

# 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.