

SHIPWRECKS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

LADY DALY - Garden Island

The two masted schooner *Lady Daly* was built by W. & G. White at Williamstown, Victoria, in 1876 for John Darling and Company of Port Adelaide. The wooden hulled vessel measured 90.8 feet (27.7 m) in length, 19.6 feet (6.0 m) breadth, 6.3 feet (1.9 m) depth and was 68 gross tons.

The *Lady Daly* had a working life of more than 50 years trading in South Australian waters, generally to ports in St Vincent and Spencer Gulfs with occasional trips to the West Coast. The schooner was mainly engaged in the wheat trade, but also carried fertiliser for the Mount Lyell Company.

On 30 December 1901 the *Lady Daly* was driven ashore at Wardang Island, with the hull extensively damaged. It was eventually refloated, repaired and returned to the coastal trade. The schooner was dismantled and abandoned in the North Arm around 1926 and its register was closed on 6 September 1929. Today, little remains of the *Lady Daly* although sections of framing and parts of the centreboard casing are evident above the silt at low tide.



Remains of *Lady Daly* at Garden Island

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