Our 8th Oration was held at History House on Sunday 25 October 2026. Our guest speaker was Dr Jeff Swann on his 2024 Canning Stock Route trip

The Canning Stock Route runs from Halls Creek, Western Australia to Wiluna in the mid-west region. With a total distance of around 1,850 km. The stock route is named after Alfred Canning, a surveyor with the Western Australian Department of Lands and Surveys who surveyed the route. Although Jeff's qualifications are orthodontist he has a strong interest in Australian history.
His 4WD trip over the Canning Stock Route took 10 days. Heavy corrugations were the worst part of the journey and tyre pressures were reduced to 20psi. There were also the fine sand & dune crossings to contend with. The route took in 50 wells which remarkably had many remnants. Jeff and his group were still able to draw water from some of the wells. The scenery along the route was spectacular, especially the colours of the outback, the stunning rocky outcrops and the unusual shaped spinifex. The journey ended at Wolfe Creek Crater which was in flood and this offered an additional photogenic opportunity



Jeff Swann


Merry Cooper,Libby Siebert & Mark Ames


Sue Ridgewell, Ian Anderson & Jeff Swann


Clayton Fredericksen & Julie Mastin



Derek Pugh, Brian Reid & Peter Siebert



Jan Richardson & Rob Wesley-Smith



Marnie Cameron & Rosemary Cameron



Kevin Coonan & Jan Hills



Ron Innes & Ian Anderson



Vida Goodvach & Roger Thorpe