
Stained Glass Window at Euroa St. Paul's Anglican Church



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Euroa St Pauls chancel 1903

Location

Clifton Street, Euroa, STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

Municipality

STRATHBOGIE 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	Brooks, Robinson & Co,
Hermes Number	196979
Property Number	

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

Argus, 13 August 1901, p.5; 25 September 1901, p.6; *Camperdown Chronicle*, 20 February 1904, p.5 (supplement); *Euroa Advertiser*, 27 September 1901, p.2; 2 January 1903, p.2; 9 January 1903, p.2; 16 January 1903, p.3; C.W. Halsall, *St. Paul's Anglican Church, Euroa centennial publication 1985*, St. Paul's Centenary Book Committee, Euroa, 1985; Lynne Dore, 'John Charlton Window', (unpublished manuscript August 2014); http://alh-research.tripod.com/Light_Horse/index.blog/2003256/5th-victorian-mounted-rifles-outline/.

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Memorial Window Subject

St. Paul

Memorial Window Text

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Memorial Window Inscription

[In memory of John Charlton of the 5th Contingent died South Africa 16th August 1901]

Memorial Window Description & History

A memorial to Private John Charlton was under discussion only a month after his death when a large crowd gathered in the Castle Creek hall to hear the Rev. Frederick W Wray (incumbent St. Paul's 1896-1902) deliver a lecture entitled, 'Incidents of the War', followed by a musical program: the proceeds were in aid of the memorial window fund. The Rev. Wray served as an Army Chaplain, accompanying the 2nd Contingent to South Africa in early 1900. He was invalided home with enteric fever in mid-1901 and thus had a good understanding of John Charlton's experience at war. Wray was later a distinguished Senior Chaplain in the First World War, receiving the CMG and CBE for his service.

The addition of a timber chancel to enlarge St. Paul's Church, Euroa was an opportunity to instalthe three-light window, made by Brooks, Robinson & Co., which was unveiled by the Venerable Archdeacon Hindley of Melbourne on 13 January 1903. Although primarily made up of diamond leadlights with ornamental borders in an Art Nouveau style, emblems of the Cross were inserted in the heads of the outer lights. The taller central light featured a symbolic representation of the shield, helmet and sword mentioned in the text, taken from Paul the Apostle's epistle to the Ephesians 6: 16-17. When a new brick chancel and tower were planned in 1929-30, the window was deemed unsuitable for the new building and it was 'reverently placed under the floor of the new building', where it lay for more than 80 years. It is hoped that funds can be raised for its conservation and relocation as it is one ofvery few Boer War memorial windows in Victoria.

John Charlton was born in 1878 at Castle Creek, Euroa. He was one of Mary and Walter Charlton's eight children. John joined the 5th Mounted Rifles Contingent of the Colonial Military Forces that departed from Melbourne for South Africa on 15 February 1901. The Regiment took part in major fighting, notably at Wilmansrust. Charlton was reported in the *Argus* as 'dangerously ill' with enteric fever in Pretoria only a few days before he died on 16th August 1901. Trooper John Charlton's name is among those commemorated on the Boer War Memorial, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne.

Two other Charlton brothers, Francis and Robert, lost their lives in the First World War: Private Francis Alexander Charlton, 7 Battalion, was killed on 25 April 1915 at Gallipoli and Sergeant Robert Charlton, 21 Battalion, was killed in action in France on 3 May 1917.

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