

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## MARGARET RUSSELL

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### 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