

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ROMEO

Location

Ram Head

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S581

Date lost

14/02/1882

Official number

58977

Construction material

Iron

Hull

One bulkhead cemented, raised quarter deck 40 feet, single deck, two tiers of beams, built from heavier plating than required.

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

174.40 Feet / 29.80 Feet / 18.50 Feet

Builder

Royden

Year of construction

1869

Built port

Liverpool

Built country

England

Registration Port

Liverpool

Date lost

14/02/1882

Departure

Hamburg

Destination

Sydney

Cargo

General, including cement and pianos

Owner

C.T.Bowring & Co.

Master

Captain David Berry

Cause of loss

Ran ashore due to careless navigation

Number of crew

17

VHR history

The iron barque Romeo, on a voyage from Hamburg to Sydney with a general cargo, ran ashore in fog near Ram Head. No lives were lost and some of the cargo was salvaged after it washed ashore. The crew rowed to Gabo Island from where they were taken on to Sydney. By the time a salvage vessel arrived at the site of the wreck, almost nothing was visible above water. At the subsequent Marine Board Inquiry in Sydney, it was found that the vessel had been lost through a wrongful act or default by Captain Berry in steering a course which led to the wreck when he was not sure of his position.