"Kidnapped"
will be presented by: Mr Mark Tedeschi AM QC

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A General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday 19th November 2016
at The Melbourne Club, 36 Collins Street, Melbourne.
Drinks served 6.30 p.m. - Presentation 7 p.m. followed by Dinner - Dress: Black Tie Preferred

When eight-year-old Graeme Thorne was kidnapped on his way to school in July 1960, the whole of Australia was gripped with fear and loathing for a person who could try to take financial advantage of the most treasured bond of love – between parent and child. This is the story of Australia's only known kidnapping of a child for ransom. Just weeks earlier, Graeme's parents had won £100,000 in the Opera House lottery. It was this that attracted the attention of kidnapper, Stephen Bradley. Bradley was a most unlikely kidnapper, having a wife, and three children of his own. However, his greed for the windfall that had benefitted Graeme's parents caused him to put aside any feelings of sympathy for his victim or his victim's family. His zeal for the ransom plot made Bradley blind to the likelihood of eventual detection, and also led him to take some brazen risks with the life of his young captive.

Mark Tedeschi QC tells the astounding, true story of how this crime was planned and committed and describes the extraordinary police investigation that was mounted to track down the person responsible. This presentation is both a *who-done-it* and a psychological thriller. It explores the mind of the intriguing and seriously flawed Stephen Bradley. Mark tells the story from the point of view of the victim and his family, the police and the perpetrator. The police investigation utilised many investigative tools and techniques of forensic science that had never been used before, but have since become commonplace. It therefore marks the beginning of modern-day forensic science in Australia. Stephen Bradley's 1961 trial can justifiably be described as *the trial of the 20th century*.

Mark Tedeschi AM QC is the Senior Crown Prosecutor for NSW and the President of the Australian Association of Crown Prosecutors. He has been a prosecutor since 1983, a Queen's Counsel since 1988, and the Senior Crown Prosecutor for New South Wales since 1997. He is also a Professorial Fellow at the University of Wollongong, a member of the Board of Directors at the National Art School and a Trustee of Sydney Grammar School. He was awarded the AM in 2013 for prosecution services and photography.

Mark Tedeschi is the author of publications in a wide variety of areas of law, genealogy, and history. This is Mark's second true crime book. Mark's first true crime book, *Eugenia,* published in 2012, was shortlisted for the Australian Book Industry Awards and the Ned Kelly Award. It was also in the *Sydney Morning Herald* '*Readers' Picks – top ten'* for 8 months and was Carpe Librum's *Top Book Read* in 2014.

In '*Kidnapped'* Mark has used his research and story-telling skills to bring to the public one of Australia's greatest true crime dramas.

Members may bring guests who need not be legal or medical practitioners.
Acceptances close Monday 14th November - No acceptances or refunds will be available after this date.

Members and their guests are reminded of the dress requirements. Mobile telephones may not be used inside the Melbourne Club. Urgent calls may be made to the Club (9650 4941) and a message will be conveyed by Club staff.

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