

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ORANGE GROVE

Location

No. 6 Victoria Dock, Yarra River

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S513

Date lost

12/1942

Official number

43706

Construction material

Iron

Hull

Figurehead of African woman holding a basket of oranges on her head with one hand (UID 298)

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

146.60 Feet / 25.60 Feet / 16.90 Feet

Builder

Barclay Curle & Co.

Year of construction

1861

Built port

Glasgow

Built country

Scotland

Registration Number

17 of 1939

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

12/1942

Cargo

Not known. Had previously transported coal, wool and sugar trading between Mauritius and Australia.
Converted to coal hulk

Owner

Victorian Lighterage Pty Ltd

Cause of loss

Broken up after being collision with Clan MacArthur while at No. 6 Victoria Dock, Yarra River Port Phillip North wharf.

VHR history

The former barque was rammed and sunk by SS Clan MacArthur, also damaging berth at No. 6 Victoria Dock. Costs of 2255 pounds borne by Clan MacArthur's agents, William Houghton & Co. Traded between Mauritius and Australia, carrying sugar. On one voyage carried passengers from South Africa. Former owners: G.A. Dibbs, Sydney (1873); A. Russell, registered Port Adelaide (1881); A. Russell and W.L. Dickson, registered Melbourne (1883); J.J. Russell and others (1888); Adelaide Steamship Co. converted to coal hulk (1898). Registered in Melbourne as a lighter in 1930. Figurehead of negro woman holding with one hand, a basket of oranges balanced on her head. In 1936, employed as a wool lighter, was slightly damaged while being towed with another wool lighter Sidney (exHMCV Protector) by tug J.W. Alexander. Steamer Allara collided with and sank the tug in the Hopetoun Channel, Corio Bay. [The lighter was sunk at No. 6 Victoria Dock, according to Melbourne Harbour Trust records - not No. 6 North Wharf as some secondary sources claim.]