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It's all smiles as the Co-op announces new store at UQ's Oral Health Centre

The Co-op, Australia's largest Member-owned retailer, has announced it will be opening a brand new general retail outlet at the University of Queensland's new Oral Health Centre (OHC). The OHC is the university's core campus for clinical health teaching and research, making it the perfect setting for the Co-op to deliver affordable study and professional needs to students and alumni in the medical, dentistry and oral health sector.

This new addition increases the Co-op's retail footprint to 55 stores, further strengthening its position as the largest campus-based retailer in Australia. The store will be selling a range of medical textbooks and study supplies, UQ university apparel and memorabilia, stationery and other general merchandise including technology, health and beauty.

"We're so excited to be bringing the Co-op's varied retail services to such a dynamic environment", commented Peter Knock, Chief Executive Officer at the Co-op. "The Co-op is dedicated to playing an active role in the development and support of all university students and alumni, and this store will allow us to do just that. As is the case with all Co-op stores, all profits made go directly back to Members in the form of discounts, student support, scholarships and sponsorships."

This is the Co-op's fourth University of Queensland campus store, the others being at St Lucia, Ipswich and Gatton. Located in Herston, just a few kilometres from Brisbane's CBD, the OHC combines UQ's School of Dentistry with sectors of Queensland Health's Oral Health Services. It is Australia's largest and most advanced specialist oral health centre and tertiary oral health facility, bringing together renowned academics and researchers, leading practitioners and top-tier medical, dentistry and oral health students.

It is also the Co-op's third retail store with a medical focus, the others being Grattan Street in Melbourne near the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Gold Coast Hospital in Southport. The new UQ OHC store is set to open in early September.

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For further information or to request an interview with **Peter Knock**, please contact **Loretta Rezk**, phone: **(02) 9325 9602**

Notes to Editor:

About The Co-op:

- Australia's largest member owned retailer with over 1.8 million members
- Australia's largest campus retailer and largest Co-operative
- Australia's oldest online retailer (since 1996) and now one of Australia's largest e-commerce sites - www.coop.com.au
- 2014 + 2013 Australian Retailers Association Multichannel Retailer of the Year Runner Up
- Australia's most innovative omni-channel retailer
- Australians preeminent source of knowledge for future leaders
- Formed in 1958, owned by members for members
- 55 stores nationwide and growing
- Lifetime membership (\$25 once off) open to everyone – extensive member benefits
- Multi-product retailer (includes computers, tablets, tech gear, apparel, fiction, non-fiction, gadgets and games)