

Chance to tell what it's like to be a gran

PROFESSOR Susan Moore from Swinburne University and Professor Doreen Rosenthal from the University of Melbourne have been surveying Australian grandmothers and documenting their experiences for the past year, assembling research and analysis for a forthcoming book about contemporary grandmas.

Nearly 1000 grandmothers have already responded to the survey and the researchers are looking for more grandmothers who believe they have something to say about this interesting and challenging life stage.

"We've been overwhelmed by the sense of joy that emanates from the survey comments and emails that we've received so far," says Susan Moore. "There is no doubt that grandmothers love what they do."

The researchers, whose desire to investigate the topic was intensified by becoming grandmothers themselves, say that many grandmothers comment that they are more patient and relaxed than when bringing up their own children and how having grandchildren brings them closer to their sons and daughters.

To contribute to the anonymous survey, visit www.granresearch.com or telephone 1300 275 788 to ask for a copy of the survey.