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**'THAT FARAWAY EXPERIENCE': AUSTRALIA'S  
GREAT WAR, 1916-1918**

*by*

***Richard Reid***



***A soldier and his mother, c 1915 (Local Studies Collection, Mosman Library)***

In his semi-autobiographical novel, *My Brother Jack*, George Johnston described the Great War as 'that faraway experience which has moved in behind the privet hedge to occupy every room and every cranny of our mundane little house'. After Gallipoli local communities were to learn a great deal about that 'experience' as it entered the homes of families right across New South Wales, altering their lives and understandings of the world forever. Virtually every family was touched by that 'experience'. This presentation tells the story of some of them.

Irish born and educated Dr Richard Reid worked for more than 40 years as a high school teacher, museum curator and educator, and historian. He has written widely about Australia at war and the Irish in Australia. He has also led tours to the old Western Front in Belgium and France, and Gallipoli.

**Venue:** Mosman Library (doors open 6.45 to 7.15 PM)

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**Time:** 7.00 PM

Members free  
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