

1968.0004 RECORDS OF THE MAFEKING GOLD MINING SYNDICATE 1930-1941

Creator	Mafeking Gold Mining Syndicate
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Mining companies
Biography: The Syndicate was formed at the Mechanics Institute Hall, Ararat, on 2 January 1930, with W. Gordon as Chairman, J.P. Roberts as Secretary and C.P. Murton as Treasurer. Twenty five 10 pound shares were to be paid by monthly calls of 1 pound and two fully paid up ones were allotted to the promoter and mine manager, Alexander Dow. In 1934, following unsuccessful attempts to have the rent reduced, 30 acres of the original lease were relinquished, and in 1935 a further lease was acquired. At the end of 1935 the Directors reported the presence of gold-bearing dirt, and in 1936 received an advance from the Mines Department to purchase a sluicing plant. Despite the sale of gold in 1937 work was suspended in 1938 for want of funds.	

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Collection/Series Title	RECORDS OF THE MAFEKING GOLD MINING SYNDICATE
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Unit/Box	Item number	Title	Date range	Description
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00001	Correspondence	1930	J T Roberts to H Borbridge, informs him of meeting's decision to form syndicate, commence operations and call for £1 per share, 8 January 1930. Also pencil draft of letter perhaps intended as circular to other prospective shareholders. Previous Control Number: 1/1
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00002	Correspondence	1930	Roberts to A Watt, Balmoral, asks for call for June-July, encloses receipts and payments for 6 months (not with letter), 25 July 1930. On verso: Roberts to S Mason, Mafeking, asks him to sign agreement, required by Mines Department, that he will permit stacking of tailings and construction of dams on his land, the sites for both to be approved by Department, 1 August 1920. Previous Control Number: 1/2
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00003	Correspondence	1930	Carbon copy of agreement, presumably relating to item 1/2, in which stacking of tailings to be permitted in consideration of the sum of £5. Previous Control Number: 1/3
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00004	Correspondence	1930	Roberts to Registrar-General, concerning registration of company, 14 August 1930. Previous Control Number: 1/4
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00005	Correspondence	1930	Roberts to Government Printer, 16 August 1930. Previous Control Number: 1/5
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00006	Correspondence	1930	Roberts to Government Printer, 19 August 1930. Previous Control Number: 1/6
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00007	Correspondence	1930	Roberts to Registrar-General, sends Government Gazette and local paper containing advertisement of application for registration etc., 26 August 1930. Previous Control Number: 1/7
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00008	Correspondence	1930	Roberts to Registrar-General, sending fee for filing Rules, 1 September 1930. Previous Control Number: 1/8
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00009	Correspondence	1930	Roberts to Registrar General, returns copy of Rules, 5 September 1930. Previous Control Number: 1/9

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00010	Correspondence	1930	Roberts to Secretary for Mines, explains delay in sending Certificate of Incorporation, expected to work as small syndicate, but Mines Department and Registrar-General considered it should be a No Liability Company, 10 September 1930. Previous Control Number: 1/10
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00011	Correspondence	1930	Registrar-General to Manager, requests 6/- for filing Rules, 20 August 1930. Previous Control Number: 1/11
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00012	Correspondence	1931	Honourable R F Toutcher, M.L.A, Parliament House, Melbourne, to Roberts, arranges meeting for Roberts with himself and Whitehead (Secretary for Mines), 28 May 1931. Previous Control Number: 1/12
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00013	Correspondence	1931	Toutcher to Roberts, as Roberts has returned home, Whitehead will write to Roberts about what best to do regarding reduction of rent of lease, although charge was fixed according to the Act, fancies Whitehead will show a way out, 29 May 1931. Previous Control Number: 1/13
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00014	Correspondence	1931	S Whitehead to Toutcher, Department cannot alter rate prescribed by the Act, area cannot be held under Miner's Right and rent should be paid at once, 2 June 1931. Previous Control Number: 1/14
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00015	Correspondence	1931	Toutcher to Roberts, enclosing letter from Whitehead (item 1/14), 4 June 1931. Previous Control Number: 1/15
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00016	Correspondence	Undated	Customs and Excise Office, Commonwealth of Australia (Gold Bounty), to Roberts, circular, enclosing form of Claim for Bounty under Gold Bounty Act 1930-31, blank form attached. Previous Control Number: 1/16

