

# Strawberry flavour for historic weekend

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The annual Dublin Strawberry Fete returned on Sunday, which had special significance as the town celebrated 150 years.

The 24th annual Dublin Strawberry Fete was once again put on by Dublin Cricket Club, with nice sunny conditions greeting people to the oval to wander around the several market stalls selling a range of items on sale.

People enjoyed punnets of strawberries as well as strawberries served with cream or ice cream, as well as scones with jam and cream or even a milkshake. The cricket club also had the barbecue sizzling with sausages and steak sandwiches to whet appetites.

The Dublin CFS was also involved with hose reel exercises, as well as a road crash rescue demonstration. People also enjoyed live

music from pop-up band Sonic Bloom, who played throughout the event.

This year's event was held during the March long weekend, to coincide with the 150th celebrations taking place across Dublin, Port Parham and Windsor.

Dublin Cricket Club committee member Kim Leach was involved in the organisation of this year's event and said the club was happy to see the turnout for the Strawberry Fete. She said it was also great for the event to be taking place during such a significant event for Dublin.

"There's lots of people around, which is good to see," she said.

"It's definitely good to be included (in the 150th celebrations), everyone is playing their part."



Kim Leach from Dublin Cricket Club with the punnets of strawberries on sale during the Strawberry Fete. (Jarrad Delaney: 539365)



LEFT: Peyton Jenkin takes part in a fire hose activity with Dublin CFS. (539365)



FAR LEFT: Toni Nash from Kadina spins some wool with a spinning wheel at one of the market stalls. (539365)

## DUBLIN, PORT PARHAM AND WINDSOR TIMELINE

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Here is a combined timeline of events relating to Dublin, Port Parham and Windsor. Here are many of the key dates and developments that occurred across the three towns.

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### TIMELINE

**1837:** First ketches in Gulf of St Vincent.  
**1856:** Hundred of Dublin proclaimed by Governor Anthony Musgrave.  
**1868:** Hotel with stables established in what would become Dublin, licensee Mr J. Richardson.  
**1870:** George Baker loaded first grain at "Dublin Shipping Place", known today as Port Parham.  
**1873:** Windsor Methodist Church built, Minister is Reverend Parkinson. General Store also built in what would become Windsor, Mr W. Temby first store keeper with a school on front verandah taught by Miss J. Temby. Post Office also built nearby, postmaster Mr G. Baker Jr. In November, District Council of Dublin proclaimed with chairman Mr W. Simmons.  
**1874:** Blacksmith Shop built at Windsor, operated by William Simmons. General Store built at Dublin, operated by Mr J. Richardson.  
**1876:** 13 April, Dublin officially gazetted. Dublin Cemetery "laid out". Retired surveyor R.J. Loveday laid out township of Windsor where two main roads met. 20 May, auction of blocks of land and store in township of Windsor. Survey of town of "Parham", Bakers Creek first appears on maps. 27 July, Parham officially gazetted.  
**1877:** Dublin Council Chamber built. Post Office at Dublin General Store, Postmaster is Mr C. Beckman.  
**1878:** Public School opened at Windsor, teacher is Mrs Ambrose.  
**1880s:** Port Parham at peak activity, several houses and barns built for the grain trade.  
**1880:** Water reservoir established at Dublin. Dublin cricket team formed.  
**1881:** Dublin Methodist Church established, Minister is Reverend S. Gray. Dublin Public School established, teacher is Mr W. Hayes.  
**1882:** Windsor cricket team established.  
**1883:** Windsor Oval opened. First public telephone service in Dublin at General Store.  
**1884-1885:** Dublin Institute built and opened as well as library, Chairman is Mr J. Porter and librarians Mr W. Tainsh and Mr J. Martin. Windsor Institute built and opened, as well as library, Chairman is Mr W. Simmons and librarian is Mr T. Diment.

