

# Emerging Role of Social and Care Co-operatives in Australia

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care  
COOPERATIVE WAGIN

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

- Melina Morrison, CEO of BCCM

# Wagin CommuniTEA Hub



# Nora and Matt



# The Gaps in Wagin's Health Service Care

- Population decline
  - Retail and commercial service decline
  - Less employment opportunities
  - Health service delivery reduced
  - Inadequate reach to aboriginal residents
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- Resignation to reduced access to health services
  - Inconvenience and danger
  - Diminished sense of self

# Community Builders Program

- If you want a year of prosperity,  
grow grass.
- If you want ten years of prosperity,  
grow trees.
- If you want 100 years of prosperity,  
grow people.

*Scott Bluff Leadership*



# Community Development Action Plan

## Wagin's Strategies and Actions

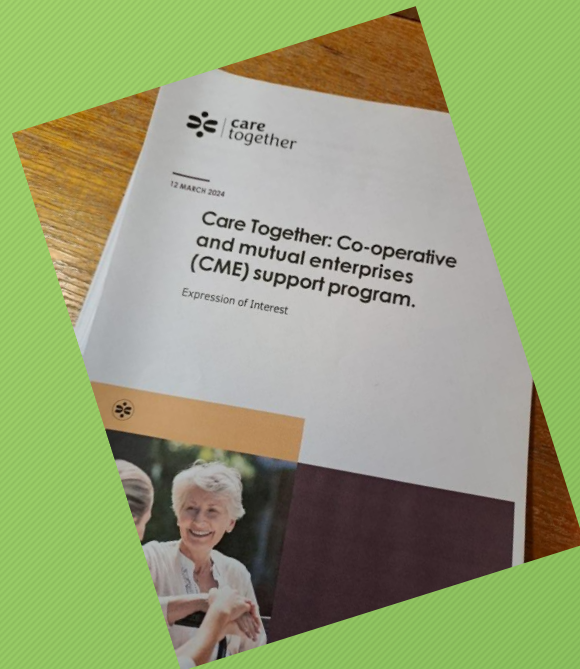
- Enhance our main streets
- Retain Waratah Lodge facility
- Keep our elderly residents independent and at home
- Construct a Wagin Pump Track
- Regular musical gatherings
- Develop Wagin's tourism potential
- Develop a Wagin small business strategy



A healthcare professional with a beard and a stethoscope around his neck is sitting on a blue couch, smiling and looking towards an elderly man. The elderly man, wearing glasses and holding a walking stick, is also smiling and looking back at the professional. They are in a room with large windows in the background, which let in bright, natural light. A purple text box is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

Focusing on  
people receiving care and  
people delivering care

## Care Together



# Co-operatives

- People come first
- Tailor made
- Sustainability
- Democratic
- Benefits the members
- Benefit local community
- Education and training
- Support other co-operatives
- Use value measurements
- Keep themselves accountable



Care Co-op



## Care Co-operatives

Co-operatives  
bring people  
into relationship.



# Co-operative Care Wagin - Vision

- 100% of service targets delivered
- Attract, train, retain workforce
- Full range of aboriginal care
- Community linking role / navigation
- Unlock Packages
- Multi-disciplinary care
- All services collaborating
- Future-proofing; social integrity
- Socialisation

## THE BIG THREE

- ✓ Home care for all who need it
- ✓ Workforce development
- ✓ Service navigation



Respect, Enabling, Valuing, Connecting

# Co-operative Care - Why now?

- Retention of Waratah Lodge
- Federal government initiatives
- Administrative changes coming
- Local appetite for improvement
- Support from Care Together



## CCW - Pioneer Phase



2 years to get here

On a journey

Launch date - 19 November 2024



# The 7 Principles of Co-operatives

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



# Co-operatives trump competition!

- Values alignment
- Sharing assets
- Sharing strength
- Celebrate diversity
- Equity
- People first
- Community service focussed
- Accountability



Potential + Heart + Courage = Co-operation