

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Location

Bass Strait, off Gippsland Coast

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S633

Date lost

16/08/1856

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

85.20 Feet / 20.70 Feet / 13.50 Feet

Year of construction

1846

Date lost

16/08/1856

Departure

Newcastle

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

208 ton of Coal

Master

Captain Paterson

Cause of loss

Sprang a leak and abandoned
Sank after 3 hours

VHR history

Loaded with coal, the brig Straun sprang a leak off the Gippsland coast. With six feet of water in the hold and the water gaining on the pumps, the crew abandoned ship and were rescued by the schooner Gem. The Gem stood by until the Straun sank and then took the crew on to Melbourne.