**1886:** Church of England established in Dublin. Government water well established in Dublin.  
**1893:** Cricket pitch laid at Dublin Oval.  
**1908:** Football clubs formed at Dublin and Windsor.  
**1910:** Mains water comes to Dublin from Barossa Reservoir. Porch added to Windsor Methodist Church. Dublin Church of England closed.  
**1914:** Supper Room added to Dublin Institute.  
**1914-1918:** World War One. Dublin Fighting Forces Fund Committee established, as is Dublin Honour Roll. Windsor Red Cross active. Unveiling of Windsor Football Club and District Honour Roll.  
**1920:** Kindergarten and Sunday School added to Dublin Methodist Church.  
**1921:** Merger of Dublin, Wild Horse Plains and Windsor football clubs to form United Football Club (Dublin would reform in its own right in 1927). Machine Gun Trophies arrive at Dublin and Windsor institutes.  
**1924:** Port Wakefield Proof and Experimental Range established.  
**Circa 1927:** Webb's Carbonate of Lime established at Port Parham.  
**1929:** Kitchen added to Dublin Institute. Windsor Institute buys two table tennis tables and a club is formed.  
**1935:** Amalgamation of Port Gawler, Grace and Dublin councils into Light Council. Back to Windsor celebrations held. Supper Room with fireplace added to Windsor Institute, library transferred to it.  
**1937:** Light Council renamed District Council of Mallala.  
**1938:** Tennis courts built at Windsor between Church and School. King tide results in creation of First and Second creeks at Port Parham, later known as Parham and Webb creeks.  
**1939-1945:** World War Two. Red Cross Circle active at Dublin and Windsor.  
**1943:** Avro Anson W-2556 aircraft crashes into Gulf of St Vincent, five RAAF aircrew lost.  
**1946 onwards:** Several new businesses trade in Dublin.  
**Circa 1947:** Crown land south of South Terrace in Port Parham surveyed and released for coastal lease.  
**1948:** Last ketch takes grain from Port Parham.  
**Circa 1950:** Port Parham Progress Association established.  
**1951:** Arizona Cactus Ranch started by Joe Lowey near Windsor.  
**1957:** Mains power provided to Dublin.  
**1964:** Dublin and Long Plains football clubs merge to form modern day United Football Club.  
**Circa 1964:** Mains power provided to Port Parham. Land east

of East Terrace in Port Parham subdivided and sold by District Council of Mallala.  
**1966:** Emergency Fire Service formed at Dublin (becomes Country Fire Service in 1979).  
**1967:** Dublin Methodist Church closed.  
**1970s:** Webb Beach established under RED (Rural Employment Deve)  
**1971:** Dublin and Windsor schools closed.  
**1976:** Dublin Community Club Inc. formed.  
**1979:** Dissolution of institutes with new library arrangements, including Windsor Institute becoming an incorporated body. Automatic telephone facility built.  
**1982:** Australian Government attempts to resume the town for extension of proof range. Port Parham Sports and Social Club established.  
**1983:** Dissolution of the institutes, with control of Dublin Institute passing to District Council of Mallala. Windsor Community Library opened and Windsor becomes a depot.  
**1984:** Dublin Lions Park established. Centenary celebrations for Dublin and Windsor institutes.  
**1986:** Community action results in Government backing down on resumption of Port Parham.  
**Circa 1990s:** Mains water reticulation provided to Port Parham.  
**1990:** Port Parham Sports and Social Club building opened.  
**1993:** Dublin Dump protest statues erected. District Council of Mallala bans camping on Port Parham foreshore. Port Parham and Webb Beach Progress Association established.  
**1994:** Windsor bypassed by Port Wakefield Highway.  
**1996:** Parham Campground established.  
**1998:** Schlodder Shelter opened in Dublin.  
**2000:** Start of Dublin History Group Inc. (started as subcommittee of Dublin Community Club in 1997).  
**2004:** Dublin Dispatch first published. Dublin Community Club.  
**2016:** District Council of Mallala renamed Adelaide Plains Council.  
**2017:** Parham and Districts Action Group (PADAG) established.  
**2018:** Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary (Winaitynaitiyi Pangkara) established.  
**2020:** Windsor Methodist Church and Windsor Community Library closed.  
**2023:** Parham Campground restored and placed under management of Mallala and Districts Lions Club, and PADAG.  
**2026:** 150th Anniversary celebrations.  
**Beyond 2026:** The story continues.