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Australian Mutuals History Christmas 2018

Well, can you believe it is that time of year already? It seems like just yesterday that we were sharing the first Christmas Edition of the Archives Newsletter, this time last year. Anyway, it's been a full year for us.

This year has seen us finish processing a backlog of uncatalogued material, put aside during our office move in 2016. We also processed some large donations from CUA, Unity Bank and Bank Australia and numerous small donations received from mutual banking institutions and individuals.

During the 2018 calendar year we've helped over 30 people with inquiries of various complexity. Research with us aided in the publication of a book by Race Mathews and a research paper by Dr Luisa Unda during 2018.

Another highlight of our year was COBA 2018, held at the Melbourne Convention Centre. You can read about our time at COBA 2018 later in the newsletter.

It has been a great year and we hope you all have a fun Christmas and New Year and see you in 2019!

Christmas Clubs

During the last 18 months or so, we've come across some marvellous promotions and assorted material relating to Christmas Clubs in the mutual banking sector.

Credit unions were early adopters of Christmas Clubs in the United States in the first half of the 20th Century as were Australian credit unions. We have material relating to mutual banking Christmas Clubs going back to 1970.

Below: Credit Union Christmas Club promotion from the 1980s

Christmas Club Account:

14.5% p.a. MINIMUM MONTHLY BALANCE
ACCOUNT NO. S-4

A cheque is sent to you the third week in November each year.



Our Blog

This Sporting Life

In October we posted a blog item about the material we hold that highlights the long association the mutual banking sector has had with sports. Read our blog [here](#).

Below: CUSCAL Touch Team, 2000 Corporate Games



A Focus on the NSW Credit Union League

In recent months we've produced blog posts detailing the history of credit union associations in NSW, culminating in a short history of the NSW Credit Union League (becoming the Association of NSW Credit Unions in 1982 and ceasing operations in 1990). Read our blog post [here](#).



Above: NSW Credit Union League AGM, 1967

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Joyce Shewcroft

One of our regular topic areas for blogs is pioneers of the Australian credit union movement. While many of these earlier blogs were about the men in the movement, we have recently looked at the women who had an important impact.



Joyce Shewcroft (pictured above) was an early woman pioneer of the credit union movement and much else besides. She was the first female corporation lawyer in Australia, a poet and a playwright. Read our blog on Ms Shewcroft [here](#).

COBA 2018



COBA 2018 was our second mutual banking conference as Australian Mutuals History and again it was very successful for us.

We made contacts with people in the industry eager to use our services and support us which was pleasing. Read our blog on COBA 2018 [here](#).

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