

## **Dublin Dispatch**



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#### **ANZAC Day**

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#### **Australian Women's Land Army**

The Australian Women's Land Army (AWLA) was formed during the Second World War to combat rising labour shortages in the farming sector. From December 1941, when Japan entered the war, the nation's need to build up its armed forces was placed above the needs of other industries. Agricultural labour was steadily diverted to the armed services and war industry.

To meet the shortfall in rural labour, State and private women's land organisations were organised, modelled on those established in Great Britain during the First and Second World Wars. A national body was formed on 27 July 1942 under the jurisdiction of the Director General of Manpower. While policy was devised by the Commonwealth Government, the organisation of the AWLA remained State-based. An extensive recruiting campaign was undertaken for new members. Most members of the existing land armies were later incorporated into

The AWLA was planned to function in two divisions:

the AWLA as well.

Full-time members:

These enrolled for continuous service for 12 months (with the option of renewal); such members were to receive appropriate badges, distinctive dress uniform, working clothes, and equipment.

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A vital war job - join the Women's Land Army | Australian War Memorial (awm.gov.au)

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Auxiliary members: These were available for periods of not less than four weeks at nominated times of the year; such members were to be used for seasonal rural operations, and to receive a badge, working clothes, and essential equipment on loan.

Recruits had to be between 18 and 50 years of age and be British subjects or immigrants from Allied nations. Women on the land who were farmers, employees or relatives of land holders were not eligible to enlist. AWLA women were generally drawn from city areas and were often unskilled in rural work. This new form of labour had to be heavily promoted to rural employees, who were initially resistant to female labour. Sceptical attitudes, however, generally changed to praise and respect.

Enrolment numbers peaked in December 1943, with 2,382 permanent members and 1,039 auxiliary members. The average working week for an AWLA member was 48 hours, with pay starting at the AWLA minimum wage of 30 shillings a week. Permanent members were also entitled to sick pay. Women were paid much less than their male counterparts for the same work, which covered a variety of agricultural labours, such

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as vegetable and fruit growing, pig and poultry raising, and sheep and wool work.

In October 1942 the Minister for Labour and National Service, aware of the need to compete with the three women's services, recommended improving the status of the AWLA by instituting it as a fourth service. In January 1943 Cabinet endorsed the status of both divisions of the AWLA as an "official fourth service".

The organisation was to be formally constituted under the National Security Regulations. A final draft of these regulations, however, was not completed until 1945, and was not acted upon before the end of



the war and the demobilisation of the AWLA. As a result, members of the AWLA were not accorded the same benefits as members of the other women's services.

The AWLA was disbanded on 31 December 1945. In 1997, many members became eligible for the Civilian Service Medal, after a Committee of Enquiry recommendation in 1994.

#### Sources

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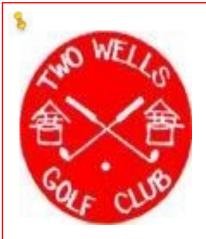
- Information sheet: Researching Australian military service: Australian Women's Land Army (AWLA)
   Home front: Second World War
- Civilian Service Medal 1939-1945 | PM(pmc.gov.au)

The Dublin History Group has had donated a copy of the story and photos of a local lady's experience in the AWLA, really interesting to read, which prompted this cover story, if you or a family member would like to add your memories to the folder they would be welcome.



## Community Notice Board





The Two Wells Golf Club are looking for new members. Our season will commence on Sunday 7th April 2024. As we have sand scrapes and rely on rain to make our fairways green, the golf season goes from April to September. So come out then and have a walk around our lovely course. The ladíes also have a 9 hole comp. on Tuesdays. Our bar is open Friday nights from 4pm.

For further information visit our website or phone 0427 803349.



