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First World War: Repatriation of Veterans

When troops returned from the First World War (WW1) and disembarked at docks across Australia, they carried the effects of their experiences in this terrible and destructive war. New technology in warfare led to shocking injuries and many of those who returned suffered the physical and mental effects.

The Australian Government established a war pension scheme in late 1914 to help wounded veterans and the families of those who were killed. However, the growing number of casualties prompted the need for a new, comprehensive and centralised repatriation scheme.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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In 1918, the Australian Government created the Repatriation Department to help returned veterans resettle in the Australian community. The department introduced programs to assist veterans develop their vocational skills and find jobs, and supported their independence through pensions and loans. A soldier settlement scheme was established and administered by the states.

The department also provided medical services to meet the extensive and varied needs of veterans and financial assistance for their dependants. It was an enormous undertaking for the Repatriation Department, which had no model to work from. The long-term costs of ongoing medical care and welfare benefits following the war were on a scale never before encountered.

[First World War: Repatriation of veterans | naa.gov.au](http://naa.gov.au)

The Dublin Repatriation Minute Book that was donated to the DHG was dated from 26/6/21919 to 9/11/1921, it is a combination of General and Executive Meetings these were held either in Dublin or Windsor. The Chairperson at the time was H W Lyons, the committee consisted of Misters G. Price, H A Lyons, Taylor, W Brook, Ross and J Bingham, Miss Day and Madams - Price, Prime, Arnold, White, Sunman and C Lindsay (Secretary).

It discusses how they supported the returned solders with accommodation, employment and substances, paid doctors fees, as well as allowances for soldiers settling on the land for stock and implements. If there were any issues the ex-soldiers had with the State body they would help to get resolution.

Also fundraising by concerts and sports days and supporting the Peace Loans the Government had issued.

The fallen soldiers widows would receive Christmas Gifts from the state body.

It minuted when the SA War Trophy Committee were offering Dublin and Windsor the War Trophies, which they accepted and ensured Long Plains and Wild Horse Plains also received them

W H Lyon and C Lindsay attended Repatriation Conferences in Adelaide and one in June 1919 Mr Lyon was quoted as saying

“There had been much dissatisfaction with the manner in which the State Department had dealt with land settlement, but they realised that it had had great difficulties. Many people were anxious to get on the land and some would be quite as anxious to get off again. It was just as well some delay had occurred. He gave the Commonwealth credit for what it had done for repatriation.”

Advertiser Thursday 19 June 1919, page 5
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article5656234>

These are some of the original World War One Soldier Settlers in the area -

BARNS Philip Ernest

BAKER Norman Loveday

BLACKET Samuel Bertram

CLARK Henry Edward George

JONES Mervin Elgin (Mervyn)

JENKIN Clifford Vincent

LOVERIDGE Frederick Samuel

LYON John Alexander

MOODY David Alexander

McEVOY Peter James

PRICE George Owen

ROWE Wilfred Diment

YOUNG Albert

Some of these names are mentioned in the Minute Book and the support that was given

Front Page Photo - Repatriated soldiers, including a stretcher case and walking wounded, come down the gangplank at Port Melbourne, Vic. A crowd watches at the foot of the gangplank

[Repatriated soldiers, including a stretcher case and walking wounded, come down the gangplank at ... | Australian War Memorial](#)

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Community Notice Board

ADELAIDE PLAINS MALE VOICE CHOIR
40th Anniversary
&
Finale Concert
Sunday 2nd November 1.30pm
Owen Town Hall



GUEST ARTISTS
 Admission: Adults \$10.00 - Afternoon Tea
 Book Launch "Men of the Plains in Song"
 The story of the Adelaide Plains Male Voice Choir 1985-2025
 Cost \$10.00
 Tickets available at the door

Remembrance Day
 Honouring the service and sacrifice of Australian veterans.
 11 NOVEMBER



Dublin - Dublin War Memorial
10.45 am
Mallala - Mallala Monument
10.45 am
Parham - Port Parham Sports and Social Club at 10.45

See page 9 for further details

Welcome to Morgan Sawmills

See page 25 for more details

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS
 Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Who makes a difference in your community?
 Nominations are now open:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Group of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Project of the Year

Visit the website or contact your local Council for details.
www.citizenoftheyear.com.au



Australia Day
 Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.
 South Australia

Support Partners



 **Public Forum - Two Wells**
 Nov 15, 2025 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 Two Wells Village Green
 Old Port Wakefield Road
 Two Wells SA 5501

Meet your Council Members, and tell us what's important to you.

Drop in to the Two Wells Village Green and have a chat with your local council members.

Learn about council, ask questions and tell us what's on your mind.

These sessions are open to everyone in our community – including the kids!



Citizen of the Year 2026 nominations are now open

The Citizen of the Year awards acknowledge the unsung heroes of our community who, through their contributions, make our state a better place.

These individuals and organisations offer outstanding service each day and enable our communities to be stronger as a result of their tireless efforts.

If you know someone making a real difference in our local community, nominate them for the Citizen of the Year Awards 2026.

Categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Group of the Year
- Community Project of the Year

**Nominations close on
Sunday 16 November 2025.**

Please direct all enquiries to Sue Dugan,
Acting Manager Library and Community on
08 8527 0200 or info@apc.sa.gov.au

[Citizen of the Year 2026 nominations are now open | Adelaide Plains Council](#)

Algal bloom Information

Report dead or dying wildlife

Do not touch or remove dead or dying wildlife you find on the coast. You can report sick or dead wildlife to the Algal Bloom Hotline by calling 1800 774 779.

Seafood and crabbing

All commercially available seafood from South Australian waters is safe to eat. Shellfish available for sale is frequently tested to make sure it meets strict safety standards.

If you catch fish, crabs, prawns, lobsters, or squid yourself, they are safe to eat if cleaned thoroughly and gutted before cooking.

But:

Bivalve molluscs (oysters, cockles, mussels, pipis, scallops) and abalone that you catch or collect yourself should not be consumed.

Never eat dead fish, cockles or other marine

life found on the beach.

Swimming in or touching the water

SA Health advises to avoid contact with discoloured water or foam.

