Record Nr. UNINA9910826687203321 Autore Mees Bernard (Bernard Thomas) Titolo Workers' capital: industry funds and the fight for universal superannuation in Australia / / Bernard Mees and Cathy Brigden Sydney:,: Allen & Unwin,, 2017 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-00-311844-5 **ISBN** 1-003-11844-5 1-000-24838-0 1-925576-73-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xvii, 270 pages): illustrations Disciplina 331.2520994 Soggetti Old age pensions - Australia - Finance Social security - Australia Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages 208-221) and index (pages 253-270). Nota di contenuto Foreword -- Abbreviations -- List of tables and figures -- Introduction -- A lopsided welfarism -- Early stirrings: Union campaigns for pension and retirement funds -- The push for universal superannuation -campaigning for award super -- Legislating universal super -- The industry funds movement -- The new mutuals -- Modern times --Looking backwards and forwards -- Conclusion -- Timeline --Acknowledgements -- Bibliography -- Notes -- Index. Sommario/riassunto Tells the story of the Australian superannuation revolution led by trade unions in the 1980s. After a series of hard-fought industrial campaigns, an enormous financial industry was created, involving hundreds of thousands of employers and covering millions of fund members. From having one of the worst retirement savings systems in the developed world, in three decades Australia had one of the best. now the funds held in Australian superannuation accounts exceed the entire market capitalization of all the companies on the Australian Stock Exchange. Drawing on interview with the key players and extensive archival research, this book is the first systematic history of

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