



# Dublin Dispatch



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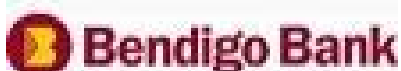
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## 2024 THE YEAR THAT WAS



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# The Dublin History Group Inc. 2025

As usual the DHG has a few pots on the boil, working towards our SA History Festival event in May, 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations in 2026 and history walk, getting solar at the Dublin Institute, cataloguing and sorting. But we always have time to spend helping with research or answering historical questions and appreciate the donations of photos and stories of the area.

For our SA History Festival focus it will be the old water wells and bore (the ruins) on the corner of Old Port Wakefield Road and South Terrace and also celebrating our involvement the 20 Year history of the Festival.

The working group for the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations is moving forward in the planning of the 2026 event, it will be held on the Adelaide Cup long weekend in March (6-8/6/2026) so put it on your calendar. See page 13 for more details.

As part of the event we will be launching a history walk for the towns of Dublin, Port Parham and Windsor (other towns and properties will be added next) so if you see our members walking around taking photos of homes and buildings in the area we are adding to our Now and Then portfolio. We would love your assistance in this, telling the stories of the properties, if you lived or are living now in the area please share your photos and stories of the properties.

We are also working towards getting solar at the institute there are many parts to this but it is coming together.

We will have some talks and presentations and of course the Dublin Remembrance Service and our Annual Car Boot Sale.

Our first event for the year will be a stand at the Strawberry Fete in February, we enjoy having a chat with people and we always learn something new about our history. Also the Fete is great to wander about see what else there is on offer and enjoy the food and community.

Our Open Days will continue on the second Sunday of the month but could change depending on volunteers so keep an eye on our Facebook page, Dublin Dispatch or website.

Thank you to the Plains Producer for your continuing support of our events and activities, it is really appreciated.

Thank you to The Adelaide Plains Council for the bookcases and sit and stand desk toppers, great recycling initiative and useful for us. And other community organisations.

<b>2025 Committee</b>	16 June
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	21 July (AGM)
	18 August
17 February	15 September
17 March	20 October
21 April	17 November
19 May	15 December (TBC)

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# Community Notice Board



The 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
**STRAWBERRY FETE**  
23<sup>rd</sup> February

11am to 3 pm @ Dublin Cricket Club

## Australia Day 2025

Breakfast from 8am  
Citizen of the Year Awards  
Citizenship Ceremony

Free family event  
No ticket required

with special guest  
Australia Day  
Ambassador,  
SA Young Citizen of  
the Year 2024  
Alexandra Seal



Two Wells Oval Complex  
Sunday 26 January 2025



**DH**  
DUBLIN HOTEL  
EST 1869

Lot 11 Old Port Wakefield Rd , Dublin

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MOBIL Perrys - Dublin

NEW



PERRYS

Lot 1 Port Wakefield Rd, Dublin

Ph: 8529 2400 [Facebook](#)

## The Mallala and Districts Reunion

will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
February 2025 at 2.00pm

See back page for more details

## 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: Kathy Gottfried -Wilson

0408 843 335

Secretary: Mara Thiele 0418 806 224

## Adelaide Plains Citizen of the Year 2025 award recipients

The Adelaide Plains are home to a thriving, generous and proactive community. Local people who make outstanding contributions to the community are celebrated through Adelaide Plains Council's annual Australia Day Citizen of the Year awards. Council is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Australia Day Citizen of the Year awards:

### **Citizens of the Year:**

#### **Anne and Robert Arbon**

Anne and Robert Arbon have dedicated their time and passion to their community for over 40 years. They have contributed to many well-known community organisations including the Two Wells Melodrama Group, Mallala Institute, Two Wells Uniting Church and Op Shop, Adelaide Plains Interchurch Council, Two Wells Probus and both the Mallala and Two Wells primary schools. In recognition of over 20 years continuous service, Anne and Robert are also life members of the Two Wells Melodrama Group.

