Mark Lyons and Meryl McQueen, published June 2001

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_RuralMutuals_5.pdf

ACCORD Paper No. 6

Agricultural Co-operatives - An Annotated Bibliography: Theoretical and Empirical Literature and Selected Overseas Case Studies by Branka Krivokapic-Skoko, published January 2002

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_AgriculturalCo-operativesBibliography_6.pdf

ACCORD Paper No. 7

Implications for the use of a co-operative structure for business activity in NSW,
Tracie Arkley-Smith CA, Ross King Accountants Pty Limited, published April
2002

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_CoopforBuisness_7.pdf

ACCORD Paper No. 8

The Concept and Classifications of Agricultural Co-operatives by Branka
Krivokapic-Skoko, published November 2002.

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_paper8.pdf

ACCORD Paper No. 10

New Co-operatives: Motivations and Barriers, Jayo Wickremarachchi, published
June 2003.

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_paper10.pdf

ACCORD Paper No. 13

Nash bargaining and agricultural co-operatives, Edward Oczkowski, 2004

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/ACCORD_paper13.pdf

Other

Creating 'social capital' through culturally sensitive housing co-operatives,
ACCORD, 2001, Karine Shellshear.

<http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/accord.html>

State of the Sector Report 2008 (3rd Report– see ACCORD Reports 3 and 6)

Registry of Co-operatives & Associations 2008, State of the Sector: New South
Wales Co-operatives, 2006; Registry of Co-operatives & Associations, Office of
Fair Trading, February 2008,

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/Cooperatives_and_associations/Cooperatives/State_of_the_Sector_2008.html

4. Surveys

2003 Australian Survey of Social Attitudes

Co-operatives best providers of banking and insurance, Media Release, Friday 2 July 2004

http://www.accord.org.au/news/media/social_survey.html

2009 NFP Productivity Report - Contribution of the Not-for-Profit Sector
Commissioned study. Excludes most trading co-operatives.

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/study/not-for-profit>

2010 Finding Australia's Social Enterprise Sector (FASES)

The FASES research project was delivered by the Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies (ACPNS) at Queensland University of Technology in partnership with Social Traders. It includes co-operative businesses and member owned enterprises within survey scope.

<http://www.socialtraders.com.au/finding-australias-social-enterprise-sector-fases>

5. Books

Anderson, Ronald

Crisis on the land – Weighing the Farmer's Worth, Sun Books, 1972,
ISBN 0 7251 0143 1

Ayris, Cyril

A Heritage Ingrained – Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited, 1933 – 2000
Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd 1999, ISBN 0 646 38283 7

Bayley, William A and McClenaghan

Diamond Jubilee – Nowra Co-op Dairy Co Ltd 1902-1962, Nowra Co-operative
Dairy Company Limited, 1962

Blainey, Geoffrey

Odd Fellows – A History of IOOF Australia, Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd, 1991,
ISBN 1 85373 158 7

Brady E.J. and Rubinstein, Leslie

Dreams and Realities, York Press Pty Ltd Publishers, 1944

Brennan, Niall

A Hoax Called Jones, Sheed and Ward, 1962

Crapp, Harvey and Skully, Michael T

Credit Unions for Australians, George Allen & Unwin, 1985, ISBN 0 86861 501 3

Ford, Trevor, Daniels, Jeff and Turner, Rada

The Master Butchers Co-operative – Our First 100 Years 1905 – 2005
Master Butchers Co-operative Limited, 2005 ISBN 0 646 444 66 2

Godbold, Norman

Victorian Cream of the Country – A History of Victorian Dairying
Dairy Industry Association of Australia – Victorian Division, 1989
ISBN 0 7316 8743 4

Godfrey, Margaret Neilson, Ron

Born of Necessity – Dairy Co-operatives of Tasmania 1892 – 1992

United Milk Tasmania Ltd, 1992, ISBN 0 646 11133 7

Griffiths, David

The Phoenix – The SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd

SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd, 2010, ISBN 978 0 646 54094 – 8

