



Names of towns, townships and settlements in our area

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Avon - its name is from the 'Avon Farm and Homestead' settled by the Wood Family in 1889. It derives from the Gaelic abhuinn - 'river'.

Barabba - It is an Aboriginal word for the indigenous bulrush plant. A town of 'Aliceburgh' was laid out on section 204, Hundred of Grace into one-acre blocks and proclaimed in 1879

Calomba - The area was formerly known as Shannon, but the railway station was named Calomba at its opening in 1916 due to the presence of another "Shannon" in the state.

Dublin - The township of Dublin gazetted on 13 April 1876 and lies in the cadastral Hundred of Dublin which was named in 1856 after the Irish capital, Dublin by Governor McDonnell who was born there.

Fischer - Named after family who lived in area.

Grace Plains - The Hundred of Grace was named by Governor MacDonnell after Grace M. Farrell, wife of the Dean of Adelaide; the name was later adopted for Grace Town, surveyed as a Government town on section 4, Hundred of Grace in April 1874.

Korunye - Aboriginal for 'rainbow'. Its earlier name was 'Paddy's Station'.

Lewiston - in honour is the Reverend John Milbourne Lewis who was the local Congregational Church minister from 10 April 1853 until his death on 29 September 1855.

Long Plains - originally names Ridley Plain after the inventor of the Ridley Stripper in 1870's it was changed to Long Plain and when the railway came the 's' was added. From 1917 to 1923 Long Plains was the rail terminus

Lower Light - Lower Light is named for the lower Light River estuary into Gulf St Vincent directly south of the settlement

Mallala - Derived from the Aboriginal madlola - 'place of the ground frog'. The first land taken up in the district was in 1851 by Phillip Butler, under occupational licence. The Butler property was called 'Mallala Station', and the town of Mallala developed in the vicinity.

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Middle Beach - In the middle of Gawler and Light Rivers

Port Gawler - Port Gawler was named in 1867 and a government town surveyed around 1869, but was officially declared to have ceased to exist on 23 June 1960.

Port Lorne - The township of Lorne was surveyed in February 1884 and named by Governor Robinson on 8th May 1884 after a town in Argyllshire, Scotland. It is in the hundred of Inkerman

(Port) Parham - Parham was proclaimed as a government town on 7 July 1876. It is reported as being named after John Pocock Parham, an early settler who arrived in South Australia in 1839. It has also been known as Dublin Beach and Dublin landing place

Port Prime - The township of Port Prime was proclaimed on 15 April 1880 and named after Joel Prime, a district pioneer.

Redbanks - The descriptive name was taken from the colour of the banks of the River Light at that place.

Reeves Plains - Samuel Reeves who discovered the plains while in the employ of the "South Australian Company"

Thompson Beach - Started as a sub-division in 1980 by Cape Investments Pty Ltd and named after Thompson Family early settlers who farmed the region

Two Wells - In the early days of settlement two Aboriginal wells were used for domestic and stock water supplies and it was called "the town of Two Wells"

Webb Beach - Named in honour of a local farmer and owner of Webb's Carbonate of Lime incorporating the sale of shell grit - Albert John Webb.

Wild Horse Plains - Its name is attributed to Thomas Day, who found wild horses grazing within the locality around 1870, established in 1881 on Port Wakefield Road,

Windsor - The township was a private subdivision by George Baker c.1876

Information for names was sourced through Website Mallala "now and then", book "Life around the Light" and various other sources. This is a small portion of the information that is available and is always a fascinating read. If information is incorrect please let us know.

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Community Notice Board

Justice of the Peace
Saturdays
9am - 11am
Adelaide Plains Library -
Two Wells



We are currently recruiting for one or more volunteer Justice of the Peace to join us. Are you a registered JP? Do you have two hours to spare on a Saturday morning approximately once every six weeks? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Anne Sawtell - Manager Library and Community Services Ph 8527 0200 or email info@apc.sa.gov.au



DUBLIN CRICKET CLUB

GET READY FOR SEASON 2025/26

REGISTRATION DAY
@ Dublin Oval
SUNDAY 31st August
@ 11AM

ALL AGES - ALL TEAMS
Ages 8 - 88

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
BAR OPEN

FOR MORE INFO
LUKE 0428 838 131
BRETT 0402 272 684

SAVE *this* DATE

18 OCTOBER 2025

QUIZ NIGHT

Two Wells Community Centre
7.00pm \$15pp

Mallala RSL Sub-Branch
events - see page 13

Happy Father's Day

DUBLIN & DISTRICTS
SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB
INC.