### **Young Citizen of the Year:**

#### **Kai-Leigh Wilson**

Kai-Leigh shows deep commitment and passion to her community and the wellbeing of others. As the Vice President of the Plains Community Group she has been instrumental in establishing the group's Preserving and Connecting Generations project, which includes building an oral history of the Adelaide Plains council region. Kai-Leigh's dedication was recognised through the Governor's Civics Awards and she has been the Public Relations Officer for Cancer Research Advocate Bikers. Her inspiring and positive attitude and unwavering determination, whilst battling significant health issues of her own, makes her an exemplary role model for young people. Community

### **Event of the Year:**

#### **Two Wells Christmas Parade, Street Market & Carnival 2023**

The annual Two Wells Christmas Parade and Street Market allows the community to come together and celebrate the holiday season — a cherished tradition for over 40 years. Coordinated by the Two Wells Regional Action Team and local volunteers, the 2023 event attracted around 4,500 people, 68 market stalls, 25 floats and subsidised carnival rides. Community Group of the Year: Plains Community Group Focused on improving the lives of residents across the region and meaningful community engagement, the Plains Community Group has had a big impact since its establishment in 2023. Through its many projects and events, including the Twinkling Trails and Twinkling Lights Competition each Christmas, and the Preserving and Connecting Generations project, the group has created inclusive and meaningful community projects that enhance social connection and preserve our heritage.

### **Community Project of the Year:**

#### **Mallala Community Complex – Mallala & Districts Lions Club**

The Mallala Community Complex is a purpose built emergency and relief centre designed to support emergency services during local disasters like bushfires or floods, while also providing a free meeting place for local community groups. Completed by the Mallala & Districts Lions Club with support from locals, the facility was officially opened in November 2023 and already holds an important place in the community.

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## Adelaide Plains Council Australia Day Ceremony

The Council received worthy nominations and acknowledges the significant positive impact every nominee had on the community in 2024. Council Members carefully considered all nominations at the 16 December 2024 meeting.

Award recipients will be officially celebrated at Council's Australia Day Ceremony and all are welcome to attend the free event on Sunday 26 January 2025. Hosted by Mayor Wasley, recipients will be officially presented with their award and some residents will become newly conferred as Australian citizens.

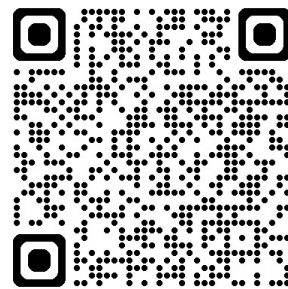
South Australian Young Citizen of the Year and Australia Day 2025 Ambassador, Alexandra Seal, will attend as the special guest speaker. Alexandra is a dedicated and passionate advocate for social justice, community service and environmental sustainability.

- ☐ Sunday 26 January 2025
- ☐ Two Wells Oval
- ☐ Breakfast served from 8am
- ☐ Free family event, no booking required

Mark Wasley

Mayor

3 January 2025



A promotional poster for the Australia Day 2025 event. The top left has a yellow background with the text 'Australia Day 2025'. Below this, on a white background, are the event details: 'Breakfast from 8am', 'Citizen of the Year Awards', 'Citizenship Ceremony', 'Free family event', and 'No ticket required'. At the bottom left, it says 'Two Wells Oval Complex' and 'Sunday 26 January 2025'. On the right side, there is a photograph of a young girl with blonde hair, wearing a pink shirt, sitting on the grass and holding up a small Australian flag. A green starburst graphic overlaps the photo and text, containing the text: 'with special guest Australia Day Ambassador, SA Young Citizen of the Year 2024 Alexandra Seal'. At the bottom right, there are two logos: the 'Australia Day' logo with the tagline 'Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.' and the 'Adelaide Plains Council' logo.



SA COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE DUBLIN BRIGADE

COMMUNITY SANTA FUN RUN ON 20/12/24  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**



TO MEMBERS FAMILIES – WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ENABLING US  
TO CONTINUE VOLUNTEERING WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE  
BROADER COMMUNITY

Acknowledgement to businesses who have supported the Brigade  
and look forward to their continued support in 2025

Peter Coles - UPM Plumbing

Sarah & Michael Trussel – Dublin General Store

Mark Heritage and Staff - Dublin BP (before retired)

Helen & Gerry – Gerry's Dublin Meats

Anne & Dion – D.A.Y.S. Eggs

Dublin History Group – Dublin Dispatch

Come visit our display and try your hand at the hose drills at the Strawberry Fete  
on February 25

Remembering your **Bushfire Survival Plan**  
[www.cfs/sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs/sa.gov.au) South Australian Country Fire Service

**Training Monday nights 19:30pm onwards**  
**BE PART OF A REWARDING OPPORTUNITY**

Further inquiries contact Brigade Captain : Rosemary McDonnell  
MB: 0412 685 281





# Rowan RAMSEY MP

Federal Member for Grey

## Dublin

I recently spoke to the Dublin History Group and while it was a small gathering, I made the point groups such as theirs are the last bastion against the continual erosion of the importance our European history.

