



Richard Spencer Heritage Consultant

Richard Spencer is a heritage consultant with a background in historical and Aboriginal archaeology. He holds a Bachelor of Archaeology from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Lampeter.

Prior to joining GML Richard worked as a freelance archaeologist on multiple Aboriginal and historical archaeological excavations across NSW. During this time he helped supervise full scale excavations and also worked with members of the Aboriginal community in remote areas with test pitting and land surveying. Richard has also taken part in many research archaeology excavations and fieldwork across the UK, including on Bronze Age barrows and Anglo-Saxon graveyards.

Through his tertiary studies and industry experience Richard has developed his skills in post-excavation assessments and cataloguing. He has been trained in excavation and recording techniques and has particular training in lithics, ceramic identification and soil formation.

Richard has extensive knowledge in mapping sites, plotting trenches and creating topographical maps and has been introduced to geophysical surveying.

Qualifications

Bachelor in Archaeology, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Lampeter

Professional development

Construction Industry White Card, WA
Rail Industry Worker Card, NSW
Asbestos Awareness Training

Key experience

Historical archaeology—excavation and fieldwork

- Parramatta Light Rail, Infrastructure—Client: Parramatta Connect
- Sydney Metro, Central Station—Client: Laing O'Rourke (for Artefact Heritage)
- Parramatta Light Rail, Enabling Works—Client: Diona Ward JV (for Artefact Heritage)

Aboriginal archaeology—testing and salvage

- Mt Gilead, Aboriginal Survey, Testing and Salvage—Client: Lendlease
- Nowra Road Scheme—Client: Roads and Maritime (for Artefact Heritage)
- ARTC Inland Rail Phase 2, Aboriginal Test Excavation—Client: WSP Australia

Research archaeology—excavation and fieldwork

- Datchet Quarry, Multiphase Meso/Neolithic, BA Landscape, Cemex
- A303 Road Scheme, Stonehenge Landscape Testing & Excavation
- Bulford Town Military Housing Salisbury Plain, Neolithic Double Henge and Saxon Cemetery, MOD
- Tidworth Military Housing Salisbury Plain, Saxon Cemetery, MOD
- Larkhill School & Housing Salisbury Plain, Neo—WWI Practice trenches, MOD
- Yeovil Housing, Saxon Cemetery
- Anglesea Nuclear Power Station, Neo, Roman, Horizon
- Nasium, Saint-Amand-Sur-Ornain, France, Roman Villa Excavation
- Kurgus Sudan, Excavation of Egyptian New Kingdom Fortification on the Nile and nearby Meroitic/Coptic Cemetery—British Museum/SARS
- Rockley Bay, Tobago, Research Project, Underwater Excavation of 17th Century Shipwrecks (the *Huis te Kruiningen*)
- Medieval Cistercian Abbey Guesthouse, Training Excavation, Strata Florida, Wales—University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Lampeter

Professional background

Heritage Consultant, GML Heritage, May 2021–present
Freelance Archaeologist, various companies, 2019–2021
Field Archaeologist, Wessex Archaeology, 2015–2019