

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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NIL DESPERANDUM

Location

Port Phillip, between Melbourne and Werribee River

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S844

Date lost

22 Jun 1855

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

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Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Werribee River

Cargo

flour, sugar, posts and rails, palings, iron house etc

Owner

Agents: Messrs. Patton & Co., No. 5 Bond St. Melbourne

Cause of loss

Disappeared without a trace

Statement of significance

<p>The wreck of the Nil Desperandum is significant as an early Victorian coastal trader, with an unsalvaged cargo.</p>

VHR history

Little information other than a notice published in the Argus of 28 June 1855:

 -VESSEL MISSING-
 To Captains, Sailors and Others
 Whereas on Friday, the 22nd of June, the Master of the NIL DESPERANDUM, a cutter, left the Wharf at Melbourne with a cargo, viz. - Flour, sugar, posts and rails, palings, iron house etc., which was to be delivered at a farm near and on this side of the Werribee River on Saturday (23rd).
 Since then, search has been made from the said farm to Williamstown, up the Yarra to the Wharf, and the only tidings that could be heard of her is that she had been seen in the River Yarra on Saturday.

 She was known to trade from Western Port to Melbourne, and from the heads.
 Any information respecting her, will be thankfully received by Messrs. Patton & Co., on the Wharf, or at No. 5 Bond-street.

 The Nil Desperandum may not have been registered.