PO BOX 507 Dublin SA 5501

Meet each Tuesday for BINGO
from 9:15 am for 10:00 am start
At the Port Parham Sports
& Social Club
"New Members Welcomed"

President: June Smit

Secretary: Pat Newell-
patnewell07@gmail.com



Parham & District
Action Group

INCORPORATED in 2024
Incorporation No A45481

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday September 9th: 7PM

Port Parham Sports and Social Club

Come and hear what PADAG is doing in
your community,
Contribute your ideas.
Be part of what is happening!

Council adopts responsible 2025/2026 annual business plan and budget

New initiatives to look forward to include a youth development program, community grants, heritage survey and master plan for a Thompson Beach foreshore park.

This year's \$4.538m capital works program focuses on asset renewal, covering 42km of road resheeting and 10km of road resealing. New lighting, footpaths and pedestrian crossings in various locations around Two Wells are also planned.

All day-to-day services and programs will continue to be delivered, supported by an estimated \$3m in grant funding for roads, coastal conservation and libraries.

Financially, \$20.686m is budgeted for recurrent, operating and capital expenses. A recurrent income of \$20.424m is estimated, including \$14.384m from general rates.

After taking on board the community's concerns around the effects of the costs of living on paying their daily bills, the chamber has adopted a responsible 2.8% general rate increase for a majority of ratepayers through the application of a discretionary rate cap.

This responsible decision will allow Council to continue its current service levels while acknowledging the very real struggles of our community.

The 2025/2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget was adopted at the 6 August Special Council Meeting. A summary will be available to view on Council's website from Wednesday 13 August.

*David Paton
Acting Mayor*

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Two Wells Community Fund grant recipients announced

Adelaide Plains Council and Hickinbotham have awarded a total of \$21,436 to support the projects of six community groups, in the Two Wells Community Fund's 8th grant round.

What a worthwhile funding initiative this grant has proved to be. Within our Plains community are the small groups, the volunteers, the people who work tirelessly for their people. The list of projects all help our groups prosper and survive. These amounts do really make a difference.

Congratulations to the recipients:

Anglican Parish of Two Wells - Airconditioning unit – \$3,390

The Plains Community Group - Sensory panels in the Two Wells Main Street playground – \$6,075

Two Wells Community Centre - Ceiling remediation – \$5,720 Installing

Two Wells CFS - Fix it Box – \$1,175

Two Wells Football & Netball Club Security cameras – \$4,076

St Joseph's Catholic Church - Kitchen hot water service – \$1,000 .

The Two Wells Community Fund Committee met on 7 July 2025 to review applications and determine recipients. Members supported all projects, and all community groups will match their grant either financially or with contributed volunteer hours.

An official presentation is planned for late September 2025.

*Mark Wasley
Mayor*

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Extract - full report see APC Website



TOM VENNING MP

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Senate Inquiry into algal bloom

The Member for Grey, Tom Venning, is urging locals affected by the algal bloom to take part in a Senate Inquiry by sharing how they have been impacted.

The impacts of the algal bloom are being felt right across our region. It is vitally important that politicians in Canberra hear directly from real people about the crippling impacts being felt across our coastlines which is why I am urging anyone who has been affected to consider making a submission to the Senate inquiry which will investigate the matter.

South Australia has never witnessed anything like this before. Not only have we seen shocking scenes of marine deaths on our beaches, but the bloom is also devastating livelihoods and having a severe economic impact.

The inquiry has been established at the request of the Opposition. It will examine the causes, frequency, scale, and duration of the algal bloom and is due to report back to the senate by 28 October.

The full terms of reference are available here:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications/AlgalBloom48P

I encourage professional and recreational fishers, tourism operators, small business owners, and affected locals to make a written submission or give evidence in person when the inquiry visits South Australia.

