



**Australian Military Bank CEO Darlene Mattiske-Wood to speak
at First Global Co-op Banking Forum**

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Australian Military Bank CEO, Darlene Mattiske-Wood, will travel to Berlin, Germany, to speak at the European Association of Co-operative Banks' Global Co-op Banking Forum on Thursday 20th June 2024.

The event features top industry leaders from around the globe, who will come together to discuss banking regulatory issues of international significance. As co-operative or mutual bank standards and supervisory practices converge worldwide, this new forum will provide a much-needed opportunity for high-level discourse within the sector.

Mutual banks play a vital role in ensuring diversity and choice in banking, both in Australia and overseas. With part of co-operative banks' commitment to their members to stay ahead of emerging risks and trends, the inaugural Global Co-op Banking Forum will delve into critical key themes for global financial stability, including the impact of climate and ESG risks on banking, and the challenges and current state of international non-financial reporting.

Darlene Mattiske-Wood will speak on the topic of 'Climate and ESG risk – International supervisory trends and developments', exchanging views with fellow presenters Jean Boissinot, Deputy Director of Financial Stability at the Banque de France, and Vincent Maagdenberg, Chief Risk Officer at Rabobank.

Darlene's invitation to join the forum is particularly timely, with Australian Military Bank recently being announced as one of Forbes World's Best Banks for 2024. Each year Forbes identify those banks around the world that have managed to maintain consumer trust and meet customers' financial needs in a challenging economic climate. As with all Forbes lists, companies do not pay any fee to be considered or selected, with the award based on true merit and member satisfaction alone.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to speak at the inaugural Global Co-op Banking Forum, and look forward to discussing the pertinent issues facing the mutual banking sector



today with my peers from around the world. I am particularly proud to be representing Australian Military Bank on the global stage the year it has been named one of the World's Best Banks by Forbes, and will utilise the information presented at the Forum to benefit both Australian Military Bank members and team.

Darlene Mattiske-Wood, Australian Military Bank CEO

Darlene travels to Europe as a guest of BCCM, the peak body for co-operatives and mutuals in Australia. BCCM unite member-owned businesses operating in all industries, to increase awareness and recognition of co-ops and mutuals and the important contribution they make to the economy and community.

About Australian Military Bank

Australian Military Bank is a member-owned Mutual bank that has been helping Australian Defence personnel and their families make the most of their money since 1959. As Australia's longest serving Defence financial institution, Australian Military Bank specialises in service and products that integrate into the unique aspects of life in the armed services. As a mutual organisation, Australian Military Bank is run for the benefit of members, who are also shareholders.

Australian Military Bank Timeline

- 1959: Founded as the Navy (Civil Staff) Co-op. Ltd.
- 1971: Membership extended to civilian employees of the Army and RAAF in NSW
- 1983: Merged with Army Defence (NSW) Credit Union and rebrand as Australian Defence Credit Union (ADCU)
- 2008: Selected by Department of Defence as one of three DHOAS home loan providers
- 2009: Celebrated 50th Anniversary
- 2014: Achieved in excess of \$1 billion funds under management
- 2015: Rebranded to Australian Military Bank
- 2015: Military Reward Account launched and partner charities appointed
- 2018: Digital transformation began
- 2019: Selected as First Home Loan Deposit Scheme provider
- 2020: Military Rewards Account hits \$200,000 in donations
- 2021: Became a Gold Pledge Partner with Soldier On
- 2022: Two-year extension granted for DHOAS



2024: Named one of World's Best Banks by Forbes

About The European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB)

Founded in 1970, the EACB is a leading professional lobbying association in the European banking industry. Today it represents, promotes and defends the common interests of cooperative banks, with regard to banking as well as to cooperative legislation. Europe's co-operative banks represent 89 million members and 712.000 employees and have an average market share in Europe of about 20%.

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