

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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J-3 SUBMARINE



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PortPhillipBaySwanIsland
HistoricView



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TopView



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Interior



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Propellers



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SideView



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SiteView



S383 J3Submarine
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FrontView

Location

Swan Island, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S383

Date lost

01/1926

Construction material

Steel

Hull

Double hull
 Armament: one 3" dp/Ha gun and one 2-pounder portable gun, later changed to a 4" quick firing gun mouned on a platform built before the bridge

Propulsion

Motor

Engine specification

3x12 cy. Vickers solid injection direct reversing 4 cycle bhp diesel engines of 14-1/2" bore and 15" stroke, 380 rpm; for submerged running 2x Mather & Platt 1400 hp electric motors (MAAV report)

Engine builder

vickers; Mather and Platt

Length/Breadth/Depth

274.80 Feet / 23.50 Feet / 14.00 Feet

Year of construction

1916

Built port

Pembroke, Dyfed

Built country

Wales

Date lost

01/1926

Owner

Edward Hill 77 Chapman St, North Melbourne

Cause of loss

Deliberately beached on Swan Island. The generators were used to supply power to the military base on SwanIsland. Sunk as a breakwater

Statement of significance

<p>The J-3 is a unique visible maritime cultural feature in Port Phillip. Its location at Swan Island where its engines were used as electricity generators exhibits its defence associations and cultural re-use. it is one of the Royal Australian Navy's earliest submarines, predated only by the AE-1 and AE-2.</p>

VHR history

Double hull type Armament: one 3" Dp/Ha gun and one 2-pounder portable gun, later changed to a 4" quick firing gun mounted on a platform built before the bridge. 1J Class submarines built for British Navy. After World War I six subs offered to Australia as a gift. They saw little service with Australian Navy - an embarrassment from the beginning - in poor condition. Decision taken on 9 Nov. 1923 (J-7 on 16 Jan. 1924) to scrap the subs. Remaining fittings of J-3 and hull of Countess of Hopetoun sold to Edward Hill for 1500 pounds. The hull of J-3 was to remain at Swan Island, where it had been towed by J-7.