

'Assets in Common Summit'



BCCM

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land-the **Whadjuk Noongar People**, and their continuing connection to land, water and community. In the spirit of reconciliation, we pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future for they hold the knowledge of an ancient culture, and aspirations for future generations.

Aboriginal Sayings About Country

*'We care for Country, so
that Country can care for us'*

*'Take care of Country, and it
will take care of you.*

*Take what you need from
Country, but need what you
take'*

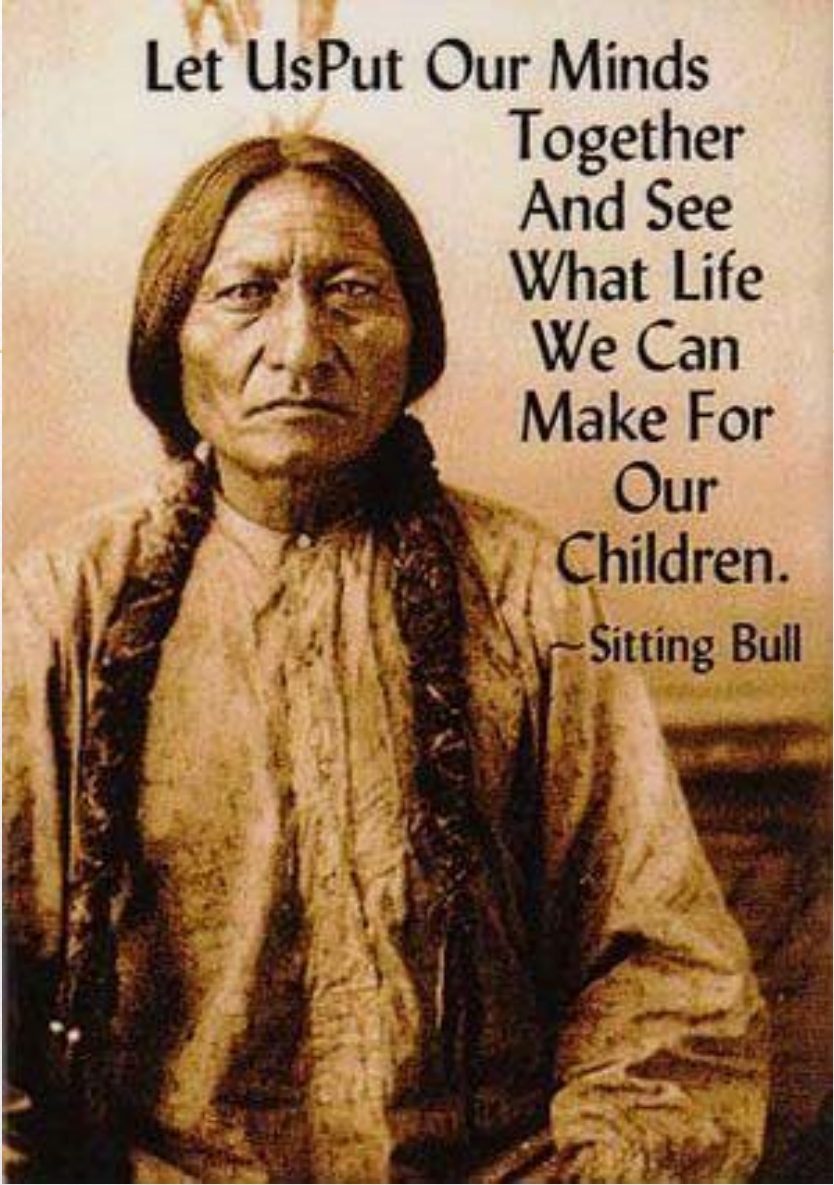
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The logo for BOCM, featuring the letters 'BOCM' in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. The 'B' is stylized with three horizontal bars. The 'O's are solid circles, and the 'C' and 'M' are also solid. The logo is centered within a white rectangular box.

BOCM





A sepia-toned portrait of Sitting Bull, a prominent leader of the Lakota people. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a traditional fringed garment. His expression is serious and contemplative. The background is a soft, hazy landscape.

Let Us Put Our Minds
Together
And See
What Life
We Can
Make For
Our
Children.

— Sitting Bull

Margaret Wheatley



**'There is no power for
change greater than a
community discovering
what it cares about'**

Community Power

"I work from the firm belief that "whatever the issue, community is the answer."

