Stained Glass Window at Tatura St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



Tatura St Andrews
Presbyterian Church Cross of
St Andrew window



Tatura St Andrews Presbyterian Church Cross of St Andrew inscription 2

Location

241 Hogan Street, Tatura, GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY

Municipality

GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

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Study/Consultant Hughes, 2013;

Architect/Designer

Unknown,

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196856

Property Number

Memorial Window References & Discounting Window R

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: A705, 166/38/579; *Argus*, 27 June 1944, p.5; 28 July 1944, p.11; 2 June 1945, p.7; http://www.cwgc.org/

Memorial Window Subject

Cross of St. Andrew and Burning Bush

Memorial Window Text

n/a

Memorial Window Inscription

To the Glory of God and to the memory of John Galloway Stewart Born 4-1-1924 Killed in Action 22-6-1944 R.A.A.F.

Memorial Window Description & Examp; History

Symbols of the Presbyterian Church - the *Cross of St. Andrew* and the *Burning Bush* - feature in this predominantly leadlight window, possibly identifying the Stewart family's Scottish ancestry as well as their faith. However, their Australian connections were also recognised with the inclusion of sprays of wattle that resemble a section of a wreath, sitting below a finely-crafted Air Force badge at the top of the lancet. The designer and date of the window's unveiling are unknown.

Flight Sergeant John Galloway Stewart was the son of Galloway and Ketha Stewart of Tatura and only 20 years old when he died on 22 June 1944 as one of the seven man crew aboard Lancaster LL971, 467 Squadron. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes that Stewart is buried in a joint grave at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery at Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, which is close to the Dutch border and not far from Dusseldorf in Germany. Most of the airmen buried in the cemetery died in the intensive air attacks over Germany and their graves were brought in from isolated sites in the surrounding districts. At the same time that Flight Sergeant Stewart was reported missing, his father Lieutenant Galloway Stewart, who fought in the 4 Light Horse in the First World War, was a prisoner of war under the Japanese having been taken at the fall of Singapore, and a younger brother James Burt was a pilot-in training.

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