

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## ARIEL

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### 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.<br /> <br /> In 1840 the vessels register was transferred from Glasgow, Scotland to Sydney on 22 February 1840. It was sold to Hobart in 1845. The vessel was used in the coastal and Bass Strait trade.