

150 years

The Dublin Dispatch

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South Australia 1876

Railway Expansion: Significant work continued on the Port Augusta to Government Gums (Farina) line, pushing northward to support the pastoral industry.

Agriculture: Wheat remained the primary export; however, the colony faced the beginning of environmental "dust bowl" issues as farmers pushed past Goyder's Line.

Adelaide Oval: Hosted its first major cricket matches against interstate teams, cementing its role as a cultural hub.

Education Act 1875: Implemented in 1876, making school attendance compulsory for children aged 7-13 and establishing the Council of Education.

Adelaide University: Officially commenced its first teaching session in March 1876 with 8 students and 4 professors.

Foundations of Healthcare: The Adelaide Children's Hospital was founded in 1876 (it would officially open its doors a couple of years later). This reflected an increasing civic focus on public welfare.

Communication: By 1876, the Overland Telegraph Line (completed in 1872) had firmly established Adelaide as the strategic communication hub between the Australian colonies and London.

Exports: The economy was heavily reliant on "the three W's": Wool, Wheat, and Wine, alongside significant copper mining.

The Township and Parklands of Dublin were Gazetted on April 13, 1876

TO-MORROW (Saturday), May 20.
TOWNSHIP OF WINDSOR.
(Situated on the main road to Wallaroo.)
SUBSTANTIAL STORE AND DWELLING-
HOUSE.
TO BE SOLD ON THE LAND. BY
BARNARD & CHAMBERS
are instructed by Mr. George Baker to
sell by auction, at 12 o'clock, on the Land—
TWENTY-EIGHT ALLOTMENTS
in the
TOWNSHIP OF WINDSOR,
being
Part of Sections Nos. 17 and 33, Hundred of
Dublin, which will be laid out in convenient
blocks.
ALSO,
SUBSTANTIAL STORE AND DWELLING-
HOUSE.
(Now occupied by Mr. Wm. Temby.)
Title—Real Property Act. Terms easy.

The Township of Parham was Gazetted on July 27, 1876

The District Council of Dublin on the October 30, 1876 proclaimed that a cemetery would be "laid out".

PORT PARHAM.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir - Will you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to point out to some of our sapient legislators the position of the unknown Port Parham. I have not known a port by that name for more than eight or nine months since the Government surveyed a township and sold the land at a good price and called it Port Parham but I have known a place at the very identical spot called Dublin Shipping place. I was the first person that shipped a bag of wheat there in 1870 or 1871, paying 2½d. a bushel carriage to Port Adelaide. During the first year I paid one man alone over £80 for freight for wheat of my own growth. Since that time there have been many thousand bags shipped from that place by myself and neighbours, and there will be still more as the country becomes opened up. One reason for the port not being known as a shipping place is that all the wheat was entered at Port Wakefield, a distance of 20 miles north. If a jetty were built, and a tramway laid down through Windsor, Mallala, and on to Barraba Gap and Alma Plains, it would pass through one of the finest agricultural districts in South Australia, and would pay any private Company to carry it out*

I am, Sir, &c.,

GEORGE BAKER. Goodwood,
November 25, 1876.



Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony

Thank you to the many people who braved Monday's warm weather to attend the Australia Day breakfast and official ceremony, held inside Mallala Football Clubrooms.

Mayor Mark Wasley was on hand to congratulate and present this year's award recipients:

- Citizen of the Year – Evelyn Dyer
- Young Citizen of the Year – Maddison O'Brien
- Community Event the Year – Mallala Institute 140th Celebrations, hosted by Mallala Community Arts
- Community Project of the Year – Two Wells Fence Mural, Two Wells Regional Action Team

We also welcomed 11 new citizens who proudly made their commitment pledge in front of family and friends.

Congratulations to our award recipients and new citizens!

A big thank you to Mallala and District Lions Club volunteers who rose early to cook and serve up a hearty breakfast with refreshments.

