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



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inscription

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## Location

Crib Point, MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

## Municipality

MORNINGTON PENINSULA 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

Smyth, Dacre H D,

Hermes Number

196705

Property Number

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## **Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements**

With thanks to HMAS *Cerberus* Museum curator Toni Munday

## **Memorial Window Subject**

Navy Divers

## **Memorial Window Text**

O God in heaven hear our plea for clearance divers neath the sea, while in the ocean's dark embrace, keep them Thy sons within Thy grace and hear us Lord, O Thou who saves.

## **Memorial Window Inscription**

Plaque: This window, commissioned by members of the R.A.N. Clearance Divers Association, was dedicated on 28 February 2006 to commemorate the service of the Clearance Divers of the Royal Australian Navy. The window was designed, created, installed and donated by Commodore Dacre Smyth AO RAN (Rtd.)

## **Memorial Window Description & History**

This three-light window was one of the last to be installed in the chapel, decades after the opening of the building in 1954 and this light, placed on the left, was among the last windows to be designed and made by Dacre Smyth (1923-2008) before his death.

A summary of the history of the Navy's Clearance Divers appears as part of the inscription on the window: 'The Australian Navy's Clearance Diving Branch has been in existence since 1951, until which time, volunteer divers from all branches provided the Navy's diving needs. The Clearance Divers are also responsible for all explosive ordnance disposal'.

Images within the window clearly identify the branch's purpose with a full diving helmet above the crest of the Clearance Diving Branch RAN. This crest includes the same diving helmet and the motto- 'United and Undaunted'. In recognition of the changes to diving practice and the dangers faced by the men, the artist has painted a speaking image of a scuba diver swimming around three mines. The top of the window proclaims its Christian message, with a small image of the Dove of Peace and the Holy Spirit.

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