While it is important our children learn Australia was inhabited before British settlement and they learn of aboriginal cultures and customs, I am concerned the process of the settlement of Australia, first by Britain, then by the nations of the world is being ignored.

While most of us are committed to the conservation of the natural environment, we should also be cognisant very little of what we recognise as modern Australia would exist if we had conserved everything. No farm-lands, no vineyards, no irrigation, cities, industry, mines, steel, modern medical systems, no national government etc, etc, and we should never underestimate the effort and resolve of our pioneers who enabled this to happen.



From the left I - Geoffrey Ralph , Mayor Mark Wasley , John Lush and Pat Thompson at the Dublin Institute for Rowan's Talk

It's difficult to fully appreciate the drive of a man like John McDouall Stuart who was the first European to traverse the continent through the middle and return. More than 2,500km of completely unknown country through unrelenting deserts. That pathway gave us the first Overland telegraph.

Edward John Eyre, the first to cross the Nullarbor, Hamilton Hume, Sturt are but a few of a plethora of intrepid explorers who opened-up Australia for agriculture and industry. It is important we always remember the ingenuity and importance of the stump jump plough, the value of the wool and copper industries in establishing Australia, the birth of democracy in Greece and its development into the Westminster system in Britain, to which we owe our democracy. The list is endless and yet is one a child of today is likely to learn little of through our education system.

Increasing numbers are starting to understand our education system has been sidetracked by woke, activist agendas and realisation and realignment is urgently needed, but in the meantime, we need accurate recordings of actual events so the wisdom gained from our history can be re-integrated with our future. That is where groups like the DHG have a role to play.

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# Long Plains Red Cross Branch

Members met at Owen Hotel for Christmas lunch on 27<sup>th</sup> November and brought items for the Mallala School Breakfast Club.

The Christmas raffle was drawn at the Long Plains Christmas party on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you very much to all the people who took this opportunity to support the branch and the work of Red Cross.

The branch is planning to have a cake stall at the Dublin Strawberry Fete planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 – we hope to see you there.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025,

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.



**Long Plains  
Christmas Party**



**See you at the  
Strawberry Fete**





I had the pleasure of spending New Year's Day at Port Parham with the local community at its annual seaside celebration.

The Port Parham Sports and Social Club coordinated another fabulous family day with trading stalls, BBQ lunch cooked by Lions Club of Mallala and District and displays of the best 'jinkers' otherwise known as cars on stilts.

What a great way to celebrate the new year with an Aussie traditional seaside celebration.

### **State Parliament Awards**

Each year I offer a State Parliament Award to every school in the electorate. The award recognises and encourages students who have made a contribution to their school or wider community beyond the normal level of involvement.

Congratulations to the 2024 winners:

- Jazzy, Auburn Primary
- Sebastien, Balaklava High
- Emilee, Balaklava Primary
- Mack, Booborowie Primary
- Keira, Burra Community
- Jackson, Clare High
- Mitchell, Eudunda Area
- Shona, Hamley Bridge Primary
- Zoe, Horizon Christian Balaklava
- Leighla, Horizon Christian Clare
- David, Jamestown Community
- Fiona, Kapunda Primary
- Kaylee, Kapunda High
- Pippa, Mallala Primary
- Braxton, Manoora Primary
- Rykan, Owen Primary
- Cameron, Riverton High
- Connor, Riverton Primary
- Taya, Roseworthy Primary
- Edward, Spalding Primary
- Amia, Two Wells Primary
- Thomas, Wasleys Primary
- Maria, St Johns Lutheran, Eudunda
- Harriet, St James Catholic Jamestown

I wish all my schools a great start to 2025 and look forward to finding new ways to support the leadership teams, teachers, parents and students in their pursuit of regional education excellence.

