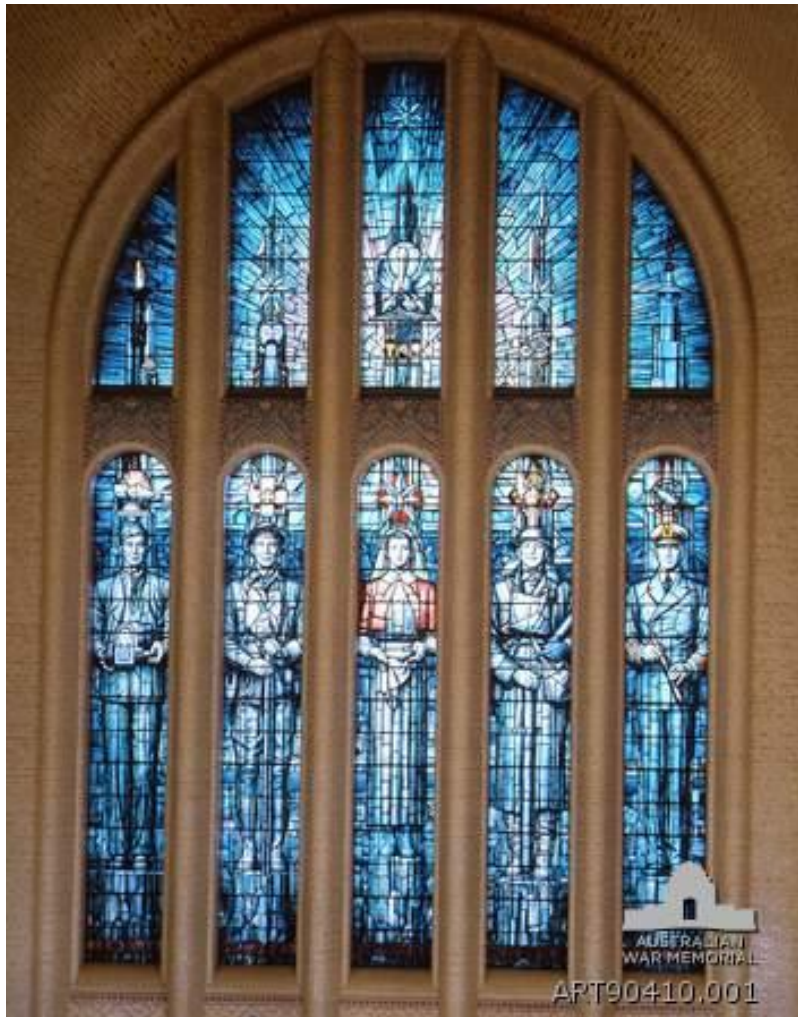


We will remember them

There are various ways in which Australian nurses are honoured and remembered, including centres, books and websites, as well as local and national memorials. Some are detailed below.

Designed by Napier Waller, each one of the Hall of Memory's stained-glass windows represents a defining quality of Australian servicemen and women. One of the windows represents the quality of devotion with a nurse. The window includes the symbols of the Red Cross, the Australian coat of arms and the sign of charity – the pelican feeding her young from her bleeding breast.



Napier Waller, *Hall of Memory: south window* (1950, stained glass)
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Anne Ferguson created a platform of earth-coloured tiles. It is divided by a curved trench to suggest a river, carving its way through a sparse, flat landscape. It invites the viewer into the work and to experience a sense of empathy with the women it commemorates. The insignia of the different women's services are displayed subtly on the black tiles around the mosaic.

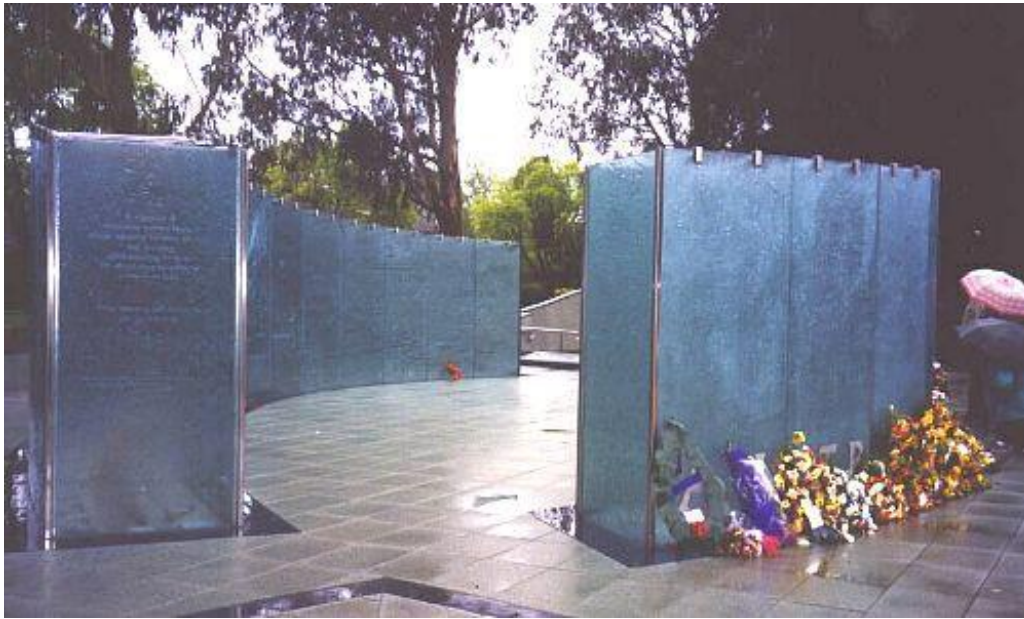


Anne Ferguson, *Australian servicewomen's memorial* (1999, sculpture, 40.3 x 540 x 720 cm) ART90968

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Robin Moorhouse, who lived in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea, between 1958 and 1963, is believed to have based her design for this memorial on some words in a letter written home by a First World War nurse: “dying soldiers just wished to be held”. The memorial is made of glass walls etched with photographs and extracts from diaries and letters in their original handwriting. Some panels are blank. Why do you think this is so?



Robin Moorhouse (in conjunction with MonuMental Design), *The Australian service nurses national memorial* (1999, cast glass)

Image from (<http://www.pngaa.net/Library/NurseMemorial.html>)

Activities

- 1) Research local memorials in your area. Are nurses included in these memorials? How?
- 2) If you were to design your own memorial to Australian nurses, what form would it take? What symbols would you use? Draw your design, giving reasons for your design choices.

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