



CHARTERED 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1928. CLUB NO. 18035, DISTRICT 9685.

Meeting Thursdays 12.30 for 12.50pm at North Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray.

(Please Note: No meeting on the last Thursday of each month). ISSUE NO 3947 Thursday 15th February 2018



President Silvio Gmur

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

#### **Last Week's Speaker, - Jeff McDougall**

##### **Part 2 of: 'I became a Jackeroo to fulfil a Dream'.**

It was a privilege to hear Jeff's experience about his earlier life whilst working on various properties in Northern NSW and Queensland. This was to fulfil his dream of becoming proficient with all aspects of farming and living on the land. Thus, he gained extensive experience from managing livestock to growing various crops, such as cotton soya beans wheat and oats.

Of particular interest was hearing the challenges he had with managing Brahman cross bred steers, which were difficult beasts to handle.

Other livestock he managed included Hereford Cows and Black Angus cattle.

Following on from his previous talk we learnt that after getting married to Trish in 1969 and living in a little old house called "Wee Wally" for a year they moved to Queensland to manage a small property in Maryborough.

Following that and by now having two young sons in the family they moved to Manilla Qld for a time to manage a property bought by Harry H. Miller.

The final 3 years of Jeff's country experience was in Narrabri prior to coming to Sydney to ensure that his two boys would receive an excellent education.

Jeff recounted numerous interesting stories from the various properties, including the many snakes they encountered inside and outside of their living quarters. There was even a time he had to shoot one of them to get rid of it!

The experience of hard work and challenging times proved a real asset and served him in good stead for his now 40 years with Trent Driving School.



**Our distinguished Speaker  
Rotarian & Ex-Jackeroo**

**Jeff McDougall**



**Young Jeff with son Andrew  
on the steps of their 'house on stilts' in Queensland in 1970**

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**This WEEK'S SPEAKER: PP GEOFF PRITCHARD – "THE MYSTERY OF BLACK CHARLIE'S HILL"**

Geoff grew up in the shadow of Black Charlie's Hill an isolated area in the western suburbs of Sydney. This hill was a bit of a mystery to the local kids and their parents as it was surrounded by impenetrable wire netting, inside of which there was just blackberry scrub and a few Alsatian dogs guarding the area. It wasn't until the mid-fifties that the mystery unravelled to everyone's amazement.

**Be prepared for an interesting talk by Geoff, if you Googled the subject, you found out that this in fact was an Australian Government Secret Facility!**

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**ROTARIANS FOR SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE**

**Sydney Olympic Park: Monday 19 – Friday 23 March, 2018**

*North Sydney Rotarians have assisted in previous years with this exciting challenge For Year 10 students. Speak with **Geoffrey Pritchard** and **Peter Lulic** who will share their experience.*

You need to be on site from 0800 to about 1430. You will be provided with lunch and parking is available.

You will be sent all the necessary briefing materials.

As last year, students from a number of the universities will be on hand to help with the challenges, but Rotarians will be leading each of the teams.

Can I ask you to spread the word around your clubs and encourage others to take part? As you know it is a fun day. You will have a good time.

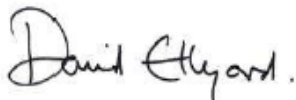
**If you are interested in being involved**

**email PP David Ellyard on**

**[david@davidellyard.com](mailto:david@davidellyard.com)**

**or text to 0402243300.**

**Cheers**



**David Ellyard**

**Beecroft Rotary.**

**For the SEC Sydney Committee**



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**"For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks".**



## Club Meetings & Events

Date	Speaker	Subject
15-Feb-18	Board Meeting following Regular meeting	All club officers
17-Feb-18	Crows Nest Markets	Come along and check out our Club's Community Fund raiser activity
22-Feb-18	No Meeting	Last week in month
1-Mar-18	Tree of Joy "Thank You"	
8-Mar-18	Martijn Timmer (Timmer Marketing)	Facebook and Social Media Marketing
15-Mar-18	Speaker TBA	
22-Mar-18	<b>NO MEETING</b>	NORTHS booked out with events
29-Mar-18	Speaker TBA	(4 <sup>th</sup> meeting in a 5 week month!)



Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
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1st February	David Field		
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Date	Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm
15th February	Philip Brook & John Taylor
22nd February	NO MEETING
1st March	Jeff McDougall & Tony d'Arbon

## Visitors & Apologies for 8th February 2018

### Visitors

Toni Field     Guest of David Field on 1<sup>st</sup> February

### **Leave of Absence:**

Robert Lau

Kevin Thomas

### Apologies

Denis Booth

Philip Brook

Tony d'Arbon

Jiji Lee

Lily Lee

Samantha Lee

Ken Pratt

Brendan Walsh

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The People Who Care’**

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### **Humour by Geoff Prichard**

It's the AFL Grand Final between Richmond and Adelaide and a man makes his way to his seat right behind the goal square. He sits down, noticing that the seat next to him is empty.

As it is close to start time, he leans over and asks his neighbour if someone will be sitting there.

"No," says the neighbour. "The seat is empty".

This is incredible", said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Grand final and not use it?"

The neighbour says "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Grand Final we haven't been to together since we got married in 1966".

"Oh ... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else, a friend or relative, or even a neighbour to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head "No, they're all at the funeral."

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# District 9685 Conference

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Leura, Blue Mountains

## Great Guest Speakers



Dr Gill Hicks BE FRSA

Shane Fitzsimmons

Jeremy Carter

Prof James Arvanitakis

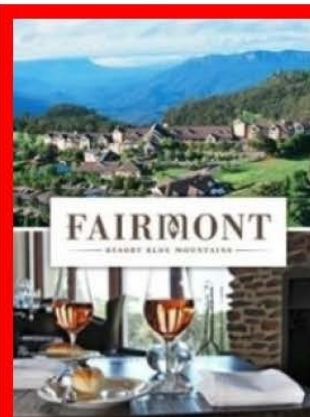


Survivor of the London Terrorist Bombings

Rural Fire Service Commissioner

Leadership, Team building, Communication

Western Sydney University



## Time to have some fun

Enjoy great food and wine.

Catch up with your fellow Rotarians.

And to keep things rolling along will be MC David Bacon.



Partners Outing will be the local hop-on hop-off bus.

See and shop as much or as little as you like.



## Come and Meet IPRIP John Germ

and his wife **Judy** who  
will be attending the  
conference

## Saturday Dinner

With the **Turtle Search Big Band**

Come and dress up and decorate your tables  
with as many bright vivid colours as you can  
muster - orange, yellow, purple, lime green -  
anything bright and "happy".



For more information and to register please visit:

[conference2018.rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://conference2018.rotarydistrict9685.org.au)