

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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MARGARET NICOL

Location

Gabo Island

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S444

Date lost

16/12/1859

Official number

31678

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

72.10 Feet / 18.40 Feet / 10.90 Feet

Year of construction

1842

Built port

Perth

Built country

Scotland

Registration Number

87 of 1855

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

16/12/1859

Departure

Newcastle

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Coal

Owner

James Hay 15/6/1858

Master

Captain Williamson

Weather conditions

Severe gale

Cause of loss

Damaged in gale, abandoned and sank in the lee of Gabo Island.

VHR history

Laden with coal from Newcastle, the schooner Margaret Nicol was damaged in a severe gale. The vessel was leaking and unmanageable, so the master sought shelter at Gabo Island. The Margaret Nicol was anchored under the lee of the island, but sank soon afterwards. Crew rescued off the island by SS Wonga Wonga after two days.