

Reference Number: **1987.0051**

Collection/Series Title: **RECORDS OF YUNCKEN FREEMAN ARCHITECTS PTY LTD AND PREDECESSORS: BUSINESS AND PARTNER RECORDS**

<b>Creator</b>	Yuncken Freeman Architects Pty Ltd
<b>Creator's Activity/Occupation</b>	Town planners - Architects

#### Creator's Historical Note

The architectural and planning practice, Yuncken, Freeman Brothers and Griffiths was established in Melbourne in 1933 by Otto "Rob" Yuncken, brothers John and Tom Freeman, and (William) Balcombe Griffiths. Three of these men had studied with the University of Melbourne's Architectural Atelier. Following the disruption of WWII, the firm became Yuncken, Freeman Brothers, Griffiths & Simpson in 1945 when Roy Simpson joined the partnership. Barry Patten and John Gates were admitted to the partnership in 1953 following the death of Rob Yuncken (1951). In due course, John Yuncken (Rob's son), Robert Peck and Jamie Learmonth also joined the firm.

In 1963 the Royal Australian Institute of Architects approved the principle of architects practising as proprietary limited companies. The partnership was disbanded and re-established from 1 January 1963 as Yuncken Freeman Architects Pty Ltd.

Key figures in the firm such as Barry Patten and Roy Simpson designed some of the most iconic Australian architectural works in collaboration with other architects at YFA which operated in a team model. Such projects included the Sidney Myer Music Bowl (Reynolds Award 1959), AON Centre (Victorian Architecture Medal 1967), Treasury Place (RAIA Victorian Bronze Medal for Excellence 1970), Eagle House (RAIA Award of Merit 1972), BHP House (RVIA Victorian Architects Award (1975) and the Master Plan for Latrobe University as well as number of significant projects in Melbourne, Canberra and abroad. Several YFA projects are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

The evolution of YFA largely reflects that of Australian architecture in the mid-to-late 20th century. During this time, Australian designers were experimenting with materials, form and space. They were inspired by the processes of the modernist movement but sought to add their own Australian touch and to bring modernism into the home and not restrict it to just the cultural avant-garde.

Yuncken Freeman Architects wound up in 1992.

<b>Date Range of Collection/Series</b>	1950-c.1970
<b>Size/Extent</b>	30 units (6.87m)
<b>Access Conditions</b>	Access: Open

#### Scope and Content of Collection/Series

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This series concerns the operations and organisation of the firm, financial records (wages, accounts, investments including Ozapaper) and files relating to professional associations. Job numbers and project names are referenced throughout these records. Some personal records from W. Balcombe Griffiths and Tom Freeman are also found within this series, along with parts of an architectural model (specific project unknown).

Records created by Yuncken Freeman Architects are controlled by several reference numbers at the Archives, and parts of each job may be distributed across these reference numbers. Please see series 1984.0047, 1987.0050, 2018.0077 and 2018.0079. The majority of photographs are within series 2018.0115

**Collection Category**

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<b>Unit/Box</b>	<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Range</b>	<b>Description</b>
1987.0051 Unit 1	1987.0051.0000 0.0001	Yuncken Freeman Associates - Board & Committee minutes	1963-1972	Board minutes 1963-1966; Job Administrations Committee minutes 1966-1972
1987.0051 Unit 2	1987.0051.0000 0.0002	W.B. Griffiths - General Personal Files	18 September 1947-11 December 1958	General Files of Mr. W. Balcombe Griffiths, Yuncken Freeman Architects. General correspondence, financial documents, reports (including "The Origin, Development & Future of the Hospital Nursing Unit"), brochure (1956 Olympic Games), contract documentation (including 'Extension of Deed of Partnership); 1 arch file.
1987.0051 Unit 3	1987.0051.0000 0.0003	W.B. Griffiths - Personal Files	Undated	W.B. Griffiths - Personal Files relating to Geelong Grammar, the Melbourne Club and Canberra Grammar
1987.0051 Unit 4	1987.0051.0000 0.0004	W.B. Griffiths - General Personal Files	Undated	W.B. Griffiths - Personal Files relating to Geelong Grammar.
1987.0051 Unit 6	1987.0051.0000 0.0005	T.D. Freeman - Personal	1967-1969	T.D. Freeman - General Correspondence. Keywords: Share dividends, engineer reimbursements, Frank Dixon, Will, RAAF, Birth Certificates, Bank Statements.
1987.0051 Unit 7	1987.0051.0000 0.0006	J.R. Freeman - T.D. Freeman (estate)	1961-1968	J.R. Freeman - T.D. Freeman (estate). General Correspondence. Material relating to the passing of J.R. Freeman and the handing over of finances to T.D. Freeman. Keywords: share dividends, will.

