

**PART TWO: EARLY
INVESTMENTS IN
AUSTRALIA**

Box 2. Key events 1926–1956

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| 1926 | Wiluna Gold Corporation London established, which, in turn, owns Wiluna Gold Mines |
| 1928 | The Consolidated Gold Fields of South Africa acquires interest in Lake View and Star |
| 1929 | John Agnew appointed chairman of Lake View and Star Corporation, London Golden Horseshoe acquired by Lake View and Star Lake George Metal Corporation incorporated to take over Camp Bird interests at the Lake George mine, Captains Flat, New South Wales |
| 1932 | Gold Fields Australian Development Company listed on London Stock Exchange |
| 1933 | New treatment plant capable of treating 50,000 tons of ore per month becomes operational at Lake View and Star |
| 1934 | John Agnew appointed chairman of Wiluna Gold Corporation Moonlight Wiluna Gold Mine listed on London Stock Exchange Gold Fields Australian Development Company acquires options over Moonlight Wiluna, Starlight Gold Mine and Horseshoe Wiluna Gold Mine Lake View and Star acquires Associated Gold Mines leases and tailings |
| 1935 | Moonlight Wiluna ore treatment commences |
| 1936 | Production commences at Bulletin ore body, north of Wiluna Wiluna plant enlarged to treat Moonlight Wiluna ore Dewatering commences at Happy Jack ore body, north of Wiluna Lake View and Star treatment plant for Associated Gold Mines tailings completed Smelter operations at Wiluna commence for treatment of Moonlight Wiluna ore |
| 1937 | Lake View and Star agreement to purchase North Kalgurli tailings dumps Lake George Mining Corporation takes over assets of Lake George Metal Corporation (placed into liquidation); mining operations begin at Lake George Mine Smelter operations at Wiluna restricted; operation ceases in 1939 |
| 1938 | Lake View and Star purchases leases from Imperial Gold Mine leases |
| 1939 | Death of John Agnew |

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| 1940 | Gold Fields Australian Development Company acquires option over leases held by Mount Ida Gold Mine Lake View South Extension acquired |
| 1943 | Horseshoe Wiluna Gold Mine placed into voluntary liquidation |
| 1945 | Moonlight Wiluna Mine closes |
| 1947 | Mining at Wiluna (Happy Jack underground) ceases; tailings re-treatment continues to 1948 |
| 1951 | Wiluna Mines Ltd placed into liquidation |
| 1953 | Wiluna mine closes |
| 1956 | New Consolidated Gold Fields (Australasia) registered with authorised capital of A£1 million to 'carry out exploration, the development and bringing into production of mining properties and investing in existing mining operations' |

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