

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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BUNINYONG

Location

Ships Graveyard, Outside Port Phillip Heads Area, Bass Strait

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S87

Date lost

11/02/1926

Official number

79538

Hull

Foredeck 36', Poop deck 147', 2 cylinders, 1 steel deck, 2 tiers of
 beams, 90 lb boiler pressure, 5 bulkheads, 9.5 ". 3 single ended
 boilers, cemented 1883, Water ballast - Double bottom 72' & under
 engine & boiler 64' 258 tons.

Propulsion

Steam - Screw

Engine specification

2 Cylinder inverted compound engine 36, x 48 "stroke 300 HP built
 by J Jack & Co Liverpool. Lloyds machinery cert 1883. 3 single ended
 boilers. 90 psi pressure.

Length/Breadth/Depth

279.90 Feet / 38.10 Feet / 11.50 Feet

Builder

Laird, Purdie & Co

Year of construction

1883

Built port

Barrow-in-Furness

Built country

England

Registration Number

2 of 1913

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

11/02/1926

Owner

Howard Smith Ltd;
 Australian Steamships Pty Ltd 1920; then J.E. Hill (ship breakers?).

Cause of loss

Scrapped and sunk in Ships Graveyard

Statement of significance

<p>The vessel is significant socially for its transportation of passengers around the Australian coast. As it has not yet been inspected it is difficult to assess archaeological significance.</p>

VHR history

After a career spanning more than 40 years, the interstate steamer Buninyong was withdrawn from service, stripped of fittings and scuttled in the Ships' Graveyard. The vessel was originally built for Howard Smith Ltd, and carried passengers and cargo around the Australian coast.