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Australian Mutuals History Spring 2018

With the cold weather drawing to a close, the annual COBA Convention can only be just around the corner. Delegates to COBA 2018 held at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, 21-23 October, will find the Australian Mutuals History stall in the Exhibition Centre. If you're attending COBA 2018, make sure you stop by our stall and say hello!

In this edition of the Archives Newsletter, we will detail how our collection and services aid researchers, with a couple of recent enquiries described as examples.

We will also share with you the collections we have been processing since our last newsletter as well as republishing some of our recent blog highlights.

Research

We provide telephone and written research services to members of the public, the mutual banking sector and also academics. Some of the research undertaken with us goes into the production of histories of credit unions and other mutual banking entities. An example of such a history will be found later in the newsletter.

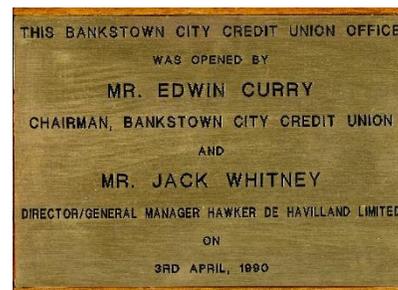
Academic researchers make enquiries with us and we recently aided an academic from the University of Sydney Business School who is researching tax law changes and their effect on mutual banking.

Due to time and mergers, members of the public often enquire about "lost" accounts. One person recently sought our help in finding their late grandfather's credit union account. These enquiries draw heavily on our Register of Australian Credit Unions (an invaluable resource for tracing mergers and

amalgamations of credit unions over the years).

Collections

Bankstown City Credit Union Collection



Above: Plaque commemorating the opening of the Bankstown City Credit Union Office in 1990

In June we began processing 15 large boxes of records from Bankstown City Credit Union which were donated to us following their merger with Unity Bank.

Along with the plaque pictured above, the collection contains board minutes, audit and risk committee minutes, annual reports, certificates, oral history tapes and more.

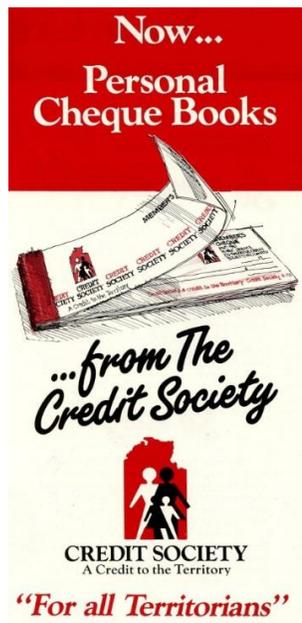
Bank Australia Collection

In July we took responsibility for a large and diverse array

of records from Bank Australia. This material includes 15 large registers of members, shares, loans and directors. Bank Australia has absorbed many entities over the years and this donation of material is reflective of this.

Just a few of the early mutuals whose material is found here include, Education Credit Union, Bendigo and District Credit Union Co-operative, Echuca Credit Union, Matraville Credit Union and St Leonards Co-op Credit Society.

THE BEST OF MY CUHISTORY BLOG



A Short History of NT Credit Unions

Not long ago we put together a short history of Northern Territory Credit Unions, largely drawn from a donation of Northern Territory Credit Society material. See picture below and [link to blog here](#).

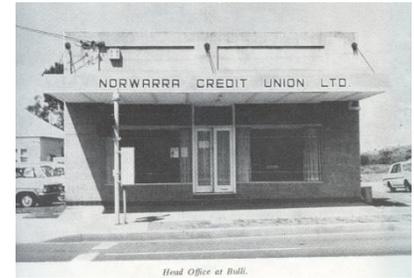
Credit Union Logos

More recently we blogged about credit union movement logos, such as the famous "Little Man with the Umbrella", pictured below with its creator, Joe Stern. The blog grew out of a research request for information on credit union movement logos. [Read here](#).



Mutual Histories

In the introduction to this newsletter, we mentioned how important a resource our archives have been to mutual historians. We recently blogged about two mutual histories.



We wrote about former credit union director Alf Green's [history of E.R. & S Employees' Credit Union](#). Mr Green was an amateur historian who used the archives to research histories of a number of credit unions.

We also wrote about a professional effort by William A. Bayley, who produced a history of Norwarra Credit Union (early office pictured above). [Read here](#).

Below: The Australian Mutuals History team at COBA 2017. See you in Melbourne for COBA 2018!



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