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# Stained Glass Window at Euroa Methodist Church [now funeral parlour]



Euroa former Methodist Church  
Wale WWI



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## Location

Binney Street, Euroa, STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

## Municipality

STRATHBOGIE 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

Brooks, Robinson & Co,

Hermes Number

196631

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: B2455 Wale Philip George; *Euroa Advertiser*, 12 May 1916, p.2

## Memorial Window Subject

Faith

## Memorial Window Text

I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith

## Memorial Window Inscription

To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Lieut. Philip George Wale, 7th Battalion, 2nd Infantry Brigade, 1st Australian Division, A.I.F., who fell at Cape Helles, Gallipoli, on May 8th, 1915, in his 21st year. This window is dedicated by his parents.

## Memorial Window Description & History

A large congregation gathered in the Methodist Church, Euroa, for the unveiling of the stained glass window to Lieutenant Wale's memory. The central subject of the window was reported to be the figure of a youth, representing *Faith*. The text for the sermon was taken from St. John 19:30, 'It is Finished', and delivered by Mr. AC Palmer, MHR. At the close of the sermon an Honour Roll was unveiled that contained names of all the men from the church who were serving, including four whose lives were lost; other names were undoubtedly added to the list over the next two years. The church is still in use as a Chapel for Mark Floyd, Funeral Director and the window remains in place, although obscured by a large tree outside the building.

Philip George Wale, son of George Edward and Louisa Jane Wale, was born in October 1894. At the time of his enlistment at Korumburra on 21 September 1914, aged 19, he was working in Loch as a bank clerk. He was promoted to Sergeant the same month and 2nd Lieutenant on 28 April 1915, shortly after the landing at Gallipoli. Initially he was reported wounded during fierce fighting on 8 May and, after many months of enquiry, he was reported 'wounded and missing' in December 1915. The last letter received by his family was dated 7 May, entitled 'Little Dugout at the Front'. Throughout the following months his father wrote constantly to the army authorities in an attempt to gain some certainty as to his son's fate, however Wale was told of his son's death by a comrade, Private Wignell and a stretcher bearer, Eric Harbison. An official army enquiry ultimately confirmed Lieutenant Wale's death on 8 May 1915, and his family was notified early in 1916. Lieutenant Wale is honoured on the Helles Memorial at Gallipoli.

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