I've heard some heartbreaking stories – particularly from marine scale fishers who don't qualify for existing support grants but fear their livelihoods are gone for years because their fish stocks have been completely wiped out.

Those stories need to be told – loudly and clearly.

I have written to Premier Malinauskas calling for an urgent review of the grant eligibility criteria but at the time of writing I have not received a response. I will continue to stand up for the people in our electorate who have been affected.

The inquiry submission process is straightforward, and a guide is available on the Parliament of Australia website and the staff in my electorate offices are happy to assist.

Submissions close August 22.



Tom Venning MP, invited the Leader of the Opposition Sussan Ley and Shadow Environment Minister Angie Bell to meet with locals and tour the area impacted by the Algal Bloom.



SA Country Fire Service Dublin Brigade



Congratulations (left to right)

**Lisa Bryant National Medal First clasp for 25 Years Service,
Rosemary McDonnell & Matthew Brewster Life Membership**

**Celebrating long term achievements to some of our Brigade Members at our
AGM Election night in July**

**Combined the above members have achieved over 76years continued active
service for the community locally, interstate & overseas. Its amazing the
opportunities available for personal growth within the organization.**

www.cfs.sa.gov.au South Australian Country Fire Service

Training Monday nights 19:30pm onwards

Further inquiries - NEW No. Mb: 0460 633 022



Standing Up for Our Coastline

Regardless of where we live, South Australians share a deep and enduring connection to our coastline. Whether it's for work, recreation, or the natural beauty, our beaches, bays, and coastal communities are part of who we are.

That's why the Liberal Opposition has been calling on both the State and Federal Labor Governments to take stronger and more immediate action in response to the toxic algal bloom crisis affecting our coastal waters. Like many I am concerned about our precious habitats along the Sapphire Coastline including the hidden gems of Parham, Webb, Thompson and Middle beaches.

This environmental catastrophe is not only threatening our marine ecosystems but is also having serious social and economic consequences, particularly for small business operators, tourism providers, and those in the commercial and recreational fishing sectors.

Weeks ago as the Shadow Minister for Tourism, I called on the Government to reinstate the popular Great State Voucher



Inspecting Lomandra with Mary-Ann, founder of FAIBS

scheme for accommodation in the hardest hit coastal areas. This would help stimulate tourism, encourage visitation, and deliver real assistance when it's needed most. They are still thinking about it.

While I welcome the announcement of a Federal Senate Inquiry, which will properly investigate the cause, management, and long-term impacts of the algal bloom, more must be done now to support the communities bearing the brunt of this disaster.

For months, concerned locals have been raising the alarm, many taking on the role of citizen scientists to document changes and report issues. Their dedication is a reminder that coastal protection is a shared responsibility. On Sunday 16th August I joined the Friends of the International Bird Sanctuary at Webb Beach to learn more about the growing threat to food sources for shorebirds which feed on insects and crustaceans found in the mudflats.

250 trees and seedlings were planted by 9 volunteers, lead by Mary-Ann van Trigt, and I want to commend their ongoing efforts to protect and conserve our unique environment.

The long-term health of our coast and the communities that depend on it must be a priority. I'll continue to advocate for awareness about this sanctuary, for long-term solutions and greater transparency as we work to protect South Australia's most iconic natural assets.

As always, if you think I can be of assistance please don't hesitate to make contact by email frome@parliament.sa.gov.au or phone 8842 4304.

Kind regards
Penny





Parham & District Action Group

During the winter months PADAG has had difficulty meeting due to members being involved in other activities, and the organisation waiting on responses from the likes of Adelaide Plains Council which are critical to progressing items on the agenda.

We are excited to report that the Adelaide Plains Council approved the 2025/2026 budget in early August and in the budget is an allocation of funds to seek consultation to provide detailed design and costing projections for the Port Parham Foreshore Precinct Development. Once these are obtained we can seek grants to progress the development. Our thanks to the precinct subcommittee who have put a lot of effort in progressing this activity.

Sadly our chairperson has resigned as he has left the district. Nominations are sought for persons to fulfill this role.

The Annual General Meeting of PADAG will be held on Tuesday 9th September at 7pm in the Port Parham Sports and Social Club. Community members are welcome to attend and find out about what is happening and contribute ideas for improving our communities.

