

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ELLEN AND MARY

Location

Port Phillip Bay, Hobsons Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S230

Date lost

20/07/1876

Official number

32169

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Wooden framework, square stern, carvel built, no galleries, scroll head

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

50.50 Feet / 13.00 Feet / 6.00 Feet

Year of construction

1849

Built port

Emu Bay, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

8 of 1862

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

20/07/1876

Departure

At anchor, Sandridge Town Pier

Cargo

Not known but probably timber
Previous cargos included passengers, horses, carts, sheep, potatoes, apples, timber (UID16), wool (VPRS 22, Unit 6, PRO)

Owner

John Story Petrie, tobacconist, of Melbourne

Weather conditions

Storm

Cause of loss

At anchor at Sandridge Town Pier, broke away from moorings and broke up beach. Wreckage strewn on the beach with only a few upright posts visible from the beach

VHR history

The schooner Ellen and Mary broke away from moorings at Sandridge Town Pier, stranded on the nearby beach, and rapidly broke up. The beach was strewn with wreckage. Only a few upright posts were visible from beach. Auctioned 22 July 1876 by James Lukey - 'vessel and everything belonging to her, whether on board or on shore.' . Register closed 31 July 1876. Previously wrecked 25 March 1861 at Tamar Heads on Sheer Reef but refloated. In 1851, traded between Circular Head, Launceston, Melbourne carrying passengers, horses, carts, sheep, potatoes, apples. In 1854 made a voyage from Launceston to Port Fairy carrying timber. In 1860s carried wool and ballast to Melbourne.