

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## KERMANDIE

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### 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."