

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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TOMMY NORTON

Location

West of the old Entrance to Gippsland Lakes

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S677

Date lost

26/10/1877

Official number

36972

Hull

One deck, round stern, carvel built, 20 HP. Vessel altered in Feb 1863. Length of engine room 14.5 feet, single engine.

Propulsion

Steam - Paddle

Engine specification

single cylinder stem engine of 20 HP

Number of masts

1

Length/Breadth/Depth

62.90 Feet / 12.50 Feet / 5.50 Feet

Builder

W & G White.

Year of construction

1859

Built port

Williamstown

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

13 of 1870

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

26/10/1877

Owner

Former Owner: 25/11/1859, Robert Dyason, Master Mariner. Owner at the time of the wreck was the Gippsland Steam Navigation Company

Master

Captain Archibald McAlpine

Cause of loss

Vessel sank from damage to the engine blowoff cock after hitting bottom.

Passenger comments

Mrs Rigney, a lady on a visit to Bairnsdale had come from Sale on the steamer Murray and was transhipped into the Tommy Norton.

Number of crew

3

Crew comments

The number of the crew needs to be confirmed from the historical records.

VHR history

The paddle steamer Tommy Norton worked as a tug at the entrance to the Gippsland Lakes. While crossing the bar in October 1877, it struck the bottom and was forced ashore by the current. The hull filled with water and it became a total wreck.