

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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DUSTY MILLER

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.