

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ELIZABETH

Location

Point Lonsdale, Port Phillip Heads

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S248

Date lost

22/04/1860

Official number

None

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

66.30 Feet / 17.10 Feet / 9.50 Feet

Year of construction

1848

Built port

Dundee

Built country

Scotland

Registration Number

1854

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

22/04/1860

Departure

Port Fairy

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Wool, flour, bran, pollard, tallow

Owner

Lawrence Rostrom, sheep farmer (1854)

Master

Captain Keenan (or Kunan)

Weather conditions

Squally, 'dirty'; 10 pm

Cause of loss

Attempted to enter the Port Phillip Heads at night, struck the reef, immediately filled and was wrecked

Crew comments

not known how many

Statement of significance

<p>The Elizabeth is historically significant for its association with colonial trade in Port Phillip.</p>

VHR history

The Schooner Elizabeth coming from Port Fairy, attempted to enter Heads at night in poor visibility. After losing sight of lights in rain storm, captain had found himself too far to west, tried to haul off but vessel was swept on to Lonsdale Reef on beam ends and carried on to inner reef. All hands got ashore at Point Lonsdale in Elizabeth's

boat. At dawn, customs' and health officers' crews gave assistance in saving cargo. Steamer Black Eagle was chartered to assist at the wreck. Salvage remuneration settled by an arbitrator. Vessel broke up a few days later. Elizabeth used mainly to carry owner's goods to other Victorian ports.