

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ELLA

Location

Entrance to Gippsland Lakes

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S228

Date lost

14/03/1870

Official number

53987

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Single deck, two masts, square stern, carvel hull, wooden frames; flat bottomed vessel with centre board.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

69.30 Feet / 18.90 Feet / 5.50 Feet

Year of construction

1868

Built port

Williamstown, Victoria

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

35 of 1868

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

14/03/1870

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Gippsland Lakes

Cargo

Soap, Carlton Ale, candles, sugar, rice and lobsters

Owner

Nehemiah Gutherbridge

Master

David Davidson

Cause of loss

Capsized in surf loosing both masts at deck level

Number of crew

4

VHR history

The flat-bottomed schooner Ella was ideally suited for navigating the shallow entrance to the Gippsland Lakes, but capsized there in 1870 when struck by huge seas. Two of the crew were lost.