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2025



## People & Places



## 2025 People and places - front page legend

All photos have been published in the 2025 Dublin Dispatch

1. 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> 2024
2. Parham Gala Day - start of pole race
3. Council's Australia Day celebrations were held at the Two Wells Oval on Sunday morning, 26 January 2025. The Two Wells Cricket Club served a cooked breakfast from 8.00 am (paid by Council). Citizens of the Year – Robert and Anne Arbon
4. Long Plains Red Cross Branch. The stall at the Dublin Strawberry Fete was well supported with \$541 being added to funds, to be sent to Red Cross. Ann Curnow & Alison Pym at stall.
5. The Mallala and Districts Reunion On Sunday February 9th, the Mallala and Districts Reunion was held at St. Helen's Park, Prospect. The weather could not have been kinder as 70 locals and former locals from the district gathered to catch up and reminisce about the past and present. Pictured from left to right...Peter Dunstan (Guest Speaker), his parents Fay & Malcom Dunstan & his brother Michael (Sam) Dunstan.
6. Channel 7 Community Achievement Awards. On Saturday evening 22nd February, Margherita Panella and Anna White from the Plains Community Group were privileged to attend the Channel 7 Community Achievement Awards at the Stamford Grand in Glenelg. There they were honoured and presented with a Semi-Finalist framed certificate by Minister Natalie Cook MP, for the group's dedication and hard work within the Adelaide Plains Council area.
7. ANZAC Dawn Service at Port Parham 2025. About 150 people met at the Remembrance Flagpole in Port Parham at a dawn service to recognise 110 years since the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, and the service of military personnel since that time. A catafalque party was provided by RAAF Edinburgh under the command of Flight Lieutenant Zachary Ringer. Catafalque duties were carried out by the use of swords.
8. <https://www.algalbloom.sa.gov.au/>
9. Avon Art & Craft Guild - Bev Jones is busy with her weaving
10. DHG Historic Dublin Well/Tank Project Summary: Preservation, (not restoration), of the Dublin Water Tank, (Well) on the corner of South Terrace and Old Port Wakefield, Dublin. Yes it was actually a Tank. Water was raised via a windmill and bore and pumped into the "Tank"
11. PADAG 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



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# Community Notice Board



MALLALA CWA BRANCH

## FRIENDSHIP AFTERNOON

**When:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**What Time:** At 1.30pm

**Where:** Mallala CWA Rooms

Come and enjoy an afternoon of friendship.  
Playing cards, board games or doing a craft.  
Held Fortnightly

**Everyone Welcome – Men and Women**

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits Included

\$2.00 admission

President: Mary O'Loan 0417 823 109

Secretary: Annette Halford 0407 972 537

*"Sharing and Caring with Action"*



Adelaide  
Plains  
Council

## Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
2026

The Mallala Football Club  
Mallala Oval

There will be breakfast  
available from 8.00am  
before the speeches,  
Awards and Citizenship  
ceremony at 9.00am.

The event is free and  
everyone is welcome.

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

## DUBLIN & DISTRICTS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INC.

PO BOX 507 Dublin SA 5501

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

"New Members Welcomed"

President: June Smit

Secretary: Pat Newell-  
[patnewell07@gmail.com](mailto:patnewell07@gmail.com)

## **TWO WELLS OVAL MASTER PLAN**

[Two Wells Recreation & Sport Precinct | Shape APC](#)



### **Consultation**

#### **Two Wells Oval master plan drop-in**

Jan 15, 2026 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Two Wells Annex

(at the back of the library car park)

65 Old Port Wakefield Road

Two Wells SA

Chat with us about our master plan for the Two Wells Recreation & Sport Precinct.

#### **Two Wells Oval master plan online drop-in**

Jan 21, 2026 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online via Zoom SA

Chat with us about our master plan for the Two Wells Recreation & Sport Precinct.

Have a chat with us online to learn more about this project!

#### **Two Wells Oval master plan drop-in with Tredwell**

Feb 3, 2026 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Meet at the Two Wells Community Centre

Two Wells SA

Chat with us about our master plan for the Two Wells Recreation & Sport Precinct.

