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# Stained Glass Window at Brighton [Gardenvale] St. Stephen's Anglican Church



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Stephens Anglican Church,  
Air Force and Navy at War,  
M. Napier Waller 1951

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## Location

Corner Cochrane Street and North Road, Gardenvale [now Brighton], BAYSIDE CITY

## Municipality

BAYSIDE CITY

## 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	Waller, Mervyn Napier,
Hermes Number	197008

Property Number

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## **Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements**

A.A. Phillips, *A Centenary History of St. Stephen's Gardenvale*, [1982], pp.138-39, p.142 and unpaginated appendix; Nicholas Draffin, *The Art of Napier Waller*, Sun Books Ltd., South Melbourne, 1978, p.59.

## **Memorial Window Subject**

Air Force and Navy at War

## **Memorial Window Text**

n/a

## **Memorial Window Inscription**

[Plaque] Tom Bell 1889-1978 Agnes Bell 1892-1979

## **Memorial Window Description & History**

Originally this window was given anonymously, but was in fact the gift of Tom Bell, who wished that after his wife's death, she would be remembered by this window. The plaques on the sill below the window recognise the sterling work for St. Stephen's that both Tom and Agnes Bell maintained throughout their lives. Thus, the two windows dedicated to the Armed Forces commemorate the Bell family. This window, a companion to the John Stanton Bell window that depicts the Army's role in war, shows the tasks performed by Air Force and Navy personnel. The images are unusual representations, without cliché; a broken doll in a war ravaged city adds a small symbol representing civilian casualties. The vertical borders at either side of the main image show Biblical scenes of the struggle against evil.

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