

## **David Timms is awarded the Lifetime Exploration Achievement Award**

by Gina Rinehart

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David Timms is husband to Jen and father to three sons and a daughter, who are all here tonight. He is an active grandfather to twelve grandchildren. He is a geologist, and creator and manager of successful exploration teams. A string of mines and mineral discoveries bear witness to this. He created the legendary Amoco Christmas Harbour Cruise in 1978, now the SMEDG Sydney Harbour Cruises, providing the opportunity for geoscientists to catch up, exchange views and enjoy themselves on the Harbour twice a year. He has provided generous service to the mining community.

David was born in Rusape, Rhodesia in August 1930 and completed his BSc Honours, majoring in crystallography, at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. Dave followed the mining boom to Canada in 1959, was married to Jen in 1960 and moved to Sydney in 1972.

He has over sixty years' experience in mineral exploration in Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, the South Pacific Islands, Canada, the United States and Africa.

As Chief Geologist at Willroy Mines, Ontario, Canada, his team discovered seven orebodies for the Willroy mine and the three orebodies that established the Willecho mine in the 1960s.

From 1967 to 1972 he was responsible for setting up and managing Long Lac Mineral Exploration Limited, the exploration arm of the Long Lac group of companies in Canada, now part of Barrick Gold.

He was Manager of the South Pacific Region for Amoco Minerals Australia Company from 1972 to 1985 and was Exploration Manager for Cyprus Gold Australia Corporation from 1985 to 1990. He managed exploration teams which discovered 30 mineable deposits. These deposits include the mines at Red Dome, Gidgee, Sheahan-Grants, Selwyn-Starra, Moline and Mt McClure in Australia, Golden Cross in New Zealand, Gold Ridge in the Solomon Islands and Didipio in the Philippines.

From 1990 he worked as a Geological Consultant. He promoted the Lewis Ponds gold-base metal deposit to Tri Origin Exploration Limited, a listed Canadian exploration company and became one of Tri Origin Australia's initial directors.

In the 1990s, Dave began pegging projects in the Lachlan Fold Belt using the fledgling Timmsco Pty Ltd as his vehicle. Dave continued his proven philosophy – stick to areas of proven prospectivity with high metal endowment. This project led to the ASX listing of Golden Cross Resources in 1996. Dave built a high-quality team of mineral explorers and, by 2000, GCR held projects throughout the Lachlan Fold Belt and the Willyama Block at Broken Hill in NSW.

Dave has been a great mentor to hundreds of geologists throughout his long association with the industry. Many owe their continued careers to Dave's persistent encouragement and positive attitude to mineral exploration and innovative geology.

David Timms remains a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, was a Member of the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of Ontario, Canada and is a Fellow, and was a Council Member, of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. He is also a Committee Member of SMEDG and continues to help organise the Sydney Harbour Cruises.

*Daven Timms, 10 November 2017*