In January of this year there were a number of power failures impacting the northern end of Port Parham including the campground. PADAG lobbied State Government Members of Parliament and SA Power Networks over this unsatisfactory situation. SAPN acknowledged that the system went into overload and provided a commitment to rectify the situation within 9 months.

There has been no progress on a number of issues in the hands of the Adelaide Plains Council including the provision of an RV park, the location of the Dump Protest Statues in Dublin, and the collection of organic waste in Port Parham and Webb Beach.

Following significant tidal events in May and June, large heaps of sea wrack have been left on the foreshore at Port Parham. PADAG is seeking the support of Adelaide Plains Council to carry out appropriate removal of this.

The lease arrangements for the campground have been finalised, with a formal lease now in the hands of the Mallala and District Lions Club. PADAG provides day to day maintenance of the campground and in return receives a significant portion of the takings which is used to progress community projects. Our volunteers are doing a great job and the reviews on Wiki camps have been very complimentary. If you would like to volunteer your services please let us know.

Pigeons have been a problem in the Jinker display. A volunteer from Dublin has dealt with this and we are pleased to report that the display has been relatively clean for about 3 months.

PADAG and the Dublin History Group continue to develop proposals for celebrating the **150th Anniversary of Dublin, Port Parham and Windsor** in 2026. Lock in the Adelaide Cup Weekend, 6-8 March 2026 to be part of these celebrations.

In the past 2 weeks PADAG has been represented at forums for volunteer organisations organised by the Adelaide Plains Council and by Tony Piccolo MP. These were a useful exchange of ideas between volunteer organisations across an area from Eudunda and the Clare Valley to Two Wells.

PADAG continues to focus and lobby on a number of issues including the collection of green waste, illegal dumping, the parking of unregistered and unused vehicles on street verges, potential flooding, particularly in Prime Street, the sight lines in the Webb Beach Road intersection.

PADAG always welcomes input from community members. All are welcome at our monthly meetings 2nd Tuesday of month 7pm at the club. Come and bring your ideas or offer your services.

**Parham and District Action Group,
Serving the Community!**

Long Plains Red Cross Branch

The branch members met on 13th August and discussed future events for the remainder of the year. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Long Plains Branch of the Australian Red Cross in appreciation for our support of Red Cross Calling 2025 and raising funds for people and communities affected by extreme weather events, emergencies, conflict and isolation. The Branch raised **\$13,365.85** in the 2024 - 2025 financial year through the efforts of our small group and helpers.

Thank you to all our generous donors to the March Appeal.

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

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

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 1:30 pm

110 Years Ago

May 2, 1915

Work on the Salisbury to Long Plains railway has been started from the "Salisbury end of the line. The railway engineer (Mr. Mann) went over the route on Friday from the Little Para-bridge to the Gawler River, Many unemployed are waiting to begin work.

"THE COUNTRY." The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) 5 May 1915: 9. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article5467277>

LONG PLAINS, June 28, 1915

A very successful meeting for South Australian Red Cross was hold at Mrs J. A. Parker's residence, Long Plain, June 16th. Mrs C. W. Burnard, having been elected president, took charge of the meeting, with Mrs H. Young as secretary, and Miss Jessie E. Parker as treasurer. A large number of requisites for the South Australian hospitals for returned wounded were brought along or promised by ladies present and others interested in the work and unable to be present. The number of things in hand or promised are :—23 sheets, 6 blankets, 2 rugs, 6 pillows, 38 pillow cases, 20 towels, 14 day shirts, 6 hospital shirts, 5 pyjamas, 3 pair cotton sox. Also £1-7-6 was sent to South Australian Red Cross from collection at Shannon Sunday School Convention, and 5/- as first instalment from Long Plains Public School. The children of Long Plain School have a Red Cross box and put their pennies in each day and forward the amount raised to help our soldier heroes who need Red Cross help.

