

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## ELIZABETH

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### 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.