

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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UNCONFIRMED: WESTERN PORT

Location

Off McHaffies Reef, Western Port

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S773

Date lost

n.a.

Length/Breadth/Depth

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VHR history

In May 1913 whilst looking for the sunken grab dredge DANDENONG off McHaffies Reef, diver Beckett located an old wreck in 34 metres of water. According to the diver the remains were of a large wooden sailing ship over 40 feet beam. The timbers appeared to be of oak 12" x 8". D.J.W. McHaffie reported finding skeletons further west at Cat Bay, and coal washed up on the beach indicating the vessel was a collier. It was supposed to have foundered after striking the reef (Argus 26/5/1913 'The Unknown Wreck')