

Dr Richard Reid

Dr Richard E Reid is a retired historian living in Canberra. During a forty-one-year career in Australia he was, at various times, a high school English/History teacher, an Australian War Memorial Secondary Education Officer, an ANU Ph.D. student, an Australian War Memorial Historian, an Australian Senate Research Officer, the Senior historian in the Commemorative Branch of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and a Senior Curator at the National Museum of Australia.

Among the highlights of Richard's working life was his time as a Project Officer for Irish/Australian bicentennial events in 1987/1988, as the AWM Project Officer in 1993 for the return of the remains of a WW1 Unknown Australian Soldier to the Hall of Memory at the Memorial, the mission historian for the return of 119 WW2 Australian veterans to PNG in 1995, the Senior Curator for the National Museum of Australia's Irish in Australia exhibition ('Not Just Ned') in 2011, and the Australian historian on the Joint Historical and Archaeological Survey (Australia, New Zealand and Turkey) of the Anzac battlefield at Gallipoli between 2009 and 2014. Richard has written and presented widely on the topics of Australians at war, the Irish in Australia (especially Irish 19th century immigration) and various themes in Australian local history.

But he regards his greatest achievement, for which he is only minimally responsible, to have been born in Portrush, County Antrim, Ireland although he has never regretted his sensible decision to leave that country for New South Wales in 1972.