

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## REINDEER

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### Location

Cape Liptrap

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S568

### Date lost

14/09/1862

### Official number

31975

### Construction material

Wood

### Propulsion

Sail

### Length/Breadth/Depth

91.00 Feet / 21.40 Feet / 7.90 Feet

### Year of construction

1848

### Built port

Tasmania

### Built country

Australia

### Registration Port

Hobart

**Date lost**

14/09/1862

**Departure**

Melbourne

**Destination**

Hobart

**Cargo**

Sheep

**Owner**

W.Belton & C.Dowdell

**Master**

Captain James Morris

**Cause of loss**

Lost in storm

**VHR history**

According to A.S.R. the brigantine REINDEER along with the schooner CAROLINE departed Geelong for Hobart in mid September 1862. Both vessels encountered heavy seas with the schooner seeking shelter in Western Port. It appears that the REINDEER continued its voyage along the coast past Cape Liptrap, where according to O'May, the vessel was flying signals of distress. O'May also states that the vessel was sighted by the lighthouse keepers on the Kent Group who also thought the vessel was in distress. The REINDEER was reported overdue and the Colonial Steamer VICTORIA searched along the coast for signs of the ship. Both O'May and Loney report that the remains of the ship were located off Cape Liptrap in June/July 1901.