

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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AGNES

Location

Bass Strait, near Cape Schanck

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S8

Date lost

10/1839

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Wooden hull

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

51.40 Feet / 15.50 Feet / 8.60 Feet

Year of construction

1837

Built port

Twofold Bay, NSW

Built country

Australia

Date lost

10/1839

Departure

Hobart

Destination

Port Phillip

Cargo

Shop fittings consigned to JP Rowe and Co. chemists, general

Owner

D. McPherson

Master

Captain Thomas Gray

Weather conditions

Not known

Cause of loss

Foundered at sea

Statement of significance

<p>This vessel is historically significant as an early representation of an Australian built vessel employed in the inter-colonial trades. It has the potential to yield information regarding the construction of Australian ships for the inter-colonial trades.</p>

VHR history

Salvaged portion of cargo reported as washed up 'near Cape Schanck' in Port Phillip Herald , 16 June 1840; on 26 June 1840 it referred to the Agnes , as 'the wreck outside the Heads'. Left Hobart on 23 Sept.1839 on voyage to Melbourne. Thought to have run for shelter at North West Harbour, Wilsons Promontory.