

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## SS FEDERAL

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### Location

Bass Strait

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S258

### Date lost

03/1901

### Construction material

Steel

### Hull

6 Bulkheads cemented. Triple expansion engines. 256 NHP. One deck, elliptical stern, clincher built. Register closed 30 June 1901.

### Propulsion

Steam - Screw

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

290.00 Feet / 40.00 Feet / 20.00 Feet

### Builder

William Duxford & Sons, Pallion, Sunderland

### Year of construction

1890

### Built port

Sunderland

**Built country**

United Kingdom

**Registration Port**

Melbourne

**Date lost**

03/1901

**Departure**

Port Kembla

**Destination**

Albany

**Cargo**

3000+ tons of coal

**Owner**

McIlwraith, McEacharn Ltd.

**Master**

Captain Coull

**Weather conditions**

Strong winds

**Cause of loss**

Foundered at sea

**Number of crew**

31

**Statement of significance**

<p>\*There is a 1600m diameter Protected Zone around Federal centred on position -38.122476 148.730866 WGS84. No entry is permitted unless a Permit has been authorised by Heritage Victoria. \*</p>

**VHR history**

A Marine Court of Inquiry was held into the loss of the Federal but it was unable to come to any conclusion. Some of the bodies recovered wore life belts, so it was apparent that the crew had time to prepare to abandon ship.

During mine sweeping operations in World War I, a sunken object was fouled in deep water half way between Ram Head and Cape Everard. It is thought that this may have been the Federal.