

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## HURRICANE



S328 Hurricane  
PortPhillipBayCapelBay  
Beams MJ



S328 Hurricane  
PortPhillipBayCapelBay  
Debris MJ



S328 Hurricane  
PortPhillipBayCapelBay  
Railing MJ



S328 Hurricane  
PortPhillipBayCapelBay  
SideView MJ



S328 Hurricane  
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ViewOfAnchor MJ

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### Location

Capel Sound, Port Phillip Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S328

### Date lost

22/04/1869

### Official number

27179

### Construction material

Iron

**Propulsion**

Sail

**Number of masts**

3

**Length/Breadth/Depth**

215.00 / 31.00 / 20.00

**Builder**

Messrs Stephen and Sons, Kelvinshaugh

**Year of construction**

1853

**Built port**

Glasgow

**Built country**

Scotland

**Registration Port**

London

**Date lost**

22/04/1869

**Departure**

Liverpool

**Destination**

Melbourne

**Cargo**

2000 tons of cargo (UID 53) General cargo, bottled beer, canary seed, earthenwares, chemicals, malt, salt, rum, hardware, blankets, whiskey, slates, marble, fish, glassware, saddlery, plated ware, tracts and books, hoop iron, iron wire, iron rails, paper hangings, leather, flooring boards, (UID 152)

**Owner**

W. & J. Lockett

**Master**

Capt D. Johnston

## **Weather conditions**

Morning. Wind N to NNW

## **Cause of loss**

Had taken on water during the voyage, and hit the bottom near Point Lonsdale and began to settle. Water taken in through hawse-holes. Pilot board verdict " It has been impossible to account for the cause of the sinking of the Hurricane," (UID 9)

## **Passenger comments**

Cabin passengers: Mrs Johnston (captain's wife), the Rev. Mr Dunbar and Miss Dunbar

## **Number of crew**

28

## **Crew comments**

George Fairlene (chief mate), Robert Turner (carpenter), George Baker (boatswain), Vesty Whitty (able seaman)

## **Statement of significance**

<p>The remains of the Hurricane are of archaeological and historical significance as a potential source of information relating to shipbuilding practice and trade between England and Australia. The Hurricane was one of the few sailing vessels which completed the voyage between England and Australia in less than 100 days.</p>

## **VHR history**

The Hurricane was built for the Australian run until lost. On first return voyage, carried gold exports from Melbourne to London. The ship took on water, possibly through the hawse-holes during the last part of its voyage, and was heavily laden with cargo. It scraped the ground twice near Point Lonsdale (ID 72), but no notice was taken. Shortly after it was noticed that the ship was dropping by head. 6 feet of water were found in the forehold. The sail was shortened and starboard anchor let go. The boats were lowered and crew and passengers put into them (ID 9). The Hurricane settled in 6 fathoms. An investigation was held into the wreck, but the conclusion of the Pilot Board was that there was insufficient evidence to account for sinking. Marine Board Inquiry completely exonerated and praised Captain.