

CO-OPERATORS

- Co-operation and Co-operatives

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Co-operators is what it is – a collection of contributions by members and staff writing about their experiences of co-operation and co-operatives. Without co-operatives there are no co-operatives. Co-operatives are a viable successful alternative to public and private enterprise - throughout the world there nearly one billion member-owners of 1.4 million co-operatives employing 100 million people. Most of the contributors are involved with housing co-operatives – the biggest grouping of co-operatives in the Australian state of Victoria with 120 co-operatives and over 6000 members. The contributors share a passionate commitment to the values and philosophy of co-operation. The basis for this passion lies in member user ownership and control of co-operatives. Read the passion about the co-operative way – and think about your own dreams and ask yourself: why not?