Chat with the team from Tredwell during a walk around the Two Wells Recreation & Sport Precinct. Meet us at the Two Wells Community Centre.



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## PRIORITIES FOR A SAFER, STRONGER REGION IN 2026

As the holiday season draws to a close and we look toward the opportunities of 2026, it is a time for both reflection and resolve. For the communities across Dublin and the Gulf of St Vincent, the past year has tested our resilience. We have navigated one of the toughest generational droughts ever faced by

South Australian farmers, alongside the persistent environmental challenges of the algal blooms affecting our beautiful coastline.

As your representative in Canberra, my priority for this new year is ensuring that regional South Australia is no longer treated as an afterthought by the current Government.

One of the most frequent concerns I hear from constituents relates to community safety and the preservation of our way of life in the wake of the Bondi incident. I want to be clear: targeting lawful firearm owners who follow the rules is not the answer. I have voiced this directly to the Leader of the Opposition and the Shadow Cabinet. Gun laws should not be used as a scapegoat for the Government's failures in other areas.

The Coalition continues to call for a Commonwealth Royal Commission into the Bondi attacks. This is about truth and accountability, not stripping rights away from honest, law-abiding Australians.

Looking back at the 2025 drought, the impacts are still being felt across our paddocks. Our shared goal is to strengthen Australia's position as a leading producer of food and fibre. To do that in 2026, the Government must address two critical hurdles. Firstly, the rising cost of power impacts every step of the supply chain. Affordable, reliable energy is essential for our farmers to remain competitive. Secondly, we must streamline rules and reduce unnecessary paperwork, freeing up local businesses to focus on what they do best: providing for the nation.

Living in regional South Australia often brings into focus the stark inequality of services compared to the city. Whether it is healthcare, aged care, or childcare, nobody should be worse off just because of their postcode. While we may lack some essential services, our community spirit is abundant. As we step into 2026, I encourage you to keep leaning into that spirit and look out for your neighbours. It is these fibres of country pride that keep us together.

I wish you a healthy, successful, and prosperous 2026.



Tom Venning MP Federal Member for Grey





## SA Country Fire Service Dublin Brigade



### With Santa's Helpers

A great time for our members to relax and say hello.

Driving around local townships on 22nd December delivering cheer and lollies to all.

This is one of the annual family fun sides of our Brigade.

A Special thankyou to the Thompsons Beach supporters for your generous donations. It helps go towards funding special events like this for the community.

To the young lad who donated his hard earned pocket money to our Brigade of which his Great, Great Grandfather was a member of our Brigade.

A Special mention to Anne Marie Paech for her large donation gathered throughout the year

**HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR TO ALL**

[www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://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](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)





As we welcome 2026, a new year always brings with it a sense of optimism. A chance for a fresh start, new ideas and renewed energy for the months ahead.

One of the things I'm really looking forward to early this year is joining the community for the Dublin, Port Parham and Windsor 150th Anniversary celebrations, including the unveiling of commemorative markers at Windsor, Port Parham and Dublin. Milestones like this are a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on the rich history of our country towns and the people who helped shape them.

The Dublin, Port Parham and Windsor area has long played an important role in South Australia's story. Established in the mid-1870s, these towns grew alongside the expansion of farming, transport and coastal trade. Port Parham became a vital outlet for grain and produce, while Dublin and Windsor supported surrounding agricultural communities and provided essential services for local families. Generations of hard work, resilience and community spirit have ensured these towns have not just survived, but endured.

Anniversaries like this remind us that our regions are built on strong foundations, people who looked out for one another, volunteered their time and invested in their communities for the long term. That legacy continues today through the many local groups and residents who keep these towns vibrant.

I'm very much looking forward to celebrating this special occasion with you and honouring 150 years of shared history.

On 21 March 2026, South Australians will head to the polls for the next State Election. Following the election, the electorate of Frome will be renamed Ngadjuri, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the land and its traditional custodians.

While the name will change, my commitment to representing and advocating for our local communities will remain the same. I look forward to continuing to work with residents, community groups and local organisations to ensure our region's voice is heard in Parliament.

