

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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BECHERVAISE



S73 Bechervaise CorioBay
SideView 15/06/1999



S73 Bechervaise CorioBay
Detail 15/06/1999



S73 Bechervaise CorioBay
Hull 15/06/1999



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Location

Corio Bay, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S73

Date lost

1956

Construction material

Iron

Propulsion

Steam - Unknown

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Builder

William Simons & Co. Ltd

Year of construction

1878

Built port

Renfrewshire

Built country

Scotland

Date lost

1956

Cargo

None

Owner

Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners

Weather conditions

Not applicable

Cause of loss

Dismantled then beached

Statement of significance

<p>This vessel was significant in its involvement with dredging various channels throughout Melbourne and in the deepening of various channels. Archaeologically it will be of limited significance as it has been heavily dismantled and remains may not be sufficient enough or intact enough to yield information about the type of construction.</p>

VHR history

Derelict vessel deemed not to come within the scope of the Navigation Act - not 'wrecked, stranded or in distress'. Described as ladder bucket dredge, non-propelling. Purchased (as Wallaroo) from South Australian Harbours Board. Arrived 8 June 1935. Dredged approaches to Cunningham Pier and west section of Wilsons Spit Channel. In 1939, before temporary withdrawal from service, dredged at Cunningham, Yarra, Moorabool and Huttons (Rippleside) Piers. During 1948 and later, engaged in dredging work in deepening and extending Hopetoun Channel. In 1956, condemned, dismantled and then beached alongside Henry Meakin by successful tenderer Bob Dawson. Renamed Edward Bechervaise after Edward J. Bechervaise, an early and long-standing Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioner.