



AUSTRALIA'S
FIRST
SPORTING
WORLD
CHAMPION ...

found hope in Jesus

EDWARD (NED) TRICKETT

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On 27th June 1876, Edward (Ned) Trickett, the son of a convict, beat Joseph Sadler on the Thames in London to become Australia's first-ever sporting world champion.

Trickett returned to Australia a national hero and went on to defend his title a few years later on the Parramatta River. When his competitive years in sculling were over, Trickett went into business in Rockhampton, running the local pub.

But times were tough and his business venture failed. Trickett returned to Sydney with his wife, Maria and nine children - broke, desperate and at times suicidal.

One day, walking the streets of Sydney, Trickett heard a street preacher, barrister E P Field. Moved by his message, Ned went back to Fields' chambers and gave his life to Jesus. Ned Trickett became a Christian.

This is a story of redemption - the son of a convict who went on to reach the heights of international sporting success, only to feel a sense of hopelessness before finding Jesus.

Whether life for you is currently one of success, despair or just ordinary, we trust you also discover the person of Jesus this Easter - the hope, joy and fullness of life He offers in the midst of our circumstances.