#### **Dublin & Districts** Senior Citizens Inc.

Meet each Tuesday for Bingo at 9.30 for 10am start In the Parham Sports a Social Club Rooms

President: Jim Coady Secretary: Sharen McArdle 0400540881 Treasurer: Pat Newell. 0447371414

#### ANZAC Day 2024

Thompson Beach :- 6.00 am

Parham: - 6.10 am

Mallala RSL:- 6.00 am

Two Wells:- 6.15 am

If you cannot make it to a service please still Light Up The Dawn from your driveway

ANZAC Day - RSL SA Branch

See page 8 For further information



#### **Daylights Savings**

Ends - Sunday 7th April 2024



#### Vice regal visit to Adelaide Plains Council

Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia conducted her vice regal tour of the Adelaide Plains Council region on Tuesday 30 January Accompanied by Adelaide Plains 2024. Council Mayor Mark Wasley and Chief Executive Officer James Miller, the tour included important community projects and a brief overview of the growth in Two Wells. The first stop was the Mallala Emergency Relief Centre, a building designed to support emergency services in a major event. Greeted by Mallala & Districts Lions Club President Ms Tracey Cranwell, Secretary Mr Brenton Bell and members of the Mallala & Districts Lions Club, the Governor toured the facility and was briefed on operations, impressed by the combined efforts in achieving a much needed worthwhile facility for the Afterwards, the Governor visited the Mallala Museum where she was met by Deputy Mayor Strudwicke. Museum Committee Deputy Chairperson Ms Christine Young and Secretary Ms Laura Parsons. The Governor took a keen interest in the displays and commented on the quantity and quality of the exhibits.



Mayor Wasley and CEO Mr Miller with Her Excellency. the Honourable Frances Adamson AC

At the Moguet Lee Pinery Fire Memorial, a brief history of the Grace Plains district and a discussion on the devastating impact of the 2015 Pinery fires was provided by Chairman of the Moguet Lee Trust Committee Mr Peter March and Trustee Mr Derek Tiller. In the afternoon, at the Mallala Council Chambers, the Governor attended a lunch with Elected Members and the Executive Management Team and heard about the region's priorities achievements. The Governor presented with a quandong plant, which has been used as a source of food and medicine by First Nations people for thousands of years. The plant was grown by the Two Wells Community Nursery. Afterwards, at Two Wells, the Governor was joined by Council's Director Infrastructure and Environment Mr Tom Jones and Director Development and Community Mr Mike Ravno for a tour of Two Wells. A visit was made to the Library, the Two Wells Village Green to view the innovative urban design and the historic wells. She was briefed on the Main Street projects. the Town Centre Crown Land retail initiative and nearby housing developments. Governor was farewelled at the Two Wells Oval after viewing the recently finished artwork on the water tank depicting our local sporting heroes. It was my honour to host Her Excellency on her visit to the Adelaide Plains Council and to provide information on the situation at the moment and what challenges lie ahead. The Governor was most interested to hear how a Council of our size is able to prioritise and deliver services to a growing number of residents.

Mayor Wasley
2 February 2024



#### Mental Health Support

Speaking recently, in my role as Shadow Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention at the Mentally Fit Eyre Peninsula Wellbeing Conference, I reported on my statewide observations about access to country mental health services.

I am very concerned that a recent report written for the State Labor Government says it's easier to find a psychiatrist in Mongolia than in rural South Australia. But Adelaide residents have the best access per person in the nation. This is untenable.

We are fortunate to have a strong presence of mental health support services in the Frome electorate such as the highly regarded Kade McDonald Foundation, Lifeline Connect Centre and our hardworking, frontline GP's.

For local readers, you will be familiar with a local service provider in equine therapy, A Stable Life, run by Rob and Julie Walker who are committed to supporting our veterans.

I also applaud the many volunteers who dedicate their time to local suicide prevention networks (SPNs) and thank them for their compassion. I have invited South Australia's new Mental Health Commissioner, Taimi Allan, to visit our region in the coming months which she has kindly accepted.

If you need support please call Lifeline on 13 11 14; Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636; or Rural and Remote Distance Consultation and Emergency Triage and Liaison Service on 13 14 65. Any South Australian can also present to the Urgent Mental Health Care Centre at 215 Grenfell Street, Adelaide. 24 hours - 7 days a week.

#### Freeling Police Station Closed Permanently

I was disappointed to learn last week that the Freeling Police Station would be closed permanently, effective immediately. I know many Adelaide Plains residents signed the petition to reopen the station.

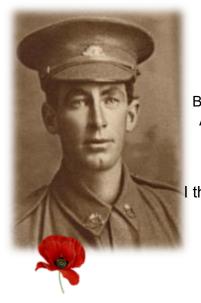
The reinstatement has been an important issue for this community and they felt strongly enough to sign a petition in the hope of a positive outcome, using social media to bring attention to their local campaign.

This decision to close sends the wrong message to country towns and shows that the Malinauskas Labor Government does not prioritise the needs of regional South Australians.

As always, don't hesitate to make contact with my team if you think I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to make contact via email <a href="mailto:frome@parliament.sa.gov.au">frome@parliament.sa.gov.au</a> or phone 08 8842 3403.

Kind regards

Penny



#### A Poem Penned by Private C M Pritchard A.A.M.C.

C Section 4 Australian Field Ambulance, France

Born in Windsor 1892, enlisted March14t<sup>h</sup>,1916 and sailed from Outer Harbour, Adelaide, South Australia on the steamer Seang Bee on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

#### **On Active Service**

think I'll write a piece about my roam across the sea In a big old fashioned steamer that is called the Seang Bee It was the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, and 'twas a Saturday. The day before I left I met my people in Victoria Square It was a thousand wonders that I should find them there For I was on a bicycle and cutting out the pace And had I ridden slower they would have left that place I often think about that day the real good time we had And if I get the chance again I'll be most mighty glad And the next day my people were standing on the wharf They waved their hands and handkerchiefs as I went sailing off. The weather it was beautiful the sea was very calm One might have sailed a fishing boat and wouldn't come to harm I didn't feel a trifle sick though some were rather bad A giddy feeling round the head was the worst that I have had. We called in at Colombo when we'd been out 16 days And there we found the natives had some very funny ways We had a trip to Kandy about 700 men And in the middle of the night we landed back again. In two more days we started out upon the sea again Sometimes we had the weather hot and sometimes it would rain The next place that we anchored in was Durban in Nara There's very few ships come that way most go through the canal. We had a trip around and were invited out to tea My mates went to a concert and took some girls you see I went and found a writing room and wrote some letters home And when I finished writing, through the streets I took a roam. We soon went out for four more days a Cruiser with us too She had a lot of guns each side and many men as crew She steamed along in front of us and showed our boat the way And led us into Cape Town just as it was closing day. We didn't stay there very long but most of us got ashore And though we saw a lot of sights I should like to have seen more But the very next day we started out a convoy of ships this time

Seven transports and a cruiser we were sailing all in line. The last days of our journey were most exciting ones With gun crews in the different ships all standing to their guns The bulldogs chased a submarine but he dropped out of sight But we chaps couldn't see the sub for it was growing night. The bulldogs still protected us and circled round and round And 2 o'clock the next morning we were safe in Plymouth sound But when it had grown daylight to Devonport we went And when we'd packed our stores we to the railway station went. When we got to the station we found the train had gone And the station master told us there was no train till next morn' So they took us to the barracks and they treated us alright For they gave us a good dinner and a pass till 11 at night. We went off beach to Plymouth and we had a look around My good luck still was with me and some real good friends I found And when at last the time came round to go back to the nest We hopped an old electric car went back and lay to rest. Next day we caught the train and off we went to Parks House Camp When we got there we found it dry but winter time its damp With mud above our boot tops or snow a good foot deep T'was awful cold in daytime and at night one couldn't sleep. While there we got a few days leave and off to London went And in the streets to get a feed we 2 and 6 pence spent So Bill, Bigmore and I had all our meals at Aklwych hut each day And though we had the best of food a shilling we would pay. Well very soon the time came round we went off hack to camp And when we left the train we had about 2 miles to tramp I thought when I got back to camp that I would get a letter And I found 5 awaiting me which I of course liked better. We didn't stay there very long but came across to France Of course it's not the safest place but we must take our chance. And now I'm in the firing line about 5 mites away I don't know when I'll see the line, I s'pose I will some day. And now I think I'd better stop I can't write any more But putting all the jokes aside This is an awful war But when the German Huns are heat I s'pose the end will come And then we'll shout Hip, Hip Hooray, there's no place like home.



Private Clem Pritchard was killed in active service while stretcher bearing in the Battle of Flanders, Ypres, on October 2 I, 1917 - Lest We Forget







# Australia Day 2024



## 2024 ANZAC DAY SERVICES ADELAIDE PLAINS COUNCIL

<u>MALLALA</u> – 6.00AM – service at the Mallala Monument. Crossroads of Mallala

Followed by breakfast at the Mallala RSL Sub Branch

Mallala Oval Complex

Wasleys Road, MALLALA

<u>PT PARHAM</u> – **6.10AM** – Service at the Remembrance Flagpole, Pt Parham Sports & Social Club

Followed by breakfast at the Pt Parham Sports & Social Club

12 First Street, PARHAM

<u>THOMPSON BEACH</u> – 6.00AM – service at 'The Shed'

Ruskin Rd, THOMPSON BEACH

<u>TWO WELLS</u> – **6.15AM** service at the War Memorial

Followed by breakfast at the Two Wells Community Centre

Old Pt Wakefield Road, TWO WELLS

Please observe social distancing at all services

If you cannot make it to a service, we welcome you to continue to *Light up the Dawn* from your driveway.

Some information to be confirmed

Almost every country has a national day to recognise and be proud of the country they live in. Today we recognised Australia Day at our Ceremony in Dublin, while celebrating the local people that make outstanding contributions to the community and our residents that are newly conferred Australian citizens.

Australia's unique position as an island nation has seen us deal with all manner of challenges such as pandemics, natural disasters and financial hardships, often with little or no overseas help. Australians get on with the job, help each other, and achieve great things. Let's be grateful and proud of our country.

I am, you are, we are Australian.

— Mayor Wasley

Congratulations to our 6 newly conferred

Australian citizens.

Congratulations to the recipients of our 2024 Citizen of the Year awards:

Citizens of the Year Denis and Maria Pellizzari

Young Citizen of the Year
Jacob Paul

Community Event of the Year
Dublin War Memorial 20th Anniversary and
Remembrance Service

Community Project of the Year Two Wells Football & Netball Club - Two Wells Oval Water Tank Mural

Taken from Adelaide Plains Council's Facebook page

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#### **Long Plains Red Cross Branch**

The first meeting for the year was held in the Long Plains hall on Wednesday 14th February. Planning for the fundraisers for the year was discussed. Please watch for dates (May & October) and the entertainment to be provided.

March Appeal letters were prepared and ready for distribution. The Branch is very grateful to the generosity of the community. Members were pleased to see the Branch Fundraiser shield category 8 back in the hall and thank the Harford family for their support during 2022-3. A plaque will be presented to Gia and family at the next function. Darcie Esther Jenkin, Grand-daughter of member Margaret Jenkin and daughter of Clinton and Kateena Jenkin is the Branch fundraiser supporter for 2023-4.

Members will be busy cooking for the stall at the Dublin Strawberry Fete planned for 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Right - Ann Curnow and Christine Young at the stall at the 2024 Strawberry Fete in Dublin

Alan Parker received his 20 year medal at the October fundraiser and past member Bev Zanker her 10 year medal. Red Cross is very grateful for the support of members and acknowledges their service with medals that are worn on special occasions.

If you would like to know more about the work of Red Cross you can contact

Branch President:
Christine Young 0418 896 888
or Secretary Alison Pym 8862 7025.



#### **Dublin & Districts Senior Citizens Inc.**

We started the year New Year off on the Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Our first outing for the year was Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan we all enjoyed our lunch from the Dublin General Store, which we would like to thank Michael Sarah and staff for it was lovely.

Our next couple of outings will be on 21<sup>st</sup> February to Moonta and in March on the 18<sup>th</sup> which will be at the Angle Vale Tavern for lunch.

We meet every Tuesday morning at the Port Parham Sports & Social Club at 9.15am for Bingo which we get under way at 10am.

Anyone is welcome to join us, or become a member to enjoy our outings once a month

Sharen McArdle
Secretary
Dublin Seniors

#### **Avon Art & Craft Guild**

Meets each Tuesday.

10.30 am to 2.30pm

Avon Craft Hall

1883 Avon Road, Avon

Learn a new Craft or bring your own or just relax & enjoy the company of others, in a quiet rural atmosphere.

Tea/Coffee Available BYO Lunch Materials/Equipment available.

Special, Open Days throughout the year.

Info Jill 88671127 or Helen 0419819420

All Welcome

Exclusive Invitation to

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Irish Shenanigans

Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>
10.30am to 12noon at Avon Craft Hall
1883 Avon Road. Avon
Includes Morning tea \$5.00

10.30 am till 1.30pm includes light Lunch \$12.00Lots of Fun, Chocolate Wheel, PrizesBring a Joke, Wear Green & Dookings essential for catering

Numbers limited.

