

FREMANTLE GAS AND COKE COY LTD

It is thought that a Mr RS Newbald started the original gas works in Cantonment Street. In 1885 a decision was made to float a limited liability company to take over the original works. The prospectus was published 29 July 1885 and the first meeting of provisional directors was held at the Emerald Isle Hotel Fremantle on the 31st August 1885. The Fremantle Gas and Coke Company Limited and the City of Perth Gas Company took steps to remove a major obstacle to their growth by an Act of Parliament which allowed the gas companies to enter private property and to take up the roads and footpaths to lay mains. The Bills relating to the act were assented to, on 16 September 1886. The plant at Spearwood was opened during 1953 and moved to O'Connor in 1976. In October 1986 the State Government purchased the company from its new owner Yosse Goldberg with the assistance of Laurie Connell.

Source: Acc 3844A/4 Minute Book

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1247	3844A	1.36m	November 1986		
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SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
FILES FINANCIAL RECORDS MINUTE BOOKS NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS PROPERTY RECORDS PHOTOGRAPHS REGISTERS REPORTS RULES WRITINGS	

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	FILES
ACC 3844A/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A copy of an act to extend the powers of the "Fremantle Gas and Coke Company Limited" assented to 16 September 1886 ii) 22 July 1936. Bank of New South Wales cheque No. 52205 iii) 1 July 1931. Bank of New South Wales cheque No. 3656 iv) 28 June 1935. Bank of New South Wales cheque No. 5749 v) 30 June 1941. Letter to the company from JEB Price stating he is enclosing a cheque for payment of shares vi) 8 July 1939. Letter from the company to Mrs Bull concerning company shares of the late Samuel Efford vii) 30 June 1941. Two applications for additional shares forms from James Edmund Bingham Price and Wilhelmina Isabella Stuart Price viii) 1 September 1890. Company share certificate for 10 shares numbered from 3393-3402 in the name of Samuel Efford ix) 27 August 1906. Company share certificate for 10 shares numbered from 15521-15530 in the name of Samuel Efford x) 20 November 1907. Company share certificate for five hundred shares in the name of Gwendoline Hamer Swinburne xi) 8 May 1940. A transfer agreement in the name of Eliza Jane Efford to transfer company shares numbers 3393-3402 to Samuel Edwin Efford xii) 8 May 1940. A transfer agreement in the name of Eliza Jane Efford to transfer company shares numbers 15521-15530 to Gladys Edna Bull xiii) 5 July 1938. Hand written letter by Samuel Bull transferring twenty company shares to his wife xiv) 31 August 1883, 30 October 1885. Two photocopies of the first and second meetings of the provisional directors of the company xv) 10 September 1885. Photocopy of the company's Memorandum of Association xvi) Photocopy of two sheets being a "Proposal Forming a Company" to take over the business of the company including an audited balance sheet dated 30 June 1885 xvii) Booklet titled "What you are entitled to" regarding Workers Compensation xviii) Copy of the proposed rules of the Metropolitan Gas Worker's Union of Workers Provident Fund xix) 1950 and 1951. Copy of Metropolitan Gas Works Union Member's Ticket xx) Pamphlet showing the company's area of franchise covered by their new gas works in Spearwood xxi) 4 October 1985. Menu of the company's centenary dinner xxii) 10 September 1885. Photocopy of a handwritten certification that the company was registered and incorporated xxiii) 2 December 1982. Letter from the Corporate Affairs Department to the company confirming it will be the first Public company incorporated in Western Australia to celebrate its 100 years of existence in 1985 xxiv) Three pink slips of notices, probably written by Mr Glaskin, giving direction concerning the disposal of records
	FINANCIAL RECORDS
ACC 3844A/1	<p>1 August 1885-1 December 1890.</p> <p>Account book containing record of gas consumption, amounts charged and paid by various customers listed in alphabetical order. Also contains recipes and a series of newspaper cuttings concerning the Roman Catholic Church and World War 11 plus two loose handwritten sheets dated 24 July 1883 being an agreement between the company and Arthur Calhoun, gas fitter of Melbourne, concerning employment in Western Australia</p>

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
ACC 4696A	1911-1930. Account book containing details of Profit and Loss transfers plus expenditure items. Also contains three loose items including Gas Undertakings Act of 1947, information sheet concerning number of weeks allocated for works and plant plus a listing of Stocks as at November 1, 1928
	MINUTE BOOKS
ACC 3844A/4	31 August 1885-13 December 1899. Marked No. 1 contains minutes of the provisional ordinary and special meetings of the directors of the company, plus the annual shareholder's meetings
ACC 3844A/5	10 January 1900-14 November 1906. Marked No. 2 contains the minutes of the director's ordinary meetings and the annual shareholder's meetings
ACC 3844A/6	12 December 1906-18 March 1914. Marked No. 3 contains the minutes of the director's ordinary meetings including engineer's report, the director's special meetings and the annual shareholder's meetings. It also contains a letter to William Wilkinson and a receipt for £40 for services rendered by W. Wilkinson
ACC 3844A/7	15 April 1914-15 May 1923. Marked No. 4 contains the minutes of the director's ordinary meetings including engineer's report and the annual shareholder's meetings. It also contains a copy of a letter to B Jeffrey of Ararat dated 14 January 1921 concerning the conditions of employment of the Assistant Manager plus works reports dated 30 November 1917, 29 February 1920 and 30 April 1922
ACC 3844A/8	19 June 1923-18 December 1934. Marked No. 5 contains the minutes of the director's ordinary meetings including engineer's report and the annual shareholder's meetings
ACC 3844A/9	22 January 1935-21 April 1944. Marked No. 6 contains the minutes of the director's ordinary meetings including engineer's report and the annual shareholder's meetings. It also contains a loose sheet being a report dated 30 November 1937 and a handwritten report on Mrs Witherow's financial position dated 20 January 1942

