

# Co-operative Federation of NSW Ltd

## Effective Governance Workshop



**When:** May 5, 2009 5.30 pm Registration/supper; session 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm  
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**Where:** Ethnic Child Care Family and Community Services Co-operative Limited, Building 3, 142 Addison Road, Marrickville, 2204

### Introduction

This workshop has been developed to cover governance, legal responsibilities and planning. It will be held over two nights. This interactive workshop will be a flexible combination of presentations and group discussion.

### Workshop Content

- Session 1:**
- Introduction to workshop
  - Overview of governance
    - Why have boards?
    - The legal context
  - Defining governance
    - Australian and international definitions and statements
    - Governance models
  - Directors and the law
    - Legal responsibilities of a director
    - The 9 key duties of a director
  - Top issues for participants
- Session 2:**
- Review of the previous session
  - Strategic and business planning
    - What is planning and why plan?
    - Models for planning
    - The board and planning
  - Participant issues from session 1
  - Review of workshop and participant actions

### The Presenter

Peter Gates is the Chief Executive Officer of The Mercury Centre Co-operative which specialises in building collaborative enterprises through consultancy, research, information, advice and training. Peter was on the board of a major national financial co-operative which provided 18 years of experience as the credit union grew to be the largest in Australia, serving in a number of roles including board Chair and he developed a keen interest in governance.

Peter worked with the Australian Mutuals Institute (then the Australian Institute of Credit Union Directors) in the delivery of learning experiences for other directors both as full weekend workshops and as one day courses. He has facilitated skills and leadership training programs in a number of Pacific countries working with grass-roots credit unions. Peter is a regular presenter at conferences and workshops in the field of collaborative enterprise.

**Registration:** Individuals or organisations should register attendees with the Federation before April 20 - contact Helen McCall by email [hmccall@onaustralia.com.au](mailto:hmccall@onaustralia.com.au) or phone (02) 49 385 308. Costs will be confirmed when registration numbers are known.