

JUNO – Garden Island

The schooner rigged screw steamer *Juno* was built by George Brown and Company at Greenock, Scotland in 1903 for the Coast Steamship Company, South Australia. The iron hulled vessel measured 129.9 feet (39.6 m) in length, 23.1 feet (7.0 m) breadth, 8.5 feet (2.6 m) depth and was 241 gross tons.

The *Juno* arrived in Port Adelaide in February 1904. It was designed for the St Vincent Gulf trade, particularly the shallow Yorke Peninsula ports, and for many years kept a regular schedule between Port Adelaide and Port Vincent, carrying passengers and mail.



Juno in the Port River
Photo: SA Maritime Museum

By the 1930s, with the continued development of rail and the growth of road transport, the *Juno's* demise was near and the vessel was broken up for scrap. On or about 21 April 1931 the steamer's remains were towed from the bank at the Port Adelaide Slipway lease and abandoned at Garden Island. Today the bow extends approximately four metres into the mangroves with the forward bulkheads evident.



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