

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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THE TRIUMPH

Location

Johnson s Swan Lake, Discovery Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S668

Date lost

10/1874

Official number

36548

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

64.70 Feet / 15.30 Feet / 7.70 Feet

Year of construction

1863

Built port

Fremantle, WA

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

2 of 1864

Registration Port

Geelong

Date lost

10/1874

Departure

Port MacDonnell

Destination

Port Adelaide

Cargo

653 bags of potatoes. On consignment to T Must & Co. Adelaide. Two
bags of Potatoes, 1/2 chest of tea.

Owner

John F Fielder

Master

Captain Buler

Cause of loss

Missing at sea found bottom up near the Swan Ponds, close to the Glenelg River.

Number of crew

7

VHR history

The TRIUMPH left Port MacDonnell on August 26, 1874 with a cargo of potatoes, bound for Port Adelaide. Captain Buler is reported in the press as being unhappy with the sailing abilities of the 10 year old vessel. On the 19 October, 1874, the Harbour Master at Port Macdonnell is reported in the press of notifying Port Adelaide that a vessel believed to be the missing schooner TRIUMPH had gone ashore in the vicinity of Johnson's Swan Lake, on Discovery Bay, just to the east of the Glenelg River. Mouth. The Portland Guardian of 20 October 1874 reports that the police from Portland investigating a wreck ashore on Discovery Bay to the west of Cape Bridegwater. The vessel was identified as a schooner by the masts and spars', also cast on shore was the stern board of a vessel with the letters "TRIUM--". No evidence of the crew was found.' Some conjecture in the Portland press that the wreck had been looted or pirated although the Police found no evidence of this.