



**CEW Bean Prize Citation – 2011**

**Dr  
Robert Stevenson**

*'Anatomy of a division: the 1st Australian Division in the Great War, 1914-1919'*

Dr. Stevenson's thesis is an institutional analysis of the first Australian division raised for service in World War I. There is no other comparable study of an Australian division and he makes a major contribution to our knowledge about the Australian army's involvement in World War I.

His thoroughly researched study examines how the formation was raised, its operations, logistics, administration and operations. He demonstrates how the division developed into a modern fighting force in the course of the most revolutionary war of the twentieth century. Dr. Stevenson's argument that the quality of the division's leadership and administration underpinned its success is convincing. He also demonstrates that the division's successes had a powerful and lasting institutional impact on the Australian army in the Second World War.

We consider this thesis to be a major contribution to the history of the Australian Army, based on a depth of detailed research, excellent analysis and balanced judgement. We hope it will be published soon to ensure it has the widest impact possible.