

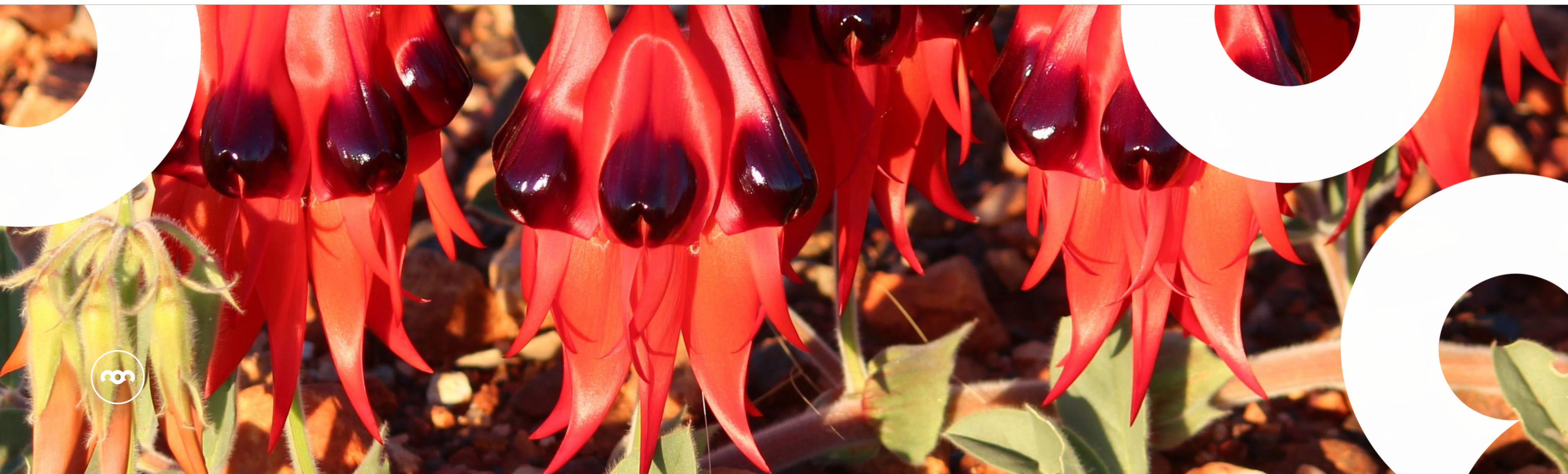


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BCCM – An overview

Antony McMullen, BCCM

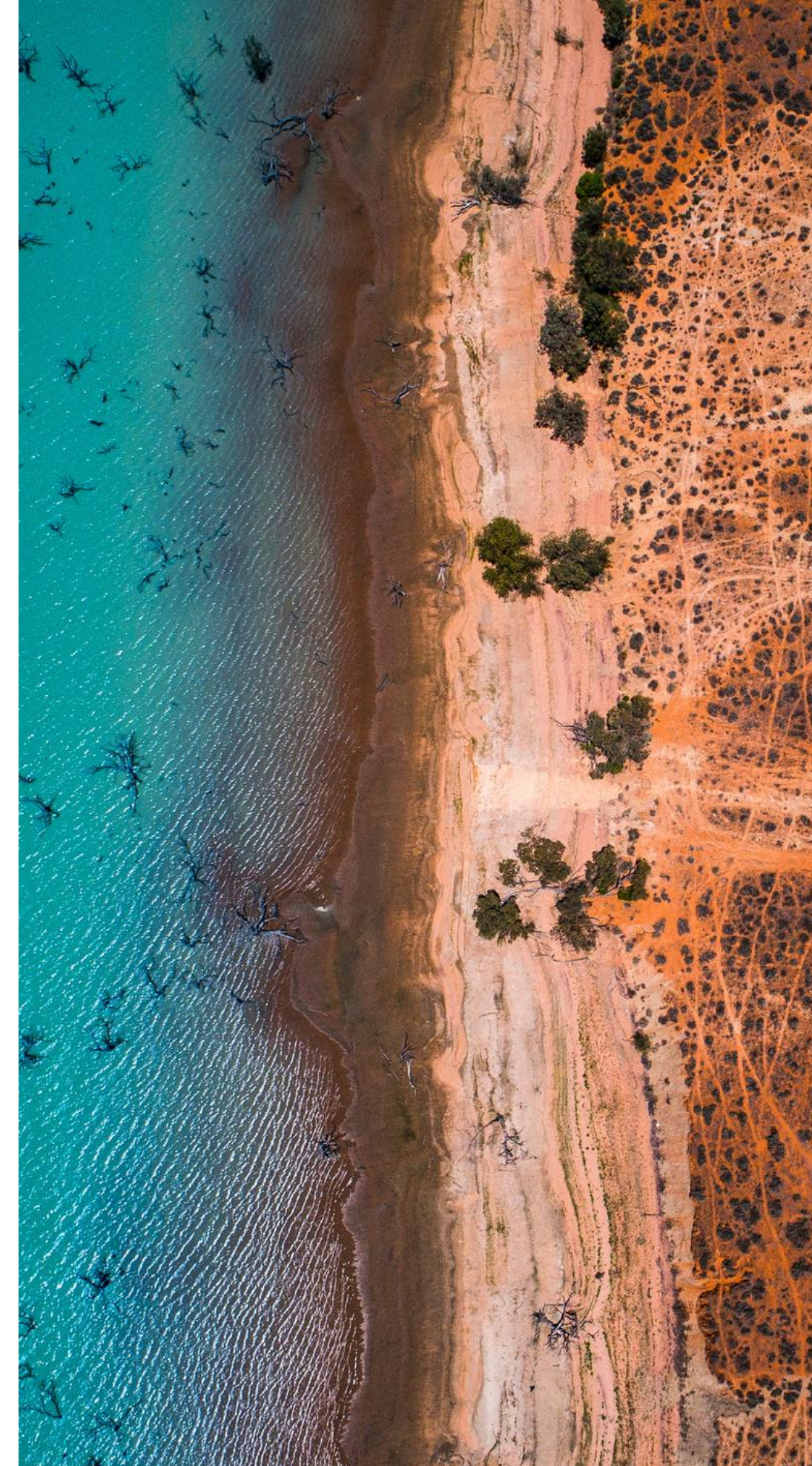
*Business Council of
Co-operatives and Mutuals*



Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Noogar people, the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to their Elders both past and present.

I extend that respect to any First Nations people present here today and also to the First Nations peoples of the various lands from which people are joining this meeting today.



Today's presentation

- The BCCM – an overview
- The Bunya Fund
- BCCM support
- Co-operative Farming
- Care Together Program

The BCCM – an overview



About the BCCM

“Hi, I work for a movement, not a sector”

Formed in 2013, following the United Nations’ International Year of Cooperatives, the Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals (BCCM) is Australia’s first peak body for co-operatives and mutuals in all industries.

By virtue of our professionalism and membership, we have built a powerful network of co-operatives and mutuals with a shared commitment to building a world-class operating environment for member owned business.

The BCCM’s mission is to grow the co-operative and mutual economy as a vital contributor to a fair and equitable Australia. We achieve this through four strategic pillars: advocacy, networking, education and key projects.



“We advocate for our members’ shared interests, contributing to informed and balanced public policy debate for a fairer, more prosperous and inclusive economy for all Australians.”

Melina Morrison, CEO BCCM

Co-ops and mutuals: Hiding in plain sight

CAPRICORN



8 in 10

Australians are members of a co-operative or mutual. This adds up to more than 33.3 million combined memberships.



The contribution of the CME sector to the Australian economy

CMEs play a vital part in a prosperous and resilient Australian economy.

