



LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Day Service 2023



THE VIETNAM WAR ... 50 YEARS ON

After 10 years of enduring difficult conditions in the rice paddies and jungles of South Vietnam undertaking dangerous operations against the Viet Cong, the last Australian units were withdrawn on 30 June 1973.

More than 60,000 brave Australians served in Vietnam, but sadly 523 never returned home. More than 3,000 more were wounded, many still wearing physical and mental battle scars to this day.

Vietnam battles including Long Tan, Coral and Balmoral, Binh Ba and The Tet Offensive have been carved into Australia's history as major conflicts that had a profound impact on those serving and those who supported them from the home front. Australia's involvement in the war was controversial at times, and those who were fortunate to return home faced negativity and criticism, amplifying the devastation.

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Saturday, 11 November

ORDER OF SERVICE

held at The Cenotaph, Sturt Street, Ballarat

Welcome - MC Reg Mowat

Catafalque party mounts

8th/ 7th Battalion, Royal Victoria Regiment
Commander - CPL George Coltman

Prayer - Rev Michael O'Brien

Recitation by students -

Eve Cummins - Loreto College

& Frederick Heagney - Ballarat Grammar

Commemorative Address - Garry Snowden

Vote of Thanks - City of Ballarat Mayor, Cr Des Hudson OAM

Prefix & Ode - Ballarat RSL President, Alan Douglass

They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Response: *We will remember them*



Last Post

Last Toll

One Minute's Silence

Rouse

Piper's Lament

Wreath Laying

National Anthems

Catafalque Party dismounts

Benediction

Close of Service

Thanks to

Alan Douglass, Ballarat RSL President

Reg Mowat, MC

John Scannell, Events Co-Ordinator

Wreath Laying Team - WO2 Bradley Turner, Gillian Treloar & Heather Clifton

Garry Snowden, Guest Speaker

City of Ballarat Mayor, Cr Des Hudson OAM

Reverend Michael O'Brien

Victoria Police

8th/7th Battalion, Royal Victoria Regiment - RSM WO1 Matthew Vermeij

Catafalque Commander - CPL George Coltman

Flag Party - 8th/7th 2RVR Association

Students - Eve Cummins (Loreto College) & Frederick Heagney (Ballarat Grammar)

Musicians - Craig Farrington - Bugle Chris Ducardus - Bell

Sue Brant - Bagpipes Peter Gunn - Drum

Singer - Bayley Mackie (Phoenix P-12 Community College)

Following the Service, all are Welcome to enjoy Hospitality at

Midlands - Ballarat RSL Sports and Services Club

330 Heinz Lane, Invermay Park, 3350



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