If I can be of assistance to you please don't hesitate to make contact by email [frome@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:frome@parliament.sa.gov.au) or phone 8842 4304.

Here's to a positive and productive 2026 for us all.

Kind regards

Penny





## Long Plains Red Cross Branch

Members enjoyed a Christmas lunch in Gawler in November and provided items to be donated to Mallala Primary School Breakfast club.

The Branch conducted a Christmas raffle and prize winners were drawn 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 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



Chris Young and Alison Pym Christmas raffle table 2025



Banner at Long Plains 2025

Christmas Party



## ***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](mailto:mallalashed@gmail.com)

Located behind the Mallala Museum and CFS off Railway Terrace Mallala

## Avon Art & Craft Guild - Avon Tidbits

The Avon Art & Craft Guild (AACG) wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful 2026.

Whilst the group has been in recess over the Christmas period, we are back on the first Tuesday February 3rd 10am to 3pm or any Tuesday thereafter for a chat, craft, cuppa and company. The day will be a meet and greet day with discussion on our program for 2026. Including planning for a stall at the Dublin Cricket club strawberry fete. We wish all the best for the 150-year events planned for the area.

The close of 2025 has brought health challenges to many of our group, but some of our highlights throughout the year included a visit to the Owen Men's Shed, where some basic skills were explained and demonstrated to the ladies many, who are elderly and on their own and struggle with the little jobs which crop up around the home. So, a big thank you to the men of the Owen Men's Shed for their help, hospitality and understanding.

An emergency service day was held when Bindy Hawkey community officer from Region 2 explained hints for being prepared for bush fire. Those who attended found the day most enlightening with the many hints and explanations of fire behaviour pointed out. The Craft Group had made Emergency Grab bags and filled with some emergency items and were handed out to those attending. A very worthwhile project.

A successful craft trading table was held in Balaklava in November, which was about the last time it rained. It just had to be that day.

The year end with a shared Christmas Lunch on the 16th December, with numbers down unfortunately due to health problems amongst the group and we wish all a speedy recovery.

With the new year starting, we issue an invitation to all to join us on Tuesday. Information Ph 88671127



Michael Jenkin's drone photo of Jinker lineup



Great to see the wonderful display - DHG photo

### JINKERS ON DISPLAY AT PARHAM

On Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> January while crewing the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Anniversary of Dublin, Port Parham and Windsor Stall at the Parham Gala Day, chatting about the events coming up on the March Long Weekend. The Dublin History Group's Jinker Reference Book was on the table. It had many a jinker owner flipping through it. The book was put together by Ian Telfer for our 2021 (Port) Parham Display for SA History Festival, it has photos and specifications of some of the Jinkers in the area, with his engineering background he was intrigued with the individuality and engineering that went into them and believed it should be preserved. This is an ongoing project so if you would like your jinker added let us know.

**Email:** [info@dublinhistorygroup.com.au](mailto:info@dublinhistorygroup.com.au)



## Parham & District Action Group

In November 2025, the President, Alison Sanger, and Secretary Alvin Jenkin of PADAG met with a visiting group of Councillors and staff from the Adelaide Plains Council at Port Parham.

This was an opportunity for PADAG to present to Council an indication of the objectives of PADAG and the projects that we have in hand or propose.

The meeting was most productive with elected members being quite supportive of the projects offered and also entering in to dialogue with suggestions for project development.

The Projects offered were as follows:

### **Project**

- Blue Tree Project
- Soldiers Memorial Walk
- Half Basketball Court for our youths, and visitor families
- Street numbering: encourage landowners to show their street numbers for emergency services to easily locate
- 150 Celebrations
- Power Upgrade North Parham
- Power Upgrade Camp Ground
- Web/Facebook Presence
- Electronic Speed Camera
- Picnic area/Contemplative Garden
- Entry Statement
- Organic waste management

### **LONG TERM PROJECTS**

- Township entry signage
- RV Parking at Dublin
- Foreshore Precinct Development
- Seal the Esplanade
- Seal Webb Beach Road

Councillors considered project item 4, street numbering to have strong merit and suggested that Council may investigate procuring suitable street number signs not only for Port Parham and Webb Beach but also for other communities in the area (E.g. Dublin and Thompson Beach)

A subcommittee of PADAG has been established for "Project Management"

PADAG agreed to support the New Years Gala Day as the principal Sponsor and agreed to provide support of \$600 to gala day costs.

