

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## DUSTY MILLER

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### Location

Griffiths Island, Port Fairy

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S183

### Date lost

25/11/1842

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

One deck and a quarter deck, square stern

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

62.80 Feet / 17.90 Feet / 9.90 Feet

### Builder

Wiseman

### Year of construction

1840

### Built port

Launceston, Tasmania

**Built country**

Australia

**Registration Number**

11 of 1840

**Registration Port**

Launceston

**Date lost**

25/11/1842

**Departure**

Launceston

**Destination**

Adelaide

**Cargo**

Flour from Supply River mill on the Tamar estuary Tasmania

**Owner**

J. Quillan.

**Master**

Captain Jenkins

**Weather conditions**

Heavy seas

**Cause of loss**

Bolts of chain wheel gave way and brought the vessel on beam ends

**VHR history**

A sudden gale caused the destruction of the schooner Dusty Miller at Rocky Point, Port Fairy. As the master attempted to bring the vessel under the lee of Griffiths Island, the steering chain parted and the schooner went ashore. Although the seas made a clean breach over the vessel, which lay on its beam ends on the reef, all on board reached safety except for one passenger.