

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## EDINBURGH CASTLE



S208 EdinburghCastle  
LadyBayWarrnambool  
HistoricView WC



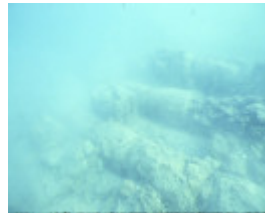
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### Location

Lady Bay, Warrnambool

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S208

### Date lost

15/01/1888

### Official number

45971

### Construction material

Iron

## Hull

Rigged as a ship until 1876\_ 7moulded depth 19'10", freeboard<br /> 3'5", 2 decks, raised quarterdeck 36', forecastle 25'. 2 bulkheads

## Propulsion

Sail

## Number of masts

3

## Length/Breadth/Depth

176.30 Feet / 29.50 Feet / 18.70 Feet

## Builder

J G Lawrie

## Year of construction

1863

## Built port

Glasgow

## Built country

Scotland

## Registration Port

Liverpool

## Date lost

15/01/1888

## Departure

London

## Destination

Warrnambool

## Cargo

Cement for the breakwater at Warrnambool

## Owner

In the period from 1863-1885 the vessel was under the ownership of Skinner & Co of Glasgow, and made voyages between the Clyde, China and Singapore In 1885 the vessel was owned by Gifford & Nicholson of Liverpool.

## **Master**

Captain J.B. Darling

## **Cause of loss**

The vessel had entered Lady Bay and waited for the pilot to take it to anchorage. When Pilot Carless boarded the vessel it was 3/4 mile off the Eastern Beach and 1/4 mile off the leading lights. Signals were made from shore that the vessel was too close to land, but the pilot ignored them. The ship tacked but did not come about. The sails filled again and the ship picked up speed grounding bow onto shore facing Hopkins River. The wind was NW two Government kedge anchors were put out astern, but had no affect and the ship settled rapidly in the sand 180 yards from shore. Casks of cement were thrown overboard to lighten the ship but to no avail. The stern anchors finally let go and the vessel bumped closer to the shore and appeared to go broadside.

## **VHR history**

A mistake by the pilot resulted in the barque Edinburgh Castle going ashore in calm weather at Warrnambool. The vessel was loaded with cement for the new breakwater, and hopes were high that it could be refloated. However, it soon began to settle into the sand, and then broke up in subsequent rough weather.