

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## NORFOLK

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### Location

Ninety Mile Beach

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S493

### Date lost

08/11/1914

### Official number

112685

### Construction material

Iron

### Hull

Steel four masted steamer, two decks, seven bulkheads, cellular double bottom, electric light and refrigeration machinery. Passenger capacity: 5 first class , 50 third class.

### Propulsion

Steam - Screw

### Number of masts

4

### Length/Breadth/Depth

420.70 Feet / 54.10 Feet / 28.80 Feet

### Builder

Sunderland Shipbuilding Co. Ltd

### Year of construction

1900

**Built port**

Sunderland

**Built country**

England

**Date lost**

08/11/1914

**Departure**

Melbourne

**Destination**

Sydney

**Cargo**

General and oil

**Owner**

Potter, Trinder & Gwyn (1911), managed by Federal Steam Navigation Company

**Master**

Captain Hughes

**Cause of loss**

Beached and broke up in heavy weather in December of 1914.

**Number of crew**

46

**Crew comments**

All saved

**VHR history**

The steamer Norfolk caught fire from the coal held in 3 hold resulting in her loss on Ninety Mile Beach about 20 miles south west of Lakes entrance on November 8th 1914, and was beached in an attempt to save the vessel. S.S. Koonda was on standby 800 meters next to the vessel during the fire to assist the rescue of the crew and effects. However, the fire gained hold and the Norfolk was completely burnt out. Salvagers removed most fittings of value before the vessel broke up.