-Margaret Wheatley



Community owned enterprise
is alive and well in Rural
Australia...and it has a long
history!



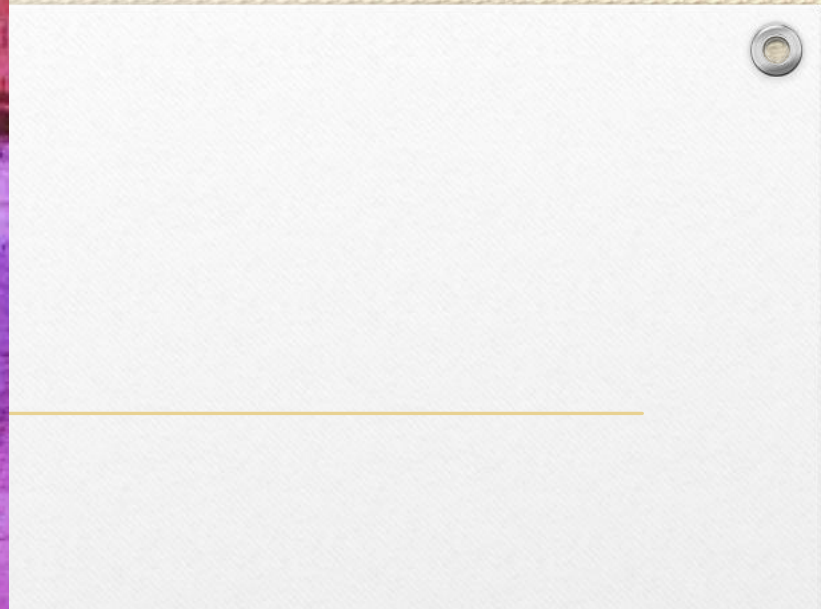
Licensed Clubs in Rural WA

250+ affiliated with Clubs WA



Three Springs Sports Club





P&Cs and P&Fs

- Canteens
- Catering contracts
- Fundraising
- Community Events



**NEWDEGATE
MACHINERY
FIELD DAYS**





Deni Ute Muster





Liz Richie, CEO, Regional Australia Institute



'Twenty years ago, I was 21 years old and had just returned home from university to take up the role as the very first Director of the Denilquin Ute Muster. What I learnt that year has stayed with me forever... Back then Denilquin was in the grips of a devastating drought. Our passionate community rallied to ask a simple question- how can we put Denilquin on the map?

Ultimately, it came down to three elements: a big vision; a bold idea and innumerable beating hearts full of passion'

"When a town loses its pub, it is the first step to closing the town," said Paul Michael, Bolgart farmer and retired accountant.





Social hub: Coorow residents Emma Gladman, Victoria Syme, John Stacy, Trevor Just, Tim Broun and Bruce Cunningham are ready to set to work on the local hotel, which now belongs to the town's population of 240. Plans are afoot to restore the 1930s building to its former grandeur. PICTURE: MAL FAIRCLOUGH

A local hotel owned by local people

■ By Andrew Gregory

THE tiny Wheatbelt town of Coorow grasped its future in its own hands by buying the local hotel last month.

An award-winning community organisation plans to restore the 1930s establishment to its original condition.

Coorow Community Land Incorporated committee members said the old watering

came from a grant from the Federal Government's historic hotels program.

The hotel is the meeting point for the town, situated on the cusp of the Wheatbelt and Mid-West regions, about 270km north of Perth.

Unlike most city hotels, it was a place to entertain the whole family with a games room and playground at the rear.

Now that its ownership is secured, the

town — at the third Community Clean-Up Day.

Chairman John Stacy said the hotel needed a lot of work because it had slowly deteriorated over the years.

Small rural communities like Coorow relied on sporting events and the local hotel for their social gatherings, according to Mr Stacy.

THE
NYABING
COMMUNITY
HUB



The Mogumber Hub





THE DARKAN HOTEL

a community project

Darkan Hotel Community Project



WORKING BUSY BEE

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH AT
8.30AM BYO LUNCHBOX



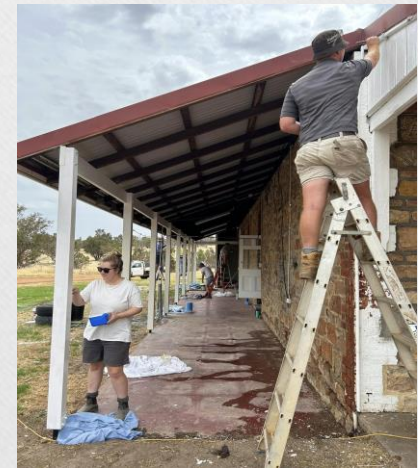
can you help

FUTURE MARCH
DATES:

