

**75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL
OF SINGAPORE WORLD WAR TWO**

**AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR
MEMORIAL
BALLARAT WEDNESDAY
15 FEBRUARY 2017.**




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YEARS OF
ANZAC
THE SPIRIT LIVES
2014 - 2018

The Australian Prisoner of war Memorial was opened in Ballarat Victoria, by the Australian Governor Sir Peter Cosgrove on the 6th February 2004. The Memorial was built to remember all the Australians captured as POW in all wars, over 35,000.



In the Boer War(South Africa 1899-1902), 16.000 Australians served with 600 died and 200 captured as Prisoners.



In World War One 1915 1918, 416.000 Australians served with over 60.000 killed and over 4.000 POW.

The Turkish Forces at Gallipoli captured 232 Australians, and Germany captured 3,850 in Europe.

In the Second World War 1940 -19 45, over 900.000 Australians served with over 30,000 captured as POW.

Australians in the Second World War were captured by the Germans and Italians in Europe, Greece, Mediterranean, Middle East, and also at Sea in the Atlantic, Indian, Pacific Oceans.

During the Pacific War, (WWII and the fall of Singapore) the Japanese captured over 100,000 British troops and 22,000 Australians, soldiers, Airmen, and Sailors at places such as Papua New Guinea, Ambon, Borneo, Burma, Thailand, New Britain, Sumatra. Over 8,000 Australians died as Prisoners of War. 60 Australian Nurses captured as POW in Singapore, only 24 survived.



In the Korean War 1950-1953, 17,000 Australians served 340 died and 29 captured as POW. Amongst the Australian Prisoners of War, there were 27 Greek-Australians captured in the Australian forces, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and in places such as Europe, Germany-France (RAAF), Greece, Crete, Singapore, Thailand, Sandakan, Borneo, New Britain, Burma, Malaya, New Guinea.
+ 9 Greek-Australians in the Australian Forces died as Prisoners of War in World War Two.

