

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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TYRO

Location

Cat Bay, Phillip Island

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S684

Date lost

30/01/1906

Official number

74662

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

60.00 Feet / 14.00 Feet / 4.60 Feet

Builder

Alexander Stewart, sawmill owner

Year of construction

1877

Built port

Queensferry

Built country

Australia

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

30/01/1906

Departure

Bass Landing

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Timber 20,000 ft

Owner

Captain Henderson of Bass Landing

Master

Captain Henderson

Cause of loss

Was run ashore intentionally to prevent sinking but became a total loss

VHR history

The schooner Tyro left Bass River with 20,000 feet of timber, but the wind dropped and the vessel drifted along the western channel of Western Port. The crew discovered a leak below decks and the master was forced to run the vessel ashore at Cat Bay. The vessel became a total loss. The Tyro was reputed to be an ugly ship and poor sailer. It was the largest vessel built in Western Port up to that time. The Age and Melbourne Sun gave two accounts and two dates for the wrecking of the vessel. According to The Age, the TYRO was beached at Stoney Point, near Sandy Point on the western side of Western Port on 31 January or 1 February 1906, after springing a leak. The Age states that the vessel went ashore at Cat Bay on Phillip Island on February 4 1906. It is possible the vessel was beached, refloated and then finally wrecked.
