

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## MARGARET NICOL

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### 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.