

The Food Co-operative Shop



Title: Annual General Meeting - Statement of Affairs

Date: 30 August 2024

Membership, Board and staff

The Board underwent several membership changes through the year. James, Fariba and Shay tendered their resignations during the term, while Jordan joined the Board as Treasurer. With Shay's resignation Matthew took over as Chair.

We farewelled co-managers Naomi, Andy and Mohammad, welcomed Nadia and Sia (who also later left), and we feel exceptionally grateful to have welcomed Khyati and Mahesh who have been with us for most of the year now.

Co-op Statistics [as of 9am, Aug 30, 2024]

The Co-op welcomed 656 new & returning members since our last AGM on Aug 31 2024.

This is compared to 753 in the period 2022-23, and 607 in the period 2021-22.

Programs and Projects

We renewed our lease with the ANU, stabilising our accommodation until 2027. We began the upgrade of our administrative system using Better Impact (still underway at this time). Upgraded the kitchen from gas to electric equipment. Upgraded the shop to new pest-proof containers and the new dairy dispenser. Other events and achievements We received and put to use three government grants: a Zero Emissions Grant for the electric kitchen refit, a grant to continue the Acoustic Soup evenings, and an ACT Government community grant to upgrade the roof garden. We were finalists in the ACT Chief Minister's Inclusion Awards for 2023, and Board member Sally and co-manager Naomi attended the awards dinner on the Co-Op's behalf.

Acknowledgement of Volunteers

The grass-roots, member-driven organisation of our Co-Op is fundamental to its nature, what marks it out as something special. The Co-Op simply would not exist without the work of our members, the time and energy they put into continuing a venture that's bigger than any of us. This Board acknowledges that work with the deepest gratitude.