The algae does not produce a toxin that is harmful to humans or could cause long-term effects, but exposure can cause:

skin irritation

eye irritation

respiratory symptoms such as coughing and shortness of breath.

Visit SA Health for up to date water quality alerts.

[SA Health water quality alerts](#)

[Fact sheet - Algal bloom - SA Government - 30 July 2025](#)



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Season's Greetings

As the holiday season arrives, it's a time for family, reflection, and festive cheer. I extend my warmest regards to everyone in the area. It's a moment to appreciate the incredible contribution that all of you make to your community, and our country.

As we enjoy the summer, I also hope that the worst of the algal bloom is behind us, and that the beautiful beaches and coastline of the Gulf of St Vincent can continue to recover. As your representative in Canberra, I will continue to fight for support on this matter.

The end of a year is a great time to look forward, but it's also a time to look back and learn from experiences. This year we faced significant challenges, some the likes of which we had never seen before. I have already mentioned the algal bloom, but we also spent much of 2025 in a generational drought. This period was one of the toughest faced by South Australian farmers ever, and the impacts are still being felt. It is my hope that the Government will reflect on their response, and that next time we face drought conditions farmers receive timely and meaningful support.



A shared goal of mine and my Coalition partners is to strengthen Australia's position as a leading producer of high-quality food and fibre for domestic and international markets. To achieve this, we need to address some key areas;

A focus is needed on the rising cost of energy, which impacts every step of the supply chain. Ensuring access to affordable and reliable power is crucial for farmers and businesses of all types to remain competitive and successful.

We also need to make processes simpler and more efficient. By streamlining rules and reducing unnecessary paperwork, we can free up businesses to focus on what they do best: growing, creating, and providing for the nation.

As your Member for Grey, I am acutely aware that those living in regional South Australia often feel left behind. So, while Christmas and the holiday season are a precious time that should be enjoyed by all, this time of year also starkly brings into focus the inequality of services each of us faces living outside of the city. Whether it be health care, aged care, or child care Governments have significant work to do in ensuring that nobody is worse off just because they live in the country. In the New Year it is a priority of mine to bring these issues of inequality to Canberra.

Though regional South Australia may lack some essential services, community spirit is abundant. So, I encourage you all to embrace it this festive season: buy local, support your clubs and groups, and connect with your neighbours. Because it is these fibres of country pride that will keep regional South Australia together into 2026 and beyond!

From my family to yours, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and successful New Year.

Tom Venning : MP Federal Member for Grey

150 YEARS



WINDSOR



DUBLIN



PORT PARHAM

1876 - 2026



CELEBRATION

March 7th to 9th 2026

DUBLIN, PORT PARHAM AND WINDSOR 150TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

SATURDAY 7th March

WINDSOR AND

PORT PARHAM

Commemorative Marker unveilings

Time Capsule placement

Historic Vehicle Display

SUNDAY 8th March

DUBLIN

Commemorative Marker unveiling

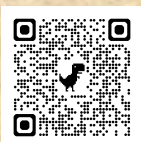
Strawberry Fete

Dublin Cemetery Walk

Historic Display at Institute

More to come.....

More Information: <https://dublinhistorygroup.com.au/150th/ABOUT.htm>



Email: 150dublinparhamwindsor@gmail.com

Facebook

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Protecting Our Shorebirds: Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary

Saturday, 11 October marked World Migratory Bird Day. It was a chance to meet up with the Friends of the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary (FAIBS) and a time to celebrate the incredible journeys of millions of shorebirds that travel vast distances each year — from the Russian tundra and Alaska all the way to our own Port Parham and Thompson Beach.

The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary or Winaityinaityi Pangkara, means "country belonging to all birds" in Kaurna language because around 27,000 migratory birds find refuge each year.

Stretching 60 kilometres from Barker Inlet to Port Parham, this pristine coastline is home to 263 species of flora and fauna, including the curlew sandpiper, red knot, ruddy turnstone, and eastern curlew.

The dedicated 'Friends' volunteer group formed in 2016 to protect the sanctuary by monitoring plants and shorebirds, raising awareness about the importance of the habitat and organising events to engage the community.

These volunteers have helped the sanctuary thrive for nearly a decade and they would welcome more volunteers. I have learned a lot about this sanctuary by spending time with the volunteers and I admire their efforts to conserve this area as many of them travel from the city.

On multiple occasions now I have raised my concerns in Parliament about the impact of harmful algal bloom on Gulf St Vincent's marine life. This coastal crisis threatens the very food stock migratory birds rely on, from molluscs and worms to small fish.

Make no mistake, the algal bloom is having an impact on the ecosystem and our migratory shorebirds. I have used parliament, talkback radio, algal bloom community sessions and social media to get answers from the Labor State Government in response to concerns shared by FAIBS, BirdLife Australia and local park rangers. We must ensure there is adequate funding to protect the feeding habitat for these remarkable birds.

Safeguarding this sanctuary means preserving a vital link in a global migration flyway and protecting one of our region's true natural treasures. It is well worth a trip to Thompson Beach. Just remember to 'tread carefully' and give the birds 'room in the bloom' to feed peacefully.

If you would like a copy of my speech (or if I can assist with another matter)

please don't hesitate to make contact by email frome@parliament.sa.gov.au

or phone 8842 4304.

Kind regards

Penny





GREAT UNCLE HARRY, A GALLIPOLI VETERAN

Harry was a family member that one only heard about as my Great Aunts talked to each other when they thought no one was listening. Like most adults, especially those brought up in late Victorian and early Edwardian eras they failed to notice the presence of children. Now adults and especially older ones are fascinating beings for children when they are two generations away like as my great aunts were from me, and the subjects of their private conversations are immensely interesting. Children learn to hide in plain sight, so thankfully family stories are passed on, albeit unwittingly.

Great Uncle Harry never featured in the flesh to me despite being one of my forbears who I thought I knew well through listening in. Later when I became an adult and did family history research, I was able to use what I had learnt by listening to recognise the gaps in my knowledge of Harry and so complete the tragic tale.

Harry was an Anzac who landed on Gallipoli as part of the Australian 4th Light Horse (dismounted). There was no room for horses on the narrow beaches of Gallipoli. The attrition rate for human casualties was so severe and the need was for troops on the ground in great numbers so that the Light Horse was sent, dismounted.

