

# Co-op Federation Assembly

## 29/30 July 2022



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**Program – Day 1** (Note: subject to change)

**Date: Friday 29 July**

Time	Session	Focus	Speakers/Panellists
9:00am	Opening Session <b>The Assembly Focus</b>	The Assembly acknowledges Country and sets the theme – Networking and Connection.	Welcome to Country – <a href="#">Uncle Allen Madden</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Richard O’Leary</a>, Chair, The Co-op Federation</li> <li><a href="#">Gurmesh Singh MP</a>, Member for Coffs Harbour</li> <li><a href="#">Jenny Leong MP</a>, Member for Newtown</li> <li><a href="#">Andrew Ferguson (Coverforce)</a></li> </ul>
9:30am	<u>Session 1</u> Keynote Presentations & Panel <b>Leadership and Innovation</b>	Presenting the current landscape of leadership and innovation – How can the co-operative model rise to meet the challenge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Trent Bartlett</a></li> <li><a href="#">Prof Veena Sahajwalla</a></li> <li><a href="#">Prof Andrew Beer</a></li> </ul> Facilitator: <a href="#">Sam Byrne</a> , Secretary, The Co-op Federation
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Showcase &amp; Networking</b>	
11:00am	<u>Session 2</u> Keynote Panel <b>Co-op Leaders Forum</b>	Discussion from the perspective of leading Australian co-ops and peak international co-op bodies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Roz Henry (Co-ops NZ)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Jack Wilkinson (Canada)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Neil Hockley (Plumbers Co-op)</a></li> <li>Nayce Dalton (<a href="#">Yenda Producers Co-op</a>)</li> </ul> Facilitator: Trent Bartlett
<b>12:30-1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Showcase &amp; Networking</b>	
1:30-2:45pm <i>(options a)</i>	<u>Session 3</u> Panel <b>Co-operative Housing - Affordability &amp; Community Ownership</b>	Could housing co-operatives offer a mainstream solution to housing affordability in Australia?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">A/Prof Louise Crabtree-Hayes (WSU)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Dr Sidsel Grimstad (University of Newcastle)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Andy Fergus, Urban Design Forum</a></li> <li><a href="#">Carmen Osborne, (Common Equity NSW)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Annette Maguire (University of Newcastle)</a></li> </ul> Facilitator: Prof Andrew Beer
1:30-2:45pm <i>(b)</i>	<b>Sector Meeting</b>	Co-op sector specific meetings	Rural Supplies/Regional Retailing Co-ops <b>(Part 1)</b>
1:30-2:45pm <i>(c)</i>	<b>Sector Meeting</b>	Co-op sector specific meetings	Regenerative and Co-operative small-scale Food Production
<b>2:45pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	<b>Showcase &amp; Networking</b>	
3:00-4:30pm <i>(options a)</i>	<b>Workshop 1: How to set up a Housing Co-operative</b>	The basic understanding of the process to establish a housing or land co-operative in Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Nick Sabel</a>, Common Equity NSW</li> <li>Dr Sidsel Grimstad</li> <li>Andy Fergus</li> <li>A/Prof Louise Crabtree-Hayes</li> <li>Annette Maguire</li> </ul>
3:00-4:30pm <i>(b)</i>	<b>Sector Meeting</b>	Co-op sector specific meetings	Rural Supplies/Regional Retailing Co-ops <b>(Part 2)</b>
3:00-4:30pm <i>(c)</i>	<b>Information Workshop</b>	SEFA – Information and options for small social enterprise investment	<a href="#">SEFA</a>
4:30-5pm	Daily Plenary		
5:00pm	Close	Showcase & Networking	

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Program – Day 2 (Note: subject to change)

