

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## JANE ELIZABETH

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### Location

Point Nepean, Port Phillip Heads

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S386

### Date lost

19/12/1856

### Official number

32166

### Construction material

Wood

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

54.00 Feet / 16.10 Feet / 7.40 Feet

### Builder

William Williams

### Year of construction

1853

### Built port

Hobart, Tasmania

### **Built country**

Australia

### **Registration Port**

Launceston

### **Date lost**

19/12/1856

### **Departure**

Launceston

### **Destination**

Melbourne

### **Cargo**

Timber

### **Owner**

Gilbert Blythe and Robert Pott

### **Weather conditions**

S wind, force 5, thick night.

### **Cause of loss**

Wrecked and Point Nepean reef and quickly went to pieces

### **VHR history**

There is some confusion about this ship - the press called her Anne and Jane, and Anne and Elizabeth in contemporary reports. Other secondary source reports only blur the issue of identity still further. However it seems certain that the Jane Elizabeth was wrecked at Port Phillip Heads at midnight on 19th December 1856, and was a total wreck, with an estimated loss of 500 pounds. The cargo of timber, floated all over the Bay. The ship's Master had pilot exemption. A report that the Anne and Jane was refloated and docked for repairs should be treated cautiously as evidence shows that there was at least one other vessel referred to in the press as the Anne and Jane.