There are more than
1,848
active CMEs
in Australia

CMEs have a combined
active membership of
more than

33.3M



Australia's CMEs have a
combined turnover of
more than

\$40.4B

(excluding superannuation funds)

Australia's largest
co-operative by
turnover is an

Agribusiness



Australia's largest
mutual by
membership is an

**Industry
super fund**

Australia's largest
member-owned business
by assets is a

Bank



Australia's CMEs combined have more than

\$1.46 trillion

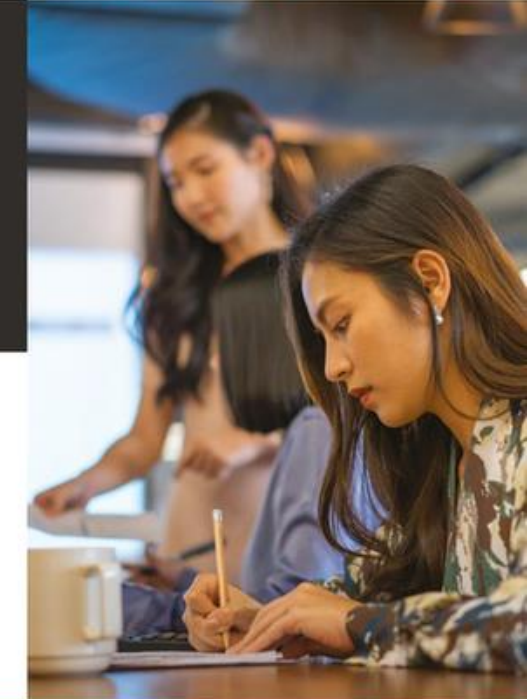
in gross assets

(including superannuation funds)

CMEs directly employ at least

76,000 people

in Australia



Total gross revenue of the Top 100 CMEs is

\$37.76 billion

(excluding superannuation funds)



the
bunya
fund } GROWING
PURPOSE



An initiative by the
BCoM



The Bunya Fund is Australia's first co-operative and mutual enterprise sector fund that supports the next generation of co-operative and mutual social enterprises.



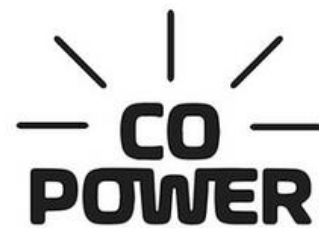
The Bunya Fund's goals

- Growing the co-operative and mutual economy in Australia by empowering the next generation of social businesses to choose the co-operative or mutual model of enterprise – if it is the right model for them
- Help newer and emerging co-operatives and mutuals to grow and prosper – to increase their positive impact on their members, their communities, the environment and society
- Provides education, training, advisory services and mentoring to support emerging co-operatives and mutuals – that demonstrate high economic, social, cultural and environmental impact potential

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WA Bunya Fund Recipients

An initiative by the
BCCM



Co-operative Housing

Focus

Co-operative housing ownership

Impact

“Completed legal work to develop Kyloring Housing Co-operative on behalf of its members and to help build other new housing co-operatives in the future.”

A flyer for Kyloring Housing Co-operative. The top left has the title "Kyloring Housing Co-operative" in a bold, dark font. Below it, a paragraph reads: "An affordable, not-for-profit, resident developed community for over 55s". On the right side, there is a circular photograph of two elderly women sitting at a table outdoors, smiling and talking. At the bottom left, the website "www.kyloring.coop" is displayed in a dark font. At the bottom right, there is a small logo of stylized houses, followed by the text "CO-OPERATION HOUSING", two phone numbers "08 9336 5045" and "0410 374 330", and the name "WITCHCLIFFE" in a stylized font with "ECOVILLAGE" in smaller letters underneath.

QUAIRADING
CO-OP

Quairading Farmers Co-operative

Focus

Regional retailing and economic development

Impact

“We engaged professional services to assist us in resetting our strategic direction so that small communities continue to be liveable and thrive.”