Phone Jill 88671127 or Helen 0419819420

#### **Dublin, South Australia**

One of the 19 places in the world named Dublin, the township of Dublin, South Australia was surveyed in 1873 and gazetted on April 13, 1876.

The area known as the Hundred of Dublin was named by the Governor of South Australian, Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell. It was named after his birthplace, Dublin, the capital city of the Republic of Ireland. When surveyed, the Hundred of Dublin covered an area of 91,520 acres and was officially proclaimed on May 22, 1856.





2026 will be the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dublin, (Port) Parham and Windsor So watch out for more news soon and how you can be involved!



#### SA COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE DUBLIN BRIGADE

For further inquiries go to

https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/home

## Contact YOUR Local C.F.S.

- If you are 18 and over
- Prepared to give 1.5hours weekly on a Monday night
- Prepared to be trained, to become skilled in assisting in emergencies
- ✓ All PPC is supplied
- Form part of a dedicated team
- Assist your family, and your community during emergencies and disasters

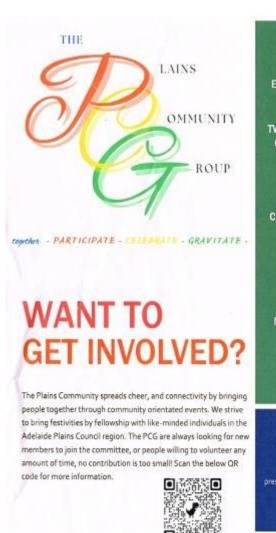
#### Monday Nights Training

From 7.30pm FIRST ST. DUBLIN

Brigade Captain: Rosemary McDonnell Mb: 0412 685 281



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart." — Elizabeth Andrew





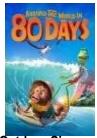
#### **Busy time at the Dublin Oval Dublin Cricket Club hosted -**











**Outdoor Cinema** 1st March 2024



The Two Wells and Mallala libraries now have free Covid19 test kits available to help with early detection and treatment of COVID-19.

Eligible people can access five free rapid antigen tests from these local RAT Collection Points. Free rapid antigen tests are available for:

- People with disability
- People who are immunocompromised
- A carer of someone with disability or who is immunocompromised
- People with concession cards

The its are available during library opening hours:

#### **MALLALA**

2A Wasleys Road Ph: 08 8520 2100 library@apc.sa.gov.au

Wednesday 10am-12pm 3pm-5pm **Friday** 

#### **TWO WELLS**

61 Old Port Wakefield Road Ph: 08 8520 2100 library@apc.sa.gov.au

Monday Closed Tuesday 9am-5pm 12pm-7pm Wednesday **Thursday** 9am-5pm **Friday** 9am-5pm 9am-11:30am Saturday Closed

Sunday

All your health needs provided for, with the highest quality care at

#### Mallala Doctors

Dr Daryl Burford Dr Gurpreet Ghataura



43 Aerodrome Road Mallala SA 5502 08 8527 2200

Special Interests include: - Family Medicine, Chronic Disease Management, Men's Health, Woman's Health, Minor Procedures, Counselling, skin checks, baby checks & vaccinations.

#### Opening Hours (closed on public holidays):

Monday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Tuesday 9.00 am - 12.00 pm Wednesday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Thursday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Friday 9.00 am - 12.00 pm

The practice nurse is available offering immunisations, blood tests, diabetes & asthma education, health assessments & wound management

Practice nurse:

Receptionists: Jane & Shannae

Other Services: Podiatrist – for appointments, please ring 08 8563 2444 NEW PATIENTS WELCOME

#### Covid-19 vaccine information & updates

- ATAGI recommends a <u>2023 COVID-19 vaccine booster dose</u> for adults in the following groups, if their last COVID-19 vaccine dose or confirmed infection (whichever is the most recent) <u>was 6 months ago or longer</u>, and regardless of the number of prior doses received:
- All adults aged 65 years and over; and
- Adults aged 18-64 years who have medical comorbidities that increase their risk of severe COVID-19, or disability with significant or complex health needs.