As always, if you think I can be of assistance please don't hesitate to make contact by email [frome@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:frome@parliament.sa.gov.au), phone 8842 4304 or in person at 153 Main North Road, Clare.

*Kind regards*

*Penny*



Starting!



**PORT  
PARHAM**



Bill leads Gents Sheffield

**NEW  
YEARS  
DAY**



Tossing the rubber boot



The Pole Run start



Rolling Pin and Jarrad Delaney



Pigsy the entertainer

**2025**



Table Tables and Face painting



# PORT PARHAM 2025

## NEW YEARS DAY



The weather was near perfect for this year's New Years Day Gala, about 24 Deg, clear with a westerly breeze. About 300 people attended and were well involved in the activities. There was a lot of interest in the new events of Bocce, indoor golf, the rubber boot toss, and the people's choice best jinker plus enthusiastic involvement in the regular events of flat races, the gnome throw, the rolling pin toss, and the egg toss. The gnome toss is so popular that 2 heats had to be run with a toss off. Normally we are lucky to have 1 winner, but this time there had to be a toss off between 5 contestants. The egg toss was also a very crowded field.

There were 10 contestants for the pole run, and it was great to see a lot of young people joining the run to the pole and back.

Seven Jinkers were on display and people were able to vote for their preference. Demand for voting slips well exceeded expectations.

Lunch was provided by the Port Parham Sports and Social Club and the Mallala and District Lions Club with long queues at each venue.

A number of trading tables and a face painter enjoyed brisk trade during the day.

Live entertainment in the bar was provided by Pigsy, who enjoys these events and is thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

Results of the major events were

Gents Sheffield: The UPM Shield: Bill Drew  
Ladies Sheffield: The McArdle Shield:  
Molly McArdle

Pole Run: Simmonds Heating and Cooling  
Award: Sam McArdle

Gnome Throw: Dublin General Store  
award and shield: Theodore Ballestrin

Rolling Pin Toss: PADAG Award:  
Theodore Ballestrin

Egg Toss: PADAG award: Molly and Sam  
McArdle team

Rubber Boot Toss: Jenkin Electrical  
Award: Bill Drew

Indoor Golf:; Mallala Hair Award: John  
Green

Bocce: Mallala Hair Award: Michael Cronin

The flat races were sponsored by Powerfab, Dalkey Hill Contracting, and Matt Kenyon Painting.

The Beach Girls and Boys events were not well supported with a total of 5 entries in the one age group. The judges contemplated for some time before awarding all contestants first prize.

The organizing committee wishes to thank the volunteers who helped out on the day, and the sponsors who helped to make this a successful event.



Jinkers on display



Molly McArdle leads Ladies Sheffield



# Avon Art & Craft Guild

## 2025

Avon is excited and looks forward to 2025 and wishes everybody a happy, peaceful and respectful year.

Whilst in recess until Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January when we will come together to plan a new program and discuss ideas for the future with the AGM due March. Some changes have been forced upon us, which provides opportunities to rethink and find new pathways and opportunities to move forward in ways that will enhance things we value. The wide-open spaces, a relax friendly country atmosphere away from the hustle and bustle of the modern world.

Avon has some great assets just needs you, to get your friends and mates together. With 3 dart boards, set of carpet bowls, library, large inside game mats, just waiting to be enjoyed.

The craft club doors open most Tuesdays at 10am and has loads of equipment and materials for those interested. Sewing machines, spinning wheels, looms, fleece wool waiting to be spun or felted. Helpers in

card making, paper flower making, sewing and wool crafts all happy to help you get started. Avon is a share and care group. So why not give it a go? Why not offer to share your own talents/ideas, all welcome. Bring own lunch, tea & coffee available.

Just chatting to others is a great way to socialize and keep in touch with community. If you are skilled with technology, have an interesting topic lifestyle story and are prepared to share, or offer help with garden or odd jobs, now and again it, would be welcomed.

We would welcome your feedback and company if interested in any of our regular craft days, special Market days or our frequent Happy days. Avon is a friendly low-cost institution and would love to see you there. The Hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates for family functions, meetings, workshops, auctions etc.