Broomehill Village Co-operative

Focus

Community hub revitalisation in regional WA

Impact

By reopening the local pub, Broomehill Village Co-operative not only plans to revitalise a vital community gathering space but also address accommodation needs for essential workers. This initiative enhances social interaction, community spirit, regional tourism, and provides job creation, youth training opportunities, and supports community cohesion in a key grain-growing region of Western Australia.





Northern Australia Aboriginal Kakadu
Plum Alliance (NAAKPA)

Focus

Indigenous producers co-operative

Impact

“We explored more inclusive governance models to improve engagement with our Directors from remote Aboriginal communities for whom English is not a first language to improve governance, and demonstrate how Indigenous leadership and member decision-making can flow throughout the organisation to ensure that NAAKPA exists solely to deliver value to its members.”





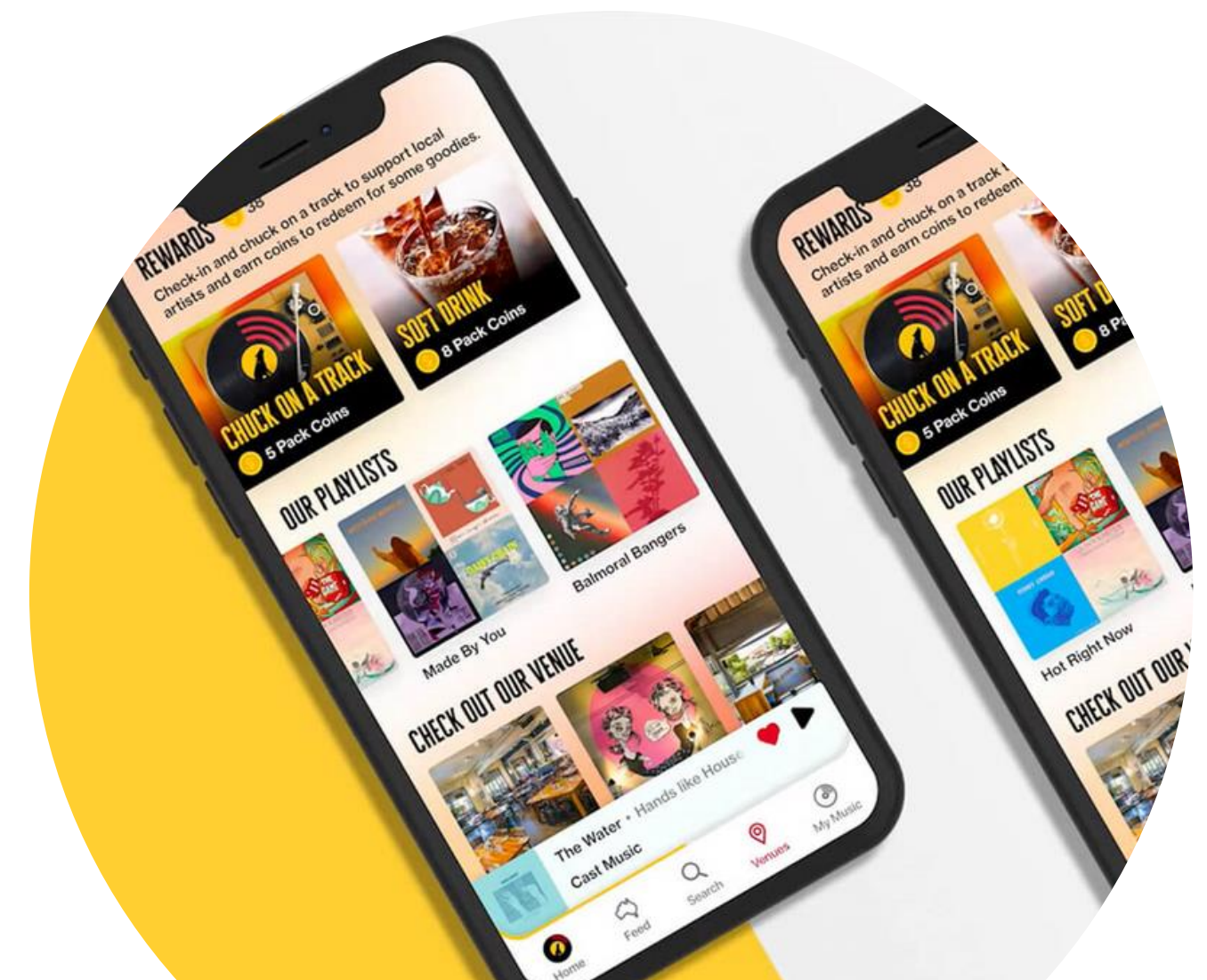
The Pack

Focus

Music streaming platform co-operative

Impact

"Improved the lives and livelihoods of Australian original, unsigned musicians by creating meaningful change in the music industry, specifically by inverting the music streaming business model. We intend to move the industry towards an artist first mindset by connecting creators and consumers of music in a healthy, non-exploitative ecosystem."





"The Bunya Fund came at a critical time for us, allowing us to maintain momentum and continue growing our social and narrative impacts."

Melanie Bainbridge
The Pack Music Cooperative



Meet all of our Bunyans



SuppHorticulture is
auspiced by The Veggie Empire



Broomehill Village
Cooperative

Round Three

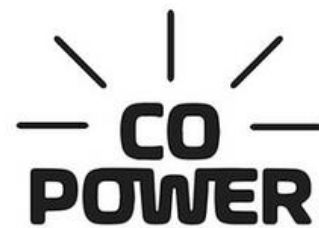
Round 3 applications of The Bunya Fund are now open and close on Friday, 12 April 2024.



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BCCM support of co-op incubation



Plan, start and run your co-operative

The Help and Advice section on the BCCM's website, provides you with information and tools to plan, start and run a new co-operative, or grow an existing one.

