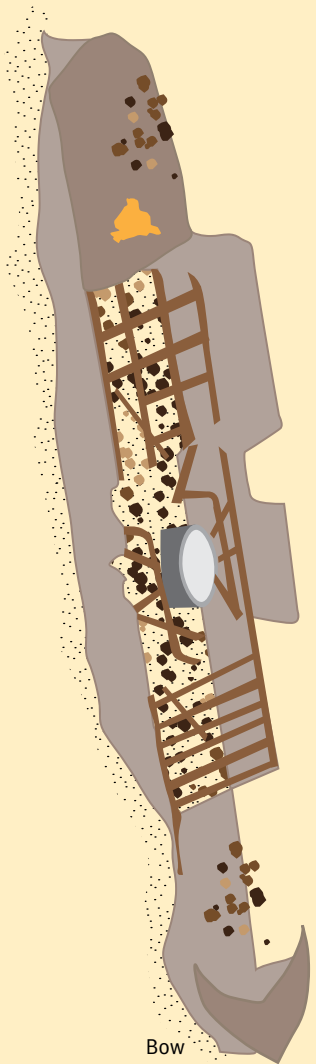


LADY BOWEN

Sketch map of wreck site
(key on reverse)

Sketch adapted with permission
from a plan drawn by Keith Cardwell



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Site conditions vary and will affect how much of the wreck and its relics can be seen. If you notice something suspicious or see items not marked on the plan, please contact EHP.

Help protect shipwrecks!

In Australia, all shipwrecks and their associated relics that are older than 75 years are protected by law. Shipwrecks are underwater museums that reflect the history of discovery, trade and colonisation and provide important scientific, historical and educational information. When artefacts are removed from a shipwreck, valuable archaeological information is lost forever. Shipwrecks are fragile and once lost, cannot be replaced.

Interfering with or damaging shipwrecks is prohibited. The most common actions that damage or interfere with shipwrecks include:

- divers holding on to fragile structures
- divers uncovering parts of the wreck by digging or 'hand fanning'
- taking anything from a shipwreck site
- anchoring on a shipwreck
- attaching lines directly to a shipwreck.



**Take only photos,
leave only bubbles!**

The Great Barrier Reef is a unique underwater playground for divers. Protecting these precious marine areas and their natural and cultural heritage is everyone's responsibility. Visit www.qld.gov.au to find shipwreck locations on the reef, or visit www.reeffacts.qld.gov.au for information about how the iconic Great Barrier Reef world heritage area is being protected.

Your safety is your responsibility.

DIVE into history



Lady Bowen (1894)



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Anyone with information or queries about Queensland's historic shipwrecks should email archaeology@ehp.qld.gov.au



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▼ Diver inspecting shipwreck



▼ Corroded ship structure



Lady Bowen (1894)

Vessel type Iron, four mast schooner
Built Glasgow, United Kingdom (1864)
Dimensions Length: 228.2ft Width: 25.9ft
 Depth: 11.8ft Tonnage: 671.0

General information

The *Lady Bowen* left Dungeness (what is now Lucinda), Queensland, on 18 August 1894 bound for Sydney carrying ballast. On 19 August breakers were sighted which the captain, mistook for Agnes Island. Due to a strong current the vessel was driven onto Kennedy Shoal. The *Lady Bowen* immediately began to break up. The crew took to the vessel's life boats and safely reached Cardwell. The Marine Board inquiry found the wreck of the *Lady Bowen* was the result of the captain mistaking Agnes Island for Hillock Point, and Eva Islet for Agnes Island. The captain was severely censured and cautioned by the Marine Board.

Site map of *Lady Bowen*

The wreck lies upright listing to starboard on a sandy bottom and can be partially covered by sand. Site features include an iron hull, ballast, broken planks, large anchor winch and anchor.

Site marine life

The *Lady Bowen's* superstructure is a habitat which provides food and shelter for a variety of marine life including sponges, corals, shellfish, urchins, sea cucumbers, nudibranchs, schools of fusiliers, snapper, sweetlips, cod, lion fish and sea snakes.



This shipwreck diver guide was produced by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) to increase community awareness and to help protect, manage, and interpret Queensland's unique underwater cultural heritage.

Dive site information

Dive rating The *Lady Bowen* is only suitable for advanced and experienced divers who are certified for diving below 30m.

Location Approximately 2nm off Kennedy Shoal near Cardwell

Latitude -18 2.2096799

Longitude 146 25.8673199





Max depth 35m **AVG depth** 27m

AVG visibility 12-30m

Current The site can be affected by currents, a bottom surge in heavy seas and an average of 2m swell. The site should only be dived at slack water and in good sea conditions.


Anchoring Avoid damaging the *Lady Bowen* by anchoring away from the shipwreck and letting the boat hang back over the site. Use a shot line to mark the site if necessary.

Lady Bowen map key

-  closed off smoke stack
-  broken planks
-  corroded object
-  rubble

Port Starboard

20-30°



*Artefacts not to scale

