

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ALBERT VICTOR

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.