Hampton, D. Patricia

Retail Co-operatives in the Lower Hunter Valley

Newcastle History Monographs No 12

Newcastle Region Public Library, 1986, ISBN 0 949579 05

Jones, Fletcher

Not by myself, Kingfisher, Books Pty Ltd, 1984 ISBN 0 959 3999 8 4

Lewis, Gary

An Illustrated History of the Riverina Rice Industry

Ricegrowers' Co-operative Limited, 1994, ISBN 0646 17988 8

Lewis, Gary

A Middle Way: Rochdale Co-operatives in New South Wales, 1859-1986,

Australian Association of Co-operatives, 1993

Lewis, Gary

A Mutual Way – Fifty Years of Gateway Credit Union Ltd

Gateway Credit Union, 2005, ISBN 0646 44573 1

Lewis, Gary

People Before Profit – The Credit Union Movement in Australia

Credit Union services Corporation (Australia) Limited, 1996, ISBN 1 86254 391 7

Lewis, Gary

The Democracy Principle: Farmer Co-operatives in Twentieth Century Australia,

Paperback, 440 pages, 2006, ISBN 0 -646-46587-2

A key theme throughout the book is the devastating consequence for co- operatives of a common failure to commit to an ongoing co-operative education program. Author Gary Lewis argues that there are various reasons for the establishment and development of

co-operatives but that the democracy principle is the co-operative difference. He argues that the democracy principle is the idea held by Australian farmers that it is possible in a capitalist society to democratically own and control a business on a one-member-one vote basis.

Linn, Rob

For the Benefit of the People – A History of Hindmarsh Adelaide Building Society

Hindmarsh Adelaide4 Group 1989 ISBN 0 7316 6456 6

Lyons, Mark

Third Sector; The Contribution of Nonprofit and Cooperative Enterprises in

Australia, Allen and Unwin, Crows Nest, 2001

The first overview of Australia's social economy. Describes how this vital part of our social and economic systems developed, the contributions they make today and the challenges they face.

Mathews, Race

Jobs Of Our Own – Building a Stake-holder Society

Pluto Press Australia & Comerford and Miller, 1999, ISBN 1 86403 064 X

Morris, Sherry

Famous For Flavour 75 Years of Co-operation in Batlow

Batlow Fruit Co-operative Limited, 1997, ISBN 0 646 31710 5

Robinson, W

Fifty Years History – The Kurri Kurri Co-operative Society Limited

The Kurri Kurri Co-operative Society Limited, 1954

Ryan, Lorraine and Jenkins, June

The Life & Times of Lithgow Co-op – A swocial and industrial history of Lithgow

Lithgow Cooperative Society Research Group , 2001 ISBN 0646 37999 2

Santamaria, B.A.

The Earth Our Mother, Araluen Publishing Co, 1945

Shortland, F.B.

Twenty-five Years History – Kurri Kurri Co-operative Society Limited 1904 – 1929

Kurri Kurri Co-operative Society Limited, 1929

Spence, Catherine Helen

A Week in the Future, Hale & Iremonger Pty Ltd, 1987

First published December 1888 – July 1889, ISBN 0 86806 299 5

Jan Todd

Milk For The Metropolis – A Century of Co-operative Milk Supply in New South Wales, Hale & Iremonger Pty Ltd, 1994, ISBN 0 86806 545 5

Twycross, John

Co-operative Garden Cities, Fraser & Jenkinson, 1919

Watson, Catherine

Just a bunch of cow cockies – The story of the Murray Goulburn Co-operative
Murray Goulburn Co-operative Co Ltd, 2000 SBN 064 6381 129 6

White, Gael

Maryknoll History of a Catholic Rural Settlement
Artistic Wombat, 2002 ISBN 0 9580988 1 6

6. University departments of co-operative study

QUT - Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies (ACPNS)

Social procurement and its implications for social enterprise: a literature review [Working Paper No. CPNS48]. Barraket, Jo and Weissman, Janelle (2009)

<http://eprints.qut.edu.au/29060/>

Changing the rules in use? An examination of social enterprise in local governance. In: International Social Innovation Research Conference 2009: Social Innovation: Reconfiguring Markets, Blurring Sector Boundaries and Challenging Institutional Arrangements, 14-16 September 2009, Oxford University, Oxford. (In Press), Barraket, Jo and Archer, Verity (2009)

