



CSBP - A long, diverse history

CSBP's origins are in the Western Australian suburb of Bassendean when a company known as Cuming Smith & Company, which had previously established the first fertiliser (superphosphate) manufacturing plant in Australia in Melbourne, commenced similar operations in WA.

That was more than 110 years ago (1910) and as the company evolved into CSBP through numerous mergers and acquisitions, its reputation and standing as a trusted and knowledgeable local fertiliser business within WA's farming communities and agriculture industry continues today.

CSBP was solely a fertilisers business until 1967, before taking advantage of growth opportunities to expand into the manufacture of other chemicals including various acids, Ammonia and Ammonium Nitrate.

1927

Cuming Smith formed a three-way joint venture with another superphosphate business Mount (Mt) Lyell and Westralian Farmers Superphosphates Limited to form Cuming Smith & Mt Lyell Farmers Fertilisers Ltd (CSML).

1954

Albany Works established.

1963

Boral purchased Mt Lyell's share in CSML, on-selling it to BP the following year. CSML was consequently renamed Cuming Smith British Petroleum and Farmers Limited, or CSBP.

1968

The business began diversifying its products and began manufacturing Phosphoric Acid, a range of granulated compound fertilisers, Nitric Acid, Ammonia and Ammonium Nitrate (AN).

1930

Bunbury and Geraldton Works established.

1962

Esperance Works established.

1966 -1968

CSBP moved its Perth based operations to Kwinana's Industrial Strip – into purpose built manufacturing and distribution facilities, close to rail and road links and direct access to the sea via the Kwinana Bulk Jetty. It also brought new opportunities for growth and commercial development. It was a defining moment in our history.

1970

CSBP expanded into the production of explosive grade AN.



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From its various incarnations in the earliest days of Cuming Smith, Mt Lyell and CMSL through to the present, CSBP has played a vital, hands on role in Western Australia's economic growth.

While chemical products now account for over 70 per cent of CSBP's annual revenue, the company remains true to its earliest beginnings by producing a vast range of fertilisers for the WA rural community. It is and always will be a business that's driven by close relationship with its customers.

