

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## AURIGA

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### 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).