Help keep our rural community lifestyle going by using our local amenities.

For information and queries contact Jill or Helen on 88671127 or 0419819420

### Legend from front page

1. 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 2024. Accompanied by Adelaide Plains Council Mayor Mark Wasley and Chief Executive Officer James Miller

2. Recipients of the Adelaide Plains Australia Day Awards 2024 and 6 newly conferred Australian Citizens - Dublin Cricket Club

3. Long Plains Red Cross members were grateful to the people who supported the trading table at the Dublin Strawberry Fete on 25 February.

4. On Wednesday 20 March Mallala Combined Probus Club celebrated its twenty eighth birthday.

5. ANZAC Day - Dublin War memorial

6. On Sunday 5 May a beautiful sunny day in Dublin, the Dublin Lions Park celebrated it's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It was the Dublin History Group's SA History Festival event The Power of the Rest Stop .

7. Tuesday 3 September Avon Art & Craft Guild, hosted the Red Cross Emergency RediPlan, workshop by Red Cross member Bernie Boag, who ran a very informative session on how to prepare for any emergency we may encounter

8. On Wednesday 9 October, our club went on a combined excursion with the Mallala - Combined Probus Club; to Sunnyvale to see Graeme Hugo Country Music Show.

9. 2024 was the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dublin Dispatch



## Mallala Branch of SACWA

The members of the Mallala Branch of South Australian Country Women's Association (SACWA) enjoyed a pooled lunch in their clubrooms on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Following a short meeting, members attended the Mallala Coffee House.

Four year six students from Mallala Primary School: Elizabeth, Chelsea, Pippa and Annabelle were in attendance to assist with the coffee making and to serve at tables. Deputy Principal, Anne Thomas, along with SSO Jayne Tiller were with the students.

The branch members enjoyed a birthday cake provided by member Helen Farrelly as several members have birthdays around this time.

The students were prompt and efficient with their service and we wish them well as they move on to Year 7 next year.

Mallala Branch of SACWA will re convene in 2025 with eleven members.

*Annette Halford*



## Celebrating 150 Years

**Dublin, (Port ) Parham and Windsor**

**150 Years in 2026**

Plans are coming together and celebrations will be shared between Dublin, Parham and Windsor over the Adelaide Cup Weekend in 2026.

We would love to hear any ideas or suggestions from you

If you would like to be involved just come along, the next meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.00 pm in the Port Parham Sports and Social Club

All Welcome

## 2025



**Year of the Wood Snake**

starts on January 29 brings the Snake's wise and intuitive energy. The Snake, symbolizing wisdom and transformation, offers opportunities for personal growth and change.

International Year of Quantum Science and Technology

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MICROSOFT

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - End of Vietnam War April 30

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - End of World War II: September 2

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - United Nations Charter

130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - First Public film screening, Cinémathographe in Paris



## Parham & District Action Group

The big news in the Parham And District Action Group (PADAG) since our last report is that we are now an Incorporated Body, with our constitution being formally approved by the Corporate Affairs Commission on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Until now PADAG has operated as a committee of the Port Parham Sports and Social Club Incorporated (PPSSC), and this now means that PADAG operates independently of PPSSC and is able to apply for grants etc under its own name.

The obtaining of grants will be a prime requirement for developing the foreshore precinct once the concept plan is approved. Plan approval is waiting on action from the Adelaide Plains Council (APC), whilst PADAG is progressing the costing of various elements of the plan. PADAG has provided input to the "Parham and Webb Beach Settlement Plan" prepared by the Adelaide Plains Council. This covers amongst other things the precinct development and provides for a recreational area to be developed between the Club and the CFS water tank and Jinker Centre. Unfortunately, the restoration of the former oval to the south of the club now appears to be a lost cause. The plan was approved by Council at its December 2024 meeting.

PADAG has incorporated in its name "District" and its brief extends to other areas in the district. In this role PADAG has made a submission to Council to clean up the area of Old Port Wakefield Road to the south of South Terrace in Dublin with a view to ultimately using this as a RV parking area. This submission was placed in conjunction with a submission from the Coalition of Coastal Communities to place the dump protest statues in this area. Both submissions were considered by the Council at its December 2024 meeting with motions passed requiring Council to carry out further investigation of the proposals.

