

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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PALACE

Location

Phillip Island The Nobbies

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S514

Date lost

11/02/1932

Official number

50878

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

137.00 Feet / 28.20 Feet / 12.90 Feet

Year of construction

1866

Built port

Miramichi, New Brunswick

Built country

Canada

Registration Number

1886

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

11/02/1932

Departure

Melbourne

Cargo

ballast

Owner

1883: Thomas Paterson
 1878: Dunedin, NZ
 1886: Victorian Lighterage Co.

Cause of loss

Scuttled ashore on rocks

VHR history

Originally a 3 masted barque the Confederate Star, renamed Palace in 1869. Arrived Melbourne 1874. Went to New Zealand in 1878. Returned to Melbourne in 1886 and made a lighter.

 The PALACE and the BIRCHGROVE were owned and operated by the Port of Melbourne Authority. In February 1932 the vessels were towed out to sea by the tug KEERA for disposal. The vessels were set on fire but were carried shoreward by the wind and current and ran aground near the Nobbies.

 Woodley states that the PALACE and BIRCHGROVE were condemned in Melbourne in the 1880s and adapted for use as lighters by Henry Moss (Victorian Lighterage Company P/L). After about 50 years service they became unusable and were taken out to sea and set on fire south of Phillip Island. However, the wind and tide caused the two vessels to drift ashore in the vicinity of the Nobbies where they quickly broke up.