OUR NEWSLETTERS. (1915, July 1). *The Wooroorra Producer* (Balaklava, SA : 1909 - 1940), p. 3. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article207099437>



Long Plains Railway Station circa 1918 (GN02036)
<https://collections.history.sa.gov.au/nodes/view/28852>

Avon Art & Craft Guild

FREE INVITATION TO ALL

Important Community Information

WHAT: COMMUNITY SAFE WORKSHOP

WHERE: Avon Craft Hall, 1883 Avon Road, AVON SA

WHEN: **Tuesday 9th September 10.30AM TO 12 NOON**

BY:-Bindi Hawkey

Regional Community Engagement Officer

South Australian Country Fire Service – Region 2

Spurling Cct , Mudla Wirra SA 5118

As part of our Community Safe Program a free workshop with CFS will be held at Avon on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 10.30am to 12 noon at. Avon Hall to discuss and help our community be prepared for this year fire emergencies and disasters. We stress this is very important meeting for all residents of the district and urged you all to attend. Be informed.

Avon District is a rural area with few facilities to deal with emergencies and therefore we must prepare for what life throws at us. Emergencies don't just include bushfires, earthquakes, or floods. Emergencies don't discriminate. Emergencies services may not be able to assist us, due to location and other areas requiring assistance, due lack of access etc. Often it is a member of the community to be the first to help rather than an emergencies service. The bushfire seasons are extremely dangerous for country areas with a number of risk from various sources beyond our control i.e. traffic accidents, farm machinery breakdowns, trains travelling through the area, as examples.

Numbers are required or we will have to cancel so we urge all residents to attend this FREE event. It has been designed to help with your working day as best we can with free tea & coffee available. This is too important for you or a family member not to attend, therefore dress code includes work clothes.

The Avon craft group has been busy preparing Emergency Grab bags which will be given out as prizes throughout the morning for best questions and answers

Whilst not essential bookings to help with organisation of the workshop would be appreciated.

PH. Jill 88671127 or Helen 0419819420.

Mallala & District Men's Shed.

We are a very happy group of individuals who would welcome new members to share our passions.

The Men's group meet on Wednesday and Friday 9:00 to 1:30 and Sunday 9:00 to 12:30.

We have a women's group who also meet on Friday mornings.

We have CNC laser and router units, carpentry and metal workshops.

Our **Fixit Café** is open on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00

If you would like to visit or have a club that may like to visit we will always have a cuppa and biscuit available.

Ring our President Allan Sparre on 0423 395877

Or Liaison Officer Colin Castanelli 0427 228574

Or message us on mallalashed@gmail.com

Behind the Mallala Museum and CFS off Railway Terrace Mallala



Community Car

The Mid North Community Passenger Network provides transport options for residents who are unable to access transport to medical, health and some personal appointments.

A community car based at Mallala is available for residents to attend medical or health appointments locally or in metropolitan areas. Accredited volunteer drivers collect passengers from their home and transport them to and from their appointment. Carers may travel free but must remain with the client at all times.

Eligible residents may be taken to medical, health and hospital appointments and some shopping and social activities (conditions apply).

This fee for service option provides flexibility

and is available for appointment between 10am and 2pm Monday – Friday. Fees are based on distance travelled and include the return trip.

Veteran Affairs Gold cardholders may be entitled to service fee reimbursement. Outpatients of the Flinders Medical Centre, Royal Adelaide, Queen Elizabeth or Modbury Hospitals may also be eligible for reimbursement for all or part of travel costs.

Cost: Fee according to distance travelled - Bookings Essential

Contact: Transport coordinator – Mid North Community Passenger Network **8842 1677**

Website: www.passengernetwork.com.au

Further information [Community Car Brochure](#), [Becoming a Volunteer Driver](#).

Historic Dublin Well/Tank Project

Well Well WellTank

Project Summary: Preservation, (not restoration), of the Dublin Water Tank, (Well) on the corner of South Terrace and Old Port Wakefield, Dublin. Yes it was actually a Tank. Water was raised via a windmill and bore and pumped into the “Tank”



The project is an initiative of the Dublin History Group dedicated to preserving and recording the history of the area, (not just Dublin). This project will assist Adelaide Plains Council to preserve, stabilise and protect the feature, being the remains of the water well/tank, from further damage and provide an historic statement. The Dublin History Group are funding the project and volunteering labour. Dedicated local builder Ross McLean is volunteering his knowledge, time and skills to work with us. We would be open to donations of an old (non working) windmill to give a full meaning to the display