Sourced from Adelaide Plains Council Facebook Page [Facebook](#)



Evelyn Dyer



Maddison O'Brien



Some of our new citizens with Mayor Mark Wasley



Two Wells Regional Action Team



Mallala Community Arts



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Community Notice Board



ANZAC Day 2026

Thompson Beach :- 6.00 am

Port Parham:- 6.10 am

Mallala RSL:- 6.00 am

Two Wells:- 6.15 am

If you cannot make it to a service please still *Light Up The Dawn* from your driveway

[ANZAC Day – RSL SA Branch](#)

AGM

Avon Art & Craft Guild Inc

Avon District Hall Inc
Tuesday March 24th 2026,
at 2pm
in Craft Hall, 1883 Avon Road,
AVON
All Welcome
Info ph. 88671127
0419819420

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



Happy St . Patricks Day



Applications now open for Adelaide Plains Community Grants!

Our Adelaide Plains Community Grants provide financial assistance to community and sporting groups within our council region for community projects and/or resources to support the delivery of services or programs.

This program aims to encourage and support locally based projects or activities that positively contribute to our community. Funding can be used:

- as initial funding for new projects
- as matching funding with other funding bodies' contributions

to enhance the volunteer based and ongoing revenue raising capacity of community groups/ organisations to establish, provide, enhance, develop or expand services, programs, activities, facilities, resources and equipment provided for the community.

A total of \$100,000 is allocated in the 2025/26 financial year, and applications will remain open through to June 2026 or until all funds are allocated.

Grant guidelines

Our comprehensive guidelines set out the application process, and we strongly recommend reading the guidelines carefully before submitting an application.

The guidelines include information on:

- Funding level
- Outcomes
- Eligible organisations
- Eligible items
- Funding criteria
- Application process
- Expenditure

[Adelaide Plains Community Grant Guidelines 2025-26](#)

Apply for a grant

You can submit your application form by email or post, or deliver it to your nearest Council office.

Email info@apc.sa.gov.au

Post to PO Box 18, Mallala SA 5502

Visit your nearest Council office



MEET YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS
DROP-IN SESSION
PUBLIC FORUM



Public Forum Mallala

June 11, 2026
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Mallala RSL - Mallala

- Meet your Council Members, and tell us what's important to you.
- Drop in to the Mallala RSL 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!



https://www.apc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0035/1934891/Communicator-Summer-2026.pdf



As we head toward the State Election on March 21, I have been reflecting on the thousands of conversations I have had since this region elected me four years ago.

There has been a constant theme of disappointment that sometime bubbles to anger when families consider whether they are better or worse off under the State Labor Government. Are bills easier to pay? Have costs come down? Can our children save more from their wages? Is it easier to see a doctor? Do we have more time for leisure? Do we feel safe on the roads? Has the Algal Bloom gone?

If the answer to these questions is still no, then it's clear that the Government wasn't focusing on the things that matter to everyday South Australians.

Right now, South Australia is facing soaring state debt, which has grown to nearly \$50 billion today. That is \$6 million a day on interest alone.

We have schools begging for air conditioners and parents begging for after school care and yet this level of debt is accepted by the Premier as reasonable instead of making his Ministers ease cost of living pressures or fix ramping.

In the past our country has survived the tough times because when households have had to tighten their belts, our Government has done the same. Not this time. Inflation is too high and interest rates are going in the wrong direction. Again.

At the same time, families are dealing with the highest cost of living pressures in years. Groceries, electricity and rent have all increased significantly, wages aren't keeping up yet rather than being careful with our money the Government has continued to reach deeper into the pockets of hardworking South Australians with more fees, taxes and charges.

That is why the Liberal Party has made an election commitment of capping council rates which will provide instant relief to every household in South Australia and give you certainty over your yearly bill. Across our electorate ratepayers have raised bill shock with me as some rates have continued to grow at an alarming rate, sometimes yearly and well above the rate of inflation.

We are focused on affordability, better health services and safe communities where we believe that if someone breaks bail they should go to jail.

As Shadow Minister for Regional Health Services, I have announced that we will triple, to \$110, the accommodation rebate for the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme and expand the eligibility to include those who live 50kms away (if they accumulate over 200kms a week) for regular treatment such as for cancer and renal dialysis.

On March 21, South Australians have a real choice: more spending, more debt and more pressure on households, or a government focused on strengthening services, supporting communities and easing the cost of living.

As always, 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.

