

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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UNIDENTIFIED Barge Williamstown

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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27/01/1941

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 £2000 of salvage equipment on board.
 The barge had sunk twice before, most recently after storms in October 1940.

 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.