

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## ALBERT VICTOR

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### Location

East Coast, Corner Inlet, Snake Island, Bentley's Harbour

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S14

### Date lost

04/02/1889

### Official number

79550

### Construction material

Steel

### Hull

Steel (Gippsland Standard 6/2/1889)

### Propulsion

Steam - Paddle

### Length/Breadth/Depth

43.10 Feet / 9.20 Feet / 4.80 Feet

### Builder

Yarrow and Hedley

### Year of construction

1883

### Built port

London

## **Built country**

England

## **Registration Port**

Melbourne

## **Date lost**

04/02/1889

## **Departure**

Franklin River (Foster)

## **Destination**

Port Albert

## **Owner**

Albert Smith, Port Albert

## **Master**

Captain David McLaren

## **Cause of loss**

Fire - burnt for 18 hours & sank while at anchor

## **Crew comments**

Engineer, certificated Master (David McLaren)

## **Statement of significance**

<p>The vessel is historically significant as a representation of a steam ship coastal trader of the 19th century.</p>

## **VHR history**

While at anchor at Corner Inlet in Bentley's Harbour, Gippsland the paddle steamer Albert Victor was destroyed by fire 3 February 1889. The vessel had previously put in to deliver cargo. The vessel was completely gutted and the hull sank in 4 fathoms of water after remaining afloat for 18 hours. The Captain and crew were already onshore, but the engineer, who was asleep below woke to smoke and flames, jumped overboard and swam to shore. The crew made their way to Snake Island where their signals were seen by the steamer SS Maitland, from Melbourne, and the crew were brought to Port Albert. The cause of the fire was unknown.