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00017	Correspondence	1931	Collector of Customs to Secretary, Gold Bounty regulations require appointment of Authorised Agent, suggests procedure (attached): Form C appointing Roberts as agent; blank Statutory Declaration; copy of extracts from Gold Bounty Act; circular informing him that by Financial Emergency Acts 1931/32 no Bounty payable on gold produced after 30 September 1932 unless price of fine gold falls to £5/10/- per ounce (Melbourne) or £5 (London), 10 September 1931. Previous Control Number: 1/17
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00018	Correspondence	1931	Stewart Irwin, Solicitor, Ararat, to Roberts, gives costs for requisitions, 9 November 1931. Previous Control Number: 1/18
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00019	Correspondence	1932	Registrar-General acknowledges half yearly statement, 2 February 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/19
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00020	Correspondence	1932	Secretary for Mines to Best, requesting information regarding average number of men employed, expenditure, 10 April 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/20
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00021	Correspondence	1932	Registrar-General to Manager, regarding balance sheet, 20 July 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/21
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00022	Correspondence	1932	J Roberts to Chairman of Directors, tendering resignation, 5 August 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/22
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00023	Correspondence	1932	To Government Printer, notice for Government Printer: Appointment of Charles Frederick Best as Manager to replace James Thomas Roberts, resigned 15 August 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/23
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00024	Correspondence	1932	Registrar-General to Best, Spalding and Bell, requiring seal for notice of change of manager, 25 August 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/24
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00025	Correspondence	1932	Registrar-General to Best, Spalding and Bell, regarding seal, 1 September 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/25
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00026	Correspondence	1932	Best to Secretary for Mines, regarding his appointment as Manager and Secretary, 1 September 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/26
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00027	Correspondence	1932	Best to Registrar-General, regarding seal, 6 September 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/27

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00028	Correspondence	1932	Registrar-General to Best, regarding seal, 12 September 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/28
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00029	Correspondence	1932	Best to Fraser & Sons, Ballarat, ordering rubber stamp, 14 September 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/29
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00030	Correspondence	1932	Fraser acknowledging order of rubber stamp, 20 September 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/30
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00031	Correspondence	1932	Best to Fraser & Sons, 21 September 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/31
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00032	Correspondence	1932	Registrar-General to Best, acknowledging document, 26 September 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/32
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00033	Correspondence	1932	Fraser & Sons to Best, 29 September 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/33
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00034	Correspondence	1932	Best to Secretary of Mines, enclosing rent for lease, 10 October 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/34
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00035	Correspondence	1932	Best to W C Lang, Berrybank, Lang owes £5, being five months calls, will arrange for sale for shares if desired, all shares so far have fetched full subscribed price of £25, 10 November 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/35
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00036	Correspondence	1932	Cameron, Sutherland and Seward Pty Ltd, Sydney (new and second hand machinery), circular to Best enclosing list (not with letter), 7 December 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/36
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00037	Correspondence	1932	M D Warren, Jalluker via Moyston, to Syndicate, encloses December call of £1 pound and asks that his share be sold as progress in reaching gold is far too slow, will take 75 percent, 27 December 1932. Previous Control Number: 1/37
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00038	Correspondence	1933	Roberts to Mark Warren, Jalluker, reports selling Warren's share in Mafeking at fully subscribed value of £34, 23 January 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/38
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00039	Correspondence	1933	Registrar-General to Legal Manager, declaration and half yearly statement, 1 February 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/39
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00040	Correspondence	1933	Acknowledgement with copy of declaration and half yearly statement attached, 7 February 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/40

