

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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AURIGA

Location

Ships Graveyard, Outside Port Phillip Heads Area, Bass Strait

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S44

Date lost

5FEB1930

Construction material

Iron

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

164.00 Feet / 17.30 Feet / 28.00 Feet

Builder

unknown

Year of construction

1869

Date lost

5FEB1930

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Ships Graveyard

Cargo

None

Owner

Melbourne Harbour Trust

Cause of loss

Scuttled

Statement of significance

<p>The vessel is historically significant for its role in the Australia-New Zealand trade and for its employment by the Melbourne Harbour Trust. It is impossible to assess the archaeological significance of the site as the site has not been inspected as yet</p>

VHR history

The Auriga was an iron barque that had previously been involved in the Australian-New Zealand trade and coal trade (Churchhouse, L., The barquentine La Bella, p.112; Australian Shipping News 21/12/1895 2:1). It was used by the Melbourne Harbour Trust as a hulk until it was scuttled in the Ships Graveyard in 1930. Register closed 1951 "no trace" (The Log Vol. 21 No.3 August 1988).