

Basic Detail Report



Corrugated iron dinghy

Vessel number

HV000016

Date

c 1930

Description

Outback Australia has a number of river and lake waterways, and many areas can expect major flooding at irregular intervals. This corrugated iron dinghy was used for duck shooting, fishing and flood relief in inland Victoria. It was probably built by a local tinsmith in the Bendigo/Castlemaine region and the hull combines the expected features and look of a boat, with the use of agricultural materials and connections for its assembly. It could be rowed or poled along and used like a punt. Like many bush implements, it eventually went out of use and was abandoned on the property. In this case it ended up beside a fence and was a handy 'trampoline' for the family dog Felix to use as a spring board to get over the fence. It is referred to colloquially as a corrugated iron dinghy, however by the time this craft was made, iron had been replaced by steel, but the original term still remains in use.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 2.62 m x 0.92 m (8.6 ft x 3 ft)