PADAG has completed the provision of a public notice board on the interpretative centre at Webb Beach. To provide greater visibility of the organisation of PADAG to the community, signs have been prepared listing our achievements, and these will be placed in appropriate locations around the community.

Recently the Adelaide Plains Council has been holding confidential sessions on the Lease of the Port Parham Campground. This is creating considerable concern among PADAG members as a lot of volunteer work has been carried out by community members as a result of an approach from Council for the community to take over the operation of the campground. Our belief is that the community should be rewarded for its input and funds raised from the campground should be use for community development. We are monitoring this activity as closely as we can within the limits of the confidentiality.

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.

PADAG continues to focus and lobby on a number of issues including the collection of green waste, illegal dumping, neighbourhood watch, 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!**





Parham & District  
Action Group

## **SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

ESTABLISHED 2017

Meets Second Tuesday of the month 7pm at the Club

ALL WELCOME

### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Developed the Port Parham and Webb Beach Community Plan
- Restored and upgraded sand ladders and fencing on the foreshore and campground
- Planted foliage on the foreshore sand dunes
- Built the Interpretative (Jinker) Centre at Port Parham
- Restored the Webb Beach Interpretative rotunda
- Negotiated with Adelaide Plains Council for sea wrack management at the boat ramp
- Provided design support for refurbished Port Parham Camp Ground
- Provided and restored fencing at the campground
- Together with Mallala and Districts Lions Club operate the campground
- Developed a concept plan for the Parham Foreshore Precinct
- Lobbied Adelaide Plains Council for sealing of streets and roads
- Commenced activities towards establishing a Neighbourhood and Rural Watch group
- Established a working group for 150 th anniversary commemoration in 2026

LOTS MORE HAPPENING: WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

CONTACT US: Email [padag1876@gmail.com](mailto:padag1876@gmail.com)

Chair: Mark Hansson Secretary: Alvin Jenkin

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Dec 2024

# The District's Church Times

## ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

### **St Peter's Mallala**

1st Sunday of the month

10.00am - 5 Jan., 2 Feb., 2 March

### **St Paul's Two Wells**

2nd, 3rd, and 4th

Sundays of the month.

10.00am - 12, 19 and 26 Jan.

10.00am - 9, 16 and 23 Feb.

### **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)

## 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: [mallalauc@gmail.com](mailto:mallalauc@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](mailto:info@twowellsuniting.org.au), [www.twowellsuniting.org.au](http://www.twowellsuniting.org.au), 0414248732 (Paul) or follow us on [Facebook!](#)



Church, Dublin, S.A.

BOWNE/STAN.

Early 1900's postcard of Dublin Primitive Methodist Church before Sunday School addition on back. In the background is the Dublin Council Building

DHG Collection



## Mrs E Ormsby - a link between the Dublin and Cornucopia Hotels



Mrs Ormsby on veranda of Dublin Hotel 1936

Photo donated by Geraldine Juniper - DHG Collection

### Dublin Hotel.

**T**HE ABOVE HOTEL is now under the management of Mrs. EMILY E ORMSBY, and Travellers along the North Road can depend upon receiving CIVILITY, GOOD MEALS, and WINES AND SPIRITS TRUE TO LABEL.

**AFTERNOON TEA** is also Served to Travellers.

**A TRIAL IS SOLICITED.**

**ONLY THE BEST BRANDS STOCKED**

The Kadina and Wallaroo Times 21 August 1918, p. 3.  
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page10426493>

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. E. ORMSBY, WALLAROO.

Deep regret was expressed at the death of Mrs. Emily Elizabeth Ormsby, of The Cornucopia Hotel, Wallaroo. Born at Ninnes Plains in 1894, the deceased lady was the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Morony. She was married to Mr. Tom Ormsby at the Sacred Heart Church, Kadina, in 1905.

Residing for the period of twenty years at Dublin, S.A., where they owned the hotel, Mrs. Ormsby showed great interest in all branches of charitable works, and the esteem in which she was held by the people of Dublin and surrounding districts was shown in the farewell presentations made to her and the family on their departure for Wallaroo, where she resided until her death last month. Her husband and three children—Jack, Mary (Mrs. Hicks), and Alfred—are left to mourn their sad loss.

