

CO-OPERATIVES WA NEWS

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Co-operatives Bill 2009

The Bill is high on the Order of Business and is likely to be dealt with by the Legislative Council when Parliamentary sittings resume after the winter recess.

Backroom work on rolling out new legislation will continue during the winter recess and we remain hopeful that the Minister will have a very positive message to convey to delegates when he opens this year's Conference.

The Legislative Council resumes on Tuesday 11 August.

Co-operative principles

The following has been lifted from section 7 of the Co-operatives Bill 2009 -

"In the interpretation of a provision of this Act, a construction that would promote co-operative principles is to be preferred to a construction that would not promote co-operative principles."

Can your co-operative tick the box on all 7 principles in section 6 of the Bill?

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| 1. | Voluntary and open membership | |
| 2. | Democratic member control | |
| 3. | Member economic participation | |
| 4. | Autonomy and independence | |
| 5. | Education, training and information | |
| 6. | Co-operation among co-operatives | |
| 7. | Concern for the community | |

Updates

Annual Conference 10/9/09

Opening address to be delivered by the Hon Troy Buswell MLA Treasurer and Minister for Commerce.

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International Co-operatives Day

"Driving Global Recovery through Co-operative Enterprise"

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Quotes of Note

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" - Lao Tzu

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal" - Henry Ford

90th Anniversary

October 2009 marks the 90th anniversary of Co-operatives WA service to the WA co-operative movement.



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Annual Conference

This year's Conference Key Note speaker is Dr Fabio Chaddad from the University of Missouri. Dr Chaddad is an internationally acclaimed authority in the co-operative movement and presented at the Monash University 2006 Agribusiness Co-operative Leaders' Forum as the Rabobank Fellow in Agribusiness Co-operation.

Dr Chaddad's work and experience extends well beyond agribusiness co-operatives and his conference presentation will have relevance to issues facing all the members of Co-operatives WA.

A detailed Conference Brochure and Registration Form will be despatched shortly.

Conference details are

Thursday 10th September 2009

Technology Park Function Centre
Brodie Hall Drive
BENTLEY WA

Starting at 9.30am

Australia's Top 100

Release of the Co-operatives Australia list of Australia's Top 100 Co-operatives, Credit Unions and Mutuels by Annual Turnover has received widespread media coverage across Australia and internationally. Congratulations to the 14 Co-operatives WA members who made the list.

4th July 2009 - UN International Day of Co-operatives "Driving Global Recovery Through Co-operatives"

The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) International Co-operative Day was first celebrated in 1923 and embraced by the UN in 1995, to raise awareness and understanding of co-operative principles and values and how they can be applied in the pursuit of positive business and community outcomes.

The 2009 International Day of Co-operatives aims to highlight the role that co-operatives have in not only promoting economic growth, but also in promoting ethical values - values which have been under challenge in particular sectors of the global economy in recent times.

The co-operative business model by itself will not avert crises. However it is a form of enterprise capable of making a strong contribution to

economic recovery and outliving crises.

As part of the International Day of Co-operatives, the ICA is calling on co-operators throughout the world to strengthen their commitment to their co-operative values and principles, celebrate their success in these difficult times, and be in the vanguard of driving global recovery.

Whilst member recognition of the value they derive from their co-operative needs to be year round, the UN day of co-operative recognition can be used as part of lifting member awareness, just as much as informing the wider community. Co-operatives do a power of excellent work on behalf of their membership and self-promotion is a justifiable and essential part of getting that message across.

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