Simply visit: bccm.coop/help-advice/



About Co-ops & mutuals **Help & advice**

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Resource library

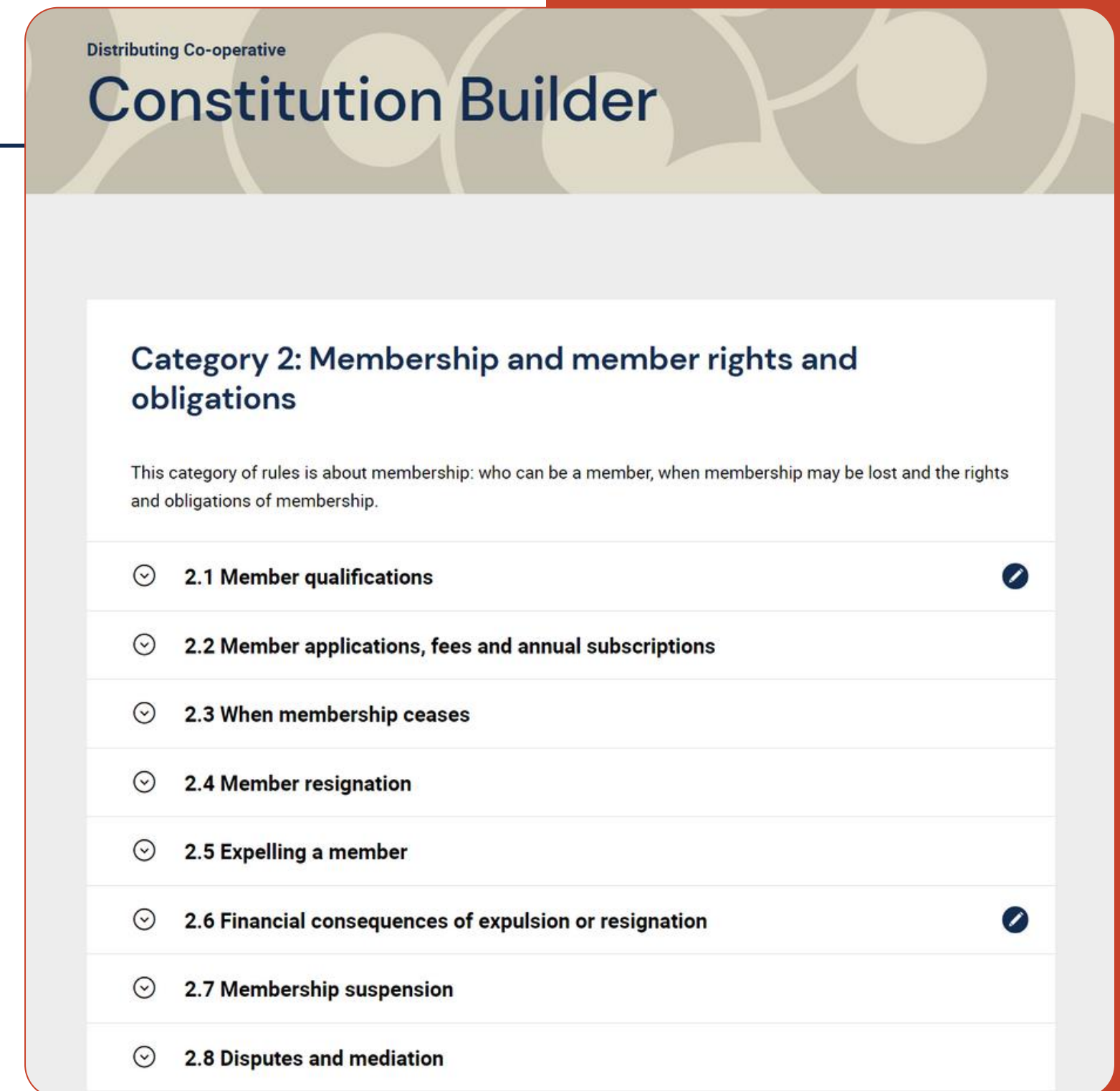
Draft your co-op rules

The Co-op Builder is a FREE step-by-step tool to help groups prepare and understand the legal documents required to form a co-operative in Australia.

The Co-op Builder is designed to suit any co-operative enterprise or purpose.

Simply register for a free BCCM website account to start using the Co-op Builder.

Simply visit: bccm.coop/co-op-builder-tool/



Raising new funds

The Capital Builder is a free resource for co-operatives that are thinking about raising new funds.

Part 1 – Sources of funding

Co-operatives can source funding for their project in a variety of ways.

Part 2 – The business case

Decide how to fund the project through developing a business case.

Part 3 – Offers

Draft a disclosure statement to offer debentures or CCUs.

Simply visit: bccm.coop/help-advice/

The Capital Builder does not provide legal or financial advice in respect of fundraising. Co-operatives should seek their own advice from suitably accredited professionals when considering any fundraising activity.



Get help

Are you looking for help with starting a new co-operative or growing and existing one?

The BCCM works with a range of trusted industry associates who understand the co-operative business model.

Simply visit: bccm.coop/help-advice/get-help/



Resource library

The BCCM is your one-stop shop for all things co-operative and mutual, be they in Australia or overseas.

The BCCM produces countless resources that are useful whether you simply want to learn about co-operative or mutuals, or actually set one up.

We also direct you to other resources you might find relevant or interesting, such as podcasts and videos.

Simply visit: bccm.coop/help-advice/



Co-operative Farming

Co-operative Farming: Future proofing Aussie farmers, fishers and foresters. We provide primary producers with the resources and advice they need to start or grow co-operatives.

