

# SHIPWRECKS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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**Fact Sheet No. 2**

## ***Dorothy S*** – Broad Creek Ships' Graveyard

**The wooden two-masted auxiliary schooner *Dorothy S* was built by Henry Warnecke at Sandridge, Victoria, and launched on 11 July 1868 with the name *Stephen*. It was first registered in Melbourne in October of that year. The vessel measured 72.7 feet (22.2m) in length, 19.0 feet (5.8m) breadth, 7.4 feet (2.3m) depth and 51 gross tons. Its owner, William Bray, changed its name to *Dorothy S* in 1920.**

In November 1922 the vessel was re-registered in Port Adelaide under the ownership of Richard Gericke of Edithburgh. In 1923, ownership transferred to F.H. Clausen.

By October 1926 *Dorothy S* was derelict on the bank of Garden Island. Robert Rake, of Charles Rake and Son, sought Harbors Board permission to move the vessel to Bream Creek, a tributary of Broad Creek.

*"Some few months back I observed a ketch hull drawn upon the North Shore of the North Arm, being desirous of securing a hulk of this type for the housing of two hydroplanes, I would be very grateful if you could advise me if there is any possibility of having the hulk removed to Bream Creek for the above purpose."* (SRSA)



*Image: DEW Files*

*Remains of Dorothy S at Broad Creek*

Approval was given, and the vessel removed to Bream Creek, where in June 1928 it was noted as abandoned. The register was closed in 1935.

Today *Dorothy S* is located in a small creek off Broad Creek. The site is above high water mark amongst the mangroves. The remains include an intact stem, some frames and planking.

### **More information**

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*Schooner Stephen (later Dorothy S) under sail*