See here for more information -

https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-2023-booster-advice

- We will be offering the Pfizer Bivalent vaccine Pfizer COVID-19 bivalent (COMIRNATY Original/Omicron BA.4-5 COVID-19 vaccine) booster dose vaccine | Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for the 2023 vaccine booster dose. Please contact us to make an appointment.
- Eligibility for booster doses, information here - https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/covid-19-vaccines/getting-your-vaccination/booster-doses



Stay COVID safe.

Protect yourself and those you care about.

Stay COVID safe by: - staying home if sick; wearing a mask in crowded areas; and staying up to date with vaccinations.

Health topics / infectious diseases: -

#### The Bone Bus is coming.

The Bone Bus – By Measure Up will be visiting again on the 9th & 10th March 2023.

"Osteoporosis is a condition in which the bones become fragile and brittle, leading to a higher risk of fractures (breaks or cracks) than in normal bone. Osteoporosis occurs when bones lose minerals, such as calcium, more quickly than the body can replace them, leading to a loss of bone thickness (bone mass or density)."

The bus provides a mobile densitometry service, which measures bone mineral density.

To access the service, <u>a referral must be obtained</u> from your GP.

The bone scan is bulk billed for all patients that are 70 years old and above.

Please contact us to make an appointment for the referral.

#### Medication shortages

Unfortunately, there is a nationwide shortage of some medications. Information can be found here -

https://www.tga.gov.au/safety/shortages & here https://apps.tga.gov.au/Prod/msi/search?shortagetype=All

#### Back to school

It is an exciting time when children start & or return to school, but that can also mean that they may be exposed to common viral illnesses which includes Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease

Information can be found here - <u>Hand, foot and mouth</u> <u>disease | healthdirect</u>

#### Medibank & ahm 'hack'

We have received letters from Medibank re the 'cybercrime event' from October 2022, for 2 people & 2 former doctors. We are are unable to forward to those persons, as there is insufficient information to identify them & or we don't have 'current' addresses for them.

If you or your family have or have had a policy with either Medibank or ahm, we suggest that you contact the Hospital & Provide Advocacy team on 1300 130 460, as per the letter's instructions.

#### 2023 School Immunisation Program and HPV schedule change

We have been advised that "The Minister for Health has announced that effective immediately the schedule for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines will change from 2 doses to 1 dose on the National Immunisation Program."

For more information please see here sahealth.sa.gov.au/schoolimmunisationprogram

Position vacant – receptionist (part time / casual)
Please contact us on 08 8527 2200 to register your interest. Applications close on 1/3/23.

If you have any health concerns & wish to see a doctor, or require vaccinations, please ring us on 08 8527 2200 to make an appointment.

Please give the receptionist or the person answering your call, an indication of why you need to see the doctor, so that they can adequately allocate sufficient time for the consultation.

#### **Father Bartholomew O'Donovan**

#### **HEALING CURES**

What have a kiss, a needle and woollen thread, Bex powders and Rawleigh's Salve all got in common?

They were all home remedies for common ailments used by people in isolated communities to relieve the aches and pains of the human body and the fears of the mind.

I grew up in a place that had no easy access to medical professionals. People had their own remedies for the common trials and tribulations of everyday discomforts.

"Let me kiss and make it better was my grandmother's answer to all of life's problems. It never cut it for me. Grandma was prone to wet kisses, which I did not like, nor did I like the magnolia perfume of her preferred toilet soap. I never did find the kiss take anything away. Thankfully my mother did not hold to the kiss cure.

Blisters were a common discomfort. One way to deal with large blisters was to lance the Blister with a needle and thread of wool. Passing the wool through the blister allowed the fluid to drain off and the thread be a cushion to the sensitive skin beneath the top skin, giving it time to toughen up while the top skin died and could be removed.

Earaches at night were dealt with by pouring warmed olive oil into the ear. The warmth minimised the throbbing pain enough for the sufferer to get to sleep.

Bex powders were also a common remedy in cases of extreme earaches. Mum would administer half a Bex powder on a teaspoon of honey.

A friend of mine has contributed the 1,2,3, Method of treating a bad cough.

Mix 1 part of methylated spirits with 2 parts of sugar and 3 parts of water. Dip a piece of woollen flannel into the mixture and wring out. Wrap the damp flannel around the sufferer's neck. Wrap a piece of dry flannel over the top

and put the patient to bed to sleep while the mixture goes to work.

