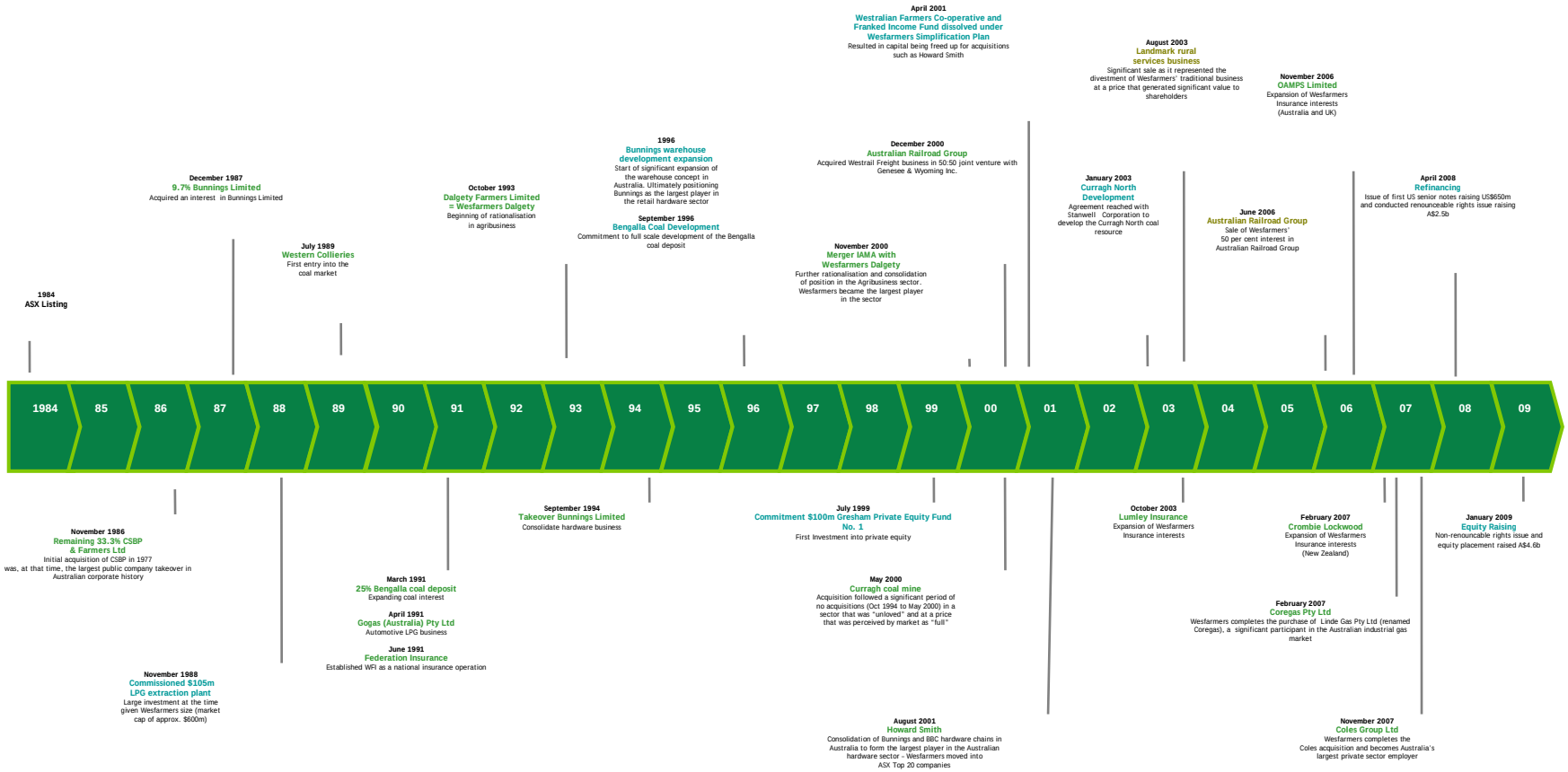
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ASX Listing
November 1986
Remaining 33.3% CSBP & Farmers Ltd
Initial acquisition of CSBP in 1977 was, at that time, the largest public company takeover in Australian corporate history
December 1987
9.7% Bunnings Limited
Acquired an interest in Bunnings Limited
November 1988
Commissioned $105m LPG extraction plant
Large investment at the time given Wesfarmers size (market cap of approx. $600m)
July 1989
Western Collieries
First entry into the coal market
March 1991
25% Bengalla coal deposit
Expanding coal interest
April 1991
Gogas (Australia) Pty Ltd
Automotive LPG business
June 1991
Federation Insurance
Established WFI as a national insurance operation
October 1993
Dalgety Farmers Limited = Wesfarmers Dalgety
Beginning of rationalisation in agribusiness
September 1994
Takeover Bunnings Limited
Consolidate hardware business
1996
Bunnings warehouse development expansion
Start of significant expansion of the warehouse concept in Australia. Ultimately positioning Bunnings as the largest player in the retail hardware sector
September 1996
Bengalla Coal Development
Commitment to full scale development of the Bengalla coal deposit
July 1999
Commitment $100m Gresham Private Equity Fund No. 1
First Investment into private equity
November 2000
Merger IAMA with Wesfarmers Dalgety
Further rationalisation and consolidation of position in the Agribusiness sector. Wesfarmers became the largest player in the sector
December 2000
Australian Railroad Group
Acquired Westrail Freight business in 50:50 joint venture with Genesee & Wyoming Inc.
May 2000
Curragh coal mine
Acquisition followed a significant period of no acquisitions (Oct 1994 to May 2000) in a sector that was "unloved" and at a price that was perceived by market as "full"
April 2001
Westralian Farmers Co-operative and Franked Income Fund dissolved under Wesfarmers Simplification Plan
Resulted in capital being freed up for acquisitions such as Howard Smith
August 2001
Howard Smith
Consolidation of Bunnings and BBC hardware chains in Australia to form the largest player in the Australian hardware sector – Wesfarmers moved into ASX Top 20 companies
January 2003
Curragh North Development
Agreement reached with Stanwell Corporation to develop the Curragh North coal resource
August 2003
Landmark rural services business
Significant sale as it represented the divestment of Wesfarmers' traditional business at a price that generated significant value to shareholders
October 2003
Lumley Insurance
Expansion of Wesfarmers Insurance interests
June 2006
Australian Railroad Group
Sale of Wesfarmers' 50 per cent interest in Australian Railroad Group
November 2006
OAMPS Limited
Expansion of Wesfarmers Insurance interests (Australia and UK)
February 2007
Crombie Lockwood
Expansion of Wesfarmers Insurance interests (New Zealand)
February 2007
Coregas Pty Ltd
Wesfarmers completes the purchase of Linde Gas Pty Ltd (renamed Coregas), a significant participant in the Australian industrial gas market
November 2007
Coles Group Ltd
Wesfarmers completes the Coles acquisition and becomes Australia's largest private sector employer
April 2008
Refinancing
Issue of first US senior notes raising US$650m and conducted renounceable rights issue raising A$2.5b
January 2009
Equity Raising
Non-renouncable rights issue and equity placement raised A$4.6b
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