It is not an aim to totally re-build the “Tank”, but to preserve and secure what is there, with a view to showing what and how it was used. It was originally the source of water for the area and was considered very good quality which secured the establishment that we see today. There will be a brief story board built into the site which will direct viewers to obtain further information via a QRcode to the DHG Website. In the mean time, progress will be documented and uploaded to the group’s website page dedicated to the project. A link can be found on the front page, www.dublinhistorygroup.com.au

After a number of meeting and discussions the project is about to start, with assistance from the maintenance team of the Adelaide Plains Council. Access will be restricted during the course of the work. So if you see activity down at the old ruin over the coming weeks, this is what it is all about. Please remember it will be a work site so stay behind the marked perimeter.

Project Benefits:

- Preservation of a local historic site, town heritage – telling the story of water in Dublin.
- Adelaide Plains Council working together with local community group
- Community involvement - Local volunteers and suppliers
- Cleaning up the Town Entry visual statement



Pictured:

Ross McLean

Supporting the Project

Mallala RSL Sub-Branch



**September Soup Gathering
at Mallala RSL
Tuesday 23rd September
12 noon - 2pm**

Drop in for warm soup and a chat

Choice of 3 soups with a roll

Cost: Donation to Mallala RSL.

Bookings will help with catering
contact Jo on 0422968452.



**Situated in Mallala Sporting Ground
next to playground**

REMEMBRANCE DAY in Mallala

Tuesday 11th November 2025

**Service at Monument in centre of town
at 10.45am**

Lunch to follow at the RSL

Badge selling in Two Wells
Wed 5th Nov 9am-1pm
in front of Post Office

Badge selling in Mallala
Thurs 6th Nov 9am-1pm
in front of IGA



If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jo on 0422968452 or mallala@rslsa.org.au

MALLALA RSL SUB-BRANCH

HIGH TEA

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER AT 1PM
COST \$25 PER PERSON

**ASSORTED SAVOURIES AND
SWEETS SUPPLIED**
GLASS OF BUBBLES ON ARRIVAL
ASSORTED TEAS AVAILABLE PLUS
COFFEE AND THE BAR WILL BE OPEN

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT
REQUIRED BY TUE 7TH OCT
CONTACT JO 0422968452 FOR
BOOKINGS AND ANY
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS.



**Put the date
in your diary**

**Melbourne Cup Lunch
at Mallala RSL**

Tuesday 4th Nov 12noon - 4.30pm

\$25 per head
Finger food
buffet and bar
facilities
Sweeps
more details to come

Any questions ring
Jo on 0422968452



The Awards just keep coming. Early in the year the Plains Community Group were named as a semi-finalist in the Channel 7 Community Achievement Awards – YAY. And then in May a major sponsor of ours, **BTR Excavations**, were a semi-finalist in the Corporate Social Responsibility section of the SA&NT Volunteering Awards. **Well Done and Well Deserved.**

BTR
EXCAVATIONS

If you have an interest in community and helping others, have great ideas, work well in a team and like to have fun?? Then, the PCG is definitely for you. We're always looking for assistance – how much or how little is up to you. Your assistance, suggestions are invaluable to us and your local community. **PLEASE** contact us via our FB page or our website: www.theplainscommunitygroup.com



The PCG committee will be very busy for the rest of this year with a variety of activities/events, including:

- ◆ The completion and installing of the 20 **Free Libraries** for all townships in the Plains area
- ◆ Completion of **Adelaide Plains information booklet - #2 Edition** for residents and visitors *{also available on line}*
- ◆ A scrolling **calendar of community events**
- ◆ **Warm Winter Wednesdays** – cooking soups with local primary schools
- ◆ Continue with **Preserving & Connecting Generations** podcasts – *this is so exciting!*
- ◆ **Fundraising** – we have some wonderful things in the pipeline, for which we need monies \$\$\$ - so keep an eye out and **participate please** for the worthy causes.