Kind regards

Penny



1876 - 2026



THE WEEKEND'S PROGRAMME

1876 - 2026



FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2026

4pm to 8pm 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 at Windsor Institute til 2.00 pm

PARHAM

Lunch - Sausage Sizzle -Thompson Beach Progress Association
Jinkers and Car Display - Gawler Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club

4.30 pm - Official Unveiling of Commemorative Town feature display

Time Capsule - 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 - Schlodder Shelter

Time Capsule - Mallala Primary School

11am - Strawberry Fete - Dublin Oval - Dublin Cricket Club

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 History Walks - Dublin, Parham & Windsor

Please note events and timings could change





Mallala Primary School Contributes to Local 150th Celebrations

Mallala Primary School was honoured to be invited to participate in the 150th anniversary celebrations of our neighbouring towns Dublin, Windsor, and Port Parham. As part of these significant community milestones, our students contributed to not one, but two time capsules that will preserve a snapshot of today for future generations.

Students from Reception through to Year 6 were engaged in special activities designed to reflect life at Mallala Primary in 2026. They detailed what a typical school day looks like, shared their current favourites from books and technology to games and learning spaces and wrote authentic descriptions of how they see themselves in this moment.

These contributions are more than just memories, they showcase the curiosity and creativity alive in our school community. Our students demonstrated key skills in questioning, reflecting, and inquiry dispositions which are vital for 21st century learners. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their ability to see things from different perspectives, appreciate the significance of their current experiences, and thoughtfully consider the impact of their contributions on future generations.

The time capsules, containing the work of our students, will be buried in 2026 and are set to be opened in 2076 fifty years from now giving those in the future an authentic glimpse into school life and student voice from today.

Mallala Primary School is proud to have played a part in such an historic occasion and looks forward to seeing how these glimpses of 2026 inspire those who open the time capsules in years to come.

What an exciting opportunity for our school and our students to be part of this rich community event.



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

email: 150dublinparhamwindsor@gmail.com

Facebook : [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.

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Come and say Hello!

The Dublin History Group, Adelaide Northern Districts Family History Group, and the 150th Working Group are sharing a stall at the Dublin Strawberry Fete

While enjoying the fete, wander over and have a chat about the 150th Celebrations, the history of the area or your family research, we are there to help

AVON ART & CRAFT GUILD INC

Wishing all Involved for 150 years Celebration all the best for a great weekend.

See our array of craft at low prices at our stall at the **STRAWBERRY FETE DUBLIN**



SA Country Fire Service -Dublin Brigade

**STRAWBERRY FETE 8/3/2026
RCR DEMONSTRATION & HOSE DRILLS**



Come say Hello and see what we do to help our community

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Radio Operator

Peer Support when needed

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

Training Monday nights 19:30pm onwards

Further inquiries - Mb: 0460 633 022

www.cfs.sa.gov.au





150 YEARS



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



Timeline of the 150 year old Dublin Cemetery

The Early Years (19th Century)

- **1876:** The District Council of Dublin officially decides to "lay out" a cemetery on October 30.
- **1882:** Tenders are called on January 30 for the formal marking and layout.
- **1884:** On June 23, specific portions are designated for the Mormon and Catholic communities.
- **1887:** Mr. Carrier is appointed curator. Grave digging costs are set at **£1 for adults** and **15 shillings** for children under 12.

Mid-Century Maintenance

- **1955:** The original gates are stolen. Workers from the Mallala District Council workshop manufacture and install the replacements.

Restoration & Environmental Care

- **1993:** The Mallala Greening Group plants 200 native trees in the surrounding reserve.
- **1997:** Mr. Brian Grocke clears the western reserve of dumped car bodies.

- **1998–1999:** Mr. Bob Thompson leads a massive cleanup effort. He begins locating and temporarily marking previously unmarked graves and planting additional trees.

Modern Upgrades & Recognition

- **2000–2005:** Infrastructural improvements include a new seat (2000), a Memorial Wall for ashes (2003), and the official "DUBLIN CEMETERY" sign (2005).
- **2006:** A marble plaque is installed in memory of Mr. Thompson, listing names of those in unrecorded gravesites.
- **2007:** Water is connected to the site, allowing for the establishment of a formal garden.
- **2010–2013:** The Dublin History Group begins making permanent plaques for unmarked graves. A Fence and Gate Restoration Project in 2011, These two projects culminated in a 2013 plaque honouring 20 years of volunteer work.
- **2022:** The Dublin Cemetery Shelter is erected.

