

Doctor Rhys Crawly Biography

Areas of expertise

- Defence Studies 160604
- Historical Studies 2103
- Australian History (Excl. Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander History) 210303

Research interests

Australian military history

Operational analysis

First World War

Logistics in war

Combined operations and amphibious warfare

Security and intelligence

Biography

Dr Rhys Crawley is an historian with an honours (1st class) degree in history from the University of Wollongong, and a PhD from the University of New South Wales (University College, Australian Defence Force Academy). In 2007 he was selected as an annual summer scholar at the Australian War Memorial. Dr Crawley has been the recipient of several research scholarships, and has given talks on aspects of his research on the Gallipoli campaign at the University of Birmingham, the Imperial War Museum, the University of London, the US Naval Academy, the Australian War Memorial, and the Istanbul Medeniyet University. He is the principal researcher and co-author of the multi-volume *Official History of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)*, and is a co-author of volume 1 of the *Official History of Peacekeeping, Humanitarian and Post-Cold War Operations*. The author of *Climax at Gallipoli: The failure of the August Offensive* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2014), he researches, teaches, and writes on aspects of Australian military, logistic, security, and intelligence history. A member of the Australian Army Research Grants Committee, and a Research School of Asia & the Pacific (RSAP) Fellow, Dr Crawley also co-convenes the SDSC War Studies Seminar Series (<http://ips.cap.anu.edu.au/sdsc/war-studies-seminar-series>).

Researcher's projects

Co-author with John Blaxland of volume 3, *Official History of ASIO*.

Co-author with Peter Londey of volume 1, *Official History of Peacekeeping, Humanitarian and Post-Cold War Operations*.

Inside GHQ: The Gallipoli diary of Captain Orlo Williams

'Sustaining the AIF: Supply, transport, and the logistic cycle during the First World War' (supported by an Army History Unit Research Grant).

Currently researching for a monograph on Brigadier S.P. Weir, CO 1ATF, Vietnam, 1969-70.

Publications

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- [Crawley, R & Blaxland, J 2013, 'Intelligence oversight and accountability: who watches the watchers?'.*The Conversation*, 11 December 2013](#)
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- [Crawley, R 2013, 'The secret's out', 11 July 2013, <http://news.anu.edu.au/2013/07/11/the-secrets-out>](#)
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- [Crawley, R 2013, 'Supplying the offensive: the role of allied logistics', in Ashley Ekins \(ed.\), *Gallipoli: A ridge too far*, Exisle Publishing, Wollombi, Australia, pp. 254-271 \(notes 319-323\).](#)
- [Crawley, R 2010, 'The myths of August at Gallipoli', in Craig Stockings \(ed.\), *Zombie Myths of Australian Military History*, New South, Sydney, pp. 50-69.](#)