<http://eprints.qut.edu.au/30289/>

Finding Australia's social enterprise sector: final report. Social Traders, Melbourne, Barraket, Jo and Collyer, Nick and O'Connor, Matt and Anderson, Heather (2010)

<http://eprints.qut.edu.au/33135/>

UWA Business School

A Study of the Cooperative as a Competitive Business Model, Co-operatives WA, Winthrop Professor Timothy Mazzarol, Natasha Van Heemst, 2008

<http://www.business.uwa.edu.au/>

Sustainable Co-operative Enterprise: An Investigation into the Factors Influencing the Sustainability and Competitiveness of Co-operative Enterprises, 2010

Federal Government \$258,000 Innovation Australia Linkage Grant for a research partnership with the University of Western Australia Business School.

Professor Tim Mazzarol, Professor Geoffrey Soutar, Professor John Watson and Assistant Professor Joanne Sneddon will spend three years investigating the co-operative enterprise business model in the hope of learning more about the factors that influence its sustainability and competitiveness.

Administered by UWA and overseen by a joint UWA/industry management group. Three of WA's most important co-operatives are providing cash and in-kind support - Capricorn Society, Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd and Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Ltd.

<http://www.news.uwa.edu.au/201007052628/research/co-operative-enterprise-researchers-awarded-arc-grant>

CACOM – Centre for Australian Community Organisations and Management

Dimensions of Australia's Third Sector, Centre for Australian Community Organisations and Management, Mark Lyons and Susan Hocking UTS, Lindfield, 2000.

This technical publication reports the first attempt to map and estimate the dimensions of Australia's third sector or social economy. The data reported was generated by the Australian Nonprofit Data Project, a collaborative project between UTS and the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Provides a great deal of data, including expenditure, income (including sources) and employment by industry group and describes the many ways the data were derived.

<http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/index.html>

Maleny: Social Capital & the Development Paradox, Jenny Onyx and Melissa Edwards

<http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/publications/index.html>

The Australia Institute

Money and power - research paper

Consumer perceptions are handicapping the capacity of the mutual banking sector – credit unions and building societies – to take on the big banks.

<http://www.abacus.org.au/media-a-resources/media-release-alerts/696-wake-up-call-on-competition-in-banking>

Faculty of Economics and Business, The University of Sydney

Worker Directors and Worker Ownership/Cooperatives in Oxford Handbook of Participation in Organisations, ed. A. Wilkinson, P.J. Gollan, M. Marchington, and D. Lewin, Oxford University Press, Oxford, United Kingdom, pp. 237-57, Markey R, Patmore G and Balnave N 2010

Marketing community and democracy: Rural Rochdale co-operatives in Australia, Consumption, Markets & Culture, vol.13: 1, pp. 61-77, Balnave N and Patmore G 2010

Competition in Retailing: Lessons from the History of Rochdale Consumer Co-operatives in Australia, Academic Association of Historians in Australian and New Zealand Business Schools (AAHANZBS) – Inaugural Conference, University of Sydney, Australia, 15 Dec 2009, Balnave N and Patmore G

Employee Representation Plans and Union-Management Cooperative Committees: Worker Voice in the United States and Canada, 1914-1939, Proceedings of the 15th World Congress of the International Industrial Relations Association IIRA 2009 'The New World of Work, Organisations and Employment', Sydney, Australia, 27 Aug 2009, Patmore G

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'The politics of consumption and cooperation: An overview', Labour History: 91, pp. 1-12, Balnave N and Patmore G 2006

'Localism and Rochdale Co-operation: The Junee District Co-operative Society', Labour History: 91, pp. 47-68, Balnave N and Patmore G 2006

Comparative labour history in Britain and Australia, Labour History: 88, pp. 9-24, Berger S and Patmore G 2005

'Rochdale consumer co-operatives and Australian labour history', 9th National Labour History Conference "The Past is Before Us", University of Sydney, Australia, 2 Jul 2005, Balnave N and Patmore G 2005

