



Langley George Hancock's own words describing historic November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1952 discovery flight

*"In November of 1952, I was flying down south with my wife Hope, and we left a bit later than usual and by the time we got over the Hamersley Ranges, the clouds had formed and the ceiling got lower and lower. I got into the Turner River, knowing full well if I followed it through, I would come out into the Ashburton.*

*On going through a gorge in the Turner River, I noticed that the walls looked to me to be solid iron and was particularly alerted by the rusty looking colour of it, it showed to me to be oxidised iron."*

1909

June 10

Langley George Hancock born in Perth to George and Lilian Hancock

1947

Aug 4

Langley George Hancock and Hope Margaret Nicholas married.

1953

Returning to discovery area, landing in spinifex and collecting samples for more than 50 miles and sending to Perth for analysis. After analysis, realisation he had found an iron ore zone of possible world significance.



1953-1960

Lobbied for lifting of Iron Ore export embargo by Federal Government. Continued exploration. Established committee for North West development with pastoralist friends Frank Thompson and Bill Leslie and proposed and lobbied for tax incentives, with the provision that monies be invested in the North West.

1960

Export embargo on Iron Ore lifted

1916

Dec 1

Hope Margaret Nicholas born in Perth to James and Ann Nicholas

1952

Nov 22

Discovery flight with wife, Hope, whilst flying from their Nunyerly mine to Perth

1955

Established family company, Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd

1960

State embargo on pegging of Iron Ore lifted

1960-1961

Lobbied for lifting of State embargo on pegging for Iron Ore. Together with partner E.A Wright of WPPL, endeavoured to interest Steel Mills and mining houses in investing in Hancock's Pilbara.



1960-1961

Pegging of Iron Ore areas discovered by Lang Hancock with team on ground headed by cousin Bill Newman. Hosted the visit of Val Duncan, Chairman of Rio Tinto, London, and other Senior Executives.

1961-1962

Together with E.A Wright, negotiated agreements with Rio Tinto for the purpose of further development of Hancock's discoveries. Hosted the visit of Tom Price of Kaiser Steel, USA, which brought the involvement of Kaiser Steel into what became the new company, "Hammersley Iron". Increased exploration efforts with Dr Bruno Campana of Rio Tinto Australia, and mapping of the entire Hammersley Iron Province. Identified and named "Campana's Horizon", also known as "Bruno's Band".

1962

Hosted the visit of Dr Muraoka and staff from Marubeni Japan, utilising Hancock's "Hammersley Station" as headquarters for Marubeni's, and Hancock's continuing exploration efforts. The exploration report of Dr Muroaka brought the Japanese Steel industry's interest into the Pilbara.



1963-1964

Arranged and hosted the visit of the world's then richest man, Daniel K Ludwig, and interested him in presenting a cost saving proposal to the West Australian government for the building of a large central port and unified railway system to service the entire Pilbara Iron Ore region, to enhance the region's competitiveness.

1966

Tom Price commissioned, and Port and town of Dampier established.

1969-1971

Hosted the visit of Dr Edward Teller to the Pilbara for the purpose of investigating the peaceful use of nuclear explosives to more economically mine ore, construct dams, and construct a deep water port near Ronsard. Brought Hamersley Iron executives to Paraburdoo and interested them in developing Paraburdoo, after initial ground samples taken by Lang Hancock's cousin, Bill Newman. Sought to interest Texas Gulf of USA, CSR, MIN, Utah and Consolidated Goldfields into participation in Hancock's and Hanwright's exploration teams.

1969

Established with WPPL the newspaper "The Sunday Independent"

1970-1971

Hanwright explored with the co-operation of Mr Hancock's brothers in law Jim and Bill Nicholas, and friend Don Rhodes, the West Angelas, which Mr Hancock named after E.A. Wright's daughter, but these areas were then confiscated by the West Australian government, and later given to a competing company.

1970-1971

HPPL and WPPL established with Texas Gulf the Iron Ore (Rhodes Ridge) Agreement with the West Australian government. HPPL and WPPL established with the Iron Ore (Wittenoom) Agreement with the West Australian government. HPPL and WPPL established with MIM, Utah and Consolidated Goldfields the Iron Ore (McCameys) Agreement with the West Australian government.

1973

Paraburdoo commenced production

1974

Acquired HPPL Perth headquarters in Nedlands and named the building "The Angelas" as a reminder of the importance of prospecting, together with the security of title. Established the nationwide "National Miner" newspaper. Gained jet pilots license at age 65, acquired first Lear jet and utilised for overseas visits to promote Australian mineral developments and to show executives, politicians and others the Pilbara's potential.

1975

Arranged and hosted the visit of close friend, and Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen and party to the Pilbara, and promoted the establishment of a railway line across Australia linking the Pilbara's Iron to Queensland's coking coal. After years of effort with Marandoo, and completing the feasibility study, received 'Letter of Interest' from Nippon Steel, allowing Nippon Steel to participate up to 1/3 in the Marandoo project.

1976

Acquired HPPL Sydney headquarters at Circular Quay, and named the building "Hope House", in honour of his wife, Hope Hancock.

1979

Wrote and released first book "Wake Up Australia" (launched on June 10 by Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen and his daughter Gina, in his absence due to illness) on "Wake Up Australia" jumbo jet tour of Australia's mineral assets and potential.



1987

Achieved government support for infrastructure sharing for the McCamey's project by way of a State Agreement with BHP to allow third parties to access their rail way.

1990

January

Channar commenced production.

1989-1991

Achieved first tonnage to be mined at McCamey's

1992

June-

Brockman commenced production. December - HPPL achieved the Iron Ore (Hope Downs) Agreement with the state government.

1992

March 27

Passed away unexpectedly, despite strong will to live.

1993

Gina hosted visit by Premier Mr Richard Court and party to Pilbara. June 10, A new planet, discovered by Dr Candy, named in permanent honour of Lang Hancock.

1994

Marandoo commenced production

1997

Pre-feasibility study for Hope Downs finalised and bankable feasibility study commenced. Gina hosted visit of Chairman of Iscor of South Africa and senior executives to Pilbara.

1998

Jan 29

Announcement of participation of Iscor Limited to develop the Hope Downs Iron Ore Project with Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd.

1999

June 10

Naming of Hancock Range in the Pilbara in honour of Lang Hancock and the Hancock family, and their pioneering history in the North West region.

2000

Established program with the Notre Dame University to commence the Hancock Free Enterprise Lectures.

2001

Opening of the Hall of Fame for prospectors and miners and establishment of permanent display in recognition of Lang Hancock's contribution in the Prospectors and Mining Galleries.

2002

June 10

Finalisation of the technical feasibility study for Hope Downs - production due to commence late in 2005 or 2006. Fifty year commemorative plaque and rock sculpture established in West Perth, in conjunction with the Perth City Council.

LANG + JOCK HAMILTON (ENGLAND). NUNYERBY

AIRCRAFT VH-KSV

ENGINE(S) FITTED

TYPE *De Havilland Tiger Moth*  
NO. (S) 72

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Sept 26	2				Provisioning not needed.		
Nov 20	2				Mungahy - Old Leeuwin		
Nov 22 } " 23 }	10				Mungahy - Port Lee - Fremantle - Leeuwin		3 days flying
Carried Forward	359	15	359	15			