

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ELEANOR JOHNSTONE

Location

Gabo Island

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S210

Date lost

09 Dec 1882

Official number

64777

Hull

Vessel previously wrecked Gippsland Lakes, August 1877. Single deck, 2 masts, square stern, timber framed, carvel hull.

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

66.90 Feet / 16.10 Feet / 5.20 Feet

Builder

Henry Warneke, Master Boat Builder

Year of construction

1872

Built port

Sandridge

Built country

England

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

09 Dec 1882

Departure

Genoa River

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Bark.

Owner

1872: Thomas Johnston, Storekeeper, Sale.
 1882: Capt. Henry Francis

Master

Captain Dawson

Cause of loss

Missed stays while attempting to anchor and went ashore

VHR history

The schooner Eleanor Johnstone was lost on Gabo Island while attempting to reach shelter from a westerly gale. The lighthouse keeper at Gabo Island reported that the schooner had gone ashore on the Island and was a total wreck. All crew saved. Master censured by Steam Navigation Board.
 The vessel traded regularly to the Gippsland Lakes and was carrying a cargo of bark at the time of its loss.
 The Eleanor Johnstone had previously stranded on the Lakes Entrance bar in April 1874 (Gippsland Times 25/4/1874) and in March 1879 (Bairnsdale Advertiser xx March 1879) but was refloated on both occasions.