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2025



ALGAL
BLOOM
IN SA
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People & Places



2025 People and places - front page legend

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

This newsletter is printed by

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Community Notice Board



MALLALA CWA BRANCH

FRIENDSHIP AFTERNOON

When: Monday 19th 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"



Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony

Monday 26th 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
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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 Welcome"

President: June Smit

Secretary: Pat Newell-
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.



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Whyalla
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Whyalla SA 5600

Port Pirie
83 Florence Street
Port Pirie SA 5540



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 pock-
et 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 **South Australian Country Fire Service**

Training Monday nights 7:30pm onwards

Further inquiries - Mb: 0460 633 022

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 or phone 8842 4304.

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

Kind regards

Penny

Local
like you.

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 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.



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

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 bought 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 1st January while crewing the 150th 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



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.



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.

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- 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

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

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

100th Anniversary of Winnie-the-Pooh:

100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

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

150th 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.

150th Anniversary of Dublin, Parham and Windsor, South Australia

250th 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 150th stall at Parham

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

email: 150dublinparhamwindsor@gmail.com
 Facebook : [150th Anniversary Dublin Parham Windsor](https://www.facebook.com/150th Anniversary Dublin Parham Windsor)



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



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



Untold Stories of Dublin Cemetery

Sunday 8th 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



1876 - 2026



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THE WEEKEND'S PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2026

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

Dublin Institute and Port Parham Sports and Social Club

SATURDAY 7th 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
150th Anniversary Dinner with Guest Speakers

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

SUNDAY 8th 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

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.

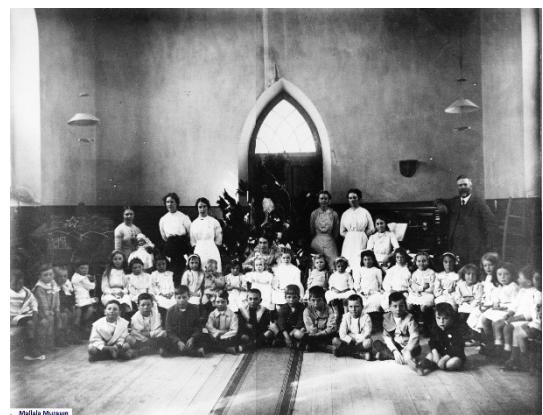
Wednesday 1:00pm Craft Group.

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, 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



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 150th 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 or come along to our Open Days at the Dublin Institute and we can scan them and return them straight away.



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)

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 13th the Time Capsule at the



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Open Days and Events

Sunday 8th February

Open Day

1.00 pm to 4.00pm

Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th March



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 15th March

Open Day

1.00 pm to 4.00pm

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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COMMUNITY BUS

BUS DEPARTS:

9.00am - Mallala Post Office

9.15am - Pt Parham Sports & Social Club

9.40am - Two Wells Motel

ESTIMATED ARRIVAL:

10.15am - Elizabeth City Centre

RETURN BUS DEPARTS:

3.00pm - Elizabeth City Centre

Return bus travels same route in reverse

Return Trip \$5.00 per person

Additional stops along the normal travel route including Dublin, Lower Light and Lewiston may be added to suit passenger needs (by arrangement only).

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For further information or to book your seat
please contact Council

**2026
Dates**

- January 16
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15
- June 19

CONTACT US

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<https://careinmotion.org.au/>

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meals and desserts served from 6pm to 7pm
Meat Tray Raffle and Members' Draw

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1st and 3rd Sundays during winter
Bacon & Eggs Rolls, Toasted Sandwiches, sourdough with toppings like smashed avo/mushrooms
Cakes/Pastries, as well as Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate

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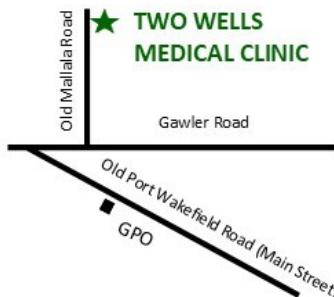
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Group bookings are welcome by appointment.

Email: mallalamuseum@gmail.com

<https://www.mallala.nowandthen.net.au>

[Mallala Museum | Facebook](#)

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The Salisbury TAFE Heritage Centre
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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.



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Urlwin Park Museum,
34a Short Terrace

Centenary Hall Folk Museum,
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Balaklava,

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Group bookings are welcome by appointment

Phone enquiries: 0400 558 017

or email: contact@balaklavamuseum.org.au

Balaklava Museum - Urlwin Park and Centenary Hall



Dublin History Group Inc.

The Dublin Institute

9 Sixth Street, Dublin

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

Adelaide Plains Council's Cemetery Locations

Barabba Cemetery, 884 Tank Road, Barabba

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

Mallala RAAF Cemetery, 223 Feltwell Corner of Old Dublin Road & Hill Road

Mallala Catholic Cemetery, Franks Road, Adelaide Plains Council Cemetery Register - <https://www.apc.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=948&c=11297>



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
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President: June Smit

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Secretary: Pat Newell - patnewell07@gmail.com

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President: Christine Young 0418 896 888
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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](http://MallalaLionsClub.com)
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DUBLIN CRICKET CLUB INC.

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Chair: John Drexel ph. 08 8264 7964

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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



PORT PARHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB INC.

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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'

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THE WEEKEND'S PROGRAMME

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4pm to 8pm Meet and Greet

Dublin Institute and
Port Parham Sports & Social Club

SATURDAY 7th 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

6:30pm - 150th Anniversary Dinner

Port Parham Sports & Social Club

SUNDAY 8th 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
Dublin Institute

For more information see pages 12 -13

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

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