- SAT/SUN
16TH/17TH
- SAT/SUN
23RD/24TH

JOB LIST
STORM WATER PIPE
CEMENT SLAB
PATIO REMOVAL
EXTERNAL PAINTING
BAR PAINTING

Contact
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Ongerup locals buy pub, service station, supermarket and cafe to keep town alive





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**Supporting
our community.**

Alice Springs

Community Bank® Branch

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Phone 8952 7517



- 323 Community Banks across Australia.
- \$45+ billion worth of business on their books.
- have contributed \$180+ million back to their communities over the last 25 years.
- 1950 Directors of Community Banks (almost all volunteers)
- 74,914 local shareholders that provided the capital for them to open,
- 1570 staff employed

'Staying in Place' Initiative



Community Farms and Cropping Programs



Municipal Enterprise

- ❖ Caravan parks
- ❖ Cafes
- ❖ Post offices
- ❖ Supermarkets
- ❖ Tourist sites
- ❖ Fuel outlets
- ❖ CRCs.....

REINVIGORATING REGIONAL AUSTRALIA:

A Co-operative Approach to Building Community Connection, Resilience and Shared Prosperity



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Community Foundations

Community foundations raise money, manage funds to build lasting assets, and make grants to support a community's changing needs over the long term.



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATIONS
AUSTRALIA**

- **40 Community Foundations**
- **160 LGAs serviced by a local CF**
- **\$145 Million granted 2019-2022**
- **\$500 million in aggregated funds under management (as of 30/6/21)**

Co-operatives

'Co-operatives are people-centred enterprises owned, controlled and run by and for their members to realise their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations'

- Reinvigorating Regional Australia Publication

'They are voluntary self-help and autonomous entities that bring people together in a democratic and equal way. Whether the members are customers, employees, users or residents, co-operatives have the one member, one vote rule.

Members share equal voting rights regardless of the amount of capital they invest in the enterprise' '

- Reinvigorating Regional Australia Publication

Melina Morrison CEO, BCCM



'Co-operatives are member owned enterprises that are formed for a social purpose and powered by commercial expertise...they are established to benefit the people who use them or work in them, rather than shareholders'

'In a co-op. people, not profits, are the beginning, middle and end purpose of the business'

Co-operative Values



Co-operative Principles



Joyce Clague, Yaegi Elder

'We choose the co-operative structure because we want to have an equal say, we want to share the responsibility and we want to work together to improve our living conditions and our life chances'

Other Structures

Unit Trust

- Voting is determined by \$ investment. Big pockets can takeover and lose the community voice
- No ASIC reporting but can still be subject to ASIC reporting rules potentially

Company limited by shares (Pty Ltd)

- Registered with ASIC and subject to ASIC reporting rules potentially
- Voting is determined by \$ investment. Big pockets can takeover and lose the community voice
- Sale of shares must be reported with ASIC and more paperwork & reporting

Co-operative Life

- 1848 co-ops and mutuals in Australia
- 71 Co-ops and 39 mutuals in WA
- 8 out of 10 Australians are a member of a co-op or mutual (only 3 out of 10 know)- combined membership of 33.3 million persons

The contribution of the CME sector to the Australian economy

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



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)



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

Australia's largest
co-operative by
turnover is an
Agribusiness



WA Co-operatives in 1928



THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.





WA Consumer Retail Co-operatives



100+ Years Club

- ❖ Boyup Brook Co-op Ltd
- ❖ Cunderdin Farmers Co-op Co. Ltd
- ❖ Denmark Co-op Co. Ltd
- ❖ Kellerberrin Farmers Co-op Co. Ltd
- ❖ Mount Barker Co-op Ltd
- ❖ Quairading Farmers Co-op Co. Ltd
- ❖ Wagin District Farmers Co-op Co. Ltd
- ❖ York & District Co-op Ltd

The Wagon District Farmers Co-op - Established 1917



WA Co-operative Pubs



Watheroo
Station
Tavern



Broomehill
Community
Co-operative

Community Owned and Operated

Royal Hotel

SEA LAKE



This was their motivation and vision



Alison McClelland, Secretary Sea Lake Hotel Co-operative



'We've got a lot of young people here, and a lot of succession farmers, so we needed a town that has facilities, a place where they want to bring their kids up and keep the community going...it's about future proofing the town for the next generation.'