150 YEARS



This sesquicentennial marks a century and a half since the landscape of the "Hundred of Dublin" was transformed from pastoral leases into gazetted townships in 1876.

150 Years of History: 1876–2026

The story of these three towns is deeply rooted in the agricultural and maritime development of the Adelaide Plains.

1. Dublin: The Civic Heart

Dublin was officially gazetted in 1876. Named after the Irish capital, it became the service hub for the surrounding farming community.

The Dublin Institute: Built as the social and educational centre, it remains the focal point for the 150th celebrations.

The Cemetery: A silent witness to 150 years of pioneer history, where "Untold Stories" of the early settlers are being revived for the anniversary.

2. Windsor: The Private Dream

Unlike its neighbours, Windsor began as a private subdivision by George Baker around 1876.

Early Industry: By the late 1870s, it boasted a school, a store, and a Methodist Church.

The Windsor Separator: The town was once famous for its own brand of butter, reflecting a thriving local dairy industry that supported families for generations.

3. Parham: The Gateway to the Gulf

Proclaimed on July 27, 1876, Parham (named after John Parham) served as a vital "mosquito fleet" port.

Maritime Feats: Ketches would arrive on high tide, ground themselves on the sand as the tide receded, and be loaded with wool and grain via horse-drawn wagons.

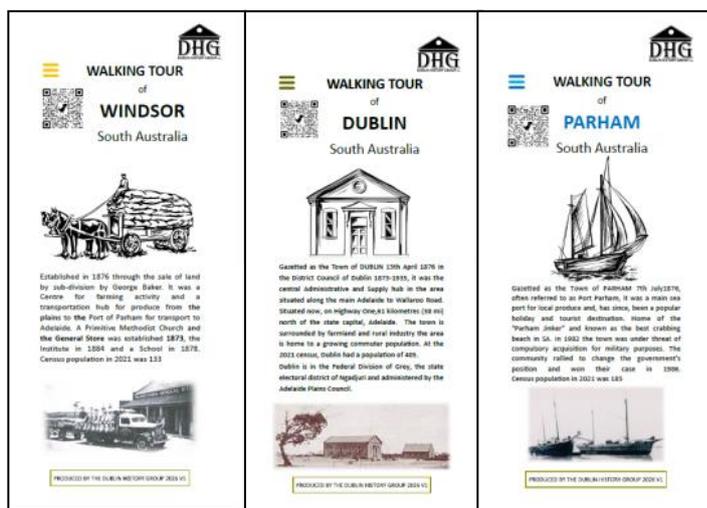
The Jinkers: Parham is famous for its unique "Jinkers" and long-axle trailers, used to launch boats over the shallow tidal flats.

The three towns have their own stories to tell but are interlinked with each other. The weekend is about only the first 150 years of it .

Explore the local heritage at your own pace with a new series of Self-guided History Walks for Windsor, Dublin and Parham. They have been produced by the Dublin History Group with the assistance of the Adelaide Plains Council - "Led by Seniors" program

- ◆ Interactive Learning: Each brochure serves as a starting point; simply scan the included QR code to access deeper historical insights on our website.
- ◆ Eco-Friendly & Accessible: These brochures are designed to be downloadable, ensuring they stay easy to access and simple to update as new stories are uncovered.

<https://www.dublinhistorygroup.com.au/walks/letsgoforawalkintro.htm>



The First Parham Jinker (c 1967)

“The Bobmobile”



The nature of the coast at Parham presents unique challenges in launching and retrieving boats.

After several years of experimenting with different techniques, Bob Collins of Collins Motors at Dublin developed this machine which became known as the “Bobmobile”. It was constructed from various parts which were found around the yard.

The upper part of this machine is derived from an early 1950’s Standard Vanguard with the motor and manual gearbox mounted in the original Vanguard chassis which has been placed on a frame of welded angle iron. The rear axle of the Vanguard has been tipped through 90 degrees and connects to a lower axle from a 1930’s Ford. The front axle is from a 1920’s Dodge. Wheels were manufactured to fit these axles.