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1987.0051 Unit 8	1987.0051.0000 0.0007	Legal Matters	1955-1967	Correspondence, photographs, plans, relating to arbitration on various matters including: Australian Overseas Regional Technical Association; A.V. Jennings vs Victorian Housing Commission, Australian Overseas Planners Ltd, A.H.K. Freebody vs Jon Don & Elsternwick Investments. 5 folders.
1987.0051 Unit 10	1987.0051.0000 0.0008	Building Industry Congress-Minutes & Notices of Meetings	November 1967-July 1971	Building Industry Congress - Minutes & Notices of Meetings. General correspondence, reports, financial analysis. 4 files.
1987.0051 Unit 11	1987.0051.0000 0.0009	Built Industry Congress	9 February 1956-29 July 1958	Minutes & Notices of Meetings, Building Industry Congress (B.I.C.). General correspondence, meeting minutes, reports (including B.I.C. presidential address & papers by Sir. Douglas Copland for "Money for Homes" Campaign), operational procedures, newspaper clippings, financial analysis; 2 foolscap folders.
1987.0051 Unit 12	1987.0051.0000 0.0010	Victorian Chapter R.A.I.A. - Professional Practice Committee	17 January 1969-16 July 1971	Professional Practice Committee (a.k.a. Practice of Architecture Committee), Victorian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects, VIC., documents care of W.B. Griffiths. General correspondence, meeting minutes, committee reports, chapter information, annual reports; 3 foolscap folders.

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1987.0051 Unit 13	1987.0051.0000 0.0011	Victorian Chapter R.A.I.A. - Professional Practice Committee	August 1964-May 1970	Professional Practice Committee (a.k.a. Practice of Architecture Committee), Victorian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects, VIC., documents care of W.B. Griffiths. General correspondence (including Master Builders Association of Victoria; R.V.I.A Competitions Committee - convener John Yuncken; Cost Adjustment Committee convener John D. Gates), meeting minutes, committee reports, contract documentation, chapter information, annual reports, drawing standards, schedules. 6 foolscap folders.
1987.0051 Unit 14	1987.0051.0000 0.0012	Victorian Chapter R.A.I.A. - Professional Practice Committee	26 July 1967-3 October 1968	Professional Practice Committee (a.k.a. Practice of Architecture Committee), Victorian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects, VIC., documents care of W.B. Griffiths. General correspondence (including John D Gates), meeting minutes, committee reports, chapter information, annual reports; 2 foolscap folders.

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1987.0051 Unit 15	1987.0051.0000 0.0013	Victorian Chapter R.A.I.A. - Professional Practice Committee	3 February 1967-21 July 1967	Professional Practice Committee (a.k.a. Practice of Architecture Committee), Victorian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects, VIC., documents care of W.B. Griffiths. General correspondence (including John D. Gates), meeting minutes, committee reports, chapter information, annual reports; 2 foolscap folders.
1987.0051 Unit 16	1987.0051.0000 0.0014	Victorian Chapter R.A.I.A. - Practice Group	2 November 1962-1 October 1968	Practice Group (a.k.a. Practising Architects Group or Professional Practice Committee), Victorian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects, VIC. General correspondence, meeting minutes, committee reports, contract documentation (including from the Royal-Globe Group of Insurance Companies & Bates Smart & McCutcheon), chapter information, annual reports, drawing standards, schedules; 4 arch files.

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1987.0051 Unit 19	1987.0051.0000 0.0015	Blueprints for Prefabricated Hospital/Precut Housing for Housing Commission, Victoria	1944 - 20 April 1951	Blueprints for a Prefabricated Hospital by the United States Army. Brought from America to Australia for the Yuncken Freeman office. Keywords: prefabrication, prefab, hospital, medical. Precut Housing for Housing Commission, Victoria. Owned by Roy Simpson. Contains drawings and information about prefabricated housing for the State of Victoria. Keywords: Prefabrication, prefab, housing, post-war architecture; 2 files.
1987.0051 Unit 20	1987.0051.0000 0.0016	Parts of Architectural Model	Undated	Parts of Architectural Model made out of perspex and then painted grey - concept perhaps relating to stairs. Keywords: architectural model, concept model, schematic design.
1987.0051 Unit 21	1987.0051.0000 0.0017	Reference material articles and publications	Undated	Topics include: transport, traffic, industrial buildings, civic and public service buildings, early American housing, schools, equipment, and services. 15 files.
1987.0051 Unit 22	1987.0051.0000 0.0018	Fees & Payroll	Aug 1933-December 1968	Wages (1949-1955), Timesheets (1958), Superannuation (1949-1951), Payroll & Fees (1933-1961), Yuncken Freeman Architects. Office documentation - financial; 4 bound books, 2 arch files.
1987.0051 Unit 23	1987.0051.0000 0.0019	Financial records	1961-1965	Accounts and receipts for various jobs.
1987.0051 Unit 24	1987.0051.0000 0.0020	Financial records	1961-1965	Accounts and receipts for various jobs.