Harry was invalided off the Gallipoli Beach and transferred after hospitalisation to a Camel Unit in Egypt after spending some time in a military hospital on Malta and again on Cyprus and in Egypt. No one had any idea how to treat his illness. He was not alone in this as no matter how hard the army doctors tried, they could not seem to get to the bottom of his illness. Many medicos gave up on him and of hundreds of others like him who did not respond to conventional treatment, so doctors brought the treatment to a close by blaming the patient for wilfully malingering. Thus, Harry

was given up as a bad job and was invalided home to Australia with the diagnosis of “neurasthenia,” or in plain English, “nerves.” The public called it “shell shock.” When he arrived home, he found that his wife had taken on a lover and he was no longer wanted, losing permanent contact not only with his wife but his children also. He went back home to his parents for a time, but his father found it difficult to cope with him in close quarters and especially when he would not follow the fatherly advice to “Pull yourself together man.” The unwritten assumption was that it was all Harry’s fault that he had frequent episodes of dysfunctional behaviour. His mother and his adult sisters were more clement in giving him the benefit of the doubt but in those days in well run households the oldest male member ruled over the rest and Harry lost and eventually left home when ordered by his father to go and never come back. His mother and his sisters were ordered to never contact him or speak his name though one sister did by secret letters for some time.

He went to Queensland, as far as he could go and for some years was in and out of hospitals as a war veteran, but no one could make a difference to his irrational episodes. Each time he was hospitalised the doctor tried the latest treatment to no avail and in the end, he was out in western Queensland taking the spa waters at the newly established mineral hot water baths at a place called Muckadilla. This was all the rage among those that could afford it or like Harry at the army Repatriation Department expense. Muckadilla proved as useless as all the other attempted cures and on returning to Brisbane he boarded with a widow and her two daughters. With their sympathetic care Harry gradually became more functional, and his manic episodes lessened in severity and frequency until at last he could hold down a job and eventually

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GREAT UNCLE HARRY, A GALLIPOLI VETERAN - Continued

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married one of the daughters and gradually remade a happy life never leaving Queensland and losing all contact with his family, though never out of the memories of his mother and sisters.

The truth was that Harry had PTSD, which we only now are beginning to understand, and we still seek a complete cure. When we are faced with not being able to help people it is easier to blame the victim in the end for their disability which for us brings the matter to a close and absolves us from guilt and responsibility.

I am writing this article on Good Friday and cannot help but be thankful that Jesus does not give up on us and our failures as we try to follow his example of love. It is a temptation to say that it was alright for him as he was God, yet life would be unbearable if we all followed this cop-out. We are faced with the example through history of so many who like him loved others to the end.

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15.13 NRSV)

Father Bartholomew O'Donovan
for Remembrance Day 2025



[Open Arms - Veterans & Families Counselling](#)

Call us 24Hr 1800 011 046

A service founded by Vietnam Veterans,
now for all veterans and families



The Ode of Remembrance



*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Laurence Binyon

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 mallalagrslsra.org.au



Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 10.45 am
Dublin Lions Park 17 Sixth street Dublin
Dublin Institute open after wards

Remembrance Day 2025 Dublin War Memorial



Remembrance Day

Tuesday NOVEMBER 11th 2025

10.45am

PORT PARHAM SPORTS
AND SOCIAL CLUB

REMEMBER THE FALLEN!

Donations accepted for
RSL Poppy Day appeal



Avon Art & Craft Guild

A happy and peaceful Christmas to all and many with thanks for the support throughout 2025.

We also wish to thank our volunteers and sponsors for helping with the various projects throughout the year, your time and efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Avon Art & Craft Guild is holding a trading table in Balaklava on 13th November 9am till noon. Lots of stocking stuffers ready for Christmas at low prices. The program for the last few weeks will be Christmas originated. The Craft group will be in recess during the Christmas school holidays.

The Avon District Hall is available for hire at nominal hire rates. It's use it or lose it.

For any info Phone 88671127 or 0419 819 420

Best Wishes Everyone

Long Plains Red Cross Branch

The branch held a meeting on 8th October to plan for the rest of the year. Secretary Alison Pym attended a Fire Preparedness Seminar at Avon. President Chris attended the Annual Meeting at Red Cross House on 16th October and accepted the shield for our Branch fundraising for 24-5. Sincere thanks to Fletcher Newton's family for their support and to all our generous donors to the March Appeal and fundraisers.



Alison Pym will represent the Branch and lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day service.

Members will enjoy a Christmas lunch in Gawler in November and provide items to be donated to Mallala Primary School Breakfast club.

The Branch is conducting a Christmas raffle and tickets are available from members or bought on the night of the Christmas party at Long Plains Hall.

We look forward to seeing you at our cake and biscuit stall at the Dublin Strawberry Fete 8th March, 2026.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday 11th February 2026.

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.

MOTORSPORT IS COMING HOME

From 1941 to 1960, RAAF base Mallala was home to a number of units, notably No. 6 Service Flying Training School featuring Airspeed Oxfords, Avro Ansons, CAC Wirraway and P51's.

Come the 1960's, as RAAF operations moved to nearby Edinburgh, the facility was transformed into a motor racing circuit with the taxi ways and runways forming the basis of the track. This new circuit opened in 1961, hosting the Australian Grand Prix together with Sports Cars, Touring Cars even V8 Supercars right through until the turn of the century.

For the past 10-15 years, Mallala has been a shadow of its former glory under the shadow of events and facilities like the Adelaide 500 and The Bend. 'Homecoming' is our way of reinvigorating the circuit, showcasing aspects of its past while setting it up for the next chapter of its existence.

The event is a two-day **National Championship race meeting** – the first event of its kind at Mallala for more than a decade. It will run over November 21st and 22nd - Fri-Sat with track activity until 9:30pm each night, incorporating an air show aspect to the event throughout the Saturday with static and aerobatic displays spliced in between racing. Given the success of Aldinga and Barossa Air shows, they anticipate a crowd in excess of 10,000 people with food stalls, camping and displays.