.....**CHRISTMAS** is coming

The **Twinkling Lights Competition & Trails** will be on again this year, beginning with the Twinkling Trail being held on the first Friday of December *{5/12/25}* from 5-8pm, in the Village Green. As usual **all children need to be registered**. Following that, the Twinkling Lights Launch will also be held there, when winners will be announced. **Please enter** so displays can be put on an interactive map allowing anyone to view the beauty of these sparkling lights.

You will definitely help **spread the joy**.

The District's Church Times

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Mallala

1st Sunday of the month

10.00am - 7 Sep., 5 Oct., 2 Nov.

St Paul's Two Wells

2nd, 3rd, and 4th

Sundays of the month.

10.00am - 24 Aug.

No service 31 Aug. (5th Sunday)

10.00am - 14, 21 and 28 Sep.

10.00am - 12, 19, 26 Oct.

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)



St Peters Anglican Church - Golden Jubilee Celebration
September 1934 Photo from Mallala Museum

UNITING CHURCH

Mallala Uniting Church

Pre worship coffee 9.30 am

Worship service 10 am

All very welcome.

Mallala Coffee House currently Open Fridays
9.00 – 11.00am, Saturdays 8.30 – 10.30am
(Please check Social Media releases for
seasonal time changes to Cafe opening times)

Op Shop - Open Friday & Saturday mornings
9.00am – 12.00

Come and check out children's clothes \$1
and most adult clothing \$2. Shoes \$1 and
bags \$2 We have an assortment of bric a
brac, toys and linen. A small shop well filled.

Come and browse through the shop, enjoy a
coffee and a chat.

We would love to see you.

Coordinator: Sarah, Mobile 0478 726 014 -
Mallala Uniting Church
email: mallalauuc@gmail.com

Two Wells Uniting Church

Sunday 10:00am Worship, which includes
fortnightly Kidz United (activities for primary
school aged children).

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 info@twowellsuniting.org.au, www.twowellsuniting.org.au, 0414248732 (Paul) or
follow us on [Facebook!](#)

Information and Initiatives

Algal Bloom Update

Welcome to this week's edition of the Algal bloom update, your go-to newsletter for the latest on what's happening along South Australia's coastline.

We're here to bring you clear facts, safety advice, and timely updates so you can stay informed. Share it with friends and family to help everyone feel confident about visiting the beach and enjoying local seafood. Our local region's need you to visit!

Link: [Algal Bloom Update](#)

Link: [Algal bloom Resources - Government of South Australia.](#)

Sea to Valley Startups

As the local provider for the Workforce Australia [Self-Employment Assistance](#) program, we help people turn a business idea into reality — or grow an existing small business — through FREE:

1. one-to-one coaching and mentoring
2. tailored business advice and a business
3. events, workshops and experiences.

It's FREE for eligible participants, and we currently work with clients from a wide variety of backgrounds throughout the Mid North, Clare Valley, Barossa and Yorke Peninsula in regional South Australia.

We are pleased to share a case study demonstrating an amazing collaboration between two of our Small Business Coaching clients. It is a great example of how the Self Employment Assistance Program is supporting small businesses in the regions plus, read on for information on referrals, upcoming free events and grant opportunities.

Applications are now open for the [Empowered Committees Program](#) officially and we're excited to invite your support in spreading the word.

This new program equips both current and aspiring leaders with practical tools and real-world strategies to strengthen their impact in community committees, working groups and volunteer-led organisations.

To assist you help us promote this new program, we've created a **Stakeholder Toolkit** packed with pre-written content, social media graphics, program information, and suggested captions. Whether you're sharing via email, social media, a newsletter or community noticeboard, these materials are ready to use and easy to adapt.

- **Download:** [Empowered Committees Program - Information Pack \(PDF\)](#)
- **Further Information:** [Program Information + Application Form](#)

This program is especially beneficial for local committee leaders, Chairs, Presidents and community group members. If you have any questions about the program, please contact me at anita@barossa.org.au

Services Australia Mobile Service Centre (MSC) is travelling across rural and regional South Australia this August and September!

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For full addresses and opening hours, please visit:



<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobile-service-centres>

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Understanding Emissions in Horticulture – Practical Tools for Virginia Growers

Tuesday 20 August | 1:30pm – 3:30pm | Virginia Horticulture Centre

What do emissions mean for your horticulture business—and what can you actually do about them?

