

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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BUCRA

Location

Bass Strait, 15 miles south of Woolamai

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S834

Date lost

26 Oct 1943

Construction material

Steel

Hull

tug

Propulsion

Motor

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

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Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Sydney via Eden

Owner

Australian Army

Weather conditions

heavy seas, gales, rain squalls

Cause of loss

Bad weather, flooded engineroom

VHR history

The lighter Greyhound left Melbourne being towed by tug Keera and accompanied by tug Bucra, both on hire to Army as AT440 and AT167 respectively and sailing on a set course.

 At approximately 2am the lighter Greyhound foundered. The tugs were proceeding to Sydney via Eden however AT167 (Bucra) flooded its engine room in the heavy seas, pumping was to no avail and at 6.30am the Bucra also foundered.