

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## JOSEPHINE

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### Location

Port Phillip Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S374

### Date lost

23/04/1870

### Official number

None

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

1 deck, carvel built, square stern, no galleries or figurehead

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

62.30 Feet / 16.10 Feet / 3.30 Feet

### Year of construction

1867

### Built port

Williamstown, Victoria

### **Built country**

Australia

### **Registration Number**

29 of 1869

### **Registration Port**

Melbourne

### **Date lost**

23/04/1870

### **Departure**

Rosebud

### **Destination**

Melbourne

### **Cargo**

Firewood and dairy produce on this voyage (UID 9)

### **Owner**

W.D. Knight (48 shares) and Stephen Newing (16 shares),

### **Weather conditions**

SSW gale when vessel sank on 23 April 1870

### **Cause of loss**

On 23 April 1870 the Josephine foundered, filled and sank. (UID 9). Wrecked

### **Number of crew**

3

### **Crew comments**

2 men and a boy

### **VHR history**

The Josephine foundered, filled and sank on 23rd April 1870. The crew of 2 men and a boy managed to get off just before the vessel sank in a howling SSW gale (UID 9). The wreck was buoyed but the government lightship Empire was towed to the wreck to attempt to raise the vessel. It was possibly raised after the sinking on 23 April -

as the last owners registered 9 May 1870 (ID 102) and Registry closed 9 Dec. 1880 with notation -'vessel wrecked some years ago in Port Phillip Bay'. The Register of ANZ Shipping carries notation - 'wrecked Hobson's Bay, n.d.' However, Williams and Serle (ID 52) claim it was blown up some time after the sinking. During 1869 carried wool from Geelong to Melbourne.