
Stained Glass Window at Melbourne Scots' Presbyterian Church



Melbourne Scots War Memorial 1963

Location

Corner Russell and Collins Streets, Melbourne, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

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	Sumner, Alan,
Hermes Number	196847
Property Number	

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

Rosalie Strother (ed.), 'The Stories in Stained Glass: the Scots' Church Melbourne stained glass windows'; rough sketches for Scots' Church, Melbourne, Alan Sumner Collection, State Library of Victoria.

Memorial Window Subject

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Memorial Window Text

n/a

Memorial Window Inscription

n/a

Memorial Window Description & History

The most recent of all the windows in the Scots' Church, Melbourne, *The Gift of the Holy Spirit* and an accompanying mosaic of the *Resurrection* were unveiled by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II in 1963. Both were designed and made by Melbourne artist, Alan Sumner. Notes on Sumner's rough sketch for the window indicated that although the window was a tribute to the men who died in the two World Wars, he intended to emphasise peace through the placement of the dove in God's hands at the head of the window and the raised hands of the people below aspiring to grasp a peaceful future. The lower section of the window showed the despair and destruction caused by war.

Initially, the two trefoil windows were to contain *Alpha* and *Omega*, symbols of the beginning and the end, but this was replaced with the badges of the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force and Red Cross, painted in exemplary style by Sumner. The mosaic depicted the empty tomb on the left with the resurrected Christ on the right to symbolise *Victory over Death*.

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