

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ELIZA

Location

Port Fairy

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S216

Date lost

16/12/1866

Official number

32428

Construction material

Wood

Hull

One deck, square stern, carvel, no galleries, woman's bust figurehead.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

73.00 Feet / 20.40 Feet / 11.00 Feet

Year of construction

1834

Built port

Port Arthur, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

5 of 1864

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

16/12/1866

Cargo

timber

Owner

W. Hardy (Melbourne) and W.M. Bateman, senior

Cause of loss

Went ashore during SE gales

VHR history

The schooner Eliza arrived at Port Fairy with a cargo of timber from Tasmania and made fast to the government mooring. A gale from the south east caused the vessel to break free, and it was driven onto the beach. As the waves swept the deck, the crew sought shelter in the rigging until rescued by Captain Mills, the Harbour Master.