

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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BURKE

Location

Ships Graveyard, Commonwealth Area No.3, Bass Strait

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S91

Date lost

23 Sep 1935

Official number

95961

Construction material

Iron

Hull

One deck, round stern, carvel iron built. Steam hopper

Propulsion

Steam - Screw

Engine specification

2 compound British built by Fleming and Ferguson 14 inch cyls. 28 inch stroke 18 inch 30 HP

Length/Breadth/Depth

128.00 Feet / 30.00 Feet / 9.50 Feet

Builder

South Australian Government

Year of construction

1884

Built port

South Australia

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

20 of 1889

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

23 Sep 1935

Owner

Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners

Cause of loss

Dismantled and scuttled in Bass Strait

Statement of significance

<p>The vessel is historically and socially significant is that it has been employed in the dredging operations around Port Phillip Bay for almost 50 years before being scuttled.</p>

VHR history

Powered by twin compound steam engines, the hopper barge Burke worked in dredging operations around Port Phillip for nearly 50 years before being withdrawn from service and scuttled in the Ships Graveyard.