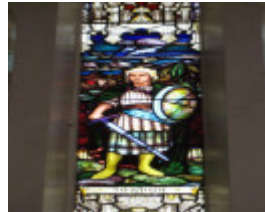


# Stained Glass Window at South Melbourne Paul the Apostle Methodist [now Uniting] Church



South Melbourne St Paul  
Uniting Joshua and Dorcas



South Melbourne St Paul  
Uniting Joshua detail



South Melbourne St Paul  
Uniting Joshua inscription 2

## Location

Dorcas Street, South Melbourne, PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Municipality

PORT PHILLIP 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

Sumner, Alan,

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196836

Property Number

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

*Argus*, 25 May 1946, p.6.

## Memorial Window Subject

Josuah

## Memorial Window Text

Faith Joshua Hope

## Memorial Window Inscription

This window keeps in remembrance the men who gave their lives, and the other enlisted personnel of this Mission; also the services rendered by our ladies who, in conjunction with ToCH, provided accommodation on these premises for over 31,000 men of the Forces..... 26th May 1946.

## Memorial Window Description & History

When the Melbourne glass company, EL Yencken & Co. re-opened its glass business after the Second World War, it did not re-open the stained glass studio. Instead, the firm opted to outsource commissions to Alan Sumner (1910-1994) who had been assistant to William 'Jock' Frater (1890-1974) at Yencken's from 1925-1940. This was one window that went out under the Yencken name but was designed and made by Sumner. It is one of Sumner's earliest independent designs and owes much to Frater and the Yencken house-style. As a backdrop to *Joshua* Sumner depicted aircraft, a field hospital and naval destroyer as symbols of Australian military forces. Early sketches of the design are held in the Alan Sumner Collection, State Library of Victoria.

The window was unveiled on Sunday 26 May 1946, at which an address was delivered by Mr. Alex Conchie, a former Commissioner of the Red Cross. As indicated in the inscription, this window not only commemorated the men who served in the Second World War but also honoured the women of the parish who, in conjunction with ToCH, supplied accommodation and meals for more than 31,000 men of the forces.

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