

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## ADA BURGESS

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### Location

East Coast, Venus Bay, Tarwin Beach

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S3

### Date lost

08 Dec 1934

### Official number

101790

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

One deck, round stern, carvel built, scroll head. Wooden framed, counter stern

### Propulsion

Motor

### Engine specification

2 cyl, 5.75" x 5". 24 HP, Auxillary Gray, Petrol engine

### Engine builder

National Coal Company, Michigan, USA.

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

58.00 Feet / 15.20 Feet / 7.30 Feet

**Builder**

E. A. Jack

**Year of construction**

1907

**Built port**

Launceston, Tasmania

**Built country**

Australia

**Registration Number**

3 of 1932

**Registration Port**

Launceston

**Date lost**

08 Dec 1934

**Departure**

Stony Point, Western Port

**Destination**

Flinders Island

**Owner**

H.R. Burgess, master mariner, 26 Clarence Street, East Malvern

**Master**

Captain Harry Burgess

**Weather conditions**

Severe westerly gale

**Cause of loss**

Driven ashore

**Number of crew**

## Crew comments

Jack johnson + 3 others

## Statement of significance

<p>The vessel is historically significant for its representation of an early 20th century fishing vessel employed in the Bass Strait fisheries.</p>

## VHR history

The ADA BURGESS was built for the Bass Strait fishery by E.A.Jack for the Burgess family. Other vessels in the Burgess fleet included MYRTLE BURGESS, JULIA BURGESS, MARY BURGESS and the JANE MOORHEAD. Vessel was outward bound from Stony Point to Flinders when it encountered a severe westerly gale which carried away the mainmast. Attempts to sail the vessel under the mizzen sail failed and the ADA BURGESS was beached a mile and a half south of the Tarwin Meadows estate to the west of Cape Liptrap The master and crew reached shore safely. According to The Age, the vessel went ashore near Mr G.M. Blacks (Tarwin Meadows) Homestead, close to the MAGNAT site.<br /> In August 1912 the Ada Burgess picked up the 21 crew from the wreck of the ship G.W. Wolfe which was wrecked on Prime Seal Island in the Furneaux Group, Bass Strait. (Loney, Aust. Shipwecks, Vol 4., p.71).