'Insolvency, Employee Rights and Employee Buyouts', Co-operative Action, Jensen A 2006

'The Tender Trap – The attempt by the workers of the Dartford Crossing to submit a tender for management of the crossing', Co-operative Action, Jensen A 2005

'Repositioning Worker Co-operatives for the 21st century, Co-operatives Key Issues Conference, 1st January 1995-31st December 1995, Jensen A 1995

Locally Mutual the role of place in the reinterpretation of a not for profits mission, International Centre on Discourse, Strategy and Change, Discourse and Practice Workshop, Melbourne University, Australia, 10 Jun 2009, Cutcher L and Ainsworth S 2009

Financing communities: the role of community banks and credit unions in re-establishing branches in Australia, Accounting, Business & Finance History, vol.18:3, pp. 323-33, Cutcher L 2008

Strong Bonds: Maintaining a commitment to mutuality in a deregulated environment- the case of Australian Credit Unions, Journal of Co-operative Studies, vol.41: 1, pp. 22-30, Cutcher L 2008

'Not for profit, not for charity, but for service' - Credit unions: Not-for-profits in the financial services sector in Case Studies in Strategy and Management, ed. L Cutcher and N Wailes, McGraw Hill Education, Sydney, NSW, Australia, pp. 57-69, 2006

Profits before people: Shifting customer and employee relations in Australian credit unions, International Journal of Human Resources Development and Management, vol.6:2, 3 & 4, pp. 248-262, Cutcher L 2006

The shifting meaning of mutuality and co-operativeness in the credit union movement from 1959 to 1989, Labour History:91, pp. 31-46, Cutcher L and Kerr M 2006

The shifting meaning of mutuality and co-operativeness in the credit union movement from 1958 to 1990, Business and Labour History Group Conference, Sydney, NSW, Australia, 17th March 2006, Cutcher L and Kerr M 2006

Not for Profit, Not for Charity, but for Service: Co-operativeness in the face of increasing competition in the Australian Credit Union Movement, Business and Labour History Group Conference, Sydney, NSW, Australia, 17 Mar 2006, Cutcher L 2006

How sustainable is mutuality? The case of two Australian credit unions, The Past is Before Us – 9th National Labour History Conference, University of Sydney, Australia, 2nd July 2005, Cutcher L 2005

Mutuality is it all in the mind? Discourse, worker identity and resistance in credit unions, International centre for research on organizational discourse, strategy and change's workshop, Sydney, NSW, Australia February 2004, Cutcher L 2004

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Annual report / Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Australia. Dept. of Territories and Local Government, Registrar of Co-operative Societies (1983–90)

Annual reports to the Minister for the Capital Territory / Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Australia. Dept. of the Capital Territory. Registrar of Co-operative Societies (1975-82)

Co-operative credit societies, South Australia / Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics Adelaide (1972-75)

Report of Proceedings of the Commonwealth Consumers' Co-operative Conference held in the Albert Hall, 6-8 Dec 1943

Statistical survey of co-operative progress for the states of Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania / by T.H. Bath (1875-), Co-operative Federation of Australia

Youth cooperatives and communities: discussion paper / prepared by Office of Youth Affairs in consultation with the Cooperative Federation of Australia, 1983

1995 Co-operatives key issues conference: "Co-operatives managing change into the 21st century", NSW Registry of Co-operatives, 19-20 Oct 1995 (papers)

Catalogue link:

[http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Search/Home?lookfor=subject:%22Cooperative%20societies%20-%20Australia.%22&iknowwhatimean=1&filter\[\]=subject-cluster:%22Cooperative%20societies%20--%20Australian%20Capital%20Territory%20--%20Periodicals%22](http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Search/Home?lookfor=subject:%22Cooperative%20societies%20-%20Australia.%22&iknowwhatimean=1&filter[]=subject-cluster:%22Cooperative%20societies%20--%20Australian%20Capital%20Territory%20--%20Periodicals%22)

8. Peaks and industry organisations

Co-operatives Australia

www.australia.coop

Co-operative Statements

Public Policy and Co-operatives, April 2009

This is the first statement released by Co-operatives Australia in April 2009. Co-operatives Australia has published this paper to demonstrate the economic and social value that can be delivered by vo-operative businesses and the need for public policy to incorporate the co-operative option. (April 2009)

