

Burwood and District Historical Society's Eleventh Annual Christmas in July Dinner



2016 Keynote Address by Graeme Innes AM: " Finding A Way" Graeme's story of battling for the human rights of the disabled

Graeme Innes grew up as a blind boy living in the grounds of the then Masonic Hospital in Victoria Street in Ashfield where his father was CEO. Graeme attended the North Rocks School for Blind Children and later Ashfield Boys High School for Years 11 & 12. In 1978 Graeme graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from Sydney University but had great difficulty obtaining a job as many employers then could not understand how a blind person could work as a lawyer. Graeme initially worked in the NSW public service, later working for Qantas and Westpac managing disability services and projects.

In 1994 Graeme began work with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission . In December 2005 Graeme was appointed Australia's Disability Discrimination Commissioner, a position he held until July 2014. Graeme continues to advocate on behalf of disabled people through social media, writing opinion pieces and regularly appears on ABC TV.

Graeme was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1995 for service to the community , particularly as an advisor on disability anti-discrimination policy. He was also shortlisted for Australian of the Year in 2004.

Copies of Graeme's first book " Finding A Way" (published 2016) will be available for sale at the function.

We hope you and your family and friends can come along on Friday, 22nd July 2016 at Club Burwood.

**Further details of the evening and how to make bookings are included
in the booking slip below and enclosed invitation.**



RSVP: Eleventh Annual Christmas in July Dinner & Keynote Address – Friday, 22nd July 2016

*Send to: Burwood & District Historical Society
PO Box 105, Croydon, NSW 2132*

Phone 9744 0147, or Email: burwoodhist@yahoo.com.au

RSVP: Before Monday, 11th July 2016

Name: _____

Number attending: _____ (Tables of 8 available)

Names of guests: _____

Special dietary requirements: Vegetarian Gluten free
Other Please specify: _____

Contact details: Phone _____ (Mobile/Home/Work)
or Email address _____

Payment enclosed: \$ _____ * (_____ @ \$55 per head) - **Please send before Monday, 11 July**

* **Advance payments essential** - please make cheques payable to Burwood & District Historical Society Incorporated or email us for account details if you'd prefer to pay by **direct bank transfer**.