

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## BURKE

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engines, the hopper barge Burke worked in dredging operations around Port Phillip for nearly 50 years before being withdrawn from service and scuttled in the Ships Graveyard.