This was their Co-op purpose:

'to support and provide a viable and attractive community hotel as a very important social hub for the local community and to also support other economic activity in the township of Sea Lake and district farming communities by providing attractive recreational and accommodation facilities.'

Service Co-operatives

Examples in rural Australia include housing, health care, child care, disability support, aged care, roadside assistance, energy, water supply, community recreation facilities and transportation.

Service Co-operatives

Examples-

- Kybring Housing Co-op
- Pack Music Co-op
- Perth Improvised Co-op
- Geraldton Midwest Tourism Co-op

- Kulin Development Co-op

Service Co-operatives



Employee-Owned Co-operatives



**Morwell,
Gippsland,
Victoria**

Community Development Co-operatives



Investing in our future by considering the “Whole Picture”

Vision: “To help build a strong and vibrant atmosphere through incubating, nurturing and supporting sustainable new business and community ventures in Gnowangerup.”

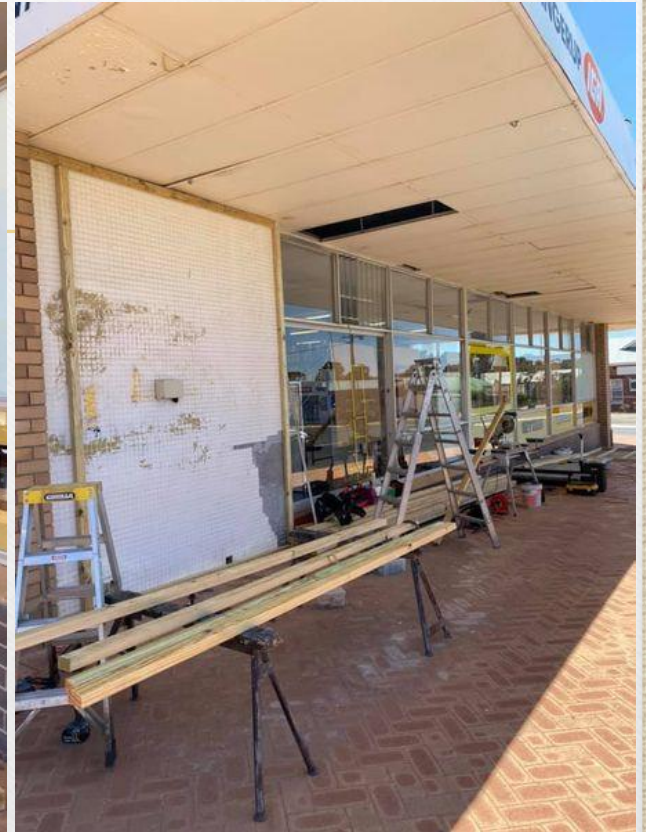
Gnowangerup 2018



GNP 360 Co-operative Launch



IGA
Before





IGA after

Artwork on IGA





initiated by....