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1987.0051 Unit 25	1987.0051.0000 0.0021	Financial records	1962-1969	Accounts and receipts for various jobs.
1987.0051 Unit 26	1987.0051.0000 0.0022	Accounts - Cash books, Selected Projects, Tenders and Ozapaper invoices.	1950-1966	Account records containing cash books, invoices from Ozapaper as well as general financial correspondence relating but not limited to, hospital projects, the National Library and Trinity Grammar; 7 files.
1987.0051 Unit 27	1987.0051.0000 0.0023	Financial records	1950-1963	Accounts and receipts for various jobs.
1987.0051 Unit 28	1987.0051.0000 0.0024	Accounts - Insurance, Car and selected Projects.	1961-1966	Account records from Melbourne office relating to Insurance and personal items. Contains financial records of YFA Job No. 671, 117, 539, 617, 623, which relates to hospitals. Also contains financials relating to La Trobe University, Canberra Grammar and ANU; 8 files.
1987.0051 Unit 29	1987.0051.0000 0.0025	Financial records	1962-1967	Accounts and receipts for various jobs.
1987.0051 Unit 30	1987.0051.0000 0.0026	Financial records		Accounts and receipts relating to jobs in the 4000s series. 2 folders.
1987.0051 Unit 5	1987.0051.0000 1	T.D. (Tom) Freeman Personal - collection of letters and financial statements	1954-1957	Personal papers of Tom Freeman. Brown binder containing: General correspondence, share dividends, personal letters, tax statements, insurance policies.
1987.0051 Unit 5	1987.0051.0000 2	T.D. (Tom) Freeman Personal - Shares ledger	1961	Personal share ledger of Tom Freeman. Financial statements, share dividends.
1987.0051 Unit 5	1987.0051.0000 3	T.D. (Tom) Freeman Personal - Share receipts	1963-1968	Personal papers of Tom Freeman. Grey binder with green spine containing general correspondence and receipts of share dividends.

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1987.0051 Unit 5	1987.0051.0000 4	T.D. Freeman Personal - Collection of financial and general documents	1964	Personal papers of Tom Freeman. Brown binder containing files relating to: General correspondence, insurance, radio, rates & tax, maintenance and stocks.
1987.0051 Unit 5	1987.0051.0000 5	T.D. Freeman Personal - Collection of documents relating to family affairs and the National Trust.	1955-1971	Personal papers of Tom Freeman. Grey binder with green spine containing files relating to: General correspondence, the freeman-Dann trust, B.J. & E. Freeman, J.A. Freeman, residences and the National Trust.
1987.0051 Unit 5	1987.0051.0000 6	T.D. Freeman Personal - Investments	1960	Personal papers of Tom Freeman. J.R.F. & B.B.P. Investments. 1 file.
1987.0051 Unit 9	1987.0051.0000 7	Arbitration - Prentice v Mansour, Scott v Platt	1954-1958	Arbitration - Prentices v Mansour. General correspondence. Keywords: arbitration.
1987.0051 Unit 9	1987.0051.0000 8	Arbitration - Campbel v Harbour Trust, Housing v Harris, Frank Heath v Construction Authorities.	1952-1954	Arbitration - Campbel v Harbour Trust, Housing v Harris, Frank Heath v Construction Authorities. General correspondence; 1 file. Keywords: public, civic, arena.
1987.0051 Unit 17	1987.0051.0000 9	Ozapaper	March 1961-June 1962	Ozapaper. General Correspondence; Reports and Financial Analysis.
1987.0051 Unit 17	1987.0051.0001 0	Ozapaper	June 1969	Ozapaper. General Correspondence; Reports and Financial Analysis.
1987.0051 Unit 17	1987.0051.0001 1	Ozapaper	1969	Ozapaper. General Correspondence; Reports and Financial Analysis.
1987.0051 Unit 17	1987.0051.0001 2	Ozapaper	October 1970-July 1971	Ozapaper. General Correspondence; Reports and Financial Analysis.
1987.0051 Unit 17	1987.0051.0001 3	Sample of Ozalid paper	Undated	Sample of Ozalid paper to which Ozapaper was a manufacturing licensee.
1987.0051 Unit 18	1987.0051.0001 4	Ozapaper	1967-1968	Ozapaper. General Correspondence; Reports and Financial Analysis.

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1987.0051 Unit 18	1987.0051.0001 5	Ozapaper	March-April 1969 & December 1969	Ozapaper. General Correspondence; Reports and Financial Analysis.
1987.0051 Unit 18	1987.0051.0001 6	Ozapaper	January 1970-August 1970	Ozapaper. General Correspondence; Reports and Financial Analysis.
1987.0051 Unit 18	1987.0051.0001 7	Ozapaper	September 1970-Decemb er1970	Ozapaper. General Correspondence; Reports and Financial Analysis.

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