The universal cure was Rawleigh's Salve, "Good for Man and Beast" as it proudly proclaimed on the label. We knew it in our family simply as "Man or Beast." It was our first answer to all sorts of exterior ailments. Mum kept it in a small cupboard attached the mantle over the kitchen stove. Mr Perry used to come from Hay NSW once a year selling all the many Rawleigh products. The only one Mum bought was "Man or Beast" without which we could not live. It did bring comfort and relief to our cuts and bruises, our sores and our mental anguish.

Though we may never grow out of needing some of our childhood pain relievers we do add more issues to our lives as we mature.

"Small children small problems, big children big problems." This was the advice a person gave me one day when as a new parent I was telling him some of the issues I had with looking after our first baby.

In adulthood we eventually face the ultimate issues; who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? The answer to these questions is a spiritual one and the salve that God has provided is the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. At this time of the year, with the Easter celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as a part of our lives, we can reconsider our relationship with Jesus and the healing salve that He provides for us now and into eternity.

St Paul recommends Christ to us in these words, "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Letter of St Paul to the Romans, Chapter 8 Verses 38-39. NRSV Version.)

Father Bart O'Donovan,

#### The District's Church Times

#### **ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES**

#### St Peter's Mallala

1st Sunday of the month 10.00am - 3 March, 7 April, 5 May

#### St Paul's Two Wells

2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th

Sundays of the month.

10.00am - 10, 17, 24 and 31 March

10.00am - 14, 21 and 28 April

**Parish Contact** 

Di Meaney

Phone: 0427 616 301

#### **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Two Wells Preaching Place Contact 8281 2976

#### PLAINS COMMUNITY CHURCHES

#### **Owen Community Church**

Sundays at 10.00 am

#### **Hamley Bridge Uniting Church**

Sundays at 5.00pm (beginning with a shared meal)

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Mallala Uniting Church email: mallalauc@gmail.com

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Monday 7:30pm Two Wells Band rehearsal.

Tuesday 9:00am Playgroup.

Wednesday 1:00pm Craft Group.

Wednesday 7:30pm Bible Study.

3rd Thursday 1:30pm Uniting Friends.

The Op Shop is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm, and Saturdays from 9am to 2:30pm

If you would like any further information please contact <a href="mailto:info@twowellsuniting.org.au">info@twowellsuniting.org.au</a>, <a href="www.twowwellsuniting.org.au">www.twowwellsuniting.org.au</a>, <a href="www.two">0414248732</a> (Paul) or follow us on Facebook!



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Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> the event is called "A Day in the Life of a Blacksmith", and they have invited the Artist Blacksmiths Association and also the Yorke Peninsula Blacksmiths group to join them on that day.

For more information:

Balaklava Museum - Urlwin Park and Centenary Hall



The beginning of the park - Lions Club members

#### **DUBLIN LIONS PARK**

When Mr John Meier M.P. opened the Dublin Tourist and Recreation Park on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1984, the Mallala and Districts Lions Club had completed an award winner project that local and visitors still appreciate to this day. Join the Dublin History Group and the Mallala and Districts Lions as we celebrate the park's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, more information on next page.

Also do you have photos or stories you would like to share with us about the park, were you part of the team that help build or fundraise for it back in the early eighties, do you have memories of when it first opened, we would love to here from you.

## The Power of a Rest Break

40 Years of the Dublin Lions Park

Date: 5th May 2024

Time: 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Where: Dublin Lions Park** 

17 Sixth Street Dublin

**Cost: Donation** 



Special Guest: John Meier

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Dublin Institute will be open in afternoon

For more information

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#### **DHG at 2024 Strawberry Fete**

Once again the Dublin History Group had a stand at the Strawberry Fete. It was a lovely day. The weather was perfect (maybe it got a bit breezy). A great variety of stalls were available, Dublin CFS, live music from the Two Wells Band, food and drink and of course the strawberries. The Dublin Cricket Club hosted the event with a slightly different layout which worked well.

We had a variety of visitors come to see us from locals to former residents and "out of towners". It is always enlightening having a chat.