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00041	Correspondence	1933	Best to Baragwanath, enclosing rent, asking on Director's behalf that rent be reduced because though at one time portion of the lease may have been occupied as a township and police reserve the whole of the area has now reverted to timber and scrub land under the control of the Forestry Department, expects that another year will pass before lead is reached and gold extracted, 13 April 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/41
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00042	Correspondence	1933	Baragwanath to Best, stating that rent cannot be altered unless Act is amended, 26 April 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/42
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00043	Correspondence	1933	C F Best to Toutcher, enclosing correspondence regarding lease of ground held by the Company, 28 August 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/43
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00044	Correspondence	1933	F Toutcher, M.L.A, to C F Best, Legal Manager of Mafeking, promises to attend to request, agrees with Secretary for Mines that Act must be amended, combined efforts of Toutcher and Frost, M.L.A should be successful, 2 September 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/44
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00045	Correspondence	1933	P Baragwanath, Secretary for Mines, to Toutcher, only alternative to paying full amount of rent, to surrender part of lease, 6 September 1933. Note from Toutcher to Best added, advises following suggestion, as Baragwanath will not support less than 5/-. Previous Control Number: 1/45
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00046	Correspondence	1933	Baragwanath to Syndicate, asking that form be filled in, 27 September 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/46
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00047	Correspondence	1933	Best to Baragwanath, enclosing £10, half years rent, 15 December 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/47
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00048	Correspondence	1933	Australian Workers Union, Sydney (General Secretary, E Grayndler) to Best, printed memorandum demanding that employees doing specified mining work be paid increased rates and under condition set out in schedule, asks for reply, 2 August 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/48

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00049	Correspondence	1933	Best to Grayndler, only two working shareholders at present employed, schedule would probably be favourably considered should prospects warrant increased labour, 28 August 1933. Previous Control Number: 1/49
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00050	Correspondence	1933	Chamber of Mines Victoria. Circular regarding log of claims from Australian Workers Union, suggests joining if not already members so that Chamber can act for them in court, in any case, please fill in enclosed form for each Victorian company in their office, subscription £2.2.0 per annum, 12 December 1933. Two blank forms attached. Previous Control Number: 1/50
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00051	Correspondence	1934	Registrar-General to Best, request for fee for filing printed copy of half yearly Statement of Accounts, 23 January 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/51
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00052	Correspondence	1934	Best to Registrar-General, enclosing amount, 25 January 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/52
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00053	Correspondence	1934	Registrar-General to Best, asking for printed copy of Statement for 30th June and filing fee, 31 January 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/53
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00054	Correspondence	1934	Best to Registrar-General, sending statement and fee, 5 February 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/54
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00055	Correspondence	1934	Chamber of Mines to Best, circular asking again for particulars because Australian Workers Union case to go to Arbitration Court in March, 1 March 1934. Copy of Summons to appear before Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 3 September 1934, issued by Murray-Stewart, Industrial Registrar to the Australian Workers Union (Claimant) and Arba Tin Mining Co. and others (Respondent), 26 July 1934. Also Order for Substituted Service. Formal reference of unsettled dispute to said Court, by G Detheridge, Chief Judge. Previous Control Number: 1/55
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00056	Correspondence	Undated	Extract from regulations Requirements in connection with an application for Mining Lease, a Water Right Licence, or a Licence to Treat Tailings. Previous Control Number: 1/56

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00057	Correspondence	1934	Secretary for Mines to A Dow, concerning lodgement of application, 23 May 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/57
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00058	Correspondence	1934	Best to Secretary for Mines, request to have 30 acres excised from plan of lease, 29 May 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/58
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00059	Correspondence	1934	Secretary's acknowledgement of Best's letter, 30 May 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/59
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00060	Correspondence	1934	Application for excision of 30 acres with covering note, 31 May 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/60
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00061	Correspondence	1934	Best to Secretary, regarding Certificate of Incorporation, 31 May 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/61
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00062	Correspondence	1934	Secretary to Best, asks for lease, 7 June 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/62
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00063	Correspondence	1934	Best to Secretary, enclosing lease, 8 June 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/63
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00064	Correspondence	1934	Secretary to Best, regarding replacement of lost certificate, 15 June 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/64
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00065	Correspondence	1934	Best to Registrar-General, applying for copy of certificate, original dated 12 September 1930, 12 June 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/65
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00066	Correspondence	1934	Secretary to Best, asking for fee to survey land applied for, 4 July 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/66
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00067	Correspondence	1934	Best to Secretary, suggests that survey cost is excessive, 9 July 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/67
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00068	Correspondence	1934	Best to Registrar-General, encloses statement of accounts, etc., 30 July 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/68
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00069	Correspondence	1934	Registrar-General's acknowledgement, 3 August 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/69
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00070	Correspondence	1934	Secretary for Mines to Best, rent in arrears, card, 12 October 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/70
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00071	Correspondence	1934	Secretary for Mines to Best, regarding rent since area of lease reduced, 22 October 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/71
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00072	Correspondence	1934	Best to Secretary, encloses rent, 15 November 1934. Previous Control Number: 1/72

