

TATHRA

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TATHRA 483 gross tons, 193 net. Lbd: 170'3" x 27'1" x 9'4". Steel twin screw steamship built by Scotts of Kinghorn Scotland for N Cain's Coastal Co-Operative Steamship Co Ltd. Coal fired twin triple expansion engines making about 12 knots. Passenger accommodation for 68 and boasted 'electric light'. She was placed upon the MacLeay River in direct competition to North Coast S N Co., causing fierce rivalry. After only six months this vessel was found to be quite unsuitable to the river trade and, in a deal struck with North Coast S N Co, was withdrawn from that route and subsequently sold. Her purchasers were the Illawarra & South Coast S N Co., Sydney in April 1908. Renamed Tathra she worked the southern reaches of coastal New South Wales, only to be found unsuitable in her duties. She was chartered out to the Kerr Bros, Vila New Hebrides late 1911 only to be lost after capsizing in a Gale off Ambryn Island near the New Hebrides on the 4th January 1912. Of the 24 souls aboard there were no survivors

Source: <http://www.flotilla-australia.com/>

Correction: There were 60 persons on board and 36 were saved including Captain Halliday and Mr. Kerr.

Year	Sydney Departure	Sydney Arrival	Port Destination
1911	1911-08-21	---	New Hebrides
Foundered in a hurricane off Ambryn Island, New Hebrides on 4 th January 1912.			