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# Stained Glass Window at Footscray St. John the Evangelist's Anglican Church



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## Location

Paisley Street, Footscray, MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

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Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn  
Hughes, 2013;

Architect/Designer

Ferguson, John, Ferguson & Papas,

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196902

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Unit history; Keith Bilney, *14/32 Australian Infantry Battalion A.I.F. 1940-1945: Australia, New Guinea, New Britain*, 14/32 Australian Infantry Battalion Association, Melbourne, 1994; Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Footscray, Victoria: centenary celebrations of the Anglican Church in Footscray District 1855-1955, St. John's Vestry, 1988.

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## Memorial Window Subject

Garden of Gesthemane

## Memorial Window Text

Watch ye, stand fast in the Faith, quit ye like men, be strong

## Memorial Window Inscription

This window is erected in grateful remembrance of those of this city who gave their lives during World War II, Korea and Vietnam

## Memorial Window Description & History

In the 1960's the Vicar of St. John's was the Reverend Ron Durance who had previously been in the 14/32 Infantry Battalion, the same army unit as two of St. John's current parishioners in 2013, Mr George King and Mr Ray Ritchie. In 1921, 14 Battalion was formed as the 'Pahran Regiment' and 32 Battalion was raised as the 'Footscray Regiment'; the two merged in 1942, prior to military training in Queensland and embarkation for Papua New Guinea. According to George King, their Army Parade Services were held at St John's and at one of their annual Reunion Dinners the Reverend Ron Durance suggested that the battalion members might like to donate a memorial stained glass window to the church. The response was enthusiastic and sufficient funds were apparently raised there and then. Designer of the window was Melbourne stained glass artists John Ferguson and Nick Papas, themselves veterans of the New Guinea campaign.

Instead of solely commemorating church members, the window was raised appropriately as a memorial to all servicemen and women from the City of Footscray and the Council Seal was included in the head of the arch, alongside emblems of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The window was dedicated on 27 April 1969 at the annual Anzac Day service.

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