

## **STEVE GOWER BIO**

Steve Gower became the Director of the Australian War Memorial in March 1996 after a career in the Australian Army where he reached the rank of Major General.

He is a graduate of the University of Adelaide (BE with first class honours) and later undertook research in fluid mechanics leading to the award of a Masters Degree. He served in Vietnam as an artillery forward observer in 1966/67.

Recent years have seen over 60 percent of the Memorial's galleries redeveloped to world class display standards, the opening of a large additional exhibition facility, ANZAC Hall, and a major redevelopment of the grounds.

The Memorial has won the prestigious award of Australia's *Major Tourist Attraction* at the Australian Tourism Council Awards for three years in a row.

Steve is the Chair of the Council of Australian Museum Directors, a member of the Museum Management Board of the International Council of Museums and a member of the Canberra Business Council Task Force on Arts, Tourism and Sport, and a member of the Board of the Australian Capital Tourism Corporation. He is patron of ACT Cricket.