



Legendary Career

After more than five decades in the industry, radio and television identity Graham Webb can still be heard across the length and breath of Australia, as **Kylie Jackes** discovers.

It is safe to say that Graham has a very distinctive voice. While recently travelling on the Underground in London he was stopped by a woman who had overheard him. "I'd remember that voice anywhere," she exclaimed. "You're Graham Webb from *Family Favourites!*" To say he was surprised is somewhat of an understatement, for it had been more than 30 years since



he'd hosted the show. Yet, his voice has launched countless radio and television programs and advertisements.

Graham's impressive career has seen him travel the world and interview celebrities. The walls of his Coolom home are adorned with photos of Graham alongside the likes of Meatloaf, Molly Meldrum, Kamahl and his good friend Rolf Harris.

Not being one to brag, but happy to share his stories, I ask Graham about a photo of himself with The Beatles.

"I interviewed them in Madrid in 1965 during the height of their success," Graham recounts. "When the interview was over they asked if I was coming to their show. When I told them I couldn't afford a ticket they said, 'Well come with us', so I did." Following the concert Graham spent the next

24 hours with the legendary group.

Whilst there are many amazing highlights in his career, Graham's most memorable moment was compering a series of concerts at the Sydney Entertainment Centre for the 40th Anniversary of Glen Miller. A Miller fan, Graham recalls the magical moment when 12,000 audience members poured from the stands and took to the floor to dance, after he asked, "Ladies and gentleman are you in the mood?"

Today, at 70, Graham doesn't seem to have slowed down.