

## Hastings Co-op appoints new Chair

Following the resignation of Director David Johnson, Director Gary Humphreys has been appointed Chairperson of the Hastings Co-op Board.

Mr Humphreys joined the Board in 2019, having held previous senior executive positions with Country Energy and Essential Energy and prior to that had a 10-year career in the banking industry.

Mr Humphreys has a wealth of experience in risk management, governance, strategy and executive leadership and currently operates his own consulting business.

He is also a current Board member of P&N Bank (which includes BCU), Local Land Services North Coast and Garden Village Port Macquarie as well as sitting on the Audit and Risk Committee for Department of Regional NSW and Mid North Coast Local Health District Board.

Mr Humphreys understands the unique challenges that all Co-op's face, including competition from national organisations and raising capital to fund growth.

He looks forward to building on Hastings Co-op's reputation for giving back to the community and providing members with a competitive retail offering that the community is proud of.

"The Hastings Co-op will always put members, customers and the community at the heart of everything we do, and I look forward to bringing some fresh ideas and concepts that will build on the excellent work that has been done," he said.

"As an organisation, we are very conscious of the changing world in which we live, and understand that our members want their Co-op to be a progressive and modern organisation."

Mr Humphreys also said he was looking forward to meeting members and understanding their needs.

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