

# Archives Newsletter

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## Australian Mutuals History Christmas 2019

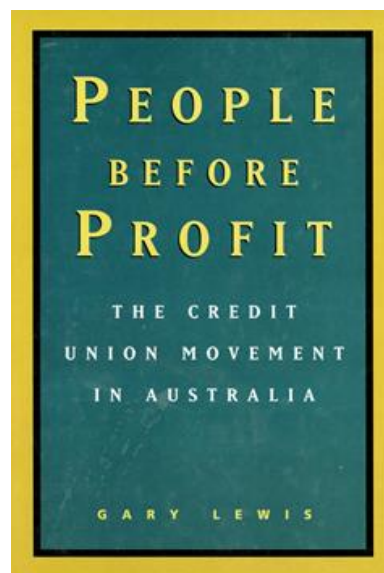
Well, Christmas has nearly arrived for yet another year. It has been a successful year of operations for Australian Mutuals History, which has seen us accept a number of significant donations of material, particularly from CUA and Bank Australia. We also began digitising our holdings of analogue film.

In the last quarter we put together an index of Quest Credit Union Newspaper. Quest was produced by the NSW Credit Union League from 1967-1973. The index allows easier searching of Quest contents which provide a fascinating insight into credit union concerns during those years.

We also presented at a symposium put together by the Sydney University Co-operative Research Group, celebrating the life and work

of Gary Lewis, who passed away earlier this year.

The event, titled *Co-operative Democracy, Education and Finance: A Celebration of Dr. Gary Lewis*, was an exploration of the work of Dr Lewis who was the doyen of Australian co-operative history with publications that include path breaking studies of consumer co-operatives, credit unions and agricultural co-operatives. His research is crucial for co-operative public policy, education and historical inquiry. See our blog on Dr Lewis [here](#).



Above: Dr Lewis's book *People Before Profit: The Credit Union Movement in Australia*

Of course since our last newsletter, we've attended COBA 2019. We enjoyed talking to all of you who dropped by for a chat during the event. To find out how the convention was for us and to see a few of the photos we took, click [here](#).



Above: A pair of stilt-walkers lit up the Welcome Reception at COBA 2019

## Our Blog



### The Record Holder

Pictured above is a man named Gary Eggert. Gary has led more credit unions (as General Manager or CEO) than any other person.

For our profile of Gary we thought we'd contact him to ask him in person, among other things, if it was true that he'd led more Australian credit unions than any other individual.

Gary confirmed that this was true and that he'd led 9 credit unions. Read Gary's credit union story [here](#).

## He Listened!



*Above: Richard Raxworthy at work in our office in 1996*

The late social and oral historian Richard Raxworthy has been one of the most important contributors to what today is known as Australian Mutuals History.

After emigrating from the UK, Richard studied history and became a social historian, specialising in oral history. On behalf of our forerunner, the Australian Historical Credit Union Co-operative, he recorded around 600 interviews with Australian credit union notables, all of which are held in our archives. Read more [here](#).

### City Coast Credit Union on Film

Jag Television and Video Productions made a film for City Coast Credit Union called "Your Guide to a Better Future" in the late 1990s.

Our-VHS video copy was digitised recently as part of the project to preserve our

collection of Australian credit union films.

The film includes some archival footage of the Illawarra in the 1960s as well as the City Coast Credit Union theme song. Take a look [here](#).

### Behind the Door at NSW Teachers Credit Union

Another digitised credit union film we've made public is titled "Behind the Door".

The film was produced in the 1990s and sees actor Richard Carter taking a tour of NSW Teachers Credit Union HQ in Sydney. See [here](#).

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