

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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KERMANDIE

Location

Disappeared between Westernport and Melbourne

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S394

Date lost

10/12/1892

Official number

79263

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Wood; 1 deck, 2 masts; elliptical stern; carvel built;no galleries; scroll head

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

65.80 Feet / 18.50 Feet / 5.20 Feet

Builder

Thomas Inches

Year of construction

1883

Built port

Hospital Bay, Huon River, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

7 of 1888

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

10/12/1892

Departure

Cape Woolamai, Phillip Island

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Up to 50 tons of granite from the Cape Woolamai quarry.

Owner

23 April 1888:Louisa Marion Burgess

Master

Captain Andrew Henrikson

Weather conditions

Severe gales along entire south coast since the Saturday the vessel left port.

Cause of loss

Not known

Number of crew

2

Crew comments

Andrew Jackson, mate. Martin Lawson, cook.

VHR history

The ketch Kermandie was employed transporting granite from Cape Woolamai for use in buildings in Melbourne. On its last voyage, a gale swept through Bass Strait and the vessel disappeared without trace. "Fears are entertained for the safety of the ketch KERMANDIE which left Western Port last Saturday afternoon bound for Melbourne laden with granite from Cape Woolamai. No tidings of her have been reported along the coast and it is expected she foundered during the severe gale of Saturday night. She has a crew of 3 hands, one a married man whose wife and children are in Sydney." 'An extensive search by the government steamer LADY LOCH along Wilsons Promontory, Yanakie Beach and the Glennies failed to locate any sign of the ship or its crew. The KERMANDIE was on one of its regular voyages from the quarry operated by Chambers and Clutten on the north side of Cape Woolamai to Melbourne. Stone was used in the facing of a building in Collins Street."