

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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CAPTAIN COOK

Location

Nelson Bay, Cape Grant

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S104

Date lost

11/10/1850

Official number

No Official Number

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Vessel reported to be coppered in Feb 1848

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

62.70 Feet / 17.70 Feet / 10.00 Feet

Builder

Henry Athorn

Year of construction

1847

Built port

Port Adelaide, South Australia

Built country

Australia

Registration Port

Adelaide

Date lost

11/10/1850

Departure

Cicular Head

Destination

Adelaide

Cargo

Timber palings, pototoes and maize

Owner

Aug 1847: Henry Athorn & J.F. Bennett

Master

Captain Roberts

Cause of loss

Driven ashore by a SE Gale force 10

VHR history

A sudden south east gale put the schooner Captain Cook on a lee shore off Cape Grant. As the wind drove the vessel towards the rocks, the crew made desperate efforts to sail out of danger. When the position became hopeless, the master decided to run the vessel ashore on a sandy beach, saving the lives of all on board. However, the Captain Cook became a total wreck.