

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## ALBERT

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### 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.