

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## MACEDON

### Location

Behind Williamstown Rifle Range, Port Phillip Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S450

### Date lost

20/02/1952

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

Redgum lighter

### Propulsion

Sail

### Length/Breadth/Depth

100.00 Feet / 24.50 Feet / 7.00 Feet

### Year of construction

1891

### Built port

Williamstown, Victoria

### Built country

Australia

### Registration Number

139122

## **Registration Port**

Melbourne

## **Date lost**

20/02/1952

## **Departure**

Melbourne

## **Destination**

Geelong

## **Cargo**

Coal?

## **Owner**

Victorian Lighterage Pty.Ltd.

## **Weather conditions**

Heavy sea (UID 9)

## **Cause of loss**

Driven ashore by storm, under tow

## **Statement of significance**

<p>The wreck of the Macedon is significant a part of the reosource of at least six vessels known to have been abandoned behind the Williamstown Rifle Range, and now situated in Jawbone Marine Sanctuary.</p>

## **VHR history**

The remains of a vessel believed to be those of a wooden wool lighter MACEDON were reported to the M.A.U. on the 04/02/1991 by Peter and Colin Taylor from the M.A.A.V.. According to the finders the site lies 50 metres offshore and behind the back of the old Williamstown Rifle Range. The site appears to be the remains of a large wooden vessel, copper alloy fastened and sheathed. The site is fragmented, cargo appears to have consisted of iron pipe. David Carroll also of the M.A.A.V. believes that the vessel blew ashore in a storm in the earl 1950's. This vessel is not mentioned in any of Dr Foster's reports on Williamstown. The Argus in 21 February 1952 reports that the MACEDON did go ashore at the back of the Williamstown rifle range on 20 Feb 1952 and was abandoned by her owners, Victorian Lighterage Pty.Ltd. Locals of Williamstown were also encouraged to go and strip the wreck for firewood as the wreck was not worth salvaging.