
Stained Glass Window at Crib Point HMAS Cerberus Flinders Naval Depot Anglican Chapel



Crib Point HMAS Cerberus
Anglican Chapel Canberra
rose

Location

Crib Point, MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

Municipality

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Heritage Study/Consultant	Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn Hughes, 2013;
Architect/Designer	Kellock, David Taylor,
Hermes Number	196728
Property Number	

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

Canberra Times, 9 May 1953, p.4; 12 July 1954, p.2; 12 June 1954, p.2; 14 June 1954, p.1; *Sydney Morning Herald*, 22 May 1954, p.13.

With thanks to HMAS *Cerberus* Museum curator Toni Munday

Memorial Window Subject

symbolic

Memorial Window Text

n/a

Memorial Window Inscription

n/a

Memorial Window Description & History

Despite the generous response to appeals for memorials to HMAS *Sydney* (£850) and *Perth* (£450) a tribute to HMAS *Canberra* had reportedly only raised £1 by May 1953, a disappointment to the funds manager, Chaplain, the Reverend Herbert E Fawell, who was unable to generate interest in the memorial. A year later the United States Ambassador, Mr. Amos Peaslee presented a cheque for £75 to the president of the Canberra Ex-Naval Men's Association for the window. The funds were the proceeds of an exhibition baseball game between sailors on the warships *Tarawa* and *O'Bannon* when they were in Australia for the Coral Sea celebrations. The balance was soon forthcoming and the window was expected to be completed by August 1954.

Architect, Louis R Williams, used the rose window as a regular feature of his church designs. Unlike the curvilinear tracery example in the east end, the tracery for the south chapel followed a more traditional format. Both rose windows were based on symbolic designs, in contrast to the nave windows where stained glass artist, David Taylor Kellock (1913-1988) used figurative designs in the nave windows to commemorate the ships and men of the Australian fleet.

HMAS *Canberra*, named for Australia's capital, was a heavy cruiser of the Kent sub-class of County class cruiser. Built in Scotland in the late 1920s, during the Second World War she plied the Indian Ocean between Ceylon, South Africa and Australia before being reassigned to convoy duties around New Guinea and the Pacific region. During the Battle of Savo Island on 9 August 1942, she was badly damaged before a decision to evacuate before being sunk by United States Navy destroyers.

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