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# Stained Glass Window at Hamilton Baptist Church



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## Location

48 Gray Street, Hamilton, SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn Hughes, 2013;
Architect/Designer	Unknown,
Hermes Number	196614
Property Number	

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: B2455, Lewis Albert Herbert.

With thanks to Pastor Trevor Walmsley, Hamilton Baptist Community Church for names of the men and image of the windows.

## **Memorial Window Subject**

Ornamental

## **Memorial Window Text**

n/a

## **Memorial Window Inscription**

n/a

## **Memorial Window Description & History**

A series of six windows was unveiled in the Hamilton Baptist Church in August 1933, all of which were installed to commemorate men who died in the Great War, one of whom was Albert Herbert Lewis. Lewis' connection with the Hamilton church is unclear, especially as he gave his religion as Church of England on his enlistment forms.

Albert Lewis, son of Henry and Catherine Lewis of Brunswick Vic., was a 28 year-old cook in civilian life when enlisted in March 1915. Damage to his right knee during his training eventually saw him discharged, but he rejoined on 14 February 1917 in Sydney. His age is given as 33 years, which does not 'square' with the date of his earlier enlistment. Travelling to Plymouth on HMAT *MacGillvray*, he joined the 1 Training Battalion at Durrington, England on 28 July 1917. As part of the reinforcements for 3 Battalion, he fought in France from late November 1917 until his admission to hospital with dental problems in June 1918. After rejoining his battalion on 16 June 1918 he was killed in action on the 24 June. He is commemorated at the Villiers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.

Image is representative of all six commemorative windows.

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