Simply visit: coopfarming.coop



Co-operative Foundations

The Co-operative Foundations online learning modules provide farmers, fishers and foresters with a foundational understanding of co-operatives and how working together in a co-op can increase the profits, efficiency, and value of participating businesses and the agricultural sector as a whole. This course is relevant to all types of co-operatives.

Visit: coopfarming.coop

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Co-operative Foundations



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The following modules have been developed to provide farmers, fishers and foresters with a foundational understanding of co-operatives and how working together in a co-op can increase the profits, efficiency, and value of participating businesses and the agricultural sector as a whole.

Course introduction (10 minutes)
An introduction to the six modules and the value of forming a co-operative.

Watch on ABC iView (Australia)

FIGHTBACK FARMERS

FEEDING AUSTRALIA TOGETHER



Care Together – An introduction

**the future
of social care**



The Care Together Program

- Delivered by the Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals
- Australia's first co-operative development and support program in social care
- A cross sector, place-based program to innovate sustainable business models in priority areas
- Social Care may include aged care, disability support, Veteran's Care, Indigenous controlled services, allied health and primary health (with a focus on place-based multi-disciplinary teams)
- Part of a broader policy agenda to support innovation around integrated place based multi-disciplinary models



The Care Together Program on a page

Care Together will assist successful projects to develop sustainable service delivery in areas where current approaches are not working, including a focus on regional, rural and remote parts of Australia.

Care Together will embed co-operative values and principles into each project to demonstrate how a diversity of ownership in care services can deliver improved outcomes for workers, consumers and communities.

- Establish **twelve projects** in selected areas to provide sustainable workforce solutions in thin markets
- Projects include **four new co-ops or mutuals** to form **and eight growth projects** where existing co-ops and mutuals can scale in priority areas or mutuals in conversion
- A flagship **secondary co-operative** to enable small and medium-sized co-operatives to be networked and provide back-office services, designed around co-op values and principles



