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# Stained Glass Window at Crib Point Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Chapel



Crib Point HMAS Cerberus  
Catholic Chapel INRI IHS

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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	Brooks, Robinson & Co,
Hermes Number	196821
Property Number	

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: A6769, Pirrie R.

## Memorial Window Subject

INRI IHS

## Memorial Window Text

n/a

## Memorial Window Inscription

Plaque: Pray for those members of the R.A.N. who gave their lives whilst serving with the Royal Navy Erected by the Hawthorn C.Y.M.S. one of whose members was among them

## Memorial Window Description & History

The Chapel of Our Lady Star of the Sea was designed by PJ O'Connor and Brophy and built by WA Medbury as a memorial to 'those men of the Royal Australian Navy who gave their lives in World War I and II'. The Foundation stone was blessed the Melbourne's Archbishop, the Most Rev. D. Mannix DD, LLD, on 6 October 1946. The builder ordered windows from Brooks, Robinson & Co. in March 1948, most to be made of 'amber quarries with a green outside border and a ruby inner border' with emblems inset, as was the case for this group in the north nave that each measured approximately 63 x 19 inches.

It is likely that the young man whom the Hawthorn CYMS sought to honour in this window was Richard Pirrie who reported for duty in the Royal Australian Navy Volunteer Reserve on 8 September 1941. Pirrie was born on 6 June 1920, the son of Richard and Elizabeth Pirrie of 20 Kinkora Road, Hawthorn and a prominent local footballer. Like many seamen, he began his naval career at HMAS *Cerberus* before service in several ships. He was appointed Sub-Lieutenant on 20 November 1942. He was attached to the Royal Navy's HMS *Copra*, where he took part in Operation Overlord, however he was reported missing presumed killed on 6 June 1944 during the allied landing in France. He was 'mentioned in despatches for gallantry, skill and devotion to duty during the allied landing in the coast of Normandy'.

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