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00073	Correspondence	1935	Best to Registrar of Titles, enclosing copy of statement of accounts, 15 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/73
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00074	Correspondence	1935	E Carland, encloses £5 for calls, pleased to hear mine being speeded up, would like to sell share, 17 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/74
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00075	Correspondence	1935	G Brown, Secretary for Mines, consent from owners, occupiers etc. required in connection with lease application, fees required for survey, rent, etc., 18 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/75
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00076	Correspondence	1935	S Mason, Mafeking, via Willaura, asks him to sign form regarding land (presumably adjoining lease), 19 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/76
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00077	Correspondence	1935	Registrar-General to Best, asking for Profit and Loss Account to be included in Balance Sheet, 20 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/77
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00078	Correspondence	1935	Best's reply to Registrar-General, no Profit and Loss Account because work so far only developmental, 25 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/78
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00079	Correspondence	1935	Best to Secretary for Mines, rental at 2/6d per acre too great as method of work is mining, not sluicing, 22 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/79
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00080	Correspondence	1935	G Brown, Secretary for Mines, to Best, explains assessment, 25 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/80
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00081	Correspondence	1935	Registrar-General acknowledges printed copy of half yearly statement, 28 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/81
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00082	Correspondence	1935	Best to J Lang Lorne, Mafeking, Willaura, asks approval of lease applied for since it will adjoin his land, 28 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/82
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00083	Correspondence	1935	Secretary for Mines, Best in arrears, 8 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/83
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00084	Correspondence	1935	Best to J Webb, Burnbank, Directors ask him to take charge of work at mine for £4 per week, 8 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/84

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00085	Correspondence	1935	Best to Miss Dow, Caroline Street, South Yarra, conveys sympathy of directors and shareholders on death of her brother and appreciation of his services, 8 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/85
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00086	Correspondence	1935	Best to Miss Dow, Ararat, 8 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/86
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00087	Correspondence	1935	S J Webb, Burnbank, accepting appointment, 10 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/87
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00088	Correspondence	1935	Best to Secretary for Mines, cannot locate one of the owners, so asks that that portion be excised from lease, 9 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/88
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00089	Correspondence	1935	Best to Secretary for Mines, enclosing Mason's Assent to lease, 10 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/89
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00090	Correspondence	1935	Best to Harold Smith, Horsham, asks price of tramline rails, 24 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/90
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00091	Correspondence	1935	H Wood, Mafeking via Willaura, quotes for timber as requested, delivery to mine very difficult, teams will earn every penny of price Best makes in hauling load up hill, 29 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/91
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00092	Correspondence	1935	H Wood to Best, asks for advice on selling timber mill, £500 pencilled at foot of letter, 29 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/92
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00093	Correspondence	1935	Best to Woods, Saw miller, Mafeking, orders timber, 11 May 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/93
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00094	Correspondence	1935	Percy Day, Melbourne, to Best, since Alec Dow former Mine Manager on whom operations apparently depended, has died, wonders if Syndicate would consider floating a Company with adequate working capital to acquire and work mine, his informant is Robert Sargant of Smythesdale, 27 May 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/94
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00095	Correspondence	1935	Best to Day, asks what he would be prepared to do should Directors decide to accept his offer, 6 June 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/95
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00096	Correspondence	1935	Day to Best, asks for details of property, lease and work etc., Sargant may inspect property, 7 June 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/96

