

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ADA BURGESS

Location

East Coast, Venus Bay, Tarwin Beach

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S3

Date lost

08 Dec 1934

Official number

101790

Construction material

Wood

Hull

One deck, round stern, carvel built, scroll head. Wooden framed, counter stern

Propulsion

Motor

Engine specification

2 cyl, 5.75" x 5". 24 HP, Auxillary Gray, Petrol engine

Engine builder

National Coal Company, Michigan, USA.

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

58.00 Feet / 15.20 Feet / 7.30 Feet

Builder

E. A. Jack

Year of construction

1907

Built port

Launceston, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

3 of 1932

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Launceston

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Departure

Stony Point, Western Port

Destination

Flinders Island

Owner

H.R. Burgess, master mariner, 26 Clarence Street, East Malvern

Master

Captain Harry Burgess

Weather conditions

Severe westerly gale

Cause of loss

Driven ashore

Number of crew

Crew comments

Jack johnson + 3 others

Statement of significance

<p>The vessel is historically significant for its representation of an early 20th century fishing vessel employed in the Bass Strait fisheries.</p>

VHR history

The ADA BURGESS was built for the Bass Strait fishery by E.A.Jack for the Burgess family. Other vessels in the Burgess fleet included MYRTLE BURGESS, JULIA BURGESS, MARY BURGESS and the JANE MOORHEAD. Vessel was outward bound from Stony Point to Flinders when it encountered a severe westerly gale which carried away the mainmast. Attempts to sail the vessel under the mizzen sail failed and the ADA BURGESS was beached a mile and a half south of the Tarwin Meadows estate to the west of Cape Liptrap The master and crew reached shore safely. According to The Age, the vessel went ashore near Mr G.M. Blacks (Tarwin Meadows) Homestead, close to the MAGNAT site.
 In August 1912 the Ada Burgess picked up the 21 crew from the wreck of the ship G.W. Wolfe which was wrecked on Prime Seal Island in the Furneaux Group, Bass Strait. (Loney, Aust. Shipwecks, Vol 4., p.71).