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Citation for the Award of Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Graeme Davison is a distinguished academic and urban historian. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and a PhD from the ANU. He taught history at Melbourne University, then was Professor of History at Monash University, where he pioneered public history. Graeme became 'Emeritus Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor' in 2014.

Graeme was visiting Professor of Australian History at Harvard; and also at Edinburgh; King's College London (twice); the University of Tübingen, and the ANU. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Social Sciences; the Australian Academy of the Humanities; the Federation of Australian Historical Societies; and now the RHSV. Graeme was awarded an honorary D. Litt from the University of Melbourne. He was awarded an AO in 2011 for service to history and heritage, including as an advisor or board member of the National Archives, Museum Victoria, the National Museum of Australia, the National Trust, Heritage Victoria, the State Library of Victoria and the Public Record Office of Victoria. He was the first historian member and later chair of the Victorian Historic Buildings Preservation Council.

Graeme served as president of the Australian Historical Association, as a panelist of the Australian Research Council, and recently co-led a successful campaign to better fund the National Australian Archives.

He has authored seven seminal major works, including the incomparable *Rise and Fall of Marvellous Melbourne*, edited/co-authored another ten books, including the landmark *Australians 1888*, and *The Oxford Companion to Australian History*, and written many book chapters and numerous articles in prestigious journals. Most recently, he helped to rescue VCE Australian history by co-authoring *Creating a Nation*, vol. 2 of *Analyzing Australian History*.

Graeme was an RHSV Councillor in 1982–83; has given a Wolskel lecture; written articles for the VHJ; is a patron of the journal; and inaugural chairperson of the VHJ Editorial Board. Professor Davison is an eminent historian and history teacher; a fearless public advocate for history and heritage; and a long-time supporter of the RHSV. He is truly deserving of this honour.

Richard Broome AM President
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