

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## Genista

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### Location

Rhyll, Phillip Island, Westernport Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S1017

### Date lost

1935

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

kauri pine

### Propulsion

Steam - Screw

### Engine specification

2 x Compound Surface Ccondensing 25hp.

### Engine builder

Peridriau, West & Co, Balmain, Sydney

### Number of masts

1

### Length/Breadth/Depth

80.00 Feet / 19.40 Feet / 7.00 Feet

### Builder

William Dunn

### **Year of construction**

1886

### **Built port**

Lavender Bay, Sydney

### **Built country**

Australia

### **Date lost**

1935

### **Owner**

Howard Smith and Co

### **Cause of loss**

Sank at moorings while being dismantled.

### **VHR history**

The wooden steamer Genista was built in Sydney in 1886 and operated there until 1889 when it was sold by Howard Smith and Co to the Western Port Steamship Company to serve as the local ferry in Western Port, travelling between Stony Point and Phillip Island. In 1906 Genista stranded near Hastings, and was salvaged and returned to service. In 1920 Genista was sold to the newly created Westernport Steamship Company and continued to work in the bay until the 1930s. In 1935 Genista sank at its moorings on the landward side of the dolphin at Rhyll while being dismantled. Part of the vessel was exposed at low tide until 1966 when Ports and Harbours removed the boiler and used explosives on the wreck to flatten it.