

SHIPWRECKS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MANGANA - Garden Island

The schooner-rigged screw steamer *Mangana* was built in 1876 by D. & W. Henderson at Glasgow, Scotland, for the Tasmanian Steam Navigation Company. The iron-hulled vessel of 752 gross tons measured 208.3 feet (63.5 m) in length, 27.1 feet (8.3 m) breadth and 19.3 feet (5.9 m) depth.

Built as a coastal trader, *Mangana* operated between Tasmania and the Australian mainland until the mid 1890s, when it travelled further afield to Noumea and Sydney. In 1901 the steamer was purchased by Huddart, Parker and Company of Melbourne and towed to Port Adelaide to be used as a coal hulk.

In February 1931, having been laid up for some time, *Mangana* was considered unfit for service and the owners applied for permission to beach the vessel in the North Arm. On 23 March 1931, despite the Harbour Master's recommendation to scuttle the vessel at sea, *Mangana* was abandoned on the flats of the southern shore of Garden Island and scuttled by means of explosives.

Today the hull is intact along its length, but sideplates have been predominantly cut away. Ballast of rubble, stone and steel cable pieces remain in the forward section.



Mangana, c.1890 (Photo: SLSA: Edwardes Collection: V86No22)



Remains of *Mangana* at Garden Island



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