<http://www.australia.coop/ca/images/CAPublicPolicyandCooperativesApril2009.pdf>

Australia's Top 100 Co-operatives, Credit Unions and Mutuals by Annual Turnover, September 2010

Co-operatives Australia has published a 2nd top 100 list of co-operatives, credit unions and mutuals by annual turnover. The 2nd list also includes member and employee numbers. The list demonstrates the economic and social impact of the top 100. Co-operatives Australia expressly disclaims any warranties or representations, express or implied, of any kind as to the accuracy and completeness of the list and invites any of the entities listed to supply evidence to support any requested corrections. (September 2010) For a copy of the 1st list published in June 2009.

http://www.australia.coop/ca/images/Top_100_2010.pdf

Co-operative Education, March 2010

Co-operatives Australia has published this paper to affirm the importance of co-operative education to the co-operative business model e.g. agricultural, child care, commodity, fishing, housing and retail co-operatives. (March 2010)

<http://www.australia.coop/ca/images/cooperativeeducation2010.pdf>

Valuing Co-operation, April 2010

Co-operatives Australia has published this paper to affirm the importance of co-operatives recognising that demutualisation is not inevitable; that a subsequent loss of member ownership and control has significant consequences; that there are alternative strategic and structural choices, and that balanced information is the prerequisite to informed choice. (April 2010)

http://www.australia.coop/ca/images/Valuing_Co-operation_01_April_2010.pdf

What is a Co-operative? Brochure published by Co-operatives Victoria to explain the co-operative difference and advantage.

<http://www.australia.coop/ca/publications>

Mercury Centre Co-operative

Facts Sheets and papers

The Co-operative Difference

A presentation on Co-operatives in Australia by Peter Gates, Chief Executive of The Mercury Centre and Suzanne Henderson, Editor, CCC eNews to Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre seminar Developing Research Agendas in November 2007.

www.mercury.org.au/cooperative_services.html#resources

Overview of Co-operatives

An overview of co-operatives taken from the Regulatory Impact Statement for the introduction of the new Co-operatives Regulation 2005, issued by the Policy & Strategy Division of the Office of Fair Trading, NSW Department of Commerce.

www.mercury.org.au/cooperative_services.html#resources

Business Succession

A snapshot of the current trends in business succession and planning for succession in Australia and overseas

<http://www.mercury.org.au/ownership-strategies.html#resources>

Business Transition in Regional Australia

An overview of the experience of ownership transition in rural and regional Australia

<http://www.mercury.org.au/ownership-strategies.html#resources>

Employee Ownership

Outlines the benefits to a business, the economy and the wider community of introducing employee ownership into a business

<http://www.mercury.org.au/ownership-strategies.html#resources>

Business Succession and Buyout Solutions to Rejuvenate Communities

Presentation to the Small Business Development Conference in October 2006 by Alan Greig, Director, Ownership Strategies of The Mercury Centre

<http://www.mercury.org.au/ownership-strategies.html#resources>

Asset Based Policies: Matched Savings Accounts: Exploring Options

Report to the Chifley Research Centre prepared by The Allen Consulting Group. Table 1.1 on page 8 provides details of empirical studies linking asset ownership to measures of wellbeing.

<http://www.mercury.org.au/ownership-strategies.html#resources>

Community Enterprise Ownership

The edited text and associated slides of a presentation by Peter Gates, Chief Executive of The Mercury Centre, to the Annual Conference of Monash University's Institute for Regional Studies in October 2006. The title of the conference was 'Owning Your Future: small towns and community assets'.

<http://www.mercury.org.au/ced.html#resources>

Living Co-operatively: Affordable Housing - Sustainable Communities

<http://www.mercury.org.au/lc/>

Conference proceedings and papers from two-day cooperative housing symposium, Sydney February 2008.

