

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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SPENCER

Location

Waratah Bay, near Cape Liptrap

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S628

Date lost

13/01/1854

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

88.70 Feet / 25.10 Feet / 16.10 Feet

Registration Port

Auckland / Sydney

Date lost

13/01/1854

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Auckland

Cargo

General

Master

Captain Wootten

Cause of loss

Driven ashore during a gale

Passenger comments

The survivors reached the beach where they camped under the sails for 9 days before travelling overland to Port Albert and then back to Melbourne.

VHR history

The brig Spencer was on a voyage from Melbourne to Auckland when it was blown ashore by a gale between Cape Liptrap and Wilson's Promontory. Five of the passengers were drowned on landing on the beach. The survivors waited for nine days to be rescued.