

## Streets of York

Do you live in Foreman Road?



Charles & Christina Foreman

Charles Alfred Foreman ( 1865-1946 ) was born in Mt Bolton near Ballarat in Victoria where he served as President of the Shire Council before moving to Western Australia in 1902, working for Millars Timber and Trading Company in Midland Junction and then acting as manager of the local York branch until 1922 when he established his own business.

From the time of his arrival in York he took a keen interest in civic and sporting matters. In 1908 he was elected Councillor and worked diligently in a variety of civic positions. He was President of the York Football Association, instrumental in the formation of the York Volunteer Fire Brigade in 1910 as its first Captain and Chairman of the York Centennial Celebrations Committee. In 1929 he was elected Mayor for the first time. He gained the record for successive terms as Mayor when he was re-elected unopposed for the fifth time in November 1932.

His first wife Catherine née McDonald died in 1913 and he married Christina Byrne (born Williamstown, Victoria in 1883) in 1915. She was also active in civic affairs as secretary of the CWA, the Red Cross and the Women's Institute and President of the Ladies Hockey Club and was one of the first women elected to a local authority in Western Australia serving as a York Councillor for 13 years until 1952. During their time in local government York also held the record for the only council being served concurrently by a husband and wife.

Charles died in 1946 and Christina in 1970.

They are both buried in the Methodist section of the York Cemetery.