DHG Stall (above ) and new layout (below)



#### **DHG Research Projects**

The Dublin History Group always have projects either ongoing, in the planning stage or in the future. With the SA History Festivals that are held each year we try to have a theme of interest to the community and that adds to our ever growing reference material. Sometimes members have a project that holds a special interest, an example is when we did Port Parham for the 2021 SA History Festival, Ian Telfer was interested in the engineering of the many Jinkers that are at Thompson Beach and Parham so he worked on a folder that shows the various Jinkers and their information, a very interesting read. Bev Jones after reading the personal account of the Australia Women's Land Army would like to research further into the association it had with our area. Andrea Brow is updating the register for the Dublin Cemetery with photos and other information (taking a little longer than expected as she keeps getting sidetracked with research). Our President Philip Brow has always been interested in the films that have been made in our area and would like to get together an archive of the movies and of course the adverts as well.

Our research projects are never completed as they are updated and added to as more information becomes available.

We would love your help if you have photos or stories to share please let us know.



## DUBLIN HISTORY GROUP RESEARCH CENTRE



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## Tracing Your Family History in South Australia

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Peter Applebee, President of the Adelaide Northern Districts Family History Group will give a presentation at the Dublin Institute which will focus on family history research in South Australia and the resources available, how to use them and practical application by two examples from his own



family tree, the Applebees and Thompsons. Based generally on UK ancestors and includes a DNA example.

#### Vale Norma Schopp

The Dublin History Group Members send their condolences to the family and friends of Norma, her knowledge was unsurpassed and her contribution to local history was tremendous. Our groups often supported each other with research and



her articles in the Plains Producer were used as reference material for our projects.

#### **Open Days and Events in 2023**

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Tracing Your Family History in SA Presented by Peter Applebee 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Sunday 14th April

1.00 - 4.00 p.m.

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

The Power of a Rest Break 40 Years of the Dublin Lions Park

Time: 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Where: Dublin Lions Park



#### The Purple Poppy

The DHG placed a plaque at Dublin Institute on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017, every year on the 24<sup>th</sup> February

we remember those animals that were and still are serving in conflicts around the world. Often our family pets will be with us as we place our tribute and remember they also served. Digby, the President's Kelpie pup had the honours this year.



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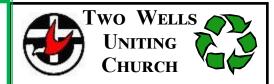
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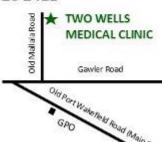
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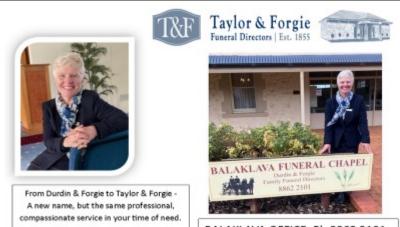
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9.00am - Mallala Post Office

9.15am - Pt Parham Sports & Social Club

9.40am - Two Wells Motel

**ESTIMATED ARRIVAL:** 

10.15am - Elizabeth City Centre

RETURN BUS DEPARTS:

3.00pm - Elizabeth City Centre

Return bus travels same route in reverse Return Trip \$5.00 per person

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#### **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

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2024 Dates 19 Jan 16 Feb 15 March 19 April

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# AUTHOR EVENT Liz Harfull

Adelaide Plains Library will be hosting author of the Blue Ribbon Cookbook series and A Farming Life, Liz Harfull, at our next event.

Date: 1:00 - 2:30pm, Tuesday 26 March 2024

Where: Two Wells Bowling Club,

Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells

#### Cost: FREE EVENT - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Liz Harfull is the author of 10 books including the national best-seller The Australian Blue Ribbon Cookbook. An editor, journalist and social historian, Liz has also worked as a rural communications specialist, exploring ways to encourage farmers to take up best practice and latest technologies.

Liz is passionate about telling the stories of rural and regional Australia. She has shone a light on the Country Women's Association, highlighting the integral role played by the CWA in war, health, community support, fundraising, rural life, industry and culture. Liz's book The Women Who Changed Country Australia (2022) won Best Women of the World book in the 2023 International Gourmand Awards.

Liz's most recent book A Farming Life was released in 2023. It shares the stories of hands-on farming women from six rural families as their resilience is tested by personal loss, illness, fractured relationships, natural disasters and the challenges that come with working in a traditionally male-dominated world.

Liz's books will be available for purchase on the day from Meg's Bookshop.



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