

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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REDBIRD



S560 Redbird FrontView



S560 Redbird DeckView



S560 Redbird Pump



S560 Redbird SideDetail



S560 Redbird
SteeringQuadrant

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
 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 Willistown 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.