

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ALBERT

Location

Bass Strait, off Port Phillip Heads

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S12

Date lost

22 Aug 1890

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Wooden hull

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

33.00 Feet / /

Year of construction

1884

Built port

Footscray, Victoria (UID: 1)

Built country

Australia

Date lost

22 Aug 1890

Departure

Lorne

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

30 cases of Kerosene, boards, bundles of sashes, sugar, groceries, 1 pair of shafts, timber

Owner

Not known

Weather conditions

Not known

Cause of loss

Capsized one of the weather boards by some means became detached, and the bolt, which fastened it to the vessel, punched a hold through the side, or came away with the board. This caused the vessel to leak, and she eventually became water-logged. The pilot schooner, Rip....picked the Albert up and took her in tow....but when close to the entrance (to the Heads) the Albert capsized. (UID 72)

Statement of significance

<p>This vessel is significant historically as an Australian built coastal trader that was employed for the inter-colonial trades.</p>

VHR history

Sprang a leak soon after leaving Lorne, eventually became water-logged. Outside Heads the pilot schooner Rip picked the Albert up and took it in tow, but close to entrance the ketch capsized. Crew all rescued. Vessel floated about bottom up, 3 miles outside Heads. The Government Gazette gave the location as 'in line with Swan Island and Nepean rock beacons, Point Lonsdale, bearing north 1/2 West and distant about 3-1/4 miles'. The wreck was removed by the government steamer Lady Loch and towed to the beach in the direction of Cape Schanck [probably before the Gazette notice appeared on 22 August 1890. On the other hand, Loney claims the vessel was finally anchored off Cape Schanck, with men being sent to blow it up but there was no sign of the wreck and it was presumed to have sunk. It is impossible to verify technical details given by Loney for this vessel - ANZ Register of Shipping missing from La Trobe Library for relevant years.