Rev. Fr. Phillips, C.P., conducted the burial service at the Kadina Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Southern Cross Friday 13 October 1939, page 8

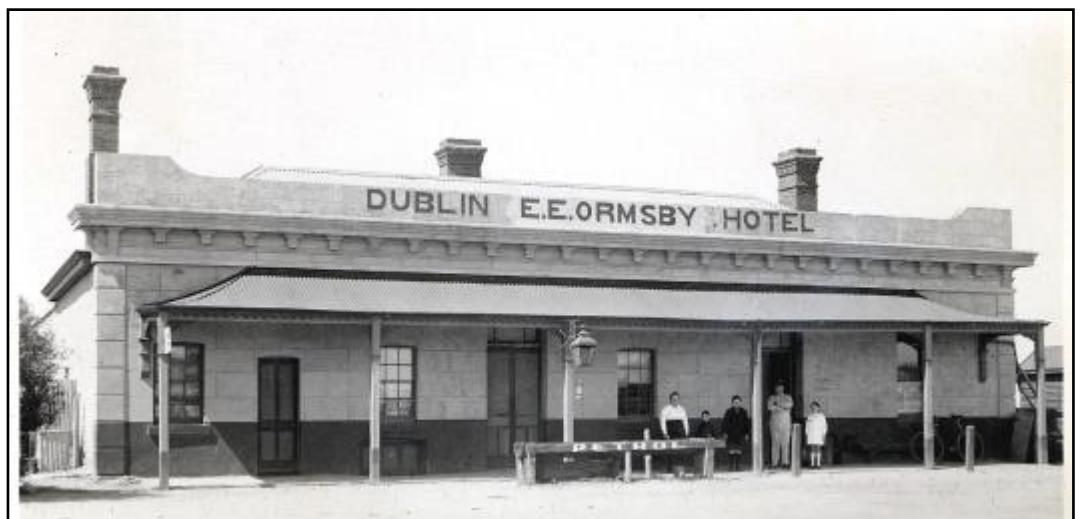
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**When: Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Time: 5:00pm – 7:30pm**

**Where: Two Wells Football Clubrooms, Old Port Wakefield Road**

**Finger foods provided.**

**Booking for Summit: <https://events.humanitix.com/adelaide-plains-tourism-summit>**

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## **AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE PASSPORTS NOW AVAILABLE LOCALLY!**

The Australian Adventure Passport has been created to collect stamps and memories as you travel around Australia and they are now available in THE Two Wells and Mallala offices.

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## **Unlocking Agritourism Potential – Creating Tourism Products that highlight hidden gems!**

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- **Regional Alignment:** Tailor your offerings to the strengths and products of South Australian regions, from the Adelaide Hills to the Eyre Peninsula.
- **Marketing Agritourism:** Insights into promoting unique products to key domestic and international markets.

When: **Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Time: 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Where: Two Wells Football Clubrooms, Old Port Wakefield Road

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- What is the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse and why is it important?

When: **Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Time: 10:30am - Noon

Where: Two Wells Council Chambers, 65 Old Port Wakefield Rd, Two Wells SA 5501

Booking for Workshop: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXCFFK>



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### An Afternoon with Rowan Ramsay MP

A lovely afternoon was spent with Rowan Ramsay on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, he spoke about his time as elected member in the House of Representatives for Grey, SA since 2007. Grey is a large electorate of 908,595 Sq km with a whole variety of industries Also his retirement plans and the importance of gaining wisdom from our history. It ended with afternoon tea which saw Rowan enjoying talking farming with some of the attendees.

We have been very lucky to have Rowan as our Federal MP and wish him well with his future endeavours

### Dublin Car Boot Sale

The DHG held its Annual Car Boot Sale on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, it was enjoyable day, with the Dublin CFS keeping us well feed. Thank you to all who attended sellers and buyers and will see you at the end of the year.



