

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ACCLIMATISATION COMMITTEE

The Western Australian Acclimatisation Committee first met in 1896. It had two roles. One was to introduce animals from Europe into the Australian wild and the other was to establish a zoological garden. In 1897, they invited the Director of Melbourne Zoo, Albert Le Soeuf, to select a site for the zoological garden.

Albert Le Soeuf chose the current South Perth site and his son, Ernest, was appointed as Director and work began in June 1897.

On October 17, 1898 the Zoological Gardens were opened by the Governor of West Australia, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Gerard Smith.

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SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
BIOGRAPHIES CORRESPONDENCE	FILES HISTORIES

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	BIOGRAPHIES
7801A/1	N.d. Mainly on the first Director and Presidents of the Zoological Gardens
	CORRESPONDENCE
7801A/2	1974 – 1977. To and from Clee Jenkins, President of the South Perth Zoological Gardens
	FILES
7801A/3	1897 – 1975. Includes early correspondence and newspaper cuttings
	HISTORIES
7801A/4	1964. David Bryant. <i>A Brief History of the South Perth Zoo through sixty years (1898 – 1958)</i>
7801A/5	1899, 1902 – 1904, Includes excerpts from West Australian Year Books and The School Paper. Also, includes an illustrated guide compiled by Clee Jenkins.

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