

**New South Wales History Week 2015,**

**The Military History Society of New South Wales  
Incorporated presents**

**Major General the Honourable Justice Paul Brereton AM, RFD**  
Patron of the Society

***From Soudan to the South West Pacific:  
Military campaigns and the development of national  
identity.***



NSW Soudan Contingent marching through Sydney, 1885 (AWM ART19713)

For more than a century many Australians have argued that the nation's involvement in military campaigns abroad was the primary determinant of their national identity. At the same time, another body of opinion has strongly disputed the claim.

*General Brereton will discuss the influence of military campaigns, before and after Gallipoli, on the emergence and development of Australia's national identity. Beginning with the Soudan campaign of 1885, when Australian soldiers first departed for a distant war, and traversing the Boer War, the Gallipoli, Western Front and Palestine campaigns of WW1, and the North African and South West Pacific campaigns of WW2, he will consider both the supportive and the polemical points of view.*

**Saturday, 12 September 2015, 2pm**  
**The York Conference and Function Centre**  
**99 York Street, SYDNEY.**

This is a FREE event but numbers are restricted. RSVP is essential by Wednesday, 9 September 2015 on (02) 9660 7225/0418 400 825 or [rsvp@militaryhistorynsw.com.au](mailto:rsvp@militaryhistorynsw.com.au)