

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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HERALD OF THE MORNING

Location

Donaldsons Jetty, Port Melbourne, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S330

Date lost

15/11/1859

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

195.30 Feet / 35.30 Feet / 22.00 Feet

Builder

Storm and King

Year of construction

1854

Built port

St John, New Brunswick

Built country

Canada

Date lost

15/11/1859

Cargo

Iron bridge intended for crossing the Yarra at Hawthorn. Several tons of water pipes and some case goods (UID 9)

Master

Captain G. Rudolph

Cause of loss

Burnt at moorings. Attempts to scuttle the ship were unsuccessful. Ship was towed on to the back beach between Sandridge and Williamstown

Passenger comments

419 immigrants discharged the day before
 Mrs Costerton

Crew comments

Dr Costerton (ship's surgeon)

VHR history

Captain G Rudolph and Dr & Mrs Casterton had retired for the night on board the Herald of the Morning which had arrived from Liverpool with some government immigrants (UID 9). The ship had been expressly built for the Australia run. The Captain was awakened by the cry "FIRE", and observed flames on board. Attempts to scuttle the ship were unsuccessful, as the burning of the cargo raised the ship in the water, rendering the holes cut in the side useless (UID 9). The tugs Sophia and Hercules towed the ship to the back beach between Sandridge and Williamstown where she continued to smolder (UID 152). The hulk was eventually removed and sunk at the end of Donaldsons jetty. Cargo and ship only partially insured. Cargo consisted of iron work for Hawthorne Bridge, subsequently sold at auction - became trusses for Mia Mia Bridge.