The next meeting of PADAG will be held in the second week of February 2026. All are welcome to attend.

For more information contact the Secretary, Alvin Jenkin 8529 2504 or email [padag1876@gmail.com](mailto:padag1876@gmail.com).





## SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday February 11, 2026

### Business Fundamentals Group Session - Facilitator Con Koutsikas

*Two Wells Chamber @ 4pm - 8pm*

Gain a strong footing with a **Polaris Business Fundamentals Group Session**.

Their experienced facilitators, armed with many years of business ownership and professional knowledge and experience, will guide you on the path to building a sustainable business.

Discover the prepared approach to launching and running a business and connect with like-minded business owners and aspiring business owners (business intenders!) in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

There are only 11 participants in each group session to allow for interactive engagement, questions and discussion.

At the workshop, you will receive:

- Valuable, practical business fundamentals in a supportive group environment
- A workbook of material covered
- An offer to a FREE 90-minute One2One Business Consultation to assess and analyse what YOUR business needs to grow and succeed.

If interested, please contact Anne Minion on [aminion@apc.sa.gov.au](mailto:aminion@apc.sa.gov.au)

The year **2026** has been designated by the United Nations for three International Years: the **International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists** (IYRP), the **International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development** (IVY 2026), and the **International Year of the Woman Farmer**, all focusing on sustainable development, climate resilience, food systems, and community empowerment, highlighting crucial roles often overlooked.



The Chinese year 2026 will be the Year of the Fire Horse, starting on February 17, 2026 (Chinese New Year) and ending on February 5, 2027, symbolizing energy, freedom, courage, and progress, with "double fire" elements suggesting transformation

2026 FIFA World Cup: Co-hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico June - July

The Winter Olympics will be held in Italy, 6-22 February

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding the Apple Computer Company by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Ronald Wayne.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Winnie-the-Pooh:

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary January 1886 - The First Motorcar was Patented 1886 three-wheeled Benz Patent Motor Car, model no. 1,

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March 1876 - The first discernible speech is transmitted over a telephone system when inventor Alexander Graham Bell summons his assistant in another room by saying, "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you." Bell had received a comprehensive telephone patent just three days before.

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dublin, Parham and Windsor, South Australia

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence July 4th



The Working Group is hard at work coordinating a weekend of festivities across **Dublin, Parham, and Windsor.** Here is the latest:

- **Community Roots:** Following a successful stall at the Port Parham Gala Day, the group has collected invaluable stories and promises of historical photos from long-term residents.
- **Youth Involvement:** Mallala Primary School students will soon begin a time capsule project titled: *"Imagine 50 years past and 50 years into the future."*
- **Town Legacy:** Commemorative features are currently being finalised in collaboration with the **Adelaide Plains Council** and **Plasma Art.**
- **Coming Soon:** Keep an eye out for **Anniversary Dinner tickets**, which will be released shortly for the Saturday night event.

**Get Involved!** The Working Group is always looking for fresh ideas and extra hands. If you'd like to volunteer or contribute to the collection, please reach out.



Philip Brow on the 150<sup>th</sup> stall at Parham

For more information: <https://dublinhistorygroup.com.au/150th/events150.htm>

email: [150dublinparhamwindsor@gmail.com](mailto:150dublinparhamwindsor@gmail.com)

Facebook : [150th Anniversary Dublin Parham Windsor](https://www.facebook.com/150thAnniversaryDublinParhamWindsor)



The 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## STRAWBERRY FETE

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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**