<https://www.mallala.com/homecoming>

Mallala and Districts Reunion to be held at Mallala Museum

Mallala

on

Sunday 8th February 2026 at 2pm

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

To be opened by Barry Sowerby

Please bring a cup and a chair.

Tea and coffee and biscuits will be provided

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

Jim Franks – President – 0419 827 900

Carol Baker – Secretary – 0417458547

email: pcbaker@rbe.net.au

Mallala Fallen Soldiers' Memorial

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

Located behind the Mallala Museum and CFS off Railway Terrace Mallala



Parham & District Action Group

The Annual General Meeting of PADAG was held on 9th September

This was the first AGM of the organisation after becoming an incorporated body and was relatively well attended. The meeting was chaired by Kym Bailey and presentations were done on the current status of the campground, 150 Year Anniversary celebrations and the foreshore precinct development as well as PADAG achievements for the past 12 months. We were pleased to welcome Tony Piccolo MP and Councillor Brian Parker to the meeting

Elections resulted in the following appointments:

President: Alison Sanger

Vice President: John Coles

Secretary: Alvin Jenkin

Asst Secretary: Maxine Symes

Treasurer: Terri Coles

Asst Treasurer: Alvin Jenkin

Public Officer: Kym Bailey

Committee Members Trevor Applebee, Colin Makins, Ken Bell, Andrea Thomas

We were disappointed to learn at the meeting that the community proposal to move the 80Kph zone to include the Port Parham Road/Webb Beach Road intersection had been rejected by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning. Following discussion proposing that PADAG write to the Minister in protest, Tony Piccolo MP offered to take the matter up and was successful in getting the decision changed. Members of PADAG, the Adelaide Plains Council, and Mr Piccolo were able to celebrate this with a photo opportunity on 9th October. This was the result of over 5 years of submissions and follow up to the Council and DIT.



PADAG: John Coles, Alvin Jenkin, Mike Williams, Alison Sanger: APC Tom Jones, Mayor Mark Wasley: Tony Piccolo MP

A submission from PADAG to provide a RV park at the south end of Dublin on Council managed land was presented to Adelaide Plains Council at their August meeting. There was no resolution from this meeting.

PADAG approached Council to have the sea wrack accumulated on the Port Parham Foreshore during the May and June storms removed. Council was quick to action this but have been slow to react to sea wrack accumulation at the boat ramp since. PADAG restored the bollards in the car park which were impacted by the storm.



A working bee at the camp ground in August involving about 12 community members resulted in the removal of a large amount of excess foliage and general clean up. Adelaide Plains Council kindly removed the spoil.

PADAG continues to operate and maintain the campground, and reports on Wiki camps by users are most favourable. Occupancy has been down considerably due to the Algy issue. Most users have been from interstate using the facility as a base for local touring or passing through.

The Foreshore Precinct subcommittee has had productive discussions with the Adelaide Plains Council as work proceeds on detailed design

PADAG and the Dublin History Group continue to develop proposals for celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Dublin, Port Parham and Windsor in 2026. A submission has been made to the Adelaide Plains Council to provide funding to support the provision of commemorative markers, time capsules and other activities.

Lock in the Adelaide Cup Weekend, 7-9 March 2026 to be part of these celebrations.

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!

150 YEARS



The 150th Anniversary working group have been working to develop activities

to celebrate the anniversary of the establishing of Dublin, Parham and Windsor in 1876. The working group consists of representation from the Dublin History Group, Parham and District Action Group, and the Port Parham Sports and Social Club and is chaired by Kym Bailey.

The themes being used are Dublin as the centre of administration, Windsor the transport hub for farm produce and (Port) Parham as the shipping port for produce.

Festivities are scheduled for the long weekend in March 2026.

It is envisaged that Commemoration Markers will be installed in each of the 3 centres with a time capsule at Port Parham. The Markers will be unveiled by appropriate dignitaries. Students from the Mallala Primary School will provide the contents for the time capsule.

A full schedule of events has yet to be finalised, but an outline is:

Friday 6th Evening: Meet and Greet at Dublin Institute

Saturday 7th Morning: unveiling at Windsor

Saturday 7th Afternoon: unveiling at Port Parham: Jinker Displays, Veteran Vehicle displays, Historic Displays

Saturday 7th March Evening: Anniversary Dinner at Parham with guest speakers

Sunday 8th March Unveiling at Dublin, Strawberry Fete, Activities at the Institute, Cemetery walk and Historic Displays

The committee is pleased to be working with the Dublin Cricket Club with Strawberry Fete arrangements and the Gawler Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club for provision of vehicle displays.

The Adelaide Plains Council, at its General Meeting on 27th October 2025 agreed to provide generous financial and moral support for the events. The working group expresses its appreciation for this significant assistance to help the event to be a great one for our communities.

See page 6 for more



SA Country Fire Service Dublin Brigade

Refer to SA CFS website "Prepare and Plan" in preparation for the up and coming Fire Season.
Adelaide Plains Council website refer to "Fire Prevention Section" to understand further local information for controlled rubbish burns

Last Years Santa Trucks Run

**Members having fun
Cruising through Parham having
Time Out from incidents**

**Information for this
Years Santa Trucks Run
Coming out in December**



Incidents to date: Vehicle accidents, Vehicle Rescues, Structure Fires, Grass Fires, Uncontrolled Rubbish burns.

