

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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HENRY MEAKIN



S333 HenryMeakin
PortPhillipBayCorioBay
DeckView



S333 HenryMeakin
PortPhillipBayCorioBay Boiler



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Fragment



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SideView



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TopDetail

Location

Point Wilson Quarry, Corio Bay, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S333

Date lost

20/02/1948

Official number

111251

Construction material

Steel

Hull

One deck; round stern; clincher built; no gallery; no head;4 bulkheads; water ballast tank, 22 ton capacity; length of engine room - 38.7 ft

Propulsion

Steam - Unknown

Engine specification

1 compound direct acting vertical inverted, cyls 15-1/2", 33", stroke 21"; NHP 45; IHP 290; 6-1/2 knots

Number of masts

1

Length/Breadth/Depth

139.90 Feet / 28.10 Feet / 10.15 Feet

Builder

William Simons & Co. Ltd., Renfrew

Year of construction

1900

Built port

Renfrewshire

Built country

Scotland

Registration Number

1 of 1906

Registration Port

Geelong

Date lost

20/02/1948

Cargo

Not applicable

Owner

Geelong Harbour Trust Commissioners (10/11/1906)

Cause of loss

Was in a state of disrepair- dismantled and scuttled

VHR history

Wreck not deemed to come within scope of Commonwealth Navigation Act -
 'not wrecked, stranded, or in distress'. Bought from Natal Government
 for 4,500 pounds for use as tug and to render hopper services when
 required. Docking and overhaul showed it to be in first class condition.
 Fore and aft rigging. Converted to steam hopper. Involved in extending
 Hopetoun Channel through Wilsons Spit in 1935 - described as 'hopper
 dredge'. Fitted with additional plant and machinery during Geelong
 ownership. Had been out of commission for some time when demolition
 began in 1946 by Geelong Harbour Trust. Named in honour of Councillor
 Henry Meakin (b1826-d1910), a chairman of Harbour Committee Geelong Town
 Council (1890), and distinguished public servant. His son, Henry William
 Meakin (b1847-d1939), was also Under-Secretary Treasurer (1875-1908) of
 Victoria. It is wrecked beside that of Edward Bechervaise . Attempts to
 induce Commonwealth Government to recondition the barge as a general
 work tug were unsuccessful so it was dismantled and beached.