

9 :- Churches were active in the last half of the 20th Century. The Methodist Church in Mallala built a hall in Second Street in the late 1950's and ran beach missions in the summer holidays which entertained the young people. Evening services were also held in season. St Malachy Catholic Church in Mallala established a facility at 14 Main Street in a transportable home relocated from Salisbury, and this operated from the mid 1960s to about 1990. The Lutheran Church met at the residence of Noel Schiller in 3 First Street for several years from 1980



10 :- The **Parham Camping Ground**, (124 The Esplanade), provides a different alternative to camping. The campground is located at the northern end of the township of Parham. It is a great place to overnight when travelling to and from Adelaide along the Port Wakefield Highway, or to spend a few days holidaying in the area, enjoying opportunities to rake for blue crabs, observe the fantastic sunsets, and meet up with the local community. It forms a good base for day trips to the Barossa or Clare Valleys, or to observe events at the Mallala Raceway, or to take in the rural attractions of the Adelaide Plains.

The camping ground offers over 27 individual non powered Recreation Vehicle sites including 7 sites for large RVs. All sites are numbered and you will be allocated a site when booking. There are also 4 tent sites together with 6 powered sites totalling 33 sites altogether and free BBQ facilities, coin operated showers, and a RV dump point are also available.



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**WALKING TOUR**

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**PARHAM**

South Australia



Gazetted as the Town of PARHAM 7th July 1876, often referred to as Port Parham, it was a main sea port for local produce and, has since, been a popular holiday and tourist destination. Home of the "Parham Jinker" and known as the best crabbing beach in SA. In 1982 the town was under threat of compulsory acquisition for military purposes. The community rallied to change the government's position and won their case in 1986. Census population in 2021 was 185



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As part of the 150th Anniversary of Dublin, this free walk-about (and drive) History Walk has been produced to showcase features in the area. It is a work in progress and is in such a format that it can and will be updated as we progress. The information listed here is basic in content, but with the use of the QR Code, this will provide more detail and pictures than can be provided on this brochure.

Thank you for your interest. We hope you gain a little insight to the area. If you find you would like to contribute to this exercise feel free to email the Dublin History Group at [info@dublinhistorygroup.com.au](mailto:info@dublinhistorygroup.com.au)

**1 :- The Parham Interpretive Centre** is a tourist facility located at the entry to the township of Parham (also known as Port Parham) in South Australia. It provides visitors with information regarding the region's history, natural environment, and unique local inventions, in particular, The JINKER



**2 :- Port Parham Sports and Social Club** came into being c1984 as a successor to the Progress Association. The facility has grown over the years to have a separate bar and beer garden. Open on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings with bar facilities and meals available.

**3 :- Lot 60** Wheat buyers house, built 1880s, owned in 1950s by Dave Magery, Bennett and Fisher agent at Mallala. Dave was a keen fisherman, had one of the few private power boats in the area which he launched with a jacked up 1920's Chevrolet chassis. This house was not rented out but may have been in earlier days. Demolished and replaced about 2014



**4 :- 62** Nairn's house "the house with the veranda all around" The Nairn's came from Nairn Road Grace Plains, and Fred Nairn died in WW1 as a POW in Germany. Grace Plains and Mallala have memorials. The house was used for lunches at School Sports days and Sunday School picnics. It was rented out and often occupied by the Jenkin family (photos and newspaper articles in 1920's). Thought to be built about 1910. Memories are of a galvanized iron hip bath, an ice chest replenished with ice by someone from Dublin, and a 3 hole long drop toilet (Dad, Mum and Kids seats at different heights).



**5 :- 70** The Webb Family home built c1924 by Theodore Graue and occupied from 1933. This is a quality stone home as opposed to the many classed as "Shacks" in the early days

**6 :- 72/74** was subdivided in 1953. Prior to this in about 1950 two tramcars were placed on site by a Mr McMillan to create the basis of a home. They proved to be incompatible for the purpose and one was relocated to 6 Prime Street where it still exists. The remainder forms the basis of the Tram Shack at 74 The Esplanade

**7 :- 76/78** The allotment was vacant in the 1950s apart from a public toilet facing the Esplanade. This was a corrugated iron long drop. The first building on this block was an Ex Mallala Aerodrome Married quarters placed there c1964. The current home "The Shack" was built in 2007

**8 :- 80** Parkin's Shack. In 1950s this was a shack constructed of flattened petrol tins with tilt out panels for windows. The Parkin Family used it exclusively. No other provenance known. The building has been rebuilt on the same footprint with bricks but still looks similar to the 1950s

