

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## ALEXANDRA

### Location

Lady Bay, Warrnambool

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S19

### Date lost

30/03/1882

### Official number

44880

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

1 deck, carvel built, square stern, woman's figure head; felt &<br /> yellow metal, one deck, part iron bolts

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

106.30 Feet / 25.60 Feet / 14.10 Feet

### Builder

Henry Harvey

### Year of construction

1863

**Built port**

Sussex

**Built country**

England

**Registration Number**

34 of 1876

**Registration Port**

Melbourne

**Date lost**

30/03/1882

**Departure**

Warrnambool

**Destination**

Sydney

**Cargo**

130 tons of potatoes for Smith bros

**Owner**

Wright, Ower & Co.

**Master**

Captain Jones

**Weather conditions**

Gale storm

**Cause of loss**

Driven ashore

**Statement of significance**

<p>The vessel is historically significant for its participation in the inter-colonial trades around Australia during the 19th century.</p>

## VHR history

The brig Alexandra called at Warrnambool to load a cargo of potatoes for Sydney. While it was riding out a south westerly gale in Lady Bay, one of the anchor cables parted. More chain was let out on the remaining anchor while the crew prepared the kedge and another anchor stored below. However, the vessel was drifting rapidly towards the beach, and as the kedge was dropped, the Alexandra struck stern-first nearly opposite the leading light. The mate swam ashore with a line and all the crew eventually made it ashore safely. The vessel remained with its bow pointing out to sea. Each wave caused the bow to lift a little, then fall back, taking the weight of the foremast and wrenching the hull. The vessel broke up in subsequent heavy weather.

#VHR: While riding out a gale in Lady Bay, Warrnambool, one of the anchor chains parted on the brig Alexandra. The second anchor dragged and the vessel was driven ashore on the beach. All the crew made it ashore, but the Alexandra became a total wreck.