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Fish Market Pontoon

Jervois Basin Ships' Graveyard

Prior to the construction of berths in the North Arm of the Port River, the Port Adelaide Fishing Fleet moored on the north-eastern side of the Jervois Bridge, which became the site of the Port Adelaide Fish Market.

A floating wooden pontoon, connected to the wharf via a gangway, provided a landing platform for the fishing tenders. The pontoon also offered safe and easy access for customers buying the fresh fish on offer from the fishermen.

Around 1960 the wooden pontoon was removed and abandoned high on the Ethelton mudflats. Today the remains are a predominant feature in the area. The lower sections are intact with most frames and some iron fittings clearly evident.



Image: DEW Files

The remains of the Fish Market Pontoon at Jervois Basin in the 1990s

More information

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