



Message from WA Patron IYC 2012 - Prof Alan Robson AM CitWA

Congratulations on the WA launch of IYC 2012.

There are many co-operative success stories around the world and their stories will be told during the International Year of Co-operatives.

In Western Australia we have our own success stories and I am very pleased that arrangements are underway to profile their achievements so people have a better understanding of what has been achieved in our State's short history through a co-operative approach to business.

Working in the agricultural sector for most of my professional research career brought me into contact with the power of purpose and success of rural and regional co-operatives in Western Australia.

Our current day member focused businesses extend well beyond agriculture and directly employ around 6,000 people, have over 1.75 million members and control a combined annual turnover in excess of \$6 billion.

I look forward to being part of having their stories told over the coming year.

Prof Alan Robson, Vice Chancellor University of Western Australia

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