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



## Untold Stories of Dublin Cemetery

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**3.30 pm – 4.30 pm**

**Dublin Cemetery Harris Road Dublin**

**Walking Through Time, One Story at a Stone,  
Unveiling the Lives Behind the Names**

**For more information: Use QR code or**

<https://dublinhistorygroup.com.au/150th/events150.htm>

**Bookings email: [150dublinparhamwindsor@gmail.com](mailto:150dublinparhamwindsor@gmail.com)**



1876 - 2026



## **THE WEEKEND'S PROGRAMME**

1876 - 2026



**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

4pm to 8pm REGISTRATION, MEET & GREET & DISPLAYS

Dublin Institute and Port Parham Sports and Social Club

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**WINDSOR**

10:30am - Official Unveiling of Commemorative Town feature - Displays

**PARHAM**

Lunch & Car Display

4.30 pm - Official Unveiling of Commemorative Town feature display

Time Capsule placement - Mallala Primary School

6:30pm - Windsor Dublin Parham  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner with Guest Speakers

Theme: Past, Present and Future  
(held at the Pt Parham Sports & Social Club)

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**DUBLIN**

10am - Official Unveiling of Commemorative Town feature & Display

Time Capsule placement - Mallala Primary School

11am - Strawberry Fete - Dublin Oval

3.30pm - Untold Stories of Dublin Cemetery - Dublin Cemetery

7pm - An Evening at the Institute - Dublin Institute

Historic Displays at all 3 centres

Anniversary Merchandise

Self-guided Historic Walk - Dublin, Parham & Windsor



# The District's Church Times

## **ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES**

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

Generally - 2nd Sunday of the Month

10.00am - 11 January

10.00am - 8 February

10.00am - 8 March

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

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

No Service on the 5th Sunday of the month.

10.00am – 4, 18 and 25 January

10.00am - 1, 15 and 22 February

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).

Sunday 7:00pm Two Wells Band rehearsal.

Tuesday 9:00am Playgroup.

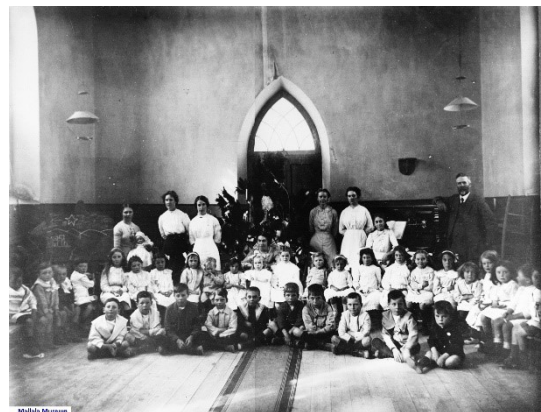
Wednesday 1:00pm Craft Group.

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 12.00

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!](#)



Mallala Methodist Kindergarten - Sunday School children and their teachers at the Mallala Methodist Church Hall in 1913. This building was the original Mallala Primitive Methodist Church opened in 1874. Mallala Museum photo



## **HOME OF THE SHARKS**

**South Tce, Dublin SA**

**This season we have A Grade Men's, B Grade Men's, Women's Teams and our Under 10's Woolworths Cricket Blast kids – Saturday home games for Men, Women play on Monday night and All Training on Thursday nights.**

**Please come down and you're your Support.**

**If you're not so much of a Cricket fan that's ok, we have other events throughout the year plus:**

**Thursday night meals from 6pm**

**Plus Weekly Meat Tray Raffle**

**& Members Draw – anyone can join up.**

**Head in and Meet our Cricket Family or I am sure there will be a Friendly face you know 😊**

**If you would like to be added to our Text Messaging service to keep you up to date with Dublin Cricket Club Calendar Please email your name and mobile number to:**

**[dublincricketclub@hotmail.com](mailto:dublincricketclub@hotmail.com)**

# Historic Dublin Tank Project



The Dublin History Group's preservation project of the Dublin Water tank is going WELL. After a few hiccups with the supply of lime, it continues to move upwards. Ross is restoring physical aspects and ensuring the remains are safe. Two sides will be near to "as was" with the remaining sides preserved at their current level. This stage of work should be completed before winter. Thanks to all those in the community that have assisted in various ways.