To help us on any fire calls having as much details as possible, enables us to get there in a timely manner, with the correct resources for the type of fire. Eg Structure fires requires different resources to grass/rubbish fires

If you would like to join the crew and support your community in any way —come along on Monday Nights from 7:30pm

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

**Training Monday nights 7:30pm onwards
Further inquiries - Mb: 0460 633 022**

www.cfs.sa.gov.au





Tom VENNING MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GREY

Season's Greetings



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Whyalla
45a Playford Avenue
Whyalla SA 5600

Port Pirie
83 Florence Street
Port Pirie SA 5540



Penny Pratt MP
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*Wishing you and
your family*

*Merry
Christmas*

and a happy and safe 2026



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**Thank you from
The Dublin History Group**

*To everyone who have
supported us this year.*

*Also to the Dublin Dispatch's - sponsors,
advertisers, contributors and readers who
make our Newsletter such a success.*

*We look forward to 2026 and the
150th Celebrations
Merry Christmas and a
Happy and safe New Year to you all*

Merry Christmas
and a safe and happy new year

**THE VOLUNTEERS OF
MALLALA RSL THANK EVERYONE
WHO HAS SUPPORTED US
DURING 2025**



Christmas trading and closure 2025

Last Friday meals	Fri 12th Dec
Last Sunday Breakfast	Sun 14th Dec
Christmas Community Lunch	Sun 14th Dec

2026 Opening Hours

First Friday meals	Fri 6th Feb
First Sunday Breakfast	Sun 8th Feb
Feb Community Lunch	Sun 15th Feb

Friendly reminder:
**Christmas Community
Lunch at the Mallala RSL**
Sunday 14th December
12 noon - 4pm
Assorted Meats and salads
followed by Dessert - cost \$18
Drawing of the Mega Christmas raffle

Bookings essential,
as numbers will be limited.
Contact Jo 0422968452

Christmas Dinner

Please join us for a fabulous feast

**THE THOMPSON BEACH PROGRESS
ASS. INC.**

Saturday, December 6th at 6.00 pm

COME ONE COME ALL to a Christmas Feast for the
small price of \$5.00 per head, Bar will be open on the
night. Kids under 12 eat free. Bookings are not
necessary just come along and enjoy.

The Twinkling Trails

REGISTER a TIME

for your children, for the trail(s)
between 5.00-7.30pm - 5th Dec. (Two Well Village Green)
OR 12.00noon - 2pm - 7th Dec. (Mallala RSL)

either call 0449 579 334 or text

scerzary@theplaincommunitygroup.com.au

(Please clearly leave all your details, so we can confirm)

See page

The District's Church Times

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Mallala

10.00am 2 November (All Saints)

Generally - 2nd Sunday of the Month

No Service - 14 December

On 14 December - Christmas in Song
10am - Mallala Institute

10.00am - 11 January 2026

St Paul's Two Wells

10.00am - 9, 16 and 23 November
No Service 30 November (5th Sunday)

Generally - 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.

No Service on the 5th Sunday of the month.

10.00am – 7, 21 and 28 December
Christmas Eve – Wed 24 Dec - 7.30pm
10.00am – 4, 18 and 25 January

Parish Contact

Di Meaney Phone: 0427 616 301

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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

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Coordinator: Sarah, Mobile 0478 726 014 -
Mallala Uniting Church
email: 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.

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If you would like any further information please contact info@twowellsuniting.org.au, www.twowellsuniting.org.au, 0414248732 (Paul) or follow us on [Facebook!](#)



A Christmas Message

I was standing in the back of the church waiting for the service to begin. I was very early having allowed plenty of time to get there on my mobility scooter. I picked up a magazine. The cover

had a close-up portrait of an attractive young woman's head wearing a scarf covering her hair. Another early attendee came up to me and said that we should not allow that magazine on the rack with its Middle Eastern faces on the cover.

I am not the one to immediately have the right retort, but it came to me when I was thinking about writing this Christmas article. "Mary would have looked like that and Joseph too. And the baby Jesus would have been born a Palestinian Jew with brown skin, dark eyes and black hair."

What I am suggesting here is that our white racial prejudice runs deep because we have been brought up, or at least people of my age to think of the world in a racist way. To categorise our fellow humans with white, fair skinned blondes at the top, preferably with an acquired suntan and to have levels of preference with darker skinned humans at the very bottom. All part of God's creation, yet as the line goes down less human by degrees. Such an attitude stems from the nineteenth century racist movement called Eugenics used by the Nazis to justify killing millions of Jews and all people, even whites who were born with some physical or mental impairment.

Scientists tell us that there is no such thing as race at the human level of our DNA, whether from white or coloured, educated or not is the same. I think that if we want to explore why humans are different, we must look to education, opportunity and how we are treated by other humans in authority who have power.

They also tell us that according to our DNA the nearest relatives are chimpanzees who share it by over 98%.

Jesus spent his earthly life trying to teach us that those at the bottom of the heap need to be treated with love. "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." Yes, every committed reader of the bible would agree that the sayings of this little person of colour are the standards by which we live and which we have inherited from our ancestors. We have also inherited much critical prejudice and unthinking negative markers that go along with our Western civilisation.

I could go on about this but I end by asking that we all, myself included take an audit of our lives and review the standards by which we live. Are they guided by strong Christian principles we find in the bible, especially the words of Jesus in the Four Gospels, and what do we have to let go, perhaps some of those attitudes and behaviours in our culture that we have inherited from the past and upon which we unthinkingly base our life principles. I ask you to consider, do we really follow the brown skinned Jesus and his teachings?

Jesus said to his followers, "This is what I say to all who will listen to me. Love your enemies and be good to everyone who hates you. Ask God to bless anyone who curses you and pray for everyone who is cruel to you have pity on others just as your Father God has pity on you." (Luke 6.27-28;36. CEV Bible)

My prayer is that all who read the Dublin Dispatch, their families and friends have a happy and holy and safe Christmas.

Father Bartholomew O'Donovan



What do you want to see happen in the Plains, that we can help with??

*Let us know – we may be able to help make it happen. The PCG does **small things** well, which have a **big impact**.*

You never know what will happen.



CHRISTMAS TWINKLING LIGHTS

The Twinkling Lights Competition is on again this year. We have consolidated categories, so there only 5 now – Business, Enlightenment {including Religious}, House, Neighbours {must be next door or directly across the street} & Themed {includes Musical} + Community Service groups & Town Trees.

So get busy decorating your homes/businesses. Judging will take place on 30th November and 2nd & 3rd December with winners announced at the Twinkling Launch on Friday 5th December, at the Two Wells Village Green {8.00 – 9.30pm}. There will be entertainment, market stalls and food vans, so bring your picnic rug and have a fun night.

