

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## REDBIRD



S560 Redbird FrontView



S560 Redbird DeckView



S560 Redbird Pump



S560 Redbird SideDetail



S560 Redbird  
SteeringQuadrant

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### Location

Hastings, Western Port

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S560

### Date lost

1940

### Construction material

Steel

### Hull

Steel hull, single screw steamer.

### Propulsion

Steam - Screw

## **Length/Breadth/Depth**

70.50 Feet / 14.00 Feet / 6.70 Feet

## **Builder**

Public Works Department

## **Year of construction**

1915

## **Built port**

Williamstown, Victoria

## **Built country**

Australia

## **Registration Port**

Melbourne

## **Date lost**

1940

## **Owner**

1925: Melbourne Harbour Trust<br /> 1934 Mr J .L. Dyson

## **Cause of loss**

Vessel broke free from its moorings, drifted ashore and was abandoned

## **VHR history**

The tug Redbird was built at Williamstown in 1915 and originally named ANZAC. The vessel's name was changed shortly afterwards when the federal government passed legislation prohibiting the use of the name for commercial purposes. As a result, the vessel was renamed REDBIRD. It was operated by Melbourne Harbour Trust until 1934 when it was sold to a Mr J.L. Dyson who planned to convert it into a commercial fishing vessel. This plan never came to fruition. The vessel was laid up, and some time during the 1940s, it broke free from its moorings during a gale and drifted onto a sandbank to the east of Hastings and was abandoned.