
Stained Glass Window at Corio Geelong Grammar School All Saints' Anglican Chapel



Corio Gellong Grammar
School Seller

Location

Biddlecombe Avenue, Corio, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG 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	Waller, Mervyn Napier, Waller, Christian,
Hermes Number	196756
Property Number	

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: A705, 166/37/26; James Affleck, *Geelong Grammarians at World War Two*, The Old Geelong Grammarians Incorporated, 2002, pp.75-76; *The Corian*, May 1943.

Memorial Window Subject

S.W. Pacific

Memorial Window Text

Obedience: The servant is not greater than his lord, neither he that is sent than he that sent him.

Memorial Window Inscription

Killed on active service Bowan[sic] North Queensland 8th Feb.1943 Pilot Officer Edward Charles Sherwood Seller, No.9 Squadron R.A.A.F.

Memorial Window Description & History

One of the series of small aisle windows in All Saints' Chapel, Geelong Grammar School that followed a similar simple and elegant format. At the top of the window was the Royal Australian Air Force badge, placed under the theatre of war 'S.W. Pacific'. 'Obedience' was symbolised by a small image of a quiescent donkey. The decorative border was made of stylised palm fronds, possibly representing the area of conflict, with the 'wings' of the RAAF placed centrally in the lower border.

Shortly after leaving Geelong Grammar School Edward CS Seller joined 6 Battalion, Royal Military Regiment and was called up for guard duty on declaration of war. He volunteered for the Empire Air Training Scheme, gaining his Wings at Amberley NSW, later becoming Staff Pilot and Instructor to No.9 Squadron, RAAF, and then posted elsewhere within Australia. While engaged on dive bombing practice in Seagull (Walrus) A-29 with 9 Squadron on 8 February 1943 his plane crashed into the sea, killing all three occupants, including the pilot Lieutenant JH McWhae, another Geelong Old Boy, also honoured in the Chapel. The bodies of the men were recovered and buried at Bowen on 12 February 1943. Pilot Officer Seller is commemorated at the Townsville War Cemetery, Queensland.

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