The vehicle was kept at Len Webb’s property on First Street, and was available for anyone to use with Bob’s permission. A stipulation was that it was always to be returned to shore between uses.

Many people have copied the concept, and today there are over 100 units in Parham and Webb Beach, all “home built”. Most today use Holden or Ford engines coupled to automatic gearboxes (an innovation introduced by the Coles family in the 1970’s).

Today most are driven into the sea towing a boat on a trailer, the boat is then launched, and the Jinker left in situ until the boat returns from activity and is loaded onto the trailer.

Jinkers are road registered as “Boat retrieval Vehicle” under a “Special Purpose Vehicle” category, which places some limitations on use.

After many years of use, the Bobmobile was put out to pasture, and was recovered from a paddock in Lyndoch and semi restored by Bob Collins in 2014. It was donated for display by Peter Mattner. The display has been assisted by the Gawler Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club and the Adelaide Plains Council.

Port Parham Interpretative centre



Story from the information boards displayed

	<p style="text-align: center;">ANZAC DAY SATURDAY 25th APRIL <u>Dawn Service 6.10am</u> At the Remembrance Flag Pole PORT PARHAM</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">The service will be followed by a hearty breakfast provided by the Port Parham Sports and Social Club Donations will be sought for Legacy</p>		



Parham & District Action Group

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The February general meeting of the Parham and District Action Group (PADAG) was attended by Tony Piccolo MP who announced that, subject to re-election, The Labor Party in SA has budgeted \$1.25 Million in the 2026/2027 year to be allocated to the Adelaide Plains Council to provide for the sealing of The Esplanade at Port Parham and for works for car parking at the boat ramp and the existing car park adjacent to the Lions shelter. The sealing of the Esplanade has been a high priority for the community with a petition being submitted to the then District Council of Mallala in 2013, and reaffirmed at community meetings in 2015 and 2017, and has been identified as high priority in “The Port Parham and Webb Beach Community Plan” (2019) and the Adelaide Plains Council “Parham and Webb Beach Settlement Plan” (2025). It was also identified in the Coalition of Coastal Communities Strategic Plan (2022) together with Webb Beach Road and The Esplanade at Thompson Beach as priorities for the coastal communities.

Needless to say, PADAG is delighted that this now appears to be coming to fruition. The car park works form the first stage of development of the Port Parham foreshore precinct, also identified in the above plans. The precinct working group is now in discussion with Council to develop plans and costing to build a welcome statement at the First Street/The Esplanade intersection. This will be a great opportunity for PADAG to contribute to the community. At this stage PADAG is still waiting for the results of an Adelaide Plains Council consultancy on detailed design and costing for the precinct development.

PADAG is proud to have been the principal sponsor of the successful Port Parham New Years Gala 2026 and is also proud to be part of the 150-year anniversary celebrations for Dublin, Port Parham and Windsor on 7th and 8th March 2026. PADAG continues to lobby for organic waste management with the Adelaide Plains Council.

As reported in the January-February edition of the Dublin Dispatch, PADAG has a number of potential projects on hand which need to be prioritised. One high priority is the establishment of a half court basketball court in the recreation precinct, and PADAG will be following up with council the status of this after initial discussions were held in mid-2025.

A web site is being developed together with social media presence to keep the community up to date with developments and happenings.

PADAG meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month except January. All are welcome to attend and provide input.

For more information contact the Secretary, Alvin Jenkin 8529 2504
or email padag1876@gmail.com.

Mallala RSL Sub-Branch



Family Easter Fun in Mallala

Sunday 5th April 2026

12 noon to 3pm



As last year's event was so much fun the Mallala RSL Sub-Branch and the Plains Community Group will be bringing the APC community some free Easter fun for 2026.



There will be face painting, a petting zoo and other fun things to do, such as an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by



The RSL will be making hot roast meat rolls (veg option) plus a sausage sizzle and the bar will be open until 7pm. Or you can bring along a picnic and enjoy the fun.