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00097	Correspondence	1935	Best to Ararat Shire Council, asks that repairs be made to Neal's Cutting, sole access road to works at Mt William, 30 May 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/97
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00098	Correspondence	1935	Acting Shire Secretary to Best, Neal's Cutting to be inspected, 5 June 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/98
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00099	Correspondence	Undated	Best to Dalgety & Co., orders tin of Rack-a-Rock. Previous Control Number: 1/99
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00100	Correspondence	1935	Dalgety & Co., acknowledgement, enclosing invoice, 7 June 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/100
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00101	Correspondence	1935	Report, pencilled memorandum on week's activities at mine, 9 June 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/101
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00102	Correspondence	1935	J H Wood to Best, concerning transport of timber to mine, 12 June 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/102
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00103	Correspondence	1935	J H Wood to Best, difficulties to cartage, teams say the hill is a fair swine to haul up, only way to make a permanent job of the road is to complete corduroy of timber he had to put in over buggy part, 18 June 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/103
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00104	Correspondence	1935	J H Wood to Best, asks for money for teams in cash as cheque cannot be cashed, 29 June 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/104
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00105	Correspondence	1935	Report, pencil note regarding leaking dam, box of rack and rock required, 8 July 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/105
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00106	Correspondence	1935	Best to Miss Dow, South Yarra, concerning sale of the two shares formally belonging to her brother and now owned by her sister, gives her first offer, price, 9 July 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/106
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00107	Correspondence	1935	Miss Dow to Best, accepts offer, 16 July 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/107
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00108	Correspondence	1935	Best to Miss Dow, regarding offer for shares, 18 July 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/108
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00109	Correspondence	1935	Secretary for Mines to Best, requests to sign lease, 2 August 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/109

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00110	Correspondence	1935	Best to Cameron and Sutherland, Ballarat (machinery and iron merchants and mine furnishers), asks about second hand mining trucks with swinging door at end, 14 November 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/110
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00111	Correspondence	1935	Cameron and Sutherland, no second hand trucks, have asked W Barrett, blacksmith, Ballarat, to quote for new ones, lists items available, 15 November 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/111
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00112	Correspondence	1935	Cameron and Sutherland, quotes for trucks, 22 November 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/112
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00113	Correspondence	1935	Best to Cameron and Sutherland, orders one truck, 29 November 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/113
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00114	Correspondence	1935	Cameron and Sutherland to Best, asking gauge of wheels, 15 inch to run on 16 inch track the usual thing, price of rails, 4 December 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/114
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00115	Correspondence	Undated	Best to Cameron and Sutherland, regarding truck. Previous Control Number: 1/115
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00116	Correspondence	1935	Best to Secretary for Mines, asks whether Syndicate's rights are safeguarded in connection with dam and water races, death of manager A Dow, 28 November 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/116
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00117	Correspondence	1935	Secretary to Best, lease confers no right to anything outside boundaries, water right must be obtained under Miner's Right or by application to Department for Water Right Licence, 6 June 1935. Attached: Application for Water Right Licence, marked Not required; Notice of application for a Water Right Licence; Requirements in connection with an Application for a Mining Lease, a Water Right Licence or a licence to Treat Tailings (Extract from Regulations); also cutting from Ararat Advertiser in which Minister for Mines gives notice of intention to grant lease No. 2951, Ararat (254 acres) to the Syndicate, 3 December 1935. Previous Control Number: 1/117

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00118	Correspondence	1936	Queensland Insurance Co. Ltd, Melbourne, to Syndicate, asks for extension to existing policy to cover the Workers Compensation under Act of December 1935 passed by the Victorian Parliament, 14 February 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/118
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00119	Correspondence	1936	Secretary for Mines to Best, rent in arrears from 8 March 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/119
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00120	Correspondence	Undated	Best to Crown Lands Ranger, Stawell, asks permission to erect small hut on lease in State Forest, to take timber, and to remove useable portions of old but. Previous Control Number: 1/120
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00121	Correspondence	1936	W J Hill, Forester, to Best, explains the position relating to residence in Forests, warns that employees must be more careful in future, and that timber must be cut under supervision of forest officer and paid for, 30 March 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/121
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00122	Correspondence	1936	Best to G Gay, enquiry about piping, 1 April 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/122
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00123	Correspondence	1936	G Gay to Best, nothing in stock, refers him to two Melbourne firms, gives piping prices, 8 April 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/123
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00124	Correspondence	1936	Best to M Dalley & Co., North Melbourne, enquiry about equipment for sluicing plant, 17 April 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/124
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00125	Correspondence	1936	Dalley & Co. quotes for nozzle, 28 April 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/125
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00126	Correspondence	1936	Best to Dalley & Co., further enquiry regarding nozzle, 30 July 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/126
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00127	Correspondence	1936	Best to Thomson's Foundry, Castlemaine, wants quote for giant swivel nozzle, 6 June 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/127
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00128	Correspondence	1936	Thomson's quote and conditions of sale, 17 June 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/128
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00129	Correspondence	1936	Best to Secretary of Mines, Company desires that southern portion of lease be excised, 9 July 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/129

