



The History of Sims Metal

Picture this!

It is 1917 in the growing city of Sydney, Australia.

Albert G. Sims, a hardworking and determined man, starts a small recycling business. He rides his bike around the city collecting scrap materials to be recycled. His bicycle is soon replaced with a horse and cart, then a motor vehicle and by the late 1930s, the once little company known as Albert G. Sims Limited has metal recycling operations across Australia. By 1948 Albert G. Sims Limited is thriving and its founder has aspirations to move beyond the shores of Australia.



Sounds like an amazing story, right? It is, but it's also true, and it doesn't end there.

In 1956, the company chartered the MV "Swan Hill" to export steel scrap to Japan and by the end of the 1960s, Sims' overseas market included Thailand, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Taiwan, the Philippines and Bangladesh.

In the late 1980s, Sims entered the United States (buying an operation in San Francisco) and hasn't looked back since.

Sims Metal, as it is known today, has operations across the world including in the United Kingdom and parts of Asia, and is one of the world's leading metals and electronics recyclers.

That's an impressive history, but what about the future?

The future of Sims Metal is as bright and secure as at any time in their long history. They have over 250 facilities in over 20 countries and 4,500 highly skilled employees. They are always trying to improve, particularly in the area of sustainability, and aim to be around for many years to come. There will always be plenty of metals and old electronic items that need recycling and Sims Metal are planning to be there to do the job.

Reference: www.simsmm.com.au/about-us/