FREE CHRISTMAS TWINKLING TRAILS

This year the trails will be held at the Two Wells Village Green where the children will participate in **FREE** Christmas yellow-brick road activities. The trail will be Friday 5th Dec from 5-7.30pm. The timetable for the evening is as follows:

4.00pm	Stalls, Food Vans set up + Petting Zoo {4-6pm}
5.00pm	Trails begin with Sensory Session
5.30pm	Trails + Face Painter {5.30-6.30pm}
6.30pm	Nitro Nat Demonstration {6.30-7.30pm}
7.30pm	Face Painter {7.30-8.30pm}
8.00pm	Twinkling Launch {8-9pm}
9.00pm	Spirit Award
9.10pm	Lighting of Christmas Tree

Please REGISTER for both either, **by 22/11/25**, on FB or by calling 0449579 334, leaving clear details.

The committee has been very busy this year:

- ◆ **Free Libraries** for all in the Plains area
- ◆ **Adelaide Plains information booklet** for residents and visitors
- ◆ **Easter Event** - huge success
- ◆ **Fundraising** - Quingo + Quiz Night to help the farmers
- ◆ **Christmas Songbooks** for the Twinkling
- ◆ **The Twinkling & Trails** every year in early Dec
- ◆ **Soup Cooking with schools**
- ◆ **Brisk Walks & Leisurely Strolls** - brochure available soon
- ◆ **2026 Calendar** of community events



Interested in helping others, have great ideas, like to have fun??

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So why not plan a day trip (or two) and explore something new right in our backyard?

Anne Minion

**Economic Development Officer
Development and Community**

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END OF AN ERA: Access to Bakers Creek Closed!

Access to Bakers Creek on Gulf St Vincent has been lost after over 150 years since European settlement of the Adelaide Plains.

Significant storms and high tides in May and June of 2025 drove a lot of tidal water into the salt pans behind Bakers Creek, Webb Beach and Port Parham. Some of this water returned to the gulf by creating a new wash out about 100 metres on the north side of Bakers Creek. This washout cannot be crossed safely by motor vehicles, nor can it be avoided by driving around it. Many vehicles have become bogged trying.



The Wash Out

From the earliest of days Bakers Creek has been a recreational area for residents of the Adelaide plains and beyond. Early plans of the Hundred of Dublin show an area north of the creek reserved for recreational purposes.

In the early 1900's Bakers Creek was accessed by travelling down what is now known as Port Parham Road to the foreshore and then south along the beach at low tide to the creek.

A king tide in 1938 resulted in an excessive build up of tidal water in salt pans behind what is now Webb Beach, and this was released by local farmers using dam scoops to create what has become Parham Creek and Webb Creek (originally known as First Creek and Second Creek). Since this cut off access along the foreshore a track was developed via Thid Creek Road and across a salt pan to the sandhills and foreshore approximately 1 Km north of Bakers Creek. This access was always limited by the condition of the salt pan crossing.

When Webb Beach township was developed under the Rural Employment Development Scheme (REDS) in the 1970's a causeway was built across and along the southern side of Webb Creek providing access along what was named Webb Beach Road and George Street to the foreshore. This became the access to Bakers Creek.

The area to the south of Webb Beach is now part of the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary National Park, and access is controlled by the Department of Environment and Water. The Park management plan allows access to Bakers Creek for recreational purposes.

Concerns are being raised that people are attempting to cross the wash out and becoming bogged, and they seek assistance from residents in Webb Beach for retrieval. This is becoming quite onerous to residents.

Following consultation with residents, The Parham and District Action Group (PADAG) have communicated with Department of Environment and Water seeking the provision of appropriate signage cautioning drivers over the issue. Professional retrieval costs can exceed \$1,000 to recover bogged vehicles.

Alvin Jenkin



The John Jenkin family at Bakers Creek, New Years Day 1928. John with Beard sitting on running board of car to right, Edward (Ted) Jenkin far left looking at camera



Swimmers at the bend Bakers Creek c.1930
Parker family members



The 24th Anniversary

STRAWBERRY FETE

Sunday 8th March

11am to 3pm @ Cricket Club

Stall Sites Available – See

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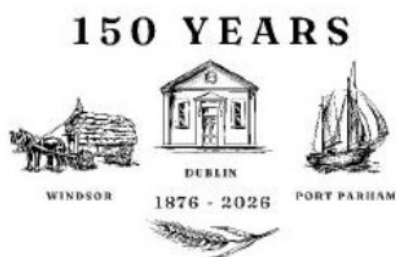
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Morning Tea – Scones, Jam, Cream or Ice Cream

Lunch – Steak Sandwich or Sausage in bread

Bar Open – Drinks & Snacks

Raffle on the day



There will be other events on
within the township to celebrate
150 Years of our Communities.

See page 33 for stall holder's form

Historic Dublin Well/Tank Project

The project got off to a slow start late August, but it was a start and showed the difficulties and possibilities.

By October we are now well and truly running with swift progress on the major securing of the corners.

Thank you to the Plains Producer for the article in the 13th October 2025 issue, it is always good to share what is happening in the area. We would also like to thank, Adelaide Plains Council for their support, and Two Wells Landscaping Yard and Adelaide Specialist Coating for supplying the sand and lime that is required to do the work

We had a little dig on the inside of the "TANK" and discovered the floor was present and still intact. This is interesting and leads to numerous possibilities for the future preservation. It also gives an accurate indication of the size and therefore the capacity. There is a watermark still present which indicates a depth of 5 Ft (1.55 meters) at the side, allowing for a dip towards the centre and with a 20 Ft (6.15 metres) width by 20 Ft (6.15 metres) the guesstimate of capacity was in the region of a possible 12,500 Gallons (60,000 litres).

Work will continue through the coming months.



STOP THE PRESS !

When the sides of the tank were cleared we discovered it is a completely different shape than we expected, it has bastions supporting the middle of each side . It keeps surprising us.



Members in UK

Two of the DHG members, Philip and Andrea Brow spent some time in the UK recently and went to the Duxford - Battle of Britain Air Show, at which an Avro Anson was flying. These were the training aircraft that flew out of RAAF Mallala. It gave them in insight of what it would have been like when these aircraft were doing their training runs over head during the war. The travellers also visited museums and stately homes and came back with many photos and lots of ideas for displays.

Heading towards 2026

The DHG have been working towards the 150th Anniversary Celebrations next year so we have only been doing our Open Days so publicly a quieter year for us.

