

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ELIZA

Location

Sandridge, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S201

Date lost

01/03/1870

Official number

30611

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Had been recently re-fastened and re-metalled, generally overhauled

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Registration Port

Liverpool

Date lost

01/03/1870

Departure

At anchorage near Railway Pier

Destination

Guam

Cargo

700 tons sand ballast, 30 sheep, hay for fodder

Owner

W. H. Ross & Co., Liverpool

Master

Captain R Patching

Weather conditions

No wind

Cause of loss

Burnt and totally destroyed. Attempts to scuttle by torpedo.

Passenger comments

sheep

Number of crew

25

Statement of significance

<p>The clipper Eliza is historically significant for its association with international trade into Port Phillip</p>

VHR history

Had arrived from Quebec on 12 Jan., with timber cargo. Fire discovered about 4 am. Two torpedoes from HMVSS Nelson were fired (the first unsuccessful) and with the efforts of the government shipwright the ship was finally scuttled, settling in about 25 feet of water but with much of the hull still above water where it blazed all day. Captain not aware of any reason to suspect foul play. Vessel valued at about 8,000 pounds. Remains auctioned. Purchased by G.R.Fishley for 60 pounds - considered a lucrative investment. Had been a New York-Liverpool trader for many years. Wreck blown up by Melbourne Harbor Trust in 1921. The removal of the ELIZA continued into 1922 with two sections of the keel being raised, one 30 ft and one 40 ft in length. The site then being dredged to 37 ft. In 1897 was lying buoyed in 18 feet of water with end of Railway Pier, bearing E 1/4 N2-1/2 cables.