Join us for a free, practical workshop designed specifically for open field and protected cropping growers in the Northern Adelaide Plains.

Delivered by national expert Dr Natalie Doran-Browne, this two-hour session will help you:

- Understand where emissions come from and why it matters
- Learn how fertiliser, energy use and soil health impact your emissions profile
- Explore practical tools like the H-GAF calculator and Hort Innovation resources
- Hear about what's happening across the supply chain and how major retailers are responding

Whether you're just starting to think about emissions or already making changes, this session will give you practical knowledge to take the next step.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear from Dr Natalie at the upcoming Carbon Farming Outreach Workshop on Tuesday, 20th August, facilitated by AgExcellence Alliance with support from the Northern Adelaide Plains Food Cluster.

Delivered with funding support from the Commonwealth of Australia through the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water under the Carbon Farming Outreach Program in collaboration with the Grower Group Alliance.

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Work days: All day Tuesday and Wednesday, and Thursday am



Vale Don Bunner

The Dublin History Group members received the sad news of the passing of Don Bunner, our deepest sympathies go to his family and friends.

Don was a supporter of the group and his knowledge of the area and his book on Johann Bunner Family History is great addition to local and family research. Our last issue had the story of the Jack Bunner, the owner of the mini accordion that Don had kindly donated to us.

Community Groups Meeting

On the 3rd August, the Dublin History Group were invited to an informal meeting of local community and sporting groups at the Lions Mallala Community Complex bought together by Sue Dugan, Community Development Officer for APC. The purpose was to discuss the strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing groups in the APC area. It was an invaluable session because as we talked we learned we are all facing very similar problems - Volunteers/ memberships, succession planning, limited resources and requiring help building skills in marketing, grant writing, legal requirements, etc.. By the end help and advice were flowing around the table and we are all looking forward to the next and hoping more groups will attend to expand the knowledge and experience and offers of support.

Open Days and Events in 2025

Sunday 12th October

Open Day

1.00 pm to 4.00pm

Sunday 9th November

Open Day

1.00 pm to 4.00pm

Remembrance Day Service

Dublin War Memorial (TBC)

Sunday 14th December

Open Day

1.00 pm to 4.00pm



150th Celebrations

The DHG are continuing working on the 150th celebrations for next year. We are hoping by the next issue we can share with you what is planned, although we might keep some for a surprise and also how you can support the event. But we are always open to suggestions, just let us know using our info email down below.

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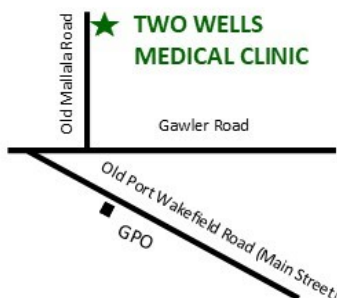


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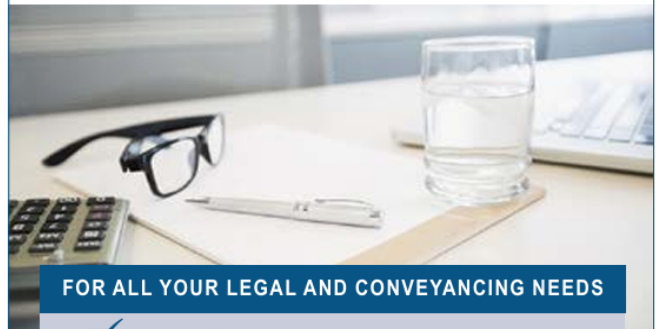
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When: Wednesday September 24th, 2025
Time: 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Where: Two Wells Bowling Club, Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells
Further info: Pizza provided and bar open for drink purchases

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This relaxed, interactive networking event is an ideal opportunity to:-

- personally talk to the professionals
- relook at your communications and/or insurance needs
- understand the Local Jobs Program.

On the night there is not a lot of talking about it all ... but more so putting things into action!

So gather your communications account, your insurance policy and come along to learn, connect and (hopefully) save you time and money. **If there is one event you need to attend this year – this is the one!!**

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See more business events on pages 16-17