

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ARIEL

Location

Port Albert Bar

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S41

Date lost

06/08/1846

Official number

none

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Wood, square stern, carvel planking, 1 deck and billet head, standing bowsprit

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

73.00 Feet / 18.50 Feet / 11.00 Feet

Year of construction

1838

Built port

St Johns, New Brunswick

Built country

Canada

Registration Number

No.3 of 1845

Registration Port

Hobart

Date lost

06/08/1846

Departure

Port Albert

Destination

Hobart

Cargo

40 cattle and 80 sheep

Owner

At 17 July 1844: Alexander Fotheringham and Robert Campbell,

Master

Captain Blackburn

Weather conditions

Calm

Cause of loss

Was wrecked after becoming becalmed whilst crossing the Port Albert bar. The cargo - Sheep and cattle - suggests that the intended voyage was outward form Port Albert to Hobart or Launceston. The Ariel's register was transferred from Glasgow, Scotland to Sydney on 22 February 1840. She was sold to Hobart (Tas) in 1845.

Statement of significance

<p>The vessel is significant historically for its participation in the coastal and Bass Strait trades and also in the development of the Australian colonies.</p>

VHR history

The schooner Ariel was engaged in the livestock trade with Tasmania. Outward bound in August 1846, the vessel was becalmed while crossing the Port Albert bar and went ashore, becoming a total wreck. The cargo of sheep and cattle was drowned.

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