Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Location

Williamstown

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S499

Date lost

30/11/1928

Official number

66562

Construction material

Composite

Hull

Wood and iron platinground stern, carval built1 deck (UID 102)

Propulsion

Steam - Screw

Engine specification

1 pair compound surface condensing; cyls 15 1/2 ", 30", stroke 20". 38 hp

Engine builder

Mills and Cable of Wellington

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

Builder

Henry Niccol

Year of construction

1873

Built port

Auckland, North Shore

Built country

New Zealand

Registration Number

1 of 1899

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

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Owner

1899 W.Howard Smith & Sons Ltd (Melbourne) 1903 E.Mountjoy 1904 Coastal Steamships Co. Ltd.1912 Gippsland Steamers P/L1915 J.H.Edwards (Hobart) 1916 Gippsland Steamers 1918 Chas.P.Preston1918 F.G.Wilson

Cause of loss

Dismantled and "Lying in a useless condition at Williamstown"

VHR history

Originally built in 1873 as a paddle steamer. Overhauled in 1897 and rebuilt in 1882 to composite hull screw steamship. Ship was owned and operated in New Zealand until sold to W. Howard Smith & Sons in Melbourne in 1899. Used as a passenger / cargo steamer throughout its life. Howard Smith & Sons used her as lighter/tender in Queensland, but spent majority of her life along the Victorian coast. Hulked in 1926 at Melbourne, then dismantled and abandoned off Williamstown in 1929.