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# Stained Glass Window at Corio Geelong Grammar School All Saints' Anglican Chapel



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## Location

Biddlecombe Avenue, Corio, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## 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

Waller, Mervyn Napier, Waller, Christian,

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196754

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

NAA: A705, 166/16/72; James Affleck, *Geelong Grammarians at World War Two*, The Old Geelong Grammarians Incorporated, Corio, 2002, p.30; *The Corian*, May and August 1943; <http://www.adelaideriverwargraves.com/gove.htm>

## Memorial Window Subject

S.W. Pacific

## Memorial Window Text

Strength: Whosoever will save his life shall lose it and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it.

## Memorial Window Inscription

Killed on active service Air Operations Millingimbi 20th Ap.1943 Pilot Officer William J.H. Gove No.2. Squadron R.A.A.F.

## Memorial Window Description & History

Made in the same style as all the aisle windows, this design incorporated a small elephant to symbolise 'Strength', trunk upraised and standing beside a fallen column; the text was taken from Matthew 16: 24-26.

Pilot Officer William Julius Henderson Gove, son of Squadron Leader R.V. Gove, had only been promoted from Flight Sergeant on 1 April 1943, three weeks before he died. The squadron was flying from Darwin to armed reconnaissance of Timoeke, Dutch New Guinea when it is thought that two planes may have accidentally clipped each other as they took up flight formation, only four minutes into the flight. All lives were lost on both planes. Men from Gove's Hudson were buried together on Rabuma Island on 26 April 1943 and later reburied at Adelaide River War Cemetery; the plaque on Pilot Officer Gove's grave has a shortened version of the text on this window. The Air Force elected to name a landing strip near Melville Bay in the north west after Pilot Officer Gove to perpetuate his memory.

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