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



Crib Point HMAS Cerberus
Catholic Chapel INRI IHS

Location

Crib Point, MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

Municipality

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

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	Brooks, Robinson & Co,
Hermes Number	196821
Property Number	

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

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

Memorial Window Subject

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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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