



## **Examples of co-operative business models benefiting the Western Australia economy**

- Geraldton Fishermen's Co-operative - not just a processing Co-operative, but an important part of protecting and sustaining the Western Rock Lobster fishery for future generations.
- Irrigation co-operatives now maintaining irrigation assets and delivering water in the Ord, the Gascoyne and the South West.
- Sweeter Banana Co-operative successfully created a brand that corrected poor market perception of bananas grown in Carnarvon.
- Printing franchisees have pooled financial capital through Caxton Co-operative to support individually owned franchise businesses.
- Taxi-owners in Kalgoorlie and Bunbury formed co-operatives to better manage their operations.
- Residential builders formed Wesbuilders Co-operative to support their independently owned and operated SME building companies.
- Regional co-operatives provide infrastructure to enable 3rd party delivery to members of local services that wouldn't otherwise exist.
- Co-operative business structure is under consideration to manage Ord River environmental schemes.
- WA horticultural industry considering a co-operative business model to take research outcomes to domestic and export markets.

## **Putting members first**