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## Open Days and Events in 2025

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

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22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Strawberry Fete

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

11.00 am to 3.00 pm

Dublin Cricket Club



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Open Day

1.00 pm to 4.00pm

### Remembrance Day in Dublin



The DHG held a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Dublin War Memorial on Remembrance Day, Councillor Terry - Anne Keen laid the wreath on behalf of the Adelaide Plains Council and Andrea Brow for the Dublin History Group. Locals and visitors alike joined us in commemoration of those who had served and continue to serve. We had a surprise inclusion when bus loads of students from Investigator College, Victor Harbor who had stopped at the Lions Park for a break and choose join us. After the service the Institute was open for a display, cuppa and a chat.



Carmine Di Troia declared not duly elected as area councillor. On 19 December 2024, the Court of Disputed Returns has declared Mr Carmine Di Troia not duly elected as area councillor for Adelaide Plains Council and that a recount be conducted. The order finalises a petition filed in the Court by the Electoral Commissioner of South Australia (ECSA) disputing the outcome of the recount that followed the resignation of a councillor in October 2023. The dispute arose from an error in the settings applied by ECSA to the computer counting software used for the counting of votes in complex elections. I would like to acknowledge Carmine Di Troia

for his 6 years of service to his community, representing the Lewiston ward and, in recent times, as an area councillor. Carmine has always shown interest in all Council-related matters and I wish him well for his future endeavours. A recount of the votes cast at the November 2022 periodic election will be conducted by ECSA to fill the vacancy. This process is expected to take place in early January 2025.

*Mark Wasley*

*Mayor*

*20 December 2024*

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Terry-Anne Keen duly elected as Area Councillor. Terry-Anne Keen has been successfully declared as the newest councillor of Adelaide Plains Council. The Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) undertook a recount of votes that were cast at the November 2022 periodic election, following the Court of Disputed Returns declaration that disputed the outcome of a separate, previous recount undertaken to fill a vacancy in November 2023. Four candidates, who were unsuccessful in the November 2022 election, advised they were willing to fulfill the

vacancy. Terry-Anne Keen achieved the highest number of votes in the recount and was provisionally declared elected on Monday 6 January 2025, with the Returning Officer at ECSA making the formal declaration on Thursday 9 January 2025. The outcome of the ECSA recount now finalises the petitions filed in the Court of Disputed Returns.

*David Paton*

*Acting Mayor*

*9 January 2025*

### **Fire Danger Season 2024-2025**

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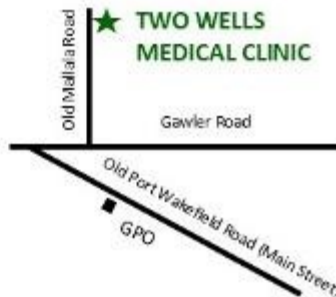
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The 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

# STRAWBERRY FETE

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**11am to 3pm @ Cricket Club**

**Stall Sites Available – See**

**Raelene Schwerdt – 0432 181 748**

**OR Kim Leach – 0439 253 050**

**Morning Tea – Scones, Jam, Cream or Ice Cream**

**Lunch – Steak Sandwich or Hotdog**

**Bar Open – Drinks & Snacks**

**Raffle on the day**



**Mallala and Districts Reunion  
to be held at St Helen's Park  
Prospect Road  
PROSPECT  
Near Bus Stop 9**

**on  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 2pm**

This is an open invitation to anyone with connections to Mallala and Districts

To be opened by Peter Dunstan

Please bring a cup and a chair.

Tea and coffee provided, a small plate of afternoon tea would be appreciated

A chance to spend a pleasant afternoon renewing old friendships and acquaintances.

Jim Franks – President – 0419 827 900

Carol Baker – Secretary – 0417458547

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Mallala Fallen Soldiers' Memorial

# LEGO club



Join us in the Two Wells Council Chamber on the last Wednesday of the month from 4:15 to 5:15pm for some free LEGO fun!

**BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED**

29 January

26 February

26 March

30 April

28 May

25 June

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Phone 08 8520 2100 Email [library@apc.sa.gov.au](mailto:library@apc.sa.gov.au)

# TODDLER Read & Rhyme

Join us in the Two Wells Village Green (weather permitting) or the Adelaide Plains Library Two wells for a song, a story and an activity, from 10:00 to 10:30am.

7 February

7 March

4 April

2 May

6 June

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