Ex-Prisoner of War Memorial

In February the society had an enquiry from Keith Smith who is editor of *Monumentally Speaking NSW* which is the newsletter of the NSW Committee of the National Boer War Memorial Association. Their aim is to establish a Boer War Memorial on Anzac Parade leading up to the Australian War Memorial. Keith was interested to know if the Ex-Prisoner of War Memorial in Ballarat listed the men taken prisoner in the 1899-1902 Boer War. We were pleased to inform him that it did and sent him some photos of the memorial which is located at the southern boundary of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens.

These two photos were taken on Sunday the 6th of February which was the 7th anniversary of the opening of the Ex-POW Memorial in 2004 - hence the wreaths and the covered seating for the ceremony earlier in the day. The main obelisk lists the four wars in which Australians were taken prisoner: Boer War 1899-1902, WW1 1914-18, WW2 1939-45, and the Korean War 1950-3

Opposite there are six standing stones which list the locations of the camps for Australian prisoners. On either side there is a black granite wall on which the names of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War are engraved. They are listed alphabetically for each war with surname and initials and no rank. This is such a treat for genealogists with about 38,000 names to peruse while strolling past. At the end there is an Addendum section for each war. Names were added as further research revealed more information. This wall contains a more complete list of all Australian Ex-Prisoners of War than those at the Australian War Memorial. The Ballarat Ex-POW Memorial was the first war memorial outside Canberra to receive national status. This means that the federal government will contribute to the maintenance of the memorial. This happened in Sep 2008.

Ballarat & District Genealogical Society website www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/ex_pow_memorial.htm
Try http://ballarat.com/ and click on the link under Attractions, to the Ex POW Memorial.

Over the past eleven years Ballarat resident Liz Heagney OAM has researched the 38,000 names of Australian Ex-Prisoners of War for the memorial. She has a large collection of photographs given to her with a view to eventual publication of her material. If you have a photograph of a family member who was a prisoner in any of the wars, Liz would be very pleased if you would forward a copy to her, along with any personal information you would like to share. She is still very busy with her continuing research so please contact her through B&DGS at researchballarat@hotmail.com

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Below are the names of Australian Ex-POWs from the Boer War.

Boer War 1899-1902

ABBOTT A P ANDERSON W A BAYLEY M W BEDWELL A BERESFORD G S G BEVAN W P BOYS F A BRADFORD D J BREYDON R BRIDLEY W M **BROTHERS C** BROWN GH **BURROWS W J** BYERS R J CAMERON D C CASEY E C CLARE S G CLERK E G

COOK E C CORNWALL C COUGHLAN A W **COUGHLAN E W** DAFF W F DALEY A D DAVIDSON G DE LAINE H C C DOUDNEY G DOUGLAS F J DOWLING W V **DUREAU F E** EAMES W EBELING G A

EGAN J P

CONGREVE F J

CONTI A A

COOK B W

ELLIOTT W F FINCHAM W N FISHER C E FLINT T FORD J FORD J M FOX J FRASER D FRASER J E GIFFORD A E GOODSALL S H GRACE T D GREEN A GREEN J **GRIFFITHS M** HALL J J

HAMILTON S G

HARDIE J

HARRISON R

HAYCROFT H

HEALY J W

HERRY L F

HOBOURN J H HODGKINSON W F C

HOFF C HOLME C B HORTLE F W **HUMPHRIES G HUNTER W S** HUTTON J HYNES C W **INNES C** JOHNSTON H JOHNSTON R M KELLY J B KINGSTON G

LEE L J LEITCH F W LILLECRAP LILLEY J L LOYNES J LYNN R J

MARMANT J MAWLEY E McCANCE J McDONALD P McEKWAINE T McINERNEY T M McKENZIE J W

MILLS C B

MEAGHER F M

Column 2

MILLS J H MOLONEY D MOUNTJOY A OXFORD A PARROT A K PATON J POOLE F PRICE J G PROVIS F H RAMSAY F G RAWSON L R READ W B REESE C G B ROBERTS J A ROBERTS R ROGERS G R ROSE P C RUDHALL B SKENE T SMITH J A SPEED E J SPENDOR E C SPURWAY B STAINES R H STANDFORD W SUTOR A W SUTTIE F SWAN MH TATCHELL E C

TAYLOR A V

TRATHAM J E

UNIACKE G L

WHEELER F F

TREMEARNE A J

TOLL F W

WEST S

WHELAN U WHITTINGTON G R WICKENS E A WIECK G F G WILKINSON J F M WILSON L C WRIGHT A YATES F

Addendum ARMSTRONG F A ARNOLD DD BATCHELOR U BAUMANN C W A **BOYES T** BURGE J A BUSBY W N BYRNE C CAMPBELL C CARTER H R DOBE H **DUDLEY J** EVA A H **EVANS J J** FENWICK J F FERGUSON J N V HALL J D HIGGINSON J B **HUGHES E B** JUSTINS A L KIMPTON M LOCKE J LONGLAND W MAIR W MARTIN J G McCARRY H J McCORMICK P McGHIE M J MEIBUSCH F MURPHY J F **MURRAY A E NEILSON E NEVILLE G NORMAN E** PALMER W PATON T PENT G PONTING W ROBERTS E M ROGERS C W SINCLAIR F SMITH E B STEELE W STEWART PGA

STOCKWELL W H G

STRONG TH

SUTHERLAND J

WATERTON G W T

THOMPSON A

TODD R