

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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CHILDE HAROLD

Location

Point Gellibrand, Williamstown

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S115

Date lost

12/09/1841

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

1

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Date lost

12/09/1841

Departure

Port Phillip Heads

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Lime
Previously bricks, oats, slops, harnesses from Launceston; wheat, machinery, rhubarb from Western Port (UID 15)
Stores and wool

Owner

Pittman (In Port Phillip Patriot, 1840)

Master

Captain Robins (Dec 1840)

Weather conditions

Gale; night (UID 15; Port Phillip Patriot 16/09/1841, p2)

Cause of loss

Ran ashore in gale (UID 15; Port Phillip Patriot 16/09/1841, p2)

Statement of significance

<p>Historically significant as an early trader between colonies.</p>

VHR history

"During gale on Sunday night, Sloop Childe Harold, 18 tons, employed in conveying lime from the kilns near the Heads, to Melbourne, was driven on shore at the back of Gellibrand's Point and it is feared it will be a total loss." (Port Phillip Patriot 16/09/1841, p2)
It appears that on the 14th March last six bushrangers who had previously committed several daring robberies entered the hut of James Simpson (Esq) formerly police magistrate of the Campbell Town district of this island and taken there from a dray load of stores besides a large sum of money and firearms. They also took and detained at the same time Mr R Hedge and Mr JC Dark. They seized the Childe Harold a decked boat of ten tons at the Exe and loaded with their booty. The revenue cutter Ranger was immediately on the alert and went in pursuit... It appears that the bushrangers had been compelled to quit the Childe Harold and on 21 March they were all captured by the mounted police who had with them Rogers, a town constable, as a guide. The misguided men will not be landed at Melbourne but proceed directly to Sydney for trial in the Ranger." (Melbourne Advertiser 20 April 1838, p2, c7)