

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ALCANDRE

Location

East Coast, Waratah Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S16

Date lost

24/08/1877

Official number

42974

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Single decked, 2 masted brigantine, square sterned, carvel built, female bust figurehead, wooden framed. 1862 - yellow metal over part iron bolts. Anchors and chains proofed by Lloyds. Surveyed, Nov 1862: 7A (Hull) Oct 1863 (A1) stores.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

107.50 Feet / 23.50 Feet / 12.50 Feet

Builder

Langrath?

Year of construction

1862

Built port

Grand River, Prince Edward Island

Built country

Canada

Registration Number

1865

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

24/08/1877

Departure

Newcastle

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

310 tons of coal

Owner

1862: R. Langrath, Prince Edward Island.

Master

Captain Llewellyn Jones

Weather conditions

Gales and heavy seas

Cause of loss

Sprung a leak and sank.

Statement of significance

<p>The vessel is significant historically as an example of an inter-colonial coal trader around Australia during the mid to late 19th century.</p>

VHR history

The brigantine ALCANDRE left Newcastle for Melbourne on August 17, 1877 under the command of Captain Jones, carrying coal to Melbourne. On 26 August whilst off Wilsons Promontory the vessel encountered heavy seas which caused it to leak badly. The steamer MURRAY was sighted and signals of distress were raised. The steamer then towed the Alcandre into Waratah Bay in an attempts to beach it. However, the vessel went over onto its beam ends and foundered. The Steam Navigation Board of Inquiry held on the 28 August in Melbourne found that the Master and crew had behaved in a proper manner and no blame was attached. Attempts to salvage the vessel were unsuccessful.

 Began to leak badly during gales from Cape Howe to Wilsons Promontory. Master tried to deliberately beach the vessel but it sank before they reached shore.

 #VHR: After springing a leak in Bass Strait, the brigantine Alcandre was towed into Waratah Bay by the steamer Murray. Before the vessel could be beached, it sank near the shore and became a total wreck.#