

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ISABELLA

Location

Point Nepean back beach

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S351

Date lost

04/01/1876

Official number

53952

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

64.90 Feet / 19.10 Feet / 4.90 Feet

Year of construction

1864

Built port

Sandridge

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

04/01/1876

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Western Port

Owner

G.B.B. Elliott

Weather conditions

Squally

Cause of loss

Washed ashore during sudden heavy southerly squall while passing through the heads

VHR history

The Isabella was a small colonial schooner outward bound from Melbourne to Western Port. Caught in a sudden southerly squall, the ship was driven ashore by 7pm, despite having 2 anchors down. The Isabella grounded on a sandy beach and the crew was saved, but the ship became a total wreck. Messrs Jas. Deane & Co dispatched a steamer to render assistance. (ID 72, 9). A court of inquiry found that the Isabella's master was not to blame (ID 53)