

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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SS DESPATCH

Location

Lakes Entrance

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S170

Date lost

29 Sep 1911

Official number

60440

Construction material

Iron

Hull

2 masted schooner rigged auxiliary, round stern, clincher built, 1 deck & 2 breaks, machinery aft

Propulsion

Steam - Unknown

Engine specification

2 engines by A Campbell and Sons Glasgow 90 HP

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

151.00 Feet / 0.00 / 0.00

Builder

T.B. Sneath & Co

Year of construction

1869

Built port

Rutherglen

Built country

Scotland

Registration Number

23 of 1869

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

29 Sep 1911

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Entrance to the Gippsland Lakes at about 6.40pm on 29th September 1911

Cargo

General (72 tons) - consisting of iron, timber, oil spirits, groceries, oats, hardware etc. 18 tons landed at Waratah Bay

Owner

Huddart Parker and Co. Pty

Master

Capt. G. Fredricksen

Cause of loss

Struck pier when berthing

Number of crew

13

Statement of significance

<p>The Despatch has social and historic significance for the role it played in the development of Gippsland, providing passenger and cargo transport to Gippsland ports, including the lime port of Walkerville, Waratah Bay.</p>

VHR history

The Despatch struck the eastern pier while crossing the bar at Lakes Entrance. The hull was pierced by a pile and was abandoned by the crew. As the tide rose, the vessel floated free and the crew made an attempt at salvage. However, the Despatch sank just outside the entrance. The Despatch had been involved in the Walkerville lime trade.