



# **Vietnam Veterans' Day**

**18 August 2012  
3:30pm**

**Order of Service**

**Welcome** Australian Defence Attaché,  
Group Captain Matthew Dudley

**Address** Australian Ambassador,  
His Excellency Mr Hugh Borrowman

**Prayer** New Zealand Consul General,  
Mr Graham Sims

Remember, O Lord, all those the brave and the true, who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest O Lord. And grant to us who remain the spirit of service which may make us worthy of their sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Laying of Wreaths**

- Australian Ambassador, His Excellency  
Mr Hugh Borrowman
- New Zealand Consul General, Mr Graham Sims

**Reading of Honour Roll** Australian Defence Attaché,  
Group Captain Matthew Dudley

**Ode to the Fallen** Australian Consul General,  
Mr John McAnulty

They shall grow not old, as we that 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.

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM (All)**

**LEST WE FORGET (All)**

The Last Post

One Minute's Silence

Reveille

National Anthems



### Advance Australia Fair (All)

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In History's page let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair;  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.

### God Defend New Zealand (All)

God of nations at thy feet,  
In the bonds of love we meet,  
Hear our voices we entreat,  
God defend our free land,  
Guard Pacific's triple star,  
From the shafts and strife and war,  
Make her praises heard afar,  
God defend New Zealand.

## About the Long Tan Cross

The Long Tan Cross marks the site of the Battle of Long Tan, which took place on 18 August 1966. The Battle was Australia's single most costly engagement of the Vietnam War, with the loss of 18 Australian soldiers.

A cross was first erected on the site in 1969 when the 6th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, which fought in the Battle, was on its second tour of duty. The original cross disappeared after the war.

The cross now standing at Long Tan is a replica, which was erected in 2002 by representatives of the Australian Veterans Vietnam Reconstruction Group, with the consent of the local authorities. In 2005 the Department of Veterans' Affairs provided funds to upgrade the Cross site. The original cross is part of the Dong Nai Museum's collection (30 km from HCMC), and is currently on loan to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra where it will be on display until June 2013.

The Long Tan Cross has become an important site for veterans and others who seek to recognise Australians who served in Vietnam.