

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Material relating to the Cerberus Preservation Trust

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**History**

The CERBERUS was ordered in 1868 by the Colony of Victoria in pre-federation Australia to provide naval protection for Port Phillip. CERBERUS was the first major warship to rely on steam propulsion alone, and had her turrets raised on an armoured breastwork to improve her sea-keeping ability. The vessel arrived in Port Phillip in 1871 and never left, becoming the longest serving colonial warship. Sold for scrap in 1925, she was sunk as a breakwater in the bay in 1926. The world wide significance of CERBERUS in the development of naval architecture and the conduct of naval warface was recognised in 2005, when it was included in the Australian National Heritage List.