Victorian Heritage Database Report

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EVERGREEN

Location

Bass Strait, Off Cape Woolamai, Philip Island

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S249

Date lost

07/1906

Official number

31613

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Wooden, two masted ketch, single deck, elliptical stern, carvel built, no galleries, no figure head, wooden framed.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

46.60 Feet / 12.10 Feet / 5.50 Feet

Year of construction

1849

Built port

Perth, Western Australia

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

11 of 1904

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

07/1906

Cargo

Stone from Cape Woolamai Quarry

Owner

Sept 1852: George Green, late of Perth, but now Melbourne.

Cause of loss

Blown out to sea and lost with all hands

VHR history

A well known Phillip Island trader . Started out as a ballast craft supplying bluestone to sailing ships. Later purchased for the cargo trade and then crayfishing. Reconverted back to ballast/ cargo trader in the 1900s. Very little is known about this vessel. This is mainly due to the fact that its register has been altered on a number of occasions due to wrecking, refloat and repair. This vessel was originally built in Perth, Western Australia but foundered in Hobsons Bay, Victoria in 1878. It was salvaged, repaired and continued to sail on the Bay until 1897 when it was reported to have been broken up. The register was closed in May, 1904 but reopened in the same year when it was reported that the vessel has been rebuilt. Vessel was finally lost with all hands in June 1906. The vessel was believed to have foundered in a gale of Cape Woolamai in late June 1906. It called at Welshpool in early June and a fortnight later was seen trying to reach shelter but disappeared. Wreckage later recovered on Cape Barren Island.