

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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UNIDENTIFIED: GODFREY CREEK

Location

100 yards from the wrecksite of the W.B. Godfrey

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S812

Date lost

1866

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Date lost

1866

Statement of significance

<p>The site of the Godfrey River unidentified wreck has archaeological significance as any material in context will be important in determining its likely age and origins.</p>

VHR history

A local reporter for the Argus, describing the scene of the W.B. Godfrey wreck stated that:

 "The spot where the [W.B. Godfrey] lies has curiously enough been the scene of two previous wrecks, which seems to indicate the existence of a strong current there under certain conditions. Fifteen years ago the schooner Mary Cummings went ashore there and became a total wreck, her crew making their escape in a boat and landing at the Barwon Heads. Twenty-five years ago an unknown ship came to grief within a hundred yards of the same place, but some old iron on the beach and a few broken links of rusty chain mark the spot" (Argus 12/3/1891).

 It is worth noting the possibility that the wreck of the 35 ton schooner Anne (1863) supposed to have been lost near Louttit Bay could correlate with the '25 year old site'. However no primary sources have been located for this wreck - it may also be confused with the Anne (89 ton schooner) wrecked at Barwon Heads in July 1863.