

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Location

Discovery Bay, 30 miles west of Portland

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S377

Date lost

10/1861

Official number

31569

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

87.60 Feet / 22.30 Feet / 15.00 Feet

Year of construction

1826

Built port

Liverpool

Built country

England

Registration Port

Sydney

Date lost

10/1861

Departure

Adelaide

Destination

Sydney

Cargo

270 tons of flour

Owner

F. & J.E. Ebsworth

Cause of loss

Disabled in squally weather and eventually beached

VHR history

Vessel left Port Adelaide for Sydney in October 1861. On the evening 21st October ship encountered a heavy gale off Cape Northumberland. Vessel heeled over onto beams end and began to take in water. Main mast was cut down and the vessel began to take in water. main mast was cut down and the vessel brought back onto and even keel but with the tremendous loss of life. Vessel was sighted by Captain Germein at the Cape Northumberland Lighthouse a boat was dispatched to the wreck and the 3 survivors Captain Seivers, Edward Lennon and Alexander Munro were taken off. The light house keeper returned to the vessel in an attempt to anchor it off Port McDonnell the vessel continued to drift. The remains of the vessel lie fragmented and scattered along the beach.