THE HORSEPOWER HIGHWAY

FOLLOW THE TRAIL THROUGH GNOWANGERUP
TO THE STIRLING RANGE NATIONAL PARK



GNP 360°



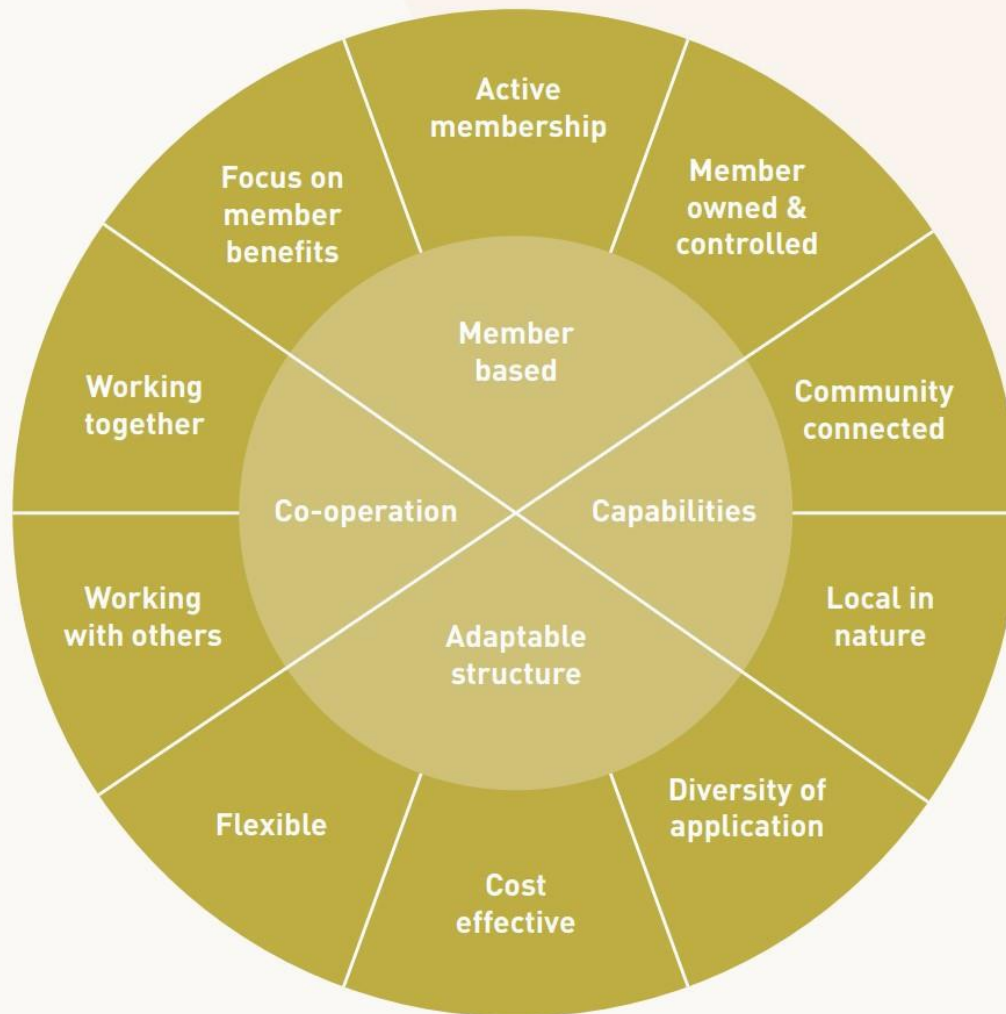
Snowy Mad Max & Deisel...the 'fun' guys



Advantages of a Community Co-op Enterprise

1. Community control.
2. Mutual and community benefit, ownership and involvement.
3. Compliance simplicity.
4. Limited liability.
5. Blending of roles.
6. Active membership.
7. Ability to attract government and philanthropic support.

Strengths of the Co-operative Model according to Mercury Co-operative



Julian Ross

'When the members of a community come together for a common cause, without purely financial or commercial motives, when they co-operate and collaborate to save or preserve something that is important and valuable to the community, they can unlock something very powerful'

Matt McEvoy, Board Member, Colbinabbin General Store Co-op

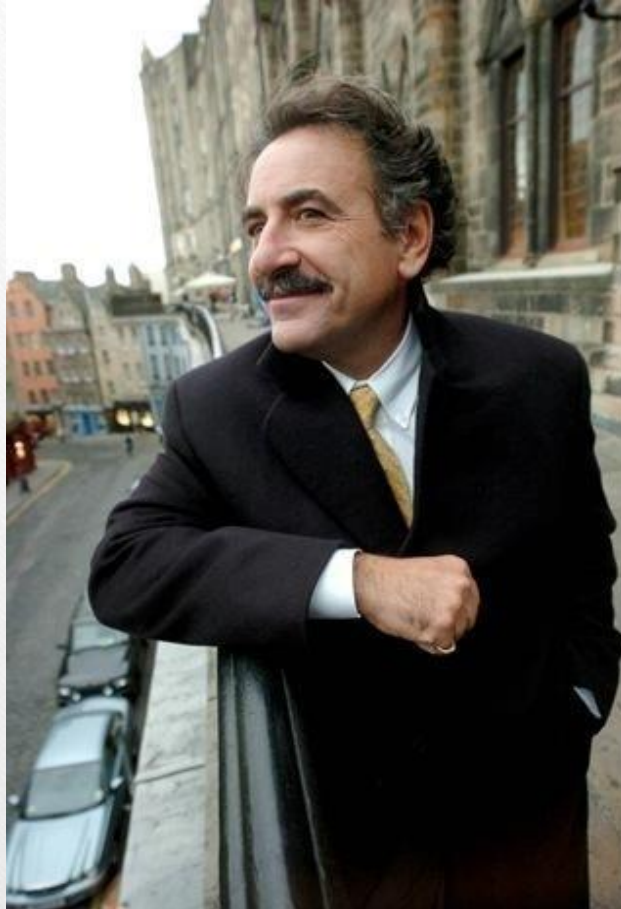
"Small towns like Colbinabbin should increasingly be turning to the co-operative model in an attempt to keep local businesses, and the services they provide, afloat. That's part of the reason we have taken on this project - this is a way to step into a new age. Australia was historically built on co-operatives in rural areas and with corporatisation it's made it harder and harder for people in rural communities to sustain business....we see the co-operative as a natural progress, even though it's circling back, it's enabling the capital to expand on the services and it's about sharing the workload rather than everything falling back on one person, couple or family. It also reduces the risks associated with running a small business."

