

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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DUNEDIN

Location

Near the Victoria sugar works, Sandridge, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S180

Date lost

16 Dec 1863

Official number

26373

Construction material

Wood

Hull

1 deck, square stern, carvel built, no gallery, scroll head

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

104.30 Feet / 25.70 Feet / 11.30 Feet

Builder

James Sawyer

Year of construction

1851

Built port

Harrington, Maine

Built country

USA

Registration Number

29 of 1858

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

16 Dec 1863

Departure

At anchor

Cargo

Preparing to sail in ballast

Owner

Thomas Jenner and Rueben Thomas Adams

Master

Captain W. Cleland

Weather conditions

Gale; during bad floods

Cause of loss

Chains parted and vessel drifted ashore & became a total wreck

Statement of significance

<p>The Dunedin is historically significant for its association with international trade into Port Phillip, with possible associations with the goldrushes.</p>

VHR history

Formerly of London, bought for intercolonial trade and renamed in 1858. On her first voyage from London to Dunedin, completed in a quick 84 days, there were four future NZ politicians on board (Ferguson, Don,

unpublished notes on the Dunedin) In late 1850s, traded in Bay and between Melbourne and Adelaide. On one voyage to Otago in 1861, four stowaways were landed at Shortlands Bluff [possibly gold seekers]. Had arrived from Bluff Harbour, Otago, NZ with 5 passengers on 9 Dec. 1863. Became a total wreck, although initially thought to be little damaged. Register closed 31 Dec. 1863.