

CO-OPERATIVES WA NEWS



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Green Bill moving forward

Co-operatives WA has been actively following through on industry issues raised in regard to the new co-operatives legislation introduced into Parliament earlier this year. The legislation is still in the form of a Green Bill and will not be debated in Parliament until matters raised during the round of public consultations have been addressed.

The Industry Reference Group, involving senior DOCEP staff and representatives of Co-operatives WA have met a number of times in recent months with the Green Bill review nearing completion. Very positive inter-governmental consultations have also been taking place through the National Co-operatives Working Party. Sign-off on the fundamental requirement that the new WA legislation will be accepted in all legal jurisdictions as "core consistent", is expected during July.

Co-operatives WA is quietly confident the legislative review process will progress to the stage of a White Bill being ready for tabling in Parliament by the end of 2007.

The Hon Sheila McHale MLA Minister for Consumer Affairs is very supportive of the new legislation and has received a Cabinet priority to progress the Bill. Co-operatives WA will therefore meet shortly, with non-government Members in the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council to gain support for the new legislation.

Members and interested parties who lodged written submissions on the Green Bill will receive formal DOCEP replies over the coming weeks. Co-operatives WA welcomed all input into the Green Bill and is confident a most positive outcome will be achieved.

You never never know if you never never go!

No, we're not suggesting a trip to the Northern Territory, but we are inviting you to the **Co-operatives WA Annual Conference 2007**. Put the date in your diary. Get all your delegates to do the same.

Co-operatives WA Annual Conference

Date: Thurs 6 September 2007

**Venue: Royal Perth Golf Club
Labouchere Road
South Perth**

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to two new Members of Co-operatives WA.

Broome Boatlifters and Marine Services Co-operative Ltd was formed by a group of dedicated community minded businesses who identified a need to ensure important regional support and infrastructure services available at the Port of Broome. We wish the group every success with their community based venture.

A federal government initiative to assist and promote the Cluster Group business concept has lead 21 small to medium sized enterprises in the WA engineering and manufacturing industry forming **Engineering and Manufacturing Industry Co-operative Ltd** (EMICol).

The EMICol leadership group was guided and helped throughout the project by a supportive team of professionals from the East Metropolitan Regional Council under their:

Vision To be a responsive and innovative leader in assisting Perth's Eastern Region to be a great place to live, work, play and do business; and

Mission: The EMRC, by partnering with member Councils and other stakeholders, facilitates strategies and provides services for the benefit and sustainability of the region.

We also welcome the recently formed **East Kimberley Co-operative Ltd** as a Member of Co-operatives WA replacing the Ord River District Co-operative following a recent business restructure.

Council casual vacancy – are you interested?

Travellers Choice, a Member of Council and represented by Gary Allomes since 2000, has reluctantly decided to stand down from Council. This has created a casual vacancy opening for a Member interested in getting involved in co-op matters at the peak industry body level.

If you are interested, or would like more information, ring Chris Enright or Peter Wells.

The current Council is:

Chris Enright	Mt Barker Co-op
Bruce Ede	WA Meat Marketing Co-op
Garry Jacobs	CPS
Rhys Turton	United Farmers
Robin Judd	Geraldton Fishermen's
Trent Bartlett	Capricorn Society
Wally Newman	CBH

Co-operatives Bill Flow Chart

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