Date: Saturday 30 July

Time	Session	Focus	Presenters/Speakers/Panellists
9:30am	Day 2 Welcome	Welcome to Country and presentations by leading political figures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to Country - Aunty Ann Weldon</li> <li><a href="#">Clr (Waskam) Emelda Davis</a> (representing Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore)</li> <li><a href="#">Hon. Mick Veitch</a> (Shadow Minister for Regional NSW, Agriculture and Western NSW)</li> </ul>
10am	<a href="#">Session 1</a> Keynote Presentations	Networking, Connections and Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natalie Browning (<a href="#">CBH Group</a>)</li> <li>Roz Henry (<a href="#">Co-ops NZ</a>)</li> </ul> Facilitator: Marissa Costello ( <a href="#">Killarney Co-op</a> )
11am	Morning Tea	Showcase & Networking	
11:30am-12:30pm	<a href="#">Session 2</a> Food Co-operatives	Food production, distribution, challenging the grocery chain stores and transforming the food system for the better	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Jon Steinman</a> (Canada)</li> <li>Josh Viljoen (<a href="#">The Food Co-op</a>, Canberra)</li> <li>Facilitator: Sam Byrne</li> </ul>
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch	Showcase & Networking	
		Dance Performance	<a href="#">"Sydney Virtualised"</a> ( <a href="#">Estonian Community Co-op</a> )
Time	Session	Focus	
1:30-2:30pm (options a)	<a href="#">Session 3</a> Education Diversity and Inclusion	Using the co-operative model in education and training as a vehicle to deliver indigenous leadership and ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emma Griggs (<a href="#">Tranby Co-op</a>)</li> <li>Dr. Rāpata Wiri (<a href="#">Māori Language Revitalisation in New Zealand</a>)</li> <li><a href="#">Gary Williams</a> (Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Co-op)</li> <li>Facilitator: Sam Byrne</li> </ul>
1:30-2:45pm (b)	Sector Meeting	Co-op sector specific meetings	Rural Supplies/Regional Retailing Co-ops (Part 3)
1:30-2:30pm (c)	Sector Meeting	Co-op sector specific meetings	Food Co-ops (Part 1)
2:30pm	Afternoon Tea	Showcase & Networking	
2:45-4pm (options a)	Sector Meeting	Co-op sector specific meetings	Rural Supplies/Regional Retailing Co-ops (Part 4)
2:45-4pm (b)	Sector Meeting	Co-op sector specific meetings	Food Co-ops (Part 2)
2:45-4pm (c)	Skills Workshop	Meetings that Matter - explore simple ways to make meetings more meaningful and useful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Jane O'Brien</a> and <a href="#">Mel Geltch</a> (<a href="#">Campfire Co-op</a>)</li> </ul>
2:45-4pm (d)	Procurement Pitchathon	Brief, fast presentations from a range of co-ops on what great products and services they can offer your co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Mercury Co-op</a> - Co-operative Development (Peter Gates)</li> <li>Pro-Social Australia – Consulting (<a href="#">Pip Atkins</a>)</li> <li><a href="#">Land to Market</a> - Ecological Outcome Verification™ (Tony Hill)</li> <li><a href="#">ORICoop</a> - Eco-Credits™ Investment (Carolyn Suggate)</li> <li><a href="#">One Organic Co-operative</a> – (Kieren Weston)</li> </ul>
4-4:30pm	Final Plenary		
4:30pm	Closing Drinks	Showcase & Networking	

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**Date: Fri 29 July DINNER**

**Venue: Barracks on Barrack, Barrack Street Sydney**

Time	Session	Focus	Presenters/Speakers/Panellists
6:30- 10pm	Assembly Dinner	Menu prepared by Chef Jason Bygraves from our generous co-operative producers including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Commercial Fishermen's Co-op</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Tooraweenah Prime Lamb Marketing Co-op</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Yenda Producers Co-op</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Pecan Farmers Co-operative of Australia</a></li><li>• <a href="#">NSW/ACT Truffle Marketing Co-op</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Hopsters Co-operative Brewery</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Braidwood Garlic Growers Co-operative</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MC - <a href="#">Tommy Dean</a></li><li>• Speakers - representatives of our co-operative suppliers</li><li>• Performance - <a href="#">Greater Sydney Orchestra Co-op Ensemble</a></li></ul>