

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## UNIDENTIFIED Barge Williamstown

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### Location

Williamstown, Port Phillip Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S1083

### Date lost

27/01/1941

### Hull

wreck dimensions are approximately 16 x 6 metres

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### Cargo

Salavge equipment

### Owner

Mr A E Geddes

### Cause of loss

Lost in a storm whilst salvaging the Kakariki. Two men lost with the sinking.

### VHR history

The barge was lost during salvage operations on the Kakiriki in November 1940. Mr AE Geddes was contracted to raise the Kakariki from near the Gellibrand pile-light. A storm swept the barge from its moorings and it sank with its &pound;2000 of salvage equipment on board.<br /> The barge had sunk twice before, most recently after storms in October 1940.<br /> <br /> In January 1941 the barge had still not been recovered, and attempts were planned to see if the two missing watchmen were trapped on board.