

# INVITATION

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE CANTERBURY HISTORY GROUP IN THE BALWYN  
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM ON 22 FEBRUARY AT 8 PM.**

**GUEST SPEAKER: GRAEME DAVISON  
'HISTORY AND FAMILY HISTORY: RIVALS OR  
ALLIES?'**

This will be a very special night. Graeme Davison, one of Victoria's premier historians will draw on his personal experience in writing his much-acclaimed *Lost Relations, Fortunes of My Family in Australia's Golden Age* published last year by Allen & Unwin. The book won the Judges' Special Prize at the Victorian Community History Awards in October.

This is a talk that should not be missed. Mention it widely so that there is a substantial audience. The talk will follow a short annual general meeting and will be followed by supper and hopefully the launch of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the popular and attractive book, *Visions of a Village*.

Family histories can be compilations of genealogical information assiduously collected, of interest to the family concerned but not much to other readers. Graeme Davison's outstanding work shows what can be done when a superb historian tackles the history of his family. His narrative tells us much about the history of many families in Australia all set in a discussion of how a family history can be reconstructed even when there are limited private papers.