

The Military History Society of NSW presents

NEW SOUTH WALES AT WAR

heroes and tragedies of a state in three conflicts

ONE DAY CONFERENCE, SAT 7 OCTOBER 2023

Anzac Memorial Hyde Park, Sydney CBD

Featuring talks by four renowned military historians and a special guided tour of the Memorial including back of house areas



FREE EVENT



‘Deep Thinkers’: NSW’s 5th Brigade 1st AIF, 1915-1919

Major General the Hon Justice Paul Brereton
AM RFD



On Our Doorstep: Japanese Submarines Attack Sydney Harbour, 1942

Dr Tom Lewis OAM



Two NSW Battalions in Hell: Kokoda and the New Guinea Beachheads, 1942-1943

Dr David W Cameron



Kevin Wheatley VC: Surry Hills Boy to Hero of the Vietnam War

Michael C Madden



This is a free event with morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea provided. But please register your interest by contacting us as follows:

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Autographed books by our speakers will be available on the day

More about our speakers

Major General the Hon Justice Brereton AM RFD is an Army Reservist who holds the rank of Major General. He has served as Second-in-Command Sydney University Regiment (1994-6), Commanding Officer 4th/3rd Battalion, the Royal New South Wales Regiment (1997-99), Chief of Staff 5th Brigade (2004-5), Assistant Chief of Staff Land Headquarters (2006-7), and Commander 5th Brigade (2008-10). From 2011 to 2013 he was Head of Cadet, Reserve and Employer Support Division. He holds honorary appointments as Colonel Commandant of the Royal NSW Regiment and the University of NSW Regiment. He sat as a member of the Defence Force Discipline Appeals Tribunal and acted as Assistant Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force. Justice Brereton was honoured with membership of the Order of Australia (Military Division) in 2010 and received the Reserve Force Decoration in 1995.

Dr Tom Lewis OAM is a former naval officer and author or co-author of 18 books, all of which are works of military history except for one. He was the editor of *Headmark*, the Journal of the Australian Naval Institute from 2005 until 2016. His most recent works are: *Honour Denied - Teddy Sheean, A Tasmanian Hero*, *The Empire Strikes South*, *Darwin Bombed! A Young Person's Guide to the Japanese attacks of 19 February 1942*, *Atomic Salvation*, and *Attack on Sydney - the 1942 Submarine Raid: an 80-year Commemoration Perspective*. In 2003, Tom Lewis was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the Royal Australian Navy, particularly in the promotion of Australian naval history.

Dr David W. Cameron graduated from the University of Sydney in Prehistoric Archaeology in 1989 and completed his PhD in Palaeoanthropology at the School of Archaeology, ANU in 1995. David has written several books on primate evolutionary biology and over 15 books on Australian military history as well as over 70 internationally peer reviewed papers for various academic journals and book chapters. His latest military history books include *The Battles for Kokoda Plateau: Three weeks of hell*, *The Battle for Isurava: Fighting in the clouds of the Owen Stanley 1942*, *Saving Port Moresby: Fighting at the end of the Kokoda Track* and *Gona's Gone! The Battle for the Beachhead New Guinea*.

Michael C. Madden is an author, photographer and medal mounter. He is the founder and host of the podcast, *Australia Remembers*. Michael has written four novels and two major history books. In recognition of his work on *The Victoria Cross - Australia Remembers*, Michael was made a patron and Life Member of the *Victoria Cross Trust* in the UK. He was also made an honorary life member of the *United States Army Small Ships Association*. Michael's latest military history book is *Dasher: The Kevin Wheatley VC Story*.

See program on following page

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided (no charge)

Time	Activity
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:10	President – Welcome and Introduction
9:10 – 10:00	Major General the Hon Justice Paul Brereton AM RFD 'Deep Thinkers': NSW's 5th Brigade 1st AIF, 1915-1919
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Tea
10:30 – 11:20	Dr Tom Lewis OAM On Our Doorstep: Japanese Submarines Attack Sydney Harbour, 1942
11:20 – 11:30	Changeover
11:30 – 12:20	Dr David W Cameron Two NSW Battalions in Hell: Kokoda and the New Guinea Beachheads, 1942-1943
12:20 – 12:30	Anzac Memorial Tour Brief
12:30 – 2:30	Lunch concurrently with Group Tours of Anzac Memorial – Special guided tour including back of house areas and RUSI library
2:30 – 3:20	Michael C Madden Kevin Wheatley VC: Surry Hills Boy to Hero of the Vietnam War
3:20 – 4:00	Afternoon Tea
4:10 – 4:30	Final Words