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00130	Correspondence	1936	Best to Inspector of Mines, Ballarat, encloses Application for Advances, will arrange an inspection to mine, a good deal of trip must be done on foot, 14 July 1936. Copy of application giving information such as assets offered as security, amount already spent on lease, overdraft, work proposed, etc. Previous Control Number: 1/130
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00131	Correspondence	1936	Secretary for Mines to Best, asks for application under seal of Company, 16 July 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/131
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00132	Correspondence	1936	Best to Secretary, sends required application, 17 July 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/132
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00133	Correspondence	1936	Best to Hill, Forest Officer, Stawell, men had to use timber to repair dam because of heavy rains, hopes matter can be adjusted to mutual satisfaction, 5 August 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/133
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00134	Correspondence	1936	Cameron, Sutherland and Seward, Machinery Merchants, Melbourne, to Best, are doubtful that piping ordered would be suitable for purpose, quotes for suitable piping, 14 August 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/134
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00135	Correspondence	1936	Best to Cameron, Sutherland and Seward, pipes ordered will be suitable as it will not be subjected to great pressure, 17 August 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/135
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00136	Correspondence	1936	Cameron, Sutherland and Seward to Best, queries concerning order, invoice attached, 20 August 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/136
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00137	Correspondence	1936	Best to Cameron, Sutherland and Seward, enclosing plan of plant, 24 August 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/137
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00138	Correspondence	1936	Cameron, Sutherland and Seward to Best, describing what is being done, 4 September 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/138
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00139	Correspondence	1936	Cameron, Sutherland and Seward regarding order, 15 September 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/139
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00140	Correspondence	1936	Secretary for Mines to Best, concerning Company's application for advance of £750 for development of area under Lease No. 2512, Ararat, 11 August 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/140

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00141	Correspondence	1936	Best to Secretary, forwarding documents, 13 August 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/141
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00142	Correspondence	1936	Secretary to Best, sets out purposes for which allotment of £175 must be used, 19 August 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/142
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00143	Correspondence	1936	Secretary to Best, sets out form of accounts required for payment of advance, 1 September 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/143
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00144	Correspondence	1936	Secretary to Best, instructions on filling in wages sheet, etc., 17 September 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/144
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00145	Correspondence	1936	Best to Secretary, encloses statements, etc., in connection with request for second instalment of £175, explains how money will be spent, 26 October 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/145
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00146	Correspondence	1936	Secretary to Best, instalment to be paid when papers certified by District Mining Inspector, 27 October 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/146
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00147	Correspondence	1936	Best to Secretary, enclosing application for second instalment of grant, 1 November 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/147
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00148	Correspondence	1936	Secretary to Best, returning documents, 12 November 1936. Previous Control Number: 1/148
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00149	Correspondence	1936	Memorandum: Statistical Return for year ending 30.12.36, notes number of men employed, value of buildings, timber used, etc. Previous Control Number: 1/148A
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00150	Correspondence	1937	Secretary for Mines to Best, forwarding for execution Mortgage and Bill of Sale in respect to advance of £175, 15 February 1937. Previous Control Number: 1/149
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00151	Correspondence	1937	Best's covering note for documents, 19 February 1937. Previous Control Number: 1/150
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00152	Correspondence	1938	Secretary to Best, regarding instalment applied for, 10 August 1938. Previous Control Number: 1/151
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00153	Correspondence	1937	Secretary to Best, requests that plant and other property be insured in joint names of Minister for Mines and the Company, 23 April 1937. Previous Control Number: 1/152

