

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## ISIS



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### Location

Frankston, Port Phillip Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S352

### Date lost

10/03/1932

### Official number

101134

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

Surveyed Sydney Oct. 1896 (yacht)

### Propulsion

Motor

### Engine specification

80 hp compound steam engine. Replaced in 1921 with 100 hp oil engine

**Engine builder**

Rankin and Blackmore

**Number of masts**

2

**Length/Breadth/Depth**

85.40 Feet / 13.60 Feet / 9.40 Feet

**Builder**

W. Reeks, Berry s Bay, North Sydney

**Year of construction**

1892

**Built port**

North Sydney, New South Wales

**Built country**

Australia

**Registration Port**

Sydney

**Date lost**

10/03/1932

**Departure**

Williamstown

**Destination**

moored at Frankston

**Cargo**

None

**Owner**

William Lionel Buckland

**Master**

Captain Ivo Thomson

## **Weather conditions**

60-70 mile an hour gale; hail storm; in early am.

## **Cause of loss**

Torn from moorings in a storm, swept stern first onto a reef, battered to pieces and sunk (UID 123; Derksen 1993).

## **Passenger comments**

Buckland

## **Number of crew**

1

## **Crew comments**

James McClure, engineer

## **Statement of significance**

<p>The remains of the Isis are significant for their association with William Buckland, one of Australia's richest men.</p>

## **VHR history**

Torn by fierce seas from moorings off Frankston. Equipped with auxiliary sails. Driven stern first on to a reef about 1/4 mile from shore, battered to pieces, sank in about 18ft of water. Masts torn loose, flotsam carried ashore. The three men were sleeping when storm struck, anchor failed to grip. Engine would not start and when it did impossible to raise anchor. The three managed to escape in dinghy but in high seas an oar was lost. Captain Thomson managed to get boat ashore with great difficulty. Isis valued at 6,000 pounds, had cost 14,000 pounds to build. Previous owners included Sir James Reading Fairfax, a director of John Fairfax & Sons Ltd (proprietors of Sydney Morning Herald ); Samuel Perry, wealthy machinery manufacturer who left an estate of 200,000 pounds in 1930. Last owner, Buckland, became a multi-millionaire and one of Australia's richest men.