

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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MARGARET RUSSELL

Location

Brighton Beach, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S445

Date lost

1864

Official number

31772

Construction material

Wood

Hull

1 deck, square stern, carvel built, no galleries, female busthead

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

73.10 Feet / 20.70 Feet / 10.10 Feet

Builder

Alexander Russel

Year of construction

1845

Built port

Pictou, Nova Scotia

Built country

Canada

Registration Number

3 of 1861

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

1864

Cargo

Had previously carried railway sleepers, ale, porter, cement, pork, iron (UID 9, 16)

Owner

Morde Freckleton Cullis, Master Mariner, of Melbourne

Cause of loss

Driven ashore

Statement of significance

<p>The Margaret Russel is historically significant as an example of a Canadian built ship trading in Victorian waters.</p>

VHR history

The Margaret Russel Register was closed 31 Dec. 1861. In April 1860, carrying cargo of railway sleepers, stranded at Corner Inlet. Arrived from Liverpool 23 May 1854 via Rio, carrying 3 steerage passengers, ale, porter. Traded around Bay and between Sydney, Corner Inlet and Melbourne. In 1858 the ship was registered anew in consequence of a sale dated 29 September 1858 mad by William Henry Forman, superintendent of water police for Victoria under distress warrants for seaman wages. Ship sold for 105 pounds (ID 102). Last located record of voyage 24 Dec. 1860. The Margaret Russel was driven ashore at Brighton Beach