

CO-OP FEDERATION ASSEMBLY 17 & 18 JUNE 2021

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Program – Day 1

Date: Thu 17 June

Time	Sessions		
9am	<p>Opening Session (Auditorium) Keynote speakers discuss the challenges facing co-ops, and their capacity to impact economic, social and environmental outcomes.</p> <p>Welcome and Acknowledgements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Welcome to Country • Sam Byrne – Secretary, Co-op Federation MC & Assembly Overview • Andrew Ferguson – Coverforce <p>Keynote Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronni Kahn – Founder, Oz Harvest (In person) • Assistant Professor Nathan Schneider – University of Colorado Boulder (USA - Online) 		
10:30am	<p>Morning Tea - Networking (Auditorium Foyer & Heritage Room)</p>		
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	Workshops (Auditorium)	Sector Forums (See – Meeting Rooms below)	Co-op Governance Training (Meeting Room 4&5)	Stories (Heritage Room)
1:30pm	<u>Creating Your Co-op Story</u> The tools to tell your Co-op Story in the Open Mic later in day. Presented by Wicked Elephants Co-op.	Common Equity NSW Sector Forum (Part 2) (Meeting Rooms 2&3) A meeting of housing co-ops (Common Equity members only)	Governance Training (Part 1) THE training workshop on the fundamentals of co-ops and their governance presented by Federation Secretary Sam Byrne. Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and International Co-op Landscape • Co-op Principles and Values • Co-op National Law Compliance 	<u>Shared experiences</u> Co-op tells their stories: successes, failures, lessons and learning. More Speakers Welcome ... <u>Day1 Program Includes:</u> Co-op Lessons – past present & future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emeritus Prof Greg Patmore, Uni of Sydney – The Australian Co-operative History Project • Richard O’Leary, Former Chair, Macleay Regional Co-op
2:30pm	Co-ops and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s) How co-ops can help the world achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Led by Tony Hill, Australian Holistic Management Co-op			Drought Flood & Pestilence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Calabria, Managing Director, Yenda Producers • Dick Groot-Obblink, CEO, NSW/ACT Truffle Marketing Co-op
3:30pm	<u>Co-ops and Charity Law</u> presented by For Purpose Advisory	Sector Forum – Food Co-ops (Tut Meeting Room) A meeting of food co-ops led by their new peak body Co-op Grocers.	Rural/Regional Retailers (Meeting room 4&5) A meeting of retailing and rural supplies co-ops.	<u>Open Mic – Co-operative Stories</u> 3-5 Minute Co-op Stories from the Wicked Elephants Workshop
4:30pm	Daily Plenary (Auditorium)			
5pm	Welcome Drinks – Networking (Featuring Hopsters Co-op Brewery) (Heritage Room)			

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Program – Day 2

Date: Fri 18 June

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9am	<p>Labour, Services and the New Economy (Auditorium)</p> <p>The rise of casualisation and the gig economy, particularly in the services sector, local and international experiences addressing this disruption, and the opportunities for platform co-ops.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sebastien Paule – Director of Development, Smart Co-op (Belgium – Online) • Clr Jess Scully – Deputy Lord Mayor, City of Sydney (In Person) • Godfrey Moase – United Workers Union (Melb - Online) • Yasmin Catley MP – NSW Member for Swansea (In person) • Abigail Boyd MLC – NSW Upper House MP (In person)
10:30am	<p>Morning Tea - Networking (Auditorium Foyer & Heritage Room)</p>
11am	<p>Housing & Community Ownership (Auditorium)</p> <p>A strong co-operative sector resourcing and investing in assets for the community, including the delivery of affordable housing and renewable energy.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Ryan – Secretary, Bundagen Co-op (In person) • Associate Professor Louise Crabtree – Western Sydney University (In person) • Gretchen Alt-Cooper - Goulburn Community Energy Co-op (In person) • Carmen Osborne – Chair, Common Equity NSW (In person) • Julia Finn MP – NSW Shadow Minister for Consumer Protection, Carers (In person)
12:30pm	<p>Lunch – Networking (Auditorium Foyer & Heritage Room)</p> <p>Performance: Greater Sydney Orchestra Co-op Ensemble (Heritage Room)</p>

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	Workshops (Meeting Room 2&3)	Co-op Governance Training (Meeting Room 4&5)	Stories (Heritage Room)
1:30pm	Communications and social media presented by the Co-op Federation's Molly Kendall	Governance (Part 2) THE training workshop on the fundamentals of co-ops and their governance presented by Federation Secretary Sam Byrne. Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors' Roles and Responsibilities • Good Governance Principles and Conduct • Conflicts of Interest 	Share experience of Co-ops Multiple Co-ops, Themes & Open Mic – More Speakers Welcome ... <u>Day2 Program Includes:</u> Consultants/Facilitators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The Grove is Open Co-op</u> – Thriving Triangle game ... analysing conflict and building collaboration • <u>Mercury Co-op</u> – access to start-up facilitation via shared learning through membership
2:30pm	Co-op Employment Law presented by Work Lawyers		Housing & Community Asset Stories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ningara Housing Coop – Jane Oldham • Resource Work Co-operative – Jason Richards • Greater Sydney Orchestra - Andrew Quah • Hotline Couriers - Sam Rothwell
3:30pm	Federation Strategic Planning Session (Federation members only) (Tut Meeting Room)		Co-op Open Mic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Tongue, C-Mac Worker Co-op • Open Mic
4:30pm	Closing Plenary (Auditorium)		
5pm	Closing Drinks – Networking (Heritage Room)		

Note: This program may still be subject to change.