

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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PRINCE ALBERT

Location

Port Phillip Heads, Point Nepean

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S538

Date lost

11/1840

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Square stern; carvel built; no galleries, no figurehead;one deck

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

1

Length/Breadth/Depth

36.00 Feet / 12.00 Feet / 5.80 Feet

Year of construction

1840

Built port

Sydney, New South Wales

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

70 of 1840

Registration Port

Sydney

Date lost

11/1840

Departure

Sydney

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Mail, wheat, maize

Owner

John Terry Hughes and John Hosking, merchants, of Sydney

Master

Captain John Simpson

Weather conditions

Heavy gales battered the coast for a week

Cause of loss

Vanished in gale

Number of crew

4

Statement of significance

<p>Prince Albert is believed to be the first vessel wrecked at or near Port Phillip Heads. It went ashore after being battered by a heavy gale.</p>

VHR history

Left Sydney 29 September; on a voyage to Melbourne where she was to be offered for sale. lost about mid-November. Believed to be the first vessel wrecked at or near Port Phillip Heads. Had put in at Westernport twice,

the second time in company with a schooner, with which when the gale abated the Prince Albert again sailed out. The other vessel lost sight of it and the Prince Albert was not seen again. The remains of a man were later found on the Nepean shoreline and bags carrying mail for Melbourne were picked up at the Heads and forwarded to the Post Office.