Then the Dublin Water Well/tank Project came together so energy and finances have been expended there but as you can see on page 22, the results and what we have learnt about it are amazing.

The 150th Anniversary is a joint collaboration between Community Groups and Adelaide Plains Council, it is about telling the story of the last 150 years although it is much older than that.

It's about the settlers that wanted to make a life for themselves in very rough conditions, how with imagination, ingenuity and just bloody hard work they carved out a home to raise a family and contributed to the developing state and country they were part of. Dublin, Port Parham and Windsor supported each other to make this happen.

The DHG resources are part of telling this story but you can also contribute - do you have memories you would like to share? Do you have any old photos that are relevant? Would you like to assist with the event, maybe a stall at the Strawberry Fete or behind the scenes. Attending the events over the weekend and telling your family and friends about it as well also contributes.

Open Days and Events in 2025/26

Sunday 9th November
Open Day

1.00 pm to 4.00pm



Tuesday 11th November
Remembrance Day Service
Dublin War Memorial 10.45 am

Sunday 14th December
Open Day

1.00 pm to 4.00pm



Merry Christmas

Sunday 11th January 2026
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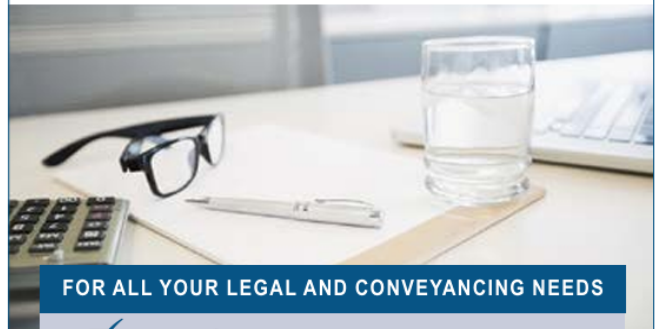
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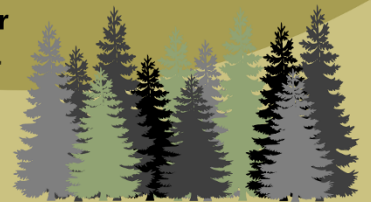
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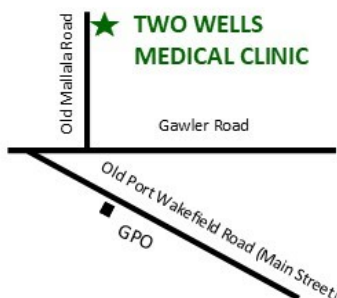


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each month, 2.30 - 4pm

Group bookings are welcome by appointment

Phone enquiries: 0400 558 017

or email: contact@balaklavamuseum.org.au

[Balaklava Museum - Urlwin Park and Centenary Hall](#)



Adelaide Northern Districts Family History Group Inc.

*Committed in Promoting Family History
Research*

The Salisbury TAFE Heritage Centre
(Old Police Station)

3 Ann Street, Salisbury

Phone: 0457 436 123

Email: info@andfhg.org.au www.andfhg.org.au

Open for research each Monday & Thursday 9:00
till 1:00, also alternate fourth Saturday afternoons
1.00 - 4.00.



Dublin History Group Inc.

The Dublin Institute

9 Sixth Street, Dublin

Open every 2nd Sunday of the month

1.00 pm to 4.00 pm and by appointment

Email: info@dublinhistorygroup.com.au

Website: [Dublin History Group](#)

[Dublin History Group | Facebook](#)



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Cr David Paton, Cr Dante Mazzeo, Cr Eddie Stubing
Front row: Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Cr Marcus Strudwicke, Cr Kay Boon, Mayor Mark Wasley,
Cr Alana Bombardieri, Cr Margherita Panella

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Cr. Dante Mazzeo	0447 087 265
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Cr. Marcus Strudwicke	0407 392 191

[Council Members | Adelaide Plains Council \(apc.sa.gov.au\)](http://apc.sa.gov.au)

Council hours during the Christmas and New Year's holidays 2025/2026

Location	Closes (2025)	Opens (2026)
Mallala Principal Office	5pm Tuesday 23 December	9am Tuesday 6 January
Two Wells Office	Two Wells Office	9am Monday 5 January
Mallala Library	5pm Tuesday 23 December	10am Wednesday 7 January
Two Wells Library	5pm Friday 19 December	9am Tuesday 6 January



Contact Information

Principal Office - Mallala

Tuesday and Thursday - 9am to 5pm (except public holidays)

2a Wasleys Road, Mallala SA 5502

Postal: PO Box 18, Mallala SA 5502

Tel 08 8527 0200

Fax 08 8527 2242

Email info@apc.sa.gov.au

Two Wells Service Centre

Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 9am to 5pm (except public holidays)

69 Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells SA 5501

Tel 08 8527 0200

Mallala Depot

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm (except public holidays)

21 Aerodrome Road, Mallala SA 5502

Tel 08 8527 0200

Fax 08 8527 2490

Two Wells Public Library

61 Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells SA 5501

Tel 08 8520 2100

Fax 08 8520 2235

Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday: 9am - 5pm

Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm

Thursday: 9am - 5pm

Friday: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 11.30am

Mallala Branch Library

Redbanks Road, Mallala SA 5502

Tel 08 8527 0205

Wednesday: 10am - 12pm

Friday: 3pm - 5pm

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE: (JP)

Two Wells Library Saturdays 9am to 11am

SA.GOV.AU - Find a Justice of the Peace (www.sa.gov.au)

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

President: June Smit

Vice President - Doris Woods

Secretary: Pat Newell - patnewell07@gmail.com

Treasurer: Pat Newell

AVON ART & CRAFT GUILD

Contact: Jill Stewart 8867 1127



COALITION OF
COASTAL
COMMUNITIES

PO Box 310
DUBLIN SA 5501

www.coalitioncoastalcommunities.au

Email: coalitioncoastal@gmail.com

Chair: John Drexel ph. 08 8264 7964

Secretary: Alvin Jenkin 08 8529 2504



Parham and District Action Group

PO Box 184 Dublin SA 5501

Chair: Mark Hansson 0456 376 406

Secretary: Alvin Jenkin Ph 08 8529 2504

Email: padag1876@gmail.com

Meets 7pm second Tuesday of month at Port Parham Sports and Social Club All welcome

C.F.S. DUBLIN BRIGADE

FIRE & RESCUE



Recruiting for new members

Training at CFS Station, First Street,
Dublin Monday's nights from 7.30pm

Captain: Rosemary McDonnell

0460 633 022

www.cfs.sa.gov.au

LONG PLAINS RED CROSS

Meet on the second Wednesday of
each alternate month at the

Long Plains Soldiers Memorial Hall.