9. Political Policy

The Greens

Cooperative Tasmania - Investing in Empowering our Communities

The policy is dynamic and focuses on: community empowerment; ensuring that the cooperative option is fully explored before a taxpayer funded bailout is offered; government intervention to prevent asset stripping by a company bailing out; investigating the potential for a community cooperative to save local businesses

<http://tasmaniantimes.com/index.php?pr-article/greens-launch-cooperative-tasmania-initiative/>

Parents, Families and Carers Party

Economic Ownership Policy

“Employee ownership of firms in Australia is relatively poorly developed compared to other advanced economies, and our once important mutual and co-operative sector has been allowed to wither by successive governments of both Left and Right.”

<http://www.civilsociety.org.au/FairGo/Policy06.htm>

10. State and Territory Registries

New South Wales (Co-ops & Associations) - Largest co-op sector with over 750 registered

Registry of Co-ops & Associations

154 Russell St, Bathurst 2795

(T) 02 6333 1400

(Toll Free) 1800 502 042

<http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au>

Australian Capital Territory (Co-ops) - Only 2-3 co-ops still operating

Registrar of Co-operatives

Dept of Justice & Community Safety

CANBERRA ACT 2600

(T) 02 6207 0546

Australia Capital Territory (Associations)

Registrar General's Office

Dept of Justice & Community Safety

CANBERRA ACT 2600

(T) 02 6207 0434 (Dept)

<http://www.ors.act.gov.au/index.html>

Associations are permitted to trade in the ACT. Legislation can be viewed at

<http://www.legislation.act.gov.au>

Queensland (Co-ops & Associations)

Registry of Cooperatives, Business Services

Office of Fair Trading

GPO Box 3111

Brisbane Qld 4001

(Toll Free) 1800803788

<http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au/oft/oftweb.nsf>

To get into co-ops and associations click on the business icon at the top of the web page.

Access to both co-ops and associations legislation can be made through the following link: www.legislation.qld.gov.au

Northern Territory (Co-ops & Associations)

Consumer & Business Affairs

Dept of Justice

1st Floor, Minerals House

66 The Esplanade

DARWIN NT 0801

(T) 08 8935 7716

<http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/consaffairs/index.shtml>

Access to legislation for both co-ops and associations can be viewed at

<http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/hansard/hansard.shtml>

Western Australia (Co-ops & Associations)

Dept of Consumer and Employment Protection

Associations & Charitable Collections

219 St Georges Terrace

PERTH WA 6000

(T) 08 9282 0764 (Dept)

<http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/>

South Australia (Co-ops & Associations)

Office of Consumer & Business Affairs (OCBA)

Business & Occupational Services Registration Division

Grd Floor Chester House

91-97 Grenfell St, GPO Box 1407

ADELAIDE SA 5001

(T) 1300 138 918

Associations

<http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au/businessadvice/associations/index.html>

Co-ops

<http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au/businessadvice/cooperatives/index.html>

Tasmania (Co-ops & Associations)

Dept of Justice

Consumer Affairs & Fair Trading

C/- Business Affairs Office

GPO 1244

HOBART 7001

(T) 03 6233 2226

<http://www.consumer.tas.gov.au/>

Co-ops under Business Affairs link

Access to information on co-operatives viewed at:

http://www.consumer.tas.gov.au/business_affairs/cooperatives

Victoria (Co-ops & Associations)

Consumer Affairs Victoria

Level 2, 452 Flinders Street

MELBOURNE VIC 3000

(T) 03 9627 6206

(F) 03 9627 6210

Co-ops and Associations found under the link to Business Names and Business Structures:

<http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/CA256EB5000644CE/page/Business+names-Co-operatives?OpenDocument&1=20-Business+names~&2=020-Co-operatives~&3=~>

11. Co-operative Federations

Co-operatives Australia

www.australia.coop

Co-operatives Australia is the national body for state Co-operative Federations. It is an unincorporated body with membership by the State Co-operative Federations of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia.

The Co-operative Federation of NSW Ltd

www.coopsnsw.coop

The Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

www.victoria.coop

The Co-operative Federation of Western Australia Inc

<http://www.cfwa.org.au>

The Co-operative Federation of South Australia Inc

The Co-operative Federation of Queensland Ltd

<http://www.australia.coop/>