

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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KARINGAL

Location

Two miles south of Cape Conran

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S396

Date lost

14/06/1985

Official number

131565

Construction material

Wood

Hull

One deck, fore and aft schooner rigged, elliptical stern, clincher built.
 New steel bulkhead fitted in 1925 to allow for carriage of fuel oils and
 benzine.

Propulsion

Motor

Length/Breadth/Depth

104.00 Feet / 25.00 Feet / 9.70 Feet

Builder

Morrison and Sinclair Ltd.

Year of construction

1913

Built port

Sydney, New South Wales

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

1913-1985

Registration Port

Sydney

Date lost

14/06/1985

Departure

Sydney

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

On delivery voyage.

Owner

1913-1951: Balmain New Ferries trading as Sydney Ferries Ltd.

Cause of loss

Planking loosened during heavy weather off Gabo Island

Crew comments

Bill Leahy, East Keilor. Paul Edwards, Shoalhaven.

VHR history

The KARINGAL was a former Sydney Ferry that had been purchased by Melbourne interests from the Maritime Service Board of New South Wales. On its delivery voyage the ferry, which had been registered as a pleasure craft, got into difficulty off Cape Conran. The vessel's planks began to open and water entered to such an extent that the pumps could not cope. On the morning of June 14 1985 the crew sent out a distress call which was picked up by nearby oil rigs. The crew abandoned the vessel and were picked up shortly afterwards by helicopter. The vessel sank at 10.05 in 40-50 metres of water.