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# Stained Glass Window at Ocean Grove St. Peter's Anglican Church



Ocean Grove Anglican  
Christina Hollyhoke 1962



Ocean Grove Anglican  
Holyhoke detail 1962



Ocean Grove Anglican  
Holyhoke detail of flame 1962

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## Location

84 Asbury Street, Ocean Grove, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Study/Consultant

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Hughes, 2013;

Architect/Designer

Unknown,

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196993

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM: First World War Embarkation Roll; NAA: B2455, Richards Christina; NAA: B2455, Hollyhoke AD Lieutenant; Cheryl Timbury (compiler), *St. Peter's Anglican War Memorial Church, Ocean Grove: 100 years of worship 1888-1988*, St. Peter's Vestry, 1988; *Melton Express*, 26 January 1918, p.3.

## Memorial Window Subject

Crown and Torch

## Memorial Window Text

n/a

## Memorial Window Inscription

To the Glory of God and in memory of staff nurse Christina Hollyhoke A.A.N.S. 1915-1918

## Memorial Window Description & History

The new War Memorial Anglican Church of St. Peter at Ocean Grove was dedicated by Archbishop Woods of Melbourne on 26 November 1960, along with the ToCH Chapel adjoining the nave. Two war memorial windows were dedicated by the Rural Dean, the Reverend Gordon Apsley on Remembrance Day, 11 November 1962. Although the inscription on the window was to a single Australian Army nurse, the intention was to pay tribute to all women of the national services who served in World Wars. The initials of the women's war services were noted in the window: AANS, AAMWS, WRAANS, WAAAF, AWA, VAD, ARP and Red Cross, but the wartime work of civilian women was recognised as well through the words 'Farm and Factory'.

Christina Richards, daughter of Edwards Richards of 218 Ascot Street, Ballarat, was a twenty-eight year old staff nurse, with several months experience at Caulfield Hospital when she embarked on the *Orsova* in Melbourne on 6 December 1916, bound for England. She was posted to 14 Stationery Hospital at Rouen, France in February 1917 where she remained for the next five months. Postings to various Army General Hospitals in England followed until she returned to Australia as one of the nursing staff on HMAT *Runic* on 18 February 1918. At some point on this journey or at 3 AGH on her return, she met Lieutenant Alexander Hollyhoke; they married the same year and settled in Geelong. Christina Hollyhoke died in 1960, aged 69.

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