President: Christine Young 0418 896 888

Secretary: Alison Pym 8862 7025

Mallala Men's Shed Email - mallalashed@gmail.com

President - Allan Sparre 0423 395877

Or Liaison Officer Colin Castanelli 0427 228574

Mallala & District Lions Club (Inc)

Mallala & Districts Lions Club

Email: mallalalions@live.com.au



DUBLIN CRICKET CLUB INC.

President - Luke Walker: 0428 838 131

Secretary - Chris Mason: 0409 280 090



PORT PARHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB INC.

12 First St, Port Parham

Phone: 8529 2211

Email: ptpssc@bigpond.com

THOMPSON BEACH PROGRESS ASS.

Geoff Hawes - Chairperson

Maxine Mills - Secretary

Email: tbpa-1@hotmail.com

UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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0417851213

unitedfcsecretary@outlook.com

Long Plains Tennis Club

President: Ben Pym - 0418 542675

Treasurer: Leah Tynan - 0447 148062

[Long Plains Tennis Club | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LongPlainsTennisClub/)

LONG PLAINS NETBALL CLUB

President - Josie McArdle 0412 907 974

[Long Plains Netball Club | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LongPlainsNetballClub/)



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DUBLIN CRICKET CLUB

Invite you to participate as a stall holder

At our 24th Annual Strawberry Fete

To be held at Dublin Cricket Club

On Sunday 8th March 2026

11am till 3pm

The proposed format is as follows:

- Building open to stall holders from 9am. There is ample car parking with good access to building.
 - Site fees \$15 per site (\$10 for Voluntary & Service Groups)
- Stall tables must be maximum 8 feet long by 4 feet wide per stall or Own Gazebo 3m x 3m on oval
 - On-site available: Coffee Van , Full Bar & Kitchen inc Snacks, Playground.
- An advertising campaign will commence in January with Letters and Flyers sent to clubs, community groups, churches, newspapers plus posters will also be distributed and displayed in local area.
 - Dublin Cricket Club will be donating Raffle prize to be included in Raffle on the day.
- Morning Tea - Scones, Jam & Cream, Strawberry & Cream/Ice cream, Milkshakes / Hot Lunch available
 - Punnets of Strawberries will be available to purchase on the day.



Please return this form as confirmation of your attendance, along with your site fees to:

Raelene Schwerdt – 0432 181 748 or Kim Leach – 0439 253 050



DUBLIN CRICKET CLUB

24th Annual Strawberry Fete Application Form



Please return this form to:

Dublin Cricket Club - PO Box 431, Dublin SA 5501

Or Email to: dublincricketclub@hotmail.com

Business Name / Group Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Name of Product you specialise in / Type of Stall: _____

Do you have your own: Table: YES / NO Gazebo: YES / NO

Site Location: Inside / Oval (Limited indoor sites) Site: Table / Gazebo Size: Single / Double

I Will / Will NOT be Donating a Prize for the Raffle - Prize Donating: _____ Approximate Value: _____

Payment via Cash to Kim or Raelene in person or club PO Box with form or Bank Details as follows:

Dublin Cricket Club BSB: 633000 Account Number: 155397169 Use Reference: Fete-'site name'

Please ensure you have returned your form with your fee by no later than 14th February 2026

THOMPSON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

COMMUNITY HALL RUSKIN ROAD

FREE BALLOON TWISTING > FREE FACE PAINTING > FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE < GAMES FOR THE KIDS
BAR FACILITIES WILL BE OPEN
FREE ICE BLOCKS & LOTS MORE

16 TH NOVEMBER 11AM - 3:00PM

FREE ENTRY



ARE YOU READY TO PUT YOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UP ?



THROUGHOUT THE ADELAIDE PLAINS AREA THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN MONETARY PRIZES IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES - \$100; \$50 & \$25 IN EACH.

REGISTRATIONS FOR TWINKLING LIGHTS COMP BY 22 NOVEMBER.

JUDGING DATES 30 NOVEMBER, 1 & 2 DECEMBER

WITH WINNERS ANNOUNCED - CHRISTMAS LAUNCH AND TRAILS DEC 5TH AT THE TWO WELLS VILLAGE GREEN.

REGISTER VIA EMAIL: SECRETARY@THEPLAINSCOMMUNITYGROUP.COM.AU
FOR MORE DETAILS CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE,
OR RING ANNA ON 0449 579 334

THE PLAINS COMMUNITY GROUP
TWINKLING TRAIL
ACTIVITIES TAKE 2
ON SUNDAY 7TH DEC 2025 12 NOON-2PM

A chance for your children to work on some Christmas activities in a quiet space at the Mallala RSL.
(Such as colouring in, letters to Santa and mini golf)

They can always join in the fun at the Mallala Lions Christmas party afterwards

To register children for these activities please email secretary@theplainscommunitygroup.com.au
contact Anna White 0449 579 334
registrations by 22nd November 2025



PORT PARHAM

NEW YEARS DAY



STARTS 11AM

BBQ LUNCH

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY 2026

NOVELTY EVENTS, FLAT RACES,
PARHAM SHEFFIELD (MENS AND LADIES),
FACEPAINTING, STALLS, ENTERTAINER
DECORATED BIKE COMPETITION
SAUSAGE SIZZLE, FISH AND CHIPS

ALL AGE GROUPS, SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Please bring gold coin for entry fees

For more information: Ali 0403742338, Maxine 0427611041



The 24th Anniversary

STRAWBERRY FETE

Sunday 8th March

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 Sausage in bread

Bar Open - Drinks & Snacks

Raffle on the day

150 YEARS



There will be other events on within the township to celebrate 150 Years of our Communities.