

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## QUEENSLIFFE

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### Location

RAAF Seaplane Jetty, Point Cook, Port Phillip Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S556

### Date lost

30/12/1973

### Official number

119242

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

Wooden, double ended, single screw, 4 blade propeller fore and aft

### Propulsion

Steam - Screw

### Length/Breadth/Depth

110.00 Feet / 23.80 Feet / 9.70 Feet

### Builder

Frank Moore, Launceston

### Year of construction

1905

### Built port

Domain Slipyard, Hobart, Tasmania

## **Built country**

Australia

## **Registration Port**

Unregistered

## **Date lost**

30/12/1973

## **Departure**

Fishing trip

## **Cargo**

None

## **Owner**

Ronald Rafferty, 444 Kooyong Road, South Caulfield

## **Master**

Ronald Rafferty

## **Weather conditions**

Heavy storms

## **Cause of loss**

Foundered, allegedly after striking jetty piles

## **Number of crew**

5

## **VHR history**

Foundered at end of jetty. On fishing trip when weather turned bad, headed for the low landing on south side of jetty. With vessel bumping against jetty, Rafferty decided to move around to other side. Passing end of jetty, the vessel struck a beam jutting out from piles - gouged hole in side. Sports divers later found the Queenscliffe was resting on top of an unknown wreck. Five previous owners before being bought by V. Pantea of Royal Hotel, Queenscliff, in 1965 for Melbourne, Sorrento, Queenscliff run. A financial failure (unable to gain a liquor licence) - did not even make a voyage. Lay in Melbourne for several years. At 11 South Wharf until removed for non-payment of wharfage dues. Hobart ferry for 58 years. Fire damage 1915. Long dispute between Defence Dept, Ports & Harbours and Rafferty over responsibility for removal of wreck - a hazard to boating. P. & H. finally left with responsibility. While Rafferty was removing part of vessel, it was used as set for filming episode of TV programme 'Homicide'.