

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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AGNES



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Location

Port Phillip, Williamstown, back of the Rifle Range

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S9

Date lost

14 Dec 1933

Official number

101772

Construction material

Wood

Hull

1 deck, elliptical stern, carvel built, straight stem head. 1 Main deck projected 22 inches on either side of hull.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

Length/Breadth/Depth

92.00 Feet / 14.00 Feet / 5.00 Feet

Builder

Frederick Moore of Launceston UID: 102

Year of construction

1894

Built port

Launceston, Tasmania UID: 102

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

8 of 1920

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

14 Dec 1933

Departure

At anchor UID: 101, 100, 52, 99, 28

Cargo

Tug UID: 101

Owner

Sidney Leslie Cooley, licensed victualler, Morrison s Hotel, South Yarra and Thomas A. de Carteret, master mariner, Masonic Club, Melb. WH Dyson, contractor of South Melbourne (UID: 102)

Weather conditions

Southerly gale; 55 mph (UID: 52) Severe storm (UID: 152)

Cause of loss

Blown from anchorage at mid-day and drifted on to the reef at the back of the rifle range at Williamstown back beach at 5.15. Rapidly broke up (UID: 161)

Number of crew

3

Crew comments

3 men sighted by locals before ship lost (UID: 9, 152, 99)

Statement of significance

<p>This vessel is historically significant for its involvement in a range of maritime industries throughout its working life, Port Phillip Tug, inter-colonial coastal trader and fisheries.</p>

VHR history

Blown from anchorage after mid-day and drifted on to the reef at the bank of the rifle range at 5.15 pm. Not insured and was a total loss. Built as a passenger steamer (screw steamer) for Tamar River. Originally cost about 3 000 pounds. Had been a 'beer boat', carrying beer from Tasmania to Sydney. Sold to Melbourne interests in 1920, used as a Port Phillip tug. Deckhouse was cut away for towing duties. After a number of owners, Agnes had recently been sold again and had engines and boiler removed. Reportedly engaged in fishing industry or shell grit industry at time of wreck. No one on board when lost.