

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## BUNYIP

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### Location

Ships Graveyard, Commonwealth Area No.3, Bass Strait

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S92

### Date lost

13/04/1955

### Official number

80454

### Construction material

Iron

### Hull

One deck, counter stern, clincher built, 2 bulkheads, straight head

### Propulsion

Steam - Unknown

### Length/Breadth/Depth

160.50 Feet / 28.30 Feet / 11.30 Feet

### Builder

W.Simons & Co

### Year of construction

1879

### Built port

Refrew

## **Built country**

Scotland

## **Registration Number**

3 of 1936

## **Registration Port**

Melbourne

## **Date lost**

13/04/1955

## **Owner**

Victorian Lighterage Company Pty Ltd

## **Cause of loss**

Scuttled; sunk by explosives

## **Statement of significance**

<p>The vessel is significant for the type of vessel, representative of an iron steamer constructed in Scotland. Historically it is significant for its involvement with the Victorian Lighterage Company Pty Ltd.</p>

## **VHR history**

After working as a dredge for 42 years, the Bunyip was converted into a lighter. In 1954, while loaded with wool, the vessel blew ashore on the sea wall at Princes Pier, breaking its back. The following year it was towed to the Ships' Graveyard and scuttled.<br /> <br /> Previously owned by Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners as one of their powerful dredges. On 20/11/1954, loaded with wool, berthed on outer east station at Princes Pier, broke adrift in rough seas, the vessel was washed against the sea wall and broke its back, which ended its career.