Care Together Projects



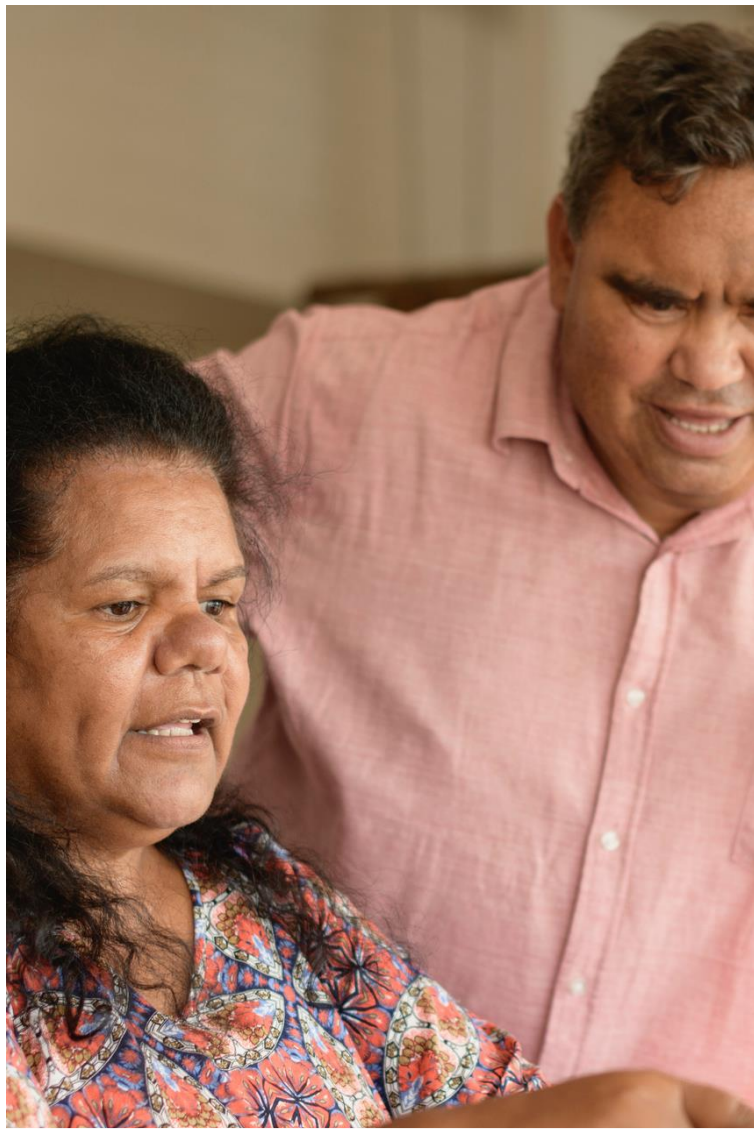
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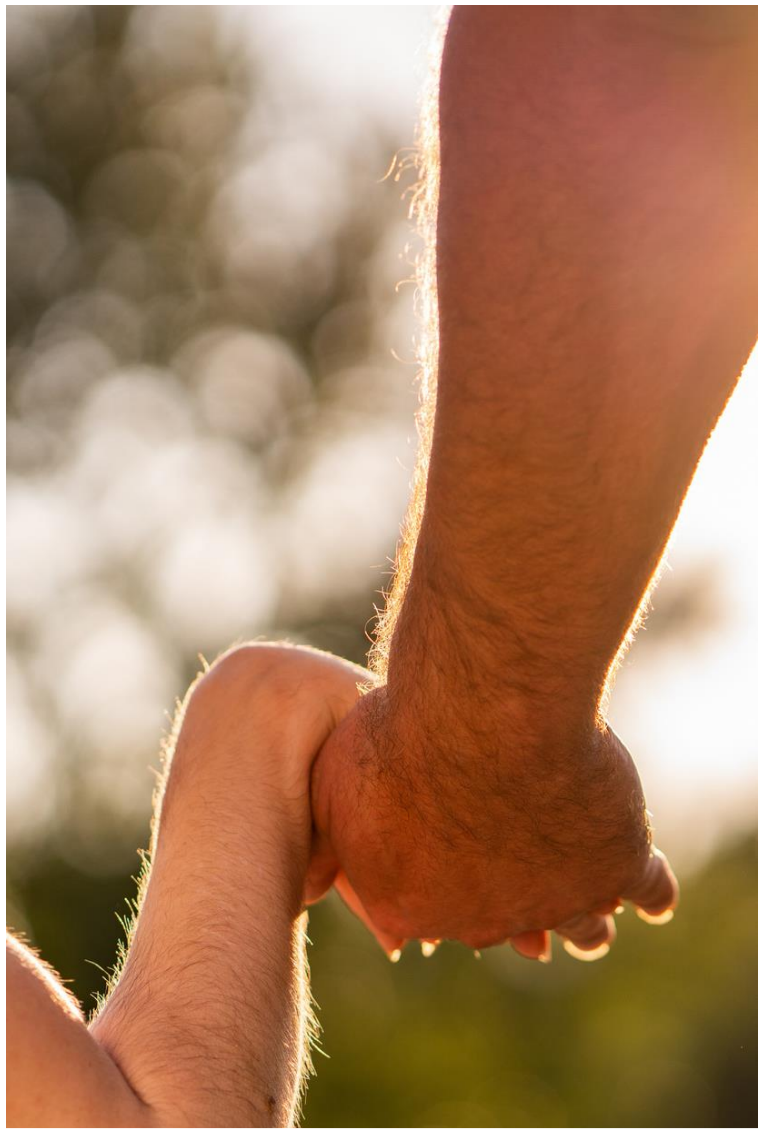
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Council of the Ageing
(COTA)



Australian Unity



Kingdom Community
of Life Ltd (KCLC)



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caretogether.coop/event-and-education/

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