

**The Author:**

A teacher of history in secondary schools for many Years, John Lambert began writing historical fiction when he retired.

He has a passionate belief in the value of history to provide an understanding of the present. As a teacher, and now as a writer, he tries to make history come alive through people's life stories.

Though the stories in this book are fictional, they are very closely related to the history of their time and could have actually happened. The fiction and the history blend together to create believable and highly interesting stories.

The mountains and the western parts of New South Wales feature in his stories.

Royalties from Sales at the launch will be donated to the College.

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You are invited to the launch of

**John Lambert's historical novel**

*A Land of Plenty*

to be launched by

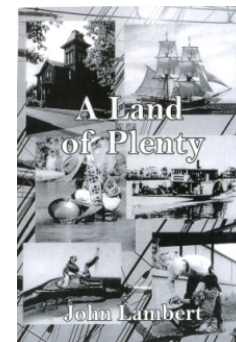
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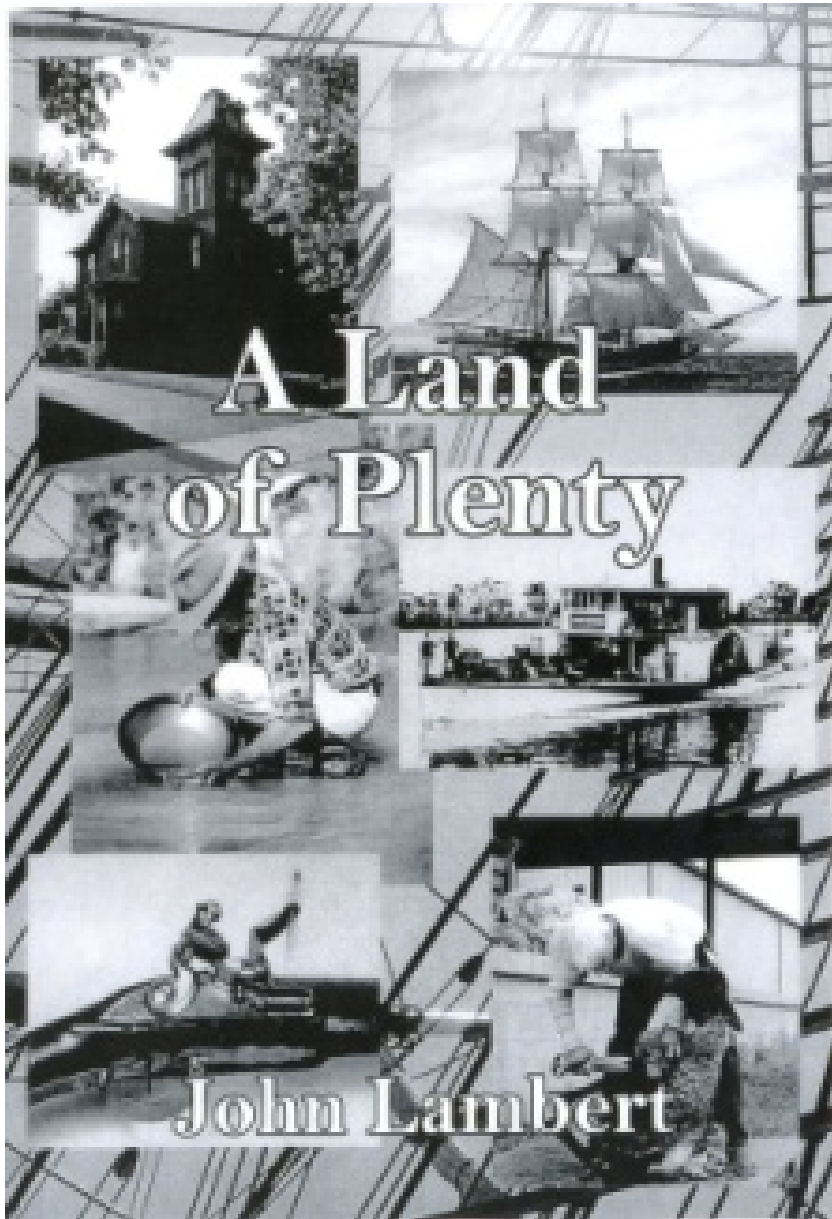
at the Award Ceremony

1.30pm in the Arndell Auditorium

on

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009





### **The Book:**

'A Land of Plenty' tells the stories of two fictional families, the Prestons, and the Crothers, in nineteenth century England and Australia.

There are twelve separate but interwoven stories. All are historical as they take place against a background of particular events, but are fictional in that the characters and their stories are invented.

John William Prestons comes to Sydney with Governor Macquarie's 73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment. He and his children contribute to, and benefit from, the growth of New South Wales. Gold discoveries, bushrangers, pastoral wealth, and paddle steamers are part of their ivies.

William Crothers born into a Liverpool merchant family becomes a clergyman who serves in Sydney, and the 'out back'. He returns to England to establish an orphanage with money provided by the Prestons family.

The later stories, told by descendants of the Crothers family, tell of the search for the gold hidden by John William Prestons on his property north of Bathurst.