Secrets of Community Co-op Success

1. Ongoing community ownership and engagement.
2. Strong focus on dual goals- community outcomes and viable business sustainability
3. A committed and capable Board and management.
4. Adequate financial investment.
5. "Marketing Our Co-operative Advantage". (M.O.C.A.)

Community investment for Australian Co-operatives

**'Co-operatives make money
to "do things", rather than
"doing things to make
money"'**



**'The future of
every community
lies in capturing
the passion,
imagination, and
resources of its
people'.**

(Ernesto Sirolli)

‘Most communities can be compared to a football game where 30,000 people who need the exercise, turn up to watch 36 players who don’t.’

-Peter Kenyon



Michael Lebooveff

**‘We are not in
business to build
products or services.
We are in business to
build relationships’**

ICA Co-operative Principle 7

'Concern for Community'

Relationship with other Co-operatives

ICA Co-operative Principle 6

**'Co-operation Among
Co-operatives'**

M.O.C.A.

**- Marketing Our Cooperative
Advantage**

**-Phrase of Professor Tim Mazzerol,
UWA Business School**





Supporting
the local
economy.



Supporting
regional
employment.



Love life,
shop
Co-op!



340+
TEAM
MEMBERS



Making
Barossa
better.



Reducing the cost of living.

Members save

10%
every day.



Experience the joy of being a
Barossa Co-op Member.

Join our community today.



Open 7 Days a Week:

Watheroo Station Tavern

Tavern, Hotel Rooms, Motel Units,
Camping Area, Post Office, Convenience Store,
Dine In & Take Away Food, Tea & Coffee

Kitchen Open 7:30 am to 9:00 pm Monday to Saturday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm Sunday



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Together, for the future

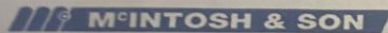
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Your local farm & rural store



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Gillingarra Electrical



Moora Toyota



Shane LOVE
The State Member for Moore



barossa **CO-OP.**





Guiding Purpose and Role- 'to make living in the Barossa better by providing exceptional lifestyle experiences for our members and the broader regional community.'

Growth- In 1945, its membership was 771 persons - today there are over 23,000+ members. The Co-op employs 340+ team members (annual wage bill of \$13.5 million), turns over \$72 million annually and holds \$30.2 million in net assets. In 2021-22, the Barossa Co-op distributed \$200,000+ in member rebates, provided \$365,000 in 'Barossa Fresh' and fuel discounts and contributed \$124,000 in community sponsorship and donations. It also supports 45 local suppliers and 64 South Australian suppliers in turns of produce purchase.

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**THANK
YOU!**

A rectangular white sign with rounded corners is mounted on a light-colored, textured wall using four silver-colored metal fasteners at the corners. The sign features a large, dense cluster of small, multi-colored dots (including red, yellow, green, blue, and purple) arranged in a roughly circular shape in the center. Overlaid on this dot pattern is the text 'THANK YOU!' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The word 'THANK' is on the top line, and 'YOU!' is on the bottom line, with the exclamation mark being particularly large. The dots are scattered around the central cluster, with some appearing as individual specks on the white background of the sign.

RESOURCES to Assist Co-op Establishment and Development



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

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.





CO-OPERATION
HOUSING

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.”



Co-operative Housing

Focus

Co-operative housing ownership

Kyloring Housing Co-operative

An affordable, not-for-profit, resident developed community for over 55s



CO-OPERATION
HOUSING

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0430 374 350

WITCHCLIFFE
COVILLAGE

www.kyloring.coop

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



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PURPOSE



An initiative by the
BCM



Questions? Comments? Contributions?