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00154	Correspondence	1937-1938	Mines Department, Melbourne, to Mafeking Gold Mining Syndicate. Advice to Payee: 22 October 1937 first instalment of advance; 15 November 1937 second instalment of advance; 2 December 1937 third instalment of advance; 2 August 1938 fourth instalment of advance; 22 August 1938 fifth instalment of advance. Previous Control Number: 1/153/1 - 1/153/5
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00155	Correspondence	1937	Secretary to Best, sends form for claims for work done under advance of £90, claims to be reduced fortnightly, 15 September 1937. Previous Control Number: 1/154
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00156	Correspondence	1937	Memorandum concerning applications (from 1, 4 October 1937 to 5, totalling at £90). Previous Control Number: 1/155
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00157	Reports and Balance Sheets	1930	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for half year ending 4 July 1930. Previous Control Number: 2/1
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00158	Reports and Balance Sheets	1930	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager (A Dow), and financial statement for half year ending 31 December 1930. Previous Control Number: 2/2
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00159	Reports and Balance Sheets	1931	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager (A Dow), and financial statement for half year ending 1 July 1931. Previous Control Number: 2/3
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00160	Reports and Balance Sheets	1932	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager (A Dow), and financial statement for half year ending 4 January 1932. Previous Control Number: 2/4
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00161	Reports and Balance Sheets	1932	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager (A Dow), and financial statement for half year ending 4 July 1932. Previous Control Number: 2/5
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00162	Reports and Balance Sheets	1932	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager (A Dow), and balance sheet only, 31 December 1932. Previous Control Number: 2/6
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00163	Reports and Balance Sheets	1933	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager (A Dow), and balance sheet for half year ending 30 June 1933. Previous Control Number: 2/7

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00164	Reports and Balance Sheets	1933	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager (A Dow), and financial statement for half year ending 31 December 1933. Previous Control Number: 2/8
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00165	Reports and Balance Sheets	1934	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager (A Dow), and financial statement for half year ending 30 June 1934. Previous Control Number: 2/9
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00166	Reports and Balance Sheets	1934	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager (A Dow), and financial statement for half year ending 31 December 1934. Also copy of Director's Report only. Previous Control Number: 2/10
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00167	Reports and Balance Sheets	1935	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager (A Dow), and financial statement for half year ending 30 June 1935. Previous Control Number: 2/11
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00168	Reports and Balance Sheets	1935	Report of Directors and of Mine Foreman for the half year ending 31 December 1935. Previous Control Number: 2/12
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00169	Reports and Balance Sheets	1936	Report of Directors and of Mine Foreman for the half year ending 30 June 1936. Previous Control Number: 2/13
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00170	Reports and Balance Sheets	1936	Report of Directors and of Mine Foreman for the half year ending 31 December 1936. Previous Control Number: 2/14
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00171	Reports and Balance Sheets	1937	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager for the half year ending 30 June 1937. Two copies of reports, four of balance sheets. Previous Control Number: 2/15
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00172	Reports and Balance Sheets	1937	Report of Directors (balance sheet only) for the half year ending 31 December 1937. Previous Control Number: 2/16
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00173	Reports and Balance Sheets	1938	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager, and balance sheet for the half year ending 30 June 1938. Previous Control Number: 2/17
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00174	Reports and Balance Sheets	1938	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager, and balance sheet for the half year ending 31 December 1938. Previous Control Number: 2/18
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00175	Reports and Balance Sheets	1939	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager, and balance sheet for the half year ending 30 June 1939. Previous Control Number: 2/19

