

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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PARINGA

Location

Disappeared off Wilsons Promontory

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S516

Date lost

Dec 1935

Official number

122723

Hull

1 deck

Propulsion

Steam - Screw

Engine specification

Triple expansion 1600 IHP

Length/Breadth/Depth

230.20 Feet / 36.10 Feet / 13.90 Feet

Builder

Scott of Kinghorn Ltd

Year of construction

1908

Built port

Kinghorn

Built country

England

Registration Number

5 of 1908

Registration Port

Adelaide

Date lost

Dec 1935

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Osaka, Japan

Cargo

Towing tanker VINCAS to shipbreakers in Japan

Owner

Far Eastern Shipping Company, Hong Kong

Master

Captain A. MacInnes

Weather conditions

SW gale

Cause of loss

Hull plates opened up during storm, foundered without trace

Number of crew

31

Crew comments

5 officers (3 British officers and 2 Chinese holding service certificates issued by the Hong Kong Govt.), 26 Chinese seamen

VHR history

The steamer Paringa left Westerport towing the tanker Vincas. Both vessels were heading for Japan to be overhauled. After passing Wilsons Promontory in a heavy gale, the tow line was cast off and the Paringa was never seen again. Wreckage was recovered over a wide area of Bass Strait, but all 31 on board perished.