The 141 year old tank continues to present some wonderful finds. Although very weathered they are a glimpse back to the past to the items and products that were used. The nostalgic memories that are being awakened with the old Bex bottle, Pecks fish paste jar, Woodroffe and Haydon soft drinks bottles and caps. Then we have found the remains of a bracket that held the pipes together.



## Can you help?

As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations there will be historical displays in each of the towns. Although we do have a collections of photos we always welcome your contributions, particularly those from the family album as they often have interesting buildings or streetscapes in the background or the photo of your house or street, and from different decades as it a great way to follow the changes to a place.

We are looking for

- ♦ Any photos of the Dublin well/tank, even in the background of another subject
- ♦ The Whimpress shop and any of the kiosks at Parham
- ♦ Street shots of Windsor, Dublin and Parham

Send copy of photos to [info@dublinhistorygroup.com.au](mailto:info@dublinhistorygroup.com.au) or come along to our Open Days at the Dublin Institute and we can scan them and return them straight away.





DUBLIN HISTORY GROUP Inc

## Dublin Remembrance Day 2025



Dublin's Lions Park was the setting for a Remembrance Day Service hosted by the Dublin History Group Inc. Attendees heard a well received address from Ian Telfer, who reflected on the end of World War Two and its lasting impact on Australia.

A particularly moving moment came with the delivery of the Ode by Andrea Brow. Her reading carried special significance, given her service as a former member of the Australian Defence Force.

Local residents were joined by travellers passing through the town, creating a warm and inclusive gathering. Following the service, the community came together at the Dublin Institute, where a Remembrance display was on show and guests enjoyed a cuppa and a homemade country lunch.

Photo : L – R DHG Members Ian Telfer (Treasurer), Philip Brow (President) and Andrea Brow (Secretary)

## Open Days and Events

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**Open Day**

1.00 pm to 4.00pm

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**150**



**Saturday - Windsor and Parham**

**Sunday - Dublin**



**Strawberry Fete**

11.00 am - 3.00 pm Dublin Oval

**Untold Stories of Dublin Cemetery**

3.30 pm Dublin Cemetery Harris Road

**An Evening at the Institute**

7.00 pm Dublin Institute

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Open Day**

1.00 pm to 4.00pm

## **What's happening in 2026**

The DHG have a busy beginning of the year with the ongoing work at the water tank and combined 150th Anniversary with Parham and Windsor in March. On Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> the Time Capsule at the

Dublin's Lions Park is due to be lifted and opened. Then in May as part of the SA History Festival a Time Capsule will be replaced for another 25 years. Look out for more information in the next issue.



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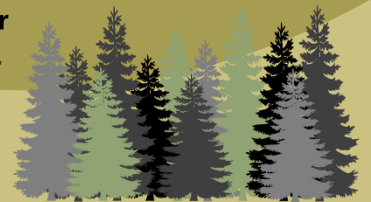
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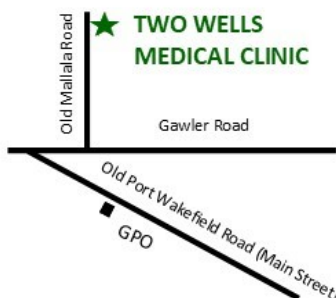


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**Dublin Cemetery**, 92 Harris Road, Dublin

**Feltwell Cemetery**, 223 Feltwell Road, Mallala

**Grace Plains Cemetery**, 7 Nairne Road, Grace Plain

**Shannon Cemetery**, 293 Rowe Road, Calomba

**Two Wells Cemetery**, Town Centre, Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells

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**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.
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- 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.
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### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Fete Application Form



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### SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

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#### PARHAM

Lunch & Car Display

4.30 pm - Official Unveiling of Commemorative  
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### 6:30pm - 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Port Parham Sports & Social Club

### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

#### DUBLIN

10am - Official Unveiling of Commemorative  
Town feature & Display

Time Capsule placement

11am - Strawberry Fete - Dublin Oval

3.30pm - Untold Stories of Dublin Cemetery  
Dublin Cemetery

7pm - An Evening at the Institute  
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