

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## COOGEE



S142 Coogee  
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S142 Coogee  
ShipsGraveyardBarwonHeads  
BowDetail 12/07/1999 WC



S142 Coogee  
ShipsGraveyardBarwonHeads  
BowFront 12/07/1999 WC



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S142 Coogee  
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## Location

Ships Graveyard, Outside Port Phillip Heads Area, Bass Strait

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S142

## Date lost

20/02/1928

## Official number

93722

## Construction material

Steel

## Hull

Rigged as a 3 mast schooner 61 deck (part steel) shade deck 44 ft Electric light4 bulkheads 7 Elliptical stern, clincher built 6

## Propulsion

Steam - Screw

## Number of masts

3

## Length/Breadth/Depth

225.00 Feet / 0.00 / 0.00

## Builder

J. L. Thompson & Sons

**Year of construction**

1887

**Built port**

Sunderland

**Built country**

England

**Registration Port**

Melbourne

**Date lost**

20/02/1928

**Owner**

Huddart Parker Ltd. then Grant Allen, Melb. (1927)

**Cause of loss**

Dismantled and scuttled

**Statement of significance**

<p>The SS Coogee is historically significant for its working life in a variety of roles for nearly 40 years, serving as a Port Phillip excursion steamer, Bass Strait passenger ship, cable repair ship and as a minesweeper during World War I. It is recreationally significant as one of the wrecks in the Ships' Graveyard and is a spectacular advanced dive.</p>

**VHR history**

Huddart Parker's steamship Coogee was purchased to operate in the Melbourne to Geelong trade. After a brief period on this run, it was placed in the Bass Strait passenger service, where in 1903, it was involved in a collision with the Italian barque Fortunato Figari. The sailing ship's bowsprit raked the Coogee's deck, flattening the mast, bridge and funnel. The captain and one of the crewmen who were on the bridge were killed. After repairs, the Coogee returned briefly to the Bass Strait passenger service before returning to the Melbourne - Geelong excursion route. The vessel was taken over by the RAN for use as a minesweeper during World War I. After the war it was chartered by the Telegraph Department to repair the Bass Strait cable. The Coogee returned to the Port Phillip excursion trade but was eventually laid up, and in 1927, was sold for scrap. The following year the hull was towed to sea and scuttled in the Ships' Graveyard.