

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## SS EASBY



S204 Easby Gabolsland  
DiverOnWreck Oct1984



S204 Easby Gabolsland  
Beam Oct1984



S204 Easby Gabolsland  
Topview Oct1984

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### Location

Gabo Island

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S204

### Date lost

06/04/1907

### Official number

68374

### Construction material

Iron

### Hull

Forecastle 25 tons; houses on deck 26 tons; raised quarter-deck 185 tons. Bar keel 8". 5 bulkheads. Water ballast. Double bottom aft and forward after peak tank. Two masted schooner rigged auxiliary, elliptical stern, clincher built, one deck & a break

### Propulsion

Steam - Screw

**Number of masts**

2

**Length/Breadth/Depth**

250.70 Feet / 32.00 Feet / 21.40 Feet

**Builder**

Richardson, Duck & Co

**Year of construction**

1873

**Built port**

South Stockton-on-tees

**Built country**

England

**Registration Number**

8 of 1879

**Registration Port**

Melbourne

**Date lost**

06/04/1907

**Departure**

Davenport

**Destination**

Sydney

**Cargo**

Potatoes, oats & general produce

**Owner**

James Paterson & Edward Newbigin

**Master**

Captain Wallace

## **Weather conditions**

Misty conditions at time of wreck.

## **Cause of loss**

Pumps unable to cope with serious leak ran for Gabo Island. Usually traded as a collier between Melbourne and Newcastle on fortnightly trips, occasional trips between northwest Tasmania and Sydney. Wet Struck reef

## **Number of crew**

26

## **Statement of significance**

The wreck of the Easby has recreational and aesthetic significance as the remains of a large steamship in shallow depth. The collapsed hull plating, engine and boilers provides a habitat for a rich array of colourful marine flora and fauna in clear water.

## **VHR history**

During its many years on the Australian coast, the collier Easby was involved in a number of accidents, the worst of which was ramming and sinking the steamer Gambier in Port Phillip with heavy loss of life. The Easby's career came to an end after it struck the Skerries Reef and was beached at Gabo Island where it became a total wreck.