

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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CYGNET

Location

Dromana, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S152

Date lost

31/08/1876

Official number

31794

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Wood; 1 deck; standing bowsprit; square stern; carvel built;no galleries; scroll head

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

43.00 Feet / 13.80 Feet / 6.80 Feet

Builder

John William Russell

Year of construction

1846

Built port

Sydney

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

172 of 1853

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

31/08/1876

Cargo

Not knownHad previously carried lime, potatoes, palings from Circular Head, wool from Geelong, transhipments of wine, whiskey, timber and sundries from Melbourne to Geelong (UID 16, 72, 151 and VPRS 22)

Owner

William Henry Blakeley, saw master of Melbourne; Mortgagee: Eliza Euphemia Malthin - dressmaker of Melbourne.

Master

Captain James Snare (1859)

Weather conditions

Not known

Cause of loss

Wrecked

Statement of significance

<p>The wreck of the Cygnet is significant as an early Australian-built ship. It is typical of the fleet of small coastal schooners and ketches which traded between the ports of Victoria and Tasmania - it is representative of a type.</p>

VHR history

Registry closed 30 Sept.1876. No details of wrecking located. Trading patterns: 1849 - traded between Port Albert, Sydney, Geelong, Melbourne; 1850-55 - Melbourne, Geelong, Circular Head; 1856-59 - trading between Heads and Melbourne, docking at Lime Wharf (presumably carrying lime); 1860s and1870s - Melbourne, Geelong, Portarlington, Western Port, Warrnambool, Melbourne and Port Albert and Circular Head; potatoes,

palings from Circular Head; wool from Geelong; transhipments of wine, whiskey, timber and sundries from Melbourne to Geelong.