Located at the RSL in the sportsground off Wasleys Rd, Mallala

Registrations required for Egg Hunt, so please contact Jo on 0422968452 or mallala@rslsa.org.au



HIGH TEA

at the
Mallala RSL
in 2026

Put these dates in
your diary

Wed May 27th

Tues July 28th
(Xmas in July)

Wed 30th Sept
(Footy themed)

1pm-4pm

More details closer to
the dates.

Watch our FB page



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

The District's Church Times

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Mallala

Generally - 2nd Sunday of the Month

10.00am - 8 March

10.00am - 12 April

10.00am - 10 May

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 - 1, 15 and 22 March

No Service - 29 March - 5th Sunday

10.00am - 5, 19 and 26 April

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!](#)



Building of the Dublin Methodist Sunday School Tennis Courts
between Church and Institute on Sixth street
- Leo West Cliff Applebee and Bill Applebee 1935



together - PARTICIPATE - CELEBRATE - GRAVITATE



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, with a **big impact.***



The committee was very busy last year {2025}:

Free Libraries for the Plains area {10 to go}

Adelaide Plains information booklet {2nd Edition} for residents and visitors

Easter Event - huge success

Fundraising - Quiz Night for the Farmers Family Fun Day

The Twinkling & Trails

every year in early Dec

Soup Cooking with schools

Brisk Walks & Leisurely Strolls -brochure available very soon



EASTER EVENT

Once again, the PCG will be partnering with the Mallala RSL and RAY WHITE Two Wells to put on an Easter Event for those staying local.

It will be **AMAZING** with **FREE**:

- Petting Zoo
- Face Painting
- Hair Braiding
- Large Games
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Music
- Indoor Activities

There will be a sausage sizzle {\$3.00} & roast meat rolls {\$5.00} plus drinks for sale.



So come on down to the
Mallala RSL
Sunday 5th April 2026
11.00am -3.00pm

Interested in helping others & having fun??



Join us - contact via

FB page or website:

www.theplainscommunitygroup.com.au



Our **Event** for the
**2026 South Australian History
 Festival** on Sunday 17th May is

2001-2026-2051

Dublin's history has been unearthed! The Lions Park time capsule is open at the Dublin Institute, featuring memories from 2001. Today is the future's history. Now, it's your turn to be the storyteller. We're filling a brand new capsule to be opened in 2051, and we want your contributions to keep the connection alive.

Come and see us at the Strawberry Fete if you want to know more or keep an eye on our Facebook or Website.



Open Days and Events

150

Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th March

Saturday - Windsor and Parham

Sunday - Dublin

Unveiling at Schlodder Shelter



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

What's happening at the water tank?

A quick update on the Dublin Water Tank Project: We are hitting "pause" momentarily to coordinate our next steps and focus on the 150th Anniversary. Our stonemason is currently wrapped up in another project, but we'll be back at it soon!

Thank you for all the kind words—it's incredible to see the progress we've made together.

Front page - Port
 Parham to the Editor
 Article

Adelaide Observer
 Saturday 2 December
 1876, page 9

[http://nla.gov.au/
 nla.news-
 article159492383](http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article159492383)



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Dates**

- **March 20**
- **April 17**
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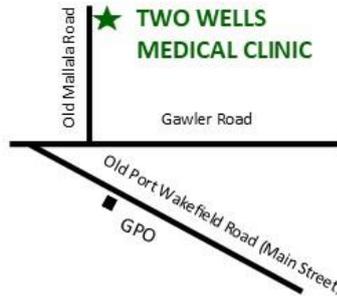
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- Grace Plains Cemetery**, 7 Nairne Road, Grace Plain
- Shannon Cemetery**, 293 Rowe Road, Calomba
- Two Wells Cemetery**, Town Centre, Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells
- Mallala RAAF Cemetery**, 223 Feltwell Corner of Old Dublin Road & Hill Road
- Mallala Catholic Cemetery**, Franks Road, Adelaide Plains Council Cemetery Register - <https://www.apc.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=948&c=11297>



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Time Capsule

6:30pm - 150th Anniversary Dinner
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SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2026

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10am - Official Unveiling of Commemorative
Town feature & Display

Time Capsule

11am - Strawberry Fete - Dublin Oval

3.30pm - Untold Stories of Dublin Cemetery
Dublin Cemetery

7pm - An Evening at the Institute
Dublin Institute

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