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ACC 3844A/10	<p>23 May 1944-26 April 1949.</p> <p>Marked No. 7 contains minutes of the ordinary and special meetings of the directors of the company, including engineer's report and the annual shareholder's meetings. It also contains the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 12 August 1946 letter from City of Fremantle to the company expressing appreciation for the free use of a building ii) List of extra share allocation and shares renounced iii) Victor Motor Company Ltd business card quoting price of Ford Prefect iv) January 1945 gas account number 57856 to Miss Michelmore v) 30 July 1945 letter from Standard Telephones and Cable Pty Ltd Sydney to F Hordouin, Fremantle regarding gas vi) February and March 1945 pamphlet from The Australian Gas Light Company listing gas rates vii) February and March 1945 two customer's gas accounts from The Colonial Gas Association Limited, Footscray viii) February 1945 one customer gas account from The Metropolitan Gas Company, Melbourne ix) 4 June 1945 letter from the Department of Labour and National Service to the company regarding supply of gas to waterside worker's cafeteria x) 3 July 1945 letter from the company acknowledging receipt of letter (vii) xi) Pamphlet from the City of Perth Electricity and Gas Department setting out gas charges to take effect from 1 January 1942 xii) Three typewritten sheets giving details of gas charges to various firms xiii) Report titled 'Notes on conference of local governing bodies' undated but possibly 1947 xiv) Report of conference with local governing bodies
ACC 3844A/11	<p>24 May 1949-30 May 1957.</p> <p>Contains the minutes of the director's ordinary meetings, the director's special meetings including engineer's report. Also, contains list of 83,300 share allotments on 13 December 1952 and report of interview with company's auditors in connection with new taxation budget</p>
ACC 3844A/12	<p>22 February 1949-29 May 1986.</p> <p>Contains the minutes of the annual shareholder's meetings including chairman's report</p>
	<p>Contains the minutes of the director's ordinary meetings</p>
ACC 3844A/13	<p>27 June 1957-25 June 1965.</p>
ACC 3844A/14 OSM	<p>29 July 1965-2 May 1974.</p>
ACC 3844A/15 OSM	<p>30 May 1974-30 September 1982.</p>
	<p>NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS</p>
ACC 3844A/16	<p>1969-1971.</p> <p>Photocopies of cuttings associated with natural gas</p>
ACC 3844A/23 OSM	<p>July 25, 1885.</p> <p>Copy of <i>'The Inquirer and Commercial News'</i> that includes news of the establishment of the Fremantle Gas and Coke Company</p>
	<p>PHOTOGRAPHS</p>
ACC 3844A/17-19, 21-22	<p>Transferred to Pictorial collection</p>
ACC 3844A/24	<p>Transferred to Pictorial Collection – see PCAP3-D</p>
ACC 3844A/20	<p>Transferred to Film collection – see COFAP2.3</p>

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	PROPERTY
ACC 3844A/3	Date range: 26 March 1920-21 June 1946. File contains various documents involving the purchase, leasing and selling of property by the company. Includes two coloured diagrams of lots and one coloured sketch plus two drawings of lots showing position of Indian Ocean, railway and smelters
	REGISTERS
ACC 3844A/25	Director's attendance books. i) 20 December 1940 – 4 August 1953. Attendance to Ordinary and Social Director's meetings ii) 20 August 1953-25 March 1971
ACC 3844A/26 OSM	20 October 1885-30 May 1986. Register of transfer of shares book
ACC 3844A/27	One packet of hand-written records headed 'Summary of capital and shares of the Fremantle Gas and Coke Co. Ltd dated; i) 29 January 1891 ii) 30 January 1893 iii) 27 January 1894 iv) 5 April 1896
	REPORTS
ACC 3844A/28	Directors' report and accounts for years ended 30 November 1914 and 30 November 1918 plus all years ended up to 30 November 1965 and for the eighteen months ended 31 May 1968. Also, contains a printed copy of the notice of an extraordinary general meeting for 20 May 1941
ACC 3844A/29	August 1910. i) Report on the company's gas undertaking by Albert Ford, MIGE, of Wellington New Zealand ii) Binder for above report
	RULES
ACC 3844A/30	Twenty page booklet titled ' <i>Articles of Association of the Fremantle Gas and Coke Company Ltd, 1885</i> '
	WRITINGS
ACC 3844A/31	A history of the company up to 1966 by Malcolm Uren titled ' <i>The History of the Fremantle Gas and Coke Company Limited (1885-1953)</i> '. Also, a loose letter from West Australian Newspapers Limited dated 4 June 1968 giving a quote to print enclosed history manuscript

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