

## 75 YEAR MEMORIAL OF BURMA RAILWAY

This year marks seventy-five years since Australian prisoners of war started work on the infamous Burma railway. Over two thousand young Australian soldiers died in the concentration camps that held captured Australian soldiers. A Commemoration Ceremony was held at Ballarat's POW Memorial to honour the bravery and courage of these Australians. A large crowd gathered for this moving ceremony at which four of the inmates, now quite elderly, were able to attend. Year 8 student Sapphie Osman was nominated to read one of the stories at this service, a result of her winning the Legacy Public Speaking Award earlier this year. Sapphie's reading was a moving story about one of the inmates. She and Ella Slater later laid a wreath on behalf of Loreto College at the Memorial.

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