

The Co-op History

Frustrated at the lack of wholefoods in Maleny, a group of locals started the Maple Street Co-op in 1979. They had been carpooling fortnightly to make the 70 km shopping trip to Nambour.

The pioneering co-op members worked hard to meet the stringent standards of an officially registered Co-operative. They also played a major role buying equipment and bringing retail expertise. Securing a 90-year lease for 37 Maple St, the co-op initially sublet half the space to local businesses until at last we filled the whole building in 2020.



"We believed in community, in consensus, that the whole could be greater than the sum of its parts', said original member Lorna Huston. We are grateful for the hard work and determination from these early members.

The Co-op Today

You will be joining over 1,200 Co-op owner-members in a vibrant community. The Co-op is overseen by a talented group of Directors, voted in at our AGM in October.

These days, all surplus income is ploughed back into running the shop, to bring you quality, ethical and organic goods at great prices, and pay fairly for our produce and our fabulous team.



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The Co-op's future...

Your input is important.

We welcome volunteers for small projects as they arise.

We welcome input for the newsletter.

We survey members to make sure we are in tune with what members need and want.

Benefits for you...

5% discount on top of already-low prices

Become a shareholder/ owner of the Maple Street Co-operative

Be a part of a vital community organisation

Have a say in the Co-op's future

Vote on key developments at the AGM

How do I join?

Sign up at the counter;

- please read the Disclosure Statement carefully (overleaf) as you are becoming an owner.
 - pay for your share/s, \$25 each
 - pay the annual subscription (\$11)
 - enter your details into our system
- then
- The Board approves your membership
 - You receive your share certificate

Need help? Just ask.

Your vote...

To retain your voting rights just spend \$120 over the year prior to any meeting notices.

Maple St Co-op
Organic, Local, Wholesome.

Our Vision ...

Supporting personal,
community and planetary
health

We're on a Mission ...

...to be a trusted marketplace
supporting the wellbeing of our
members by selling products
that support a healthy lifestyle

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Disclosure Statement

Maple Street Cooperative Society Ltd

RIGHTS ATTACHED TO SHARES

- Shares in the Maple Street Co-op are personal property, and as such are transferable, saleable and willable, subject to the Co-operatives Law 1997, Regulations and the Co-op's Rules.
- When shares are issued to a member, the member is entitled to a certificate under the seal of the Maple Street Co-operative Society Limited, specifying the share number and the value of the share.
- A member may request the Co-op buy back shares, and the Co-op may repay all or part of the value of those shares when the amount is not required for the Co-op's activities.
- Within one year of a membership being cancelled and shares forfeited (see Liabilities below), the co-op will pay to the former member any amounts paid up on the shares forfeited less any amounts the former member owes the Co-op, or if the Board and the former agree, the amount payable to the former member may be held by the Co-op as a donation until such time as repayment will not adversely affect the co-op's financial position.
- In the case of the Co-op winding up, after debts and liabilities are satisfied (including the refund of money for paid up shares), any property will be distributed amongst the members in proportion to the member's shareholding.

LIABILITIES ATTACHED TO SHARES

- A member is liable to the Co-op for any charges, including periodic fees, payable by the member to the Co-op under its Rules.
- An 'active member' is one trades who trades \$120 or more of goods or services through the Co-op in each financial year under Section 5(1) of the Co-op's Rules.
- If members fail to be 'active members' for a period of one year, membership may be cancelled and shares forfeited by resolution of the Board.
- Members pay an annual subscription fee under Section 7(10) of the Co-op's Rules.
- A person whose shares(s) have been forfeited stops being a member as at the date of forfeiture.

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Important
Information for
New Members

**MAPLE
STREET
CO-OP**
EST. 1979

Join us for member
benefits

Become an owner-
shareholder

Be part of a Maleny icon