

Joining Maple Street Co-op

The Maple Street Co-operative exists and continues to operate because of the support and commitment of our members.

By becoming a member and participating in Co-op activities, you have the opportunity to see your ideals expressed in the community. Membership offers you the opportunity to:

- make an informed choice when buying foods and products for yourself and your family;
- contribute to the activities of a vital local community organisation;
- support local producers and promote local employment opportunities;
- use your buying power to support principles of environmental awareness and social justice.

Additional benefits of membership include:

- member discount on all items purchased from the shop;
- regular newsletter on Co-op activities and product research.

Committed members become *involved*. You can participate in the Co-op's activities by:

- selling organic fruit and vegetables, home-made sweets and savouries, and other products through the Co-op shop;
- offering particular skills, such as carpentry, research, letter-writing or catering;
- assisting in the shop with packing and cleaning;
- reading the minutes of Directors' meetings displayed at the shop, attending General and Directors' meetings, electing the Board of Directors and taking part in discussions about the Co-op's directions.

Applying for membership

This membership brochure must be read in conjunction with the attached Disclosure Statement. (If you do not have a Disclosure Statement, please request one from the Co-op.)

You can become a member by purchasing shares in the Co-op.

Share membership can be held as an individual, a couple or a family.

Shares are \$25 each, and entitle the holders to vote at Co-op shareholder meetings.

To maintain active membership of The Maple Street Co-operative Society, members are required to trade through the Co-operative a minimum of \$20 of goods or services during the year.

Members are required under the Co-op Rules to pay an annual subscription of \$11 (including GST) from 1 July each year (following the year of joining).

Prospective members are welcome to view at the Co-op office:

- the legislation under which the Co-op operates – the Act, Regulations and a consolidated copy of the Rules;
- Share Register and Directors Register;
- information about any loans the Co-op may hold;
- a copy of the last Annual Report under Sn 242 of the *Cooperatives Act 1997*;
- a copy of special resolutions passed by Co-op members and applying to members.

Apply for membership by completing the form in this brochure and sending it to the Co-op with your share application fee. Once your membership has been approved by the Board, your share certificate will be forwarded to you.

Application for membership of The Maple Street Co-operative Society Ltd

Title		Given Name	
Surname			
Postal Address			
Residential Address			
Telephone			
Email address			
Date of birth (if less than 18 yrs)			
Number of shares applied for at \$25 per share			
Total attached (Please make cheques payable to The Maple Street Co-operative Society Ltd.)			\$
<i>I understand that membership is subject to full payment of the nominal value of a share and to approval by the Board of Directors</i>			
Signature		Date	
Trustee's Signature (if applicant is less than 18 yrs)		Date	
Office use only			
Date paid		Receipt No.	
Date accepted		Certificate No.	

At Maple Street Co-op, we aim:

- to make food, products and services of high quality available at reasonable cost to Co-op members and the local community;
- to support local suppliers and producers;
- as far as possible, to stock foods and products that promote a healthy lifestyle and that are created according to principles of organic production, social ethics and environmental sensitivity.

Cooperative principles

Maple Street Co-op honours the international principles of cooperatives:

- Membership of the Co-op is voluntary, non-discriminatory and open to all who can use its services and are willing to accept the responsibilities of membership;
- The Co-op is a democratic organisation, and all members enjoy equal rights of voting (one member, one vote);
- Profit from operating the Co-op is distributed equitably by providing for the development of the Co-op, or providing common services to members;
- The Co-op provides for the education of members, officers, employees and the wider public in line with the principles of the Co-op;
- The Co-op actively cooperates with other cooperatives to further the interests of members.

The Maple Street Co-operative Society

Open 7 days

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MISSION STATEMENT

***“PROVIDING OUR COMMUNITY
WITH HEALTHY, ETHICAL AND
PROGRESSIVE CHOICES FOR
PERSONAL AND PLANETARY
WELL-BEING”***

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*Serving Maleny and district
since 1979*

