



Maritime Archaeology Reporting Form

Use this form to report or notify the discovery of a shipwreck or maritime heritage site in NSW. Under section 40 of the Commonwealth *Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018*, notifications must be made as soon as practically possible after the discovery. In NSW, notifications must be made to Heritage NSW, Department of Planning and Environment.

Reporter or finder details

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Mobile	
Signature	
Date	

Office use only. Date received:	
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Date of discovery

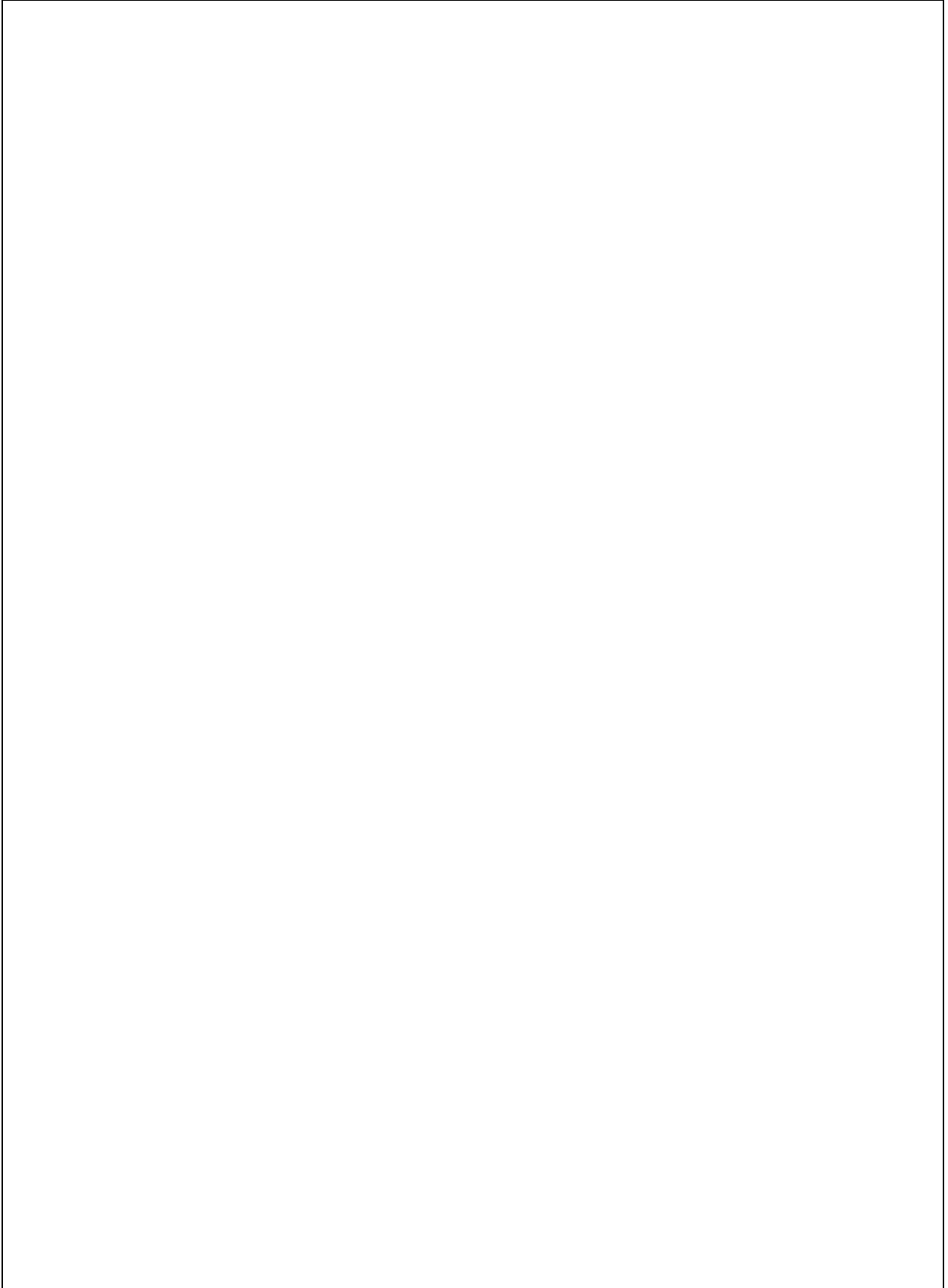
When did you first become aware of the site?	
When did you locate the site?	
Name other people associated with the discovery	
If a shipwreck, which shipwreck do you think it is?	

Location information

Description of site location	
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Please provide a location sketch

Include: nearest landforms, towns, reef areas, boat ramps, depth of site, orientation, access roads or tracks (for land sites), North, approximate distances.



Site description

<p>G.P.S. position, Compass Bearings or other information sufficient to relocate the site. Please include coordinate system of GPS used (e.g. AGD66, WGS84, GDA94)</p>	
<p>Is the site submerged or exposed?</p>	
<p>What is the depth of the site? (Please record time when taken if possible – this will be used to calculate tidal differences)</p>	
<p>Is the site on reef, sand, or other surface?</p>	
<p>Description of the visible structure, (e.g. Indication of extent of the site, condition and material remains)</p>	

Please provide a sketch of visible structure

Submit the notification

Please email this completed form and relevant documentation to:

Heritage NSW
Department of Planning and Environment
heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Files that exceed email limits can be submitted using Dropbox. Please share the link with heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Relevant documentation may include photos, videos, detailed measurements etc.

What happens next?

Thank you for providing the following information regarding a newly located shipwreck or maritime heritage site in New South Wales. This information will assist our Maritime Archaeologists in the identification, management and possible future inspection of the site.

Your assistance in helping to protect this State's underwater heritage is greatly appreciated and you will be contacted if the reviewing officer has any questions.

Further information

If you wish to clarify any of the notification requirements, please call us on 02 9873 8500.

Historic Shipwrecks are protected by law

Heritage Act 1977

Shipwrecks located in inland waters (within rivers, harbours, lakes, enclosed bays), which are 75 years of age or older are protected under the shipwreck provisions of the *NSW Heritage Act 1977* (State). Significant shipwrecks younger than 75 years or maritime heritage sites may also be protected under individual declarations. They cannot be disturbed in any way without prior approval of the Heritage Council of New South Wales.

Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018

Those wrecks situated in open waters, below the low water mark along the coast and are 75 years of age or older are protected from interference or damage by the *Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018* (Commonwealth). Approval to disturb any sites located adjacent to the coast of NSW must be approved in writing by Executive Director, Heritage NSW, Delegate for administration of the Act in NSW. Any disturbance must follow approved archaeological assessment processes.