



# AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## Inaugural Public Fund Lecture 2023

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CHASS Congress, Tuesday 28 November 2023, Lecture Theatre 200,  
Social Sciences Building, University of Sydney, 6.00pm AEDT

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### RICHARD GLOVER, 'History as Inspiration'

Positive change, it sometimes seems, is almost impossible to achieve. The individual feels powerless when it comes to doing something about climate change, inequality, Indigenous rights and a million other failings. Yet history – both family history and Australia's wider story – reminds us of how sharply things can change. In this talk, Richard will describe the strange, almost unrecognisable, Australia of the 1960s and 1970s, and also celebrate the National Library's Trove website, and how it has given us all the ability to take an express trip into the past...sometimes with the help of our families.

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**Richard Glover's** most recent book is *Best Wishes*, a book about making the world a better, less annoying place, one wish at a time. He is also author of *The Land Before Avocado* – a journey into the bizarre Australia of the late 60s and early 70s – and the family memoir *Flesh Wounds*, which won the Readers' Choice Award as Biography of the Year in the 2016 Australian Book Industry Awards. Richard's weekly humour column has been published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age* for over thirty years. He writes regularly for *The Washington Post* and also presents Thank God It's Friday on ABC local radio.



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