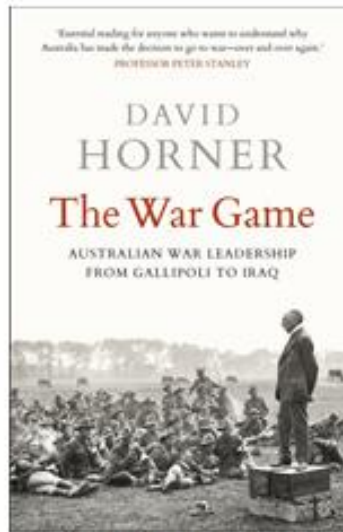


The Military History Society of NSW presents:

## PROFESSOR DAVID HORNER ON THE WAR GAME



**A Public Lecture**  
**10:30AM Saturday 1 October 2022**  
**Anzac Memorial Hyde Park, Sydney CBD**

Committing the nation to war is the gravest decision its leaders can make. David Horner's latest book *The War Game* examines why and how Australia went to war, and how it managed the nation's nine conflicts between the First World War and the Iraq War. It explores the relationships between some of the most dominant political leaders in Australian history - Billy Hughes, Robert Menzies, John Curtin, Harold Holt, John Gorton, Bob Hawke and John Howard - and their top military commanders, including William Birdwood, John Monash, Brudenell White, Thomas Blamey, Vernon Sturdee, Douglas MacArthur, Sydney Rowell, Frederick Scherger, John Wilton, Peter Gration and Peter Cosgrove.

In this presentation David Horner will speak about *The War Game*, raising important questions about the process of war leadership. Should political leaders leave the conduct of the war to their top military commanders or should they interfere? Have Australia's war leaders always made wise decisions? Given that Australia has always fought as a junior partner in a coalition, either within the British Empire or as part of the US alliance, how should Australia's leaders manage these alliance arrangements? And how should Australia's future war leaders prepare for the tasks ahead?

### TIME AND VENUE

**10:30AM Saturday 1 October 2022 at The Auditorium, Anzac Memorial Hyde Park, Hyde Park South, corner Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets, Sydney CBD. Admission is free of charge but a donation would be appreciated. For info call 0419 698 783 or email: [president@militaryhistorynsw.com.au](mailto:president@militaryhistorynsw.com.au)**

### About the Speaker

David Horner, AM, FASSA, is one of Australia's most eminent military historians. He is emeritus professor in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University. He served as an infantry platoon commander in the Vietnam War and later, as a colonel, was head of the Australian Army's Land Warfare Studies Centre. He is the author or editor of 37 books on Australian military history, defence and intelligence, including *The Spy Catchers*, *SAS Phantoms of War*, *Duty First*, *Blamey*, and *Battles that shaped Australia*.