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00176	Reports and Balance Sheets	1939	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager, and balance sheet for the half year ending 30 December 1939. Previous Control Number: 2/20
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00177	Reports and Balance Sheets	1940	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager, and balance sheet for the half year ending 30 June 1940. Also two copies of balance sheet. Previous Control Number: 2/21
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00178	Reports and Balance Sheets	1940	Report of Directors and of Mine Manager, and balance sheet for the half year ending 31 December 1940. Previous Control Number: 2/22
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00179	Reports and Balance Sheets	1941	Report of Directors and Foreman and balance sheet for half year ending 30 June 1941. Three copies of report and two copies of balance sheet. Previous Control Number: 2/23
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00180	Federal and State Income Tax	1933	Copies of Returns: Year ended 30 June 1933. Previous Control Number: 3/1/1
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00181	Federal and State Income Tax	1934	Copies of Returns: Year ended 30 June 1934. Previous Control Number: 3/1/2
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00182	Federal and State Income Tax	1935	Copies of Returns: Year ended 30 June 1935. Previous Control Number: 3/1/3
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00183	Federal and State Income Tax	1933	State Taxation Commissioner's Request for return to be furnished for year ended 30 June 1932, 20 July 1933. Copy of letter from Company explaining that extracting operations have not commenced, sends copies of balance sheets, 28 July 1933. Commissioner's reply to Company, return not needed for year ended 30 June 1931. Previous Control Number: 3/4
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00184	Wage Sheets	1936	Copies of vouchers returned with declarations. Wages sheet for fortnight ended 30 June 1936. Previous Control Number: 4/1
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00185	Wage Sheets	1937	Wages sheet for fortnight ended 15 May 1937. Previous Control Number: 4/2
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00186	Wage Sheets	1937	Wages sheet for fortnight ended 29 May 1937. Previous Control Number: 4/3
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00187	Wage Sheets	1937	Wages sheet for fortnight ended 12 June 1937. Previous Control Number: 4/4

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00188	Wage Sheets	1937	Wages sheet for fortnight ended 26 June 1937. Previous Control Number: 4/5
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00189	Wage Sheets	Undated	Wages sheet for fortnight ended no date. Previous Control Number: 4/6
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00190	Wage Sheets	Undated	Wages sheet for fortnight ended no date. Previous Control Number: 4/7
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00191	Wage Sheets	1936	Specimen sheets showing information required by Secretary for Mines; Wages sheet for fortnight ended 30 June 1936, for the Just in Time voucher for Gelignite for Just in Time from K Luke, Syndicate, Storekeeper, Wallan; voucher for timber from Commercial Timber Co., Strathome, Wallan; statement rendered by foreman of Just in Time Syndicate to Secretary for Mines. Previous Control Number: 4/8
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00192	Receipts	1934	Department of Mines, for survey, 10 July 1934. Previous Control Number: 5/1
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00193	Receipts	1934	Department of Mines, for lease rent, 16 October 1934. Previous Control Number: 5/2
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00194	Receipts	Undated	Cust and Scholes, the Mammoth Stores, Ararat, for handles, illustration of store at top of receipt. Previous Control Number: 5/3
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00195	Receipts	1934	G W H Gans, Vine Tree Stores, Gelignite and fuse, 1 December 1934. Previous Control Number: 5/4
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00196	Receipts	1935	Department of Mines, rent and fee, 10 April 1935. Previous Control Number: 5/5
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00197	Receipts	1935	A Dow, 4 weeks wages, 25 February 1935. Previous Control Number: 5/6
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00198	Receipts	1935	J H Wood, Saw miller, Mafeking, for timber ordered, 31 May 1935. Previous Control Number: 5/7
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00199	Receipts	Undated	J H Wood, Saw miller, Mafeking, for timber ordered. Previous Control Number: 5/8
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00200	Receipts	Undated	McPhee, carting of timber from mill to mine. Previous Control Number: 5/9
1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00201	Receipts	Undated	Handwritten receipt form of Company, for cartage, constructing fluming, etc., no date or creditor's name. Previous Control Number: 5/10

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1968.0004 Unit 1	1968.0004.00202	Receipts	1935-1936	Royal Mint, Melbourne, Lodgement of Mint Receipt for Gold: 1.93 ounces, 31 December 1935. Attached: Memorandum of the Out-turn of Deposit left for coinage (showing weight before and after melting, value, premium and Mint charge), 11 January 1936. Previous Control Number: 5/11
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