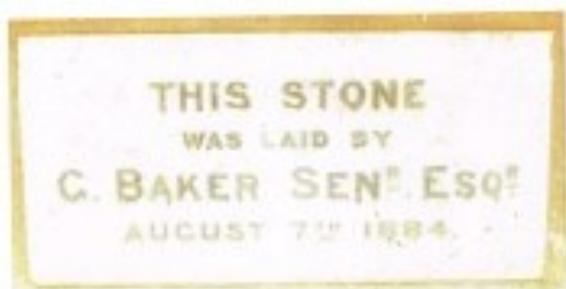


# WINDSOR

**Windsor** is a locality in South Australia. It is on the northern Adelaide Plains adjacent to Port Wakefield Road, 34 km southeast of Port Wakefield. The township is largely bypassed by Port Wakefield Road.

The township was a private subdivision by George Baker c.1876. By 1876 there was a store and by 1878 there was a school and Primitive Methodist Church,[10] now Uniting Church. The Uniting Church held its last service in the building on 25 October 2020.



## TIMELINE

1856 - Hundred of Dublin proclaimed in 1856 by Governor Anthony Musgrave

1872 – George Baker buys large sections of land

1873 – Methodist Church built and opened and shop opened

1874 – Blacksmith William Simmons has shop

1876 - Retired surveyor R J Loveday laid out township of Windsor were two roads met

1876 – 20th May - Auction of blocks of land and shop in township of Windsor

1877 – Post Office

1878 – Public School Opened

1879 - Licensed victualler - Allotment 9

1881 – Greengrocers - Allotment 4

1884 – 1885 – Institute built and opened, Library opened

1885 - Carpenter – Allotment 3

1908 - Windsor Football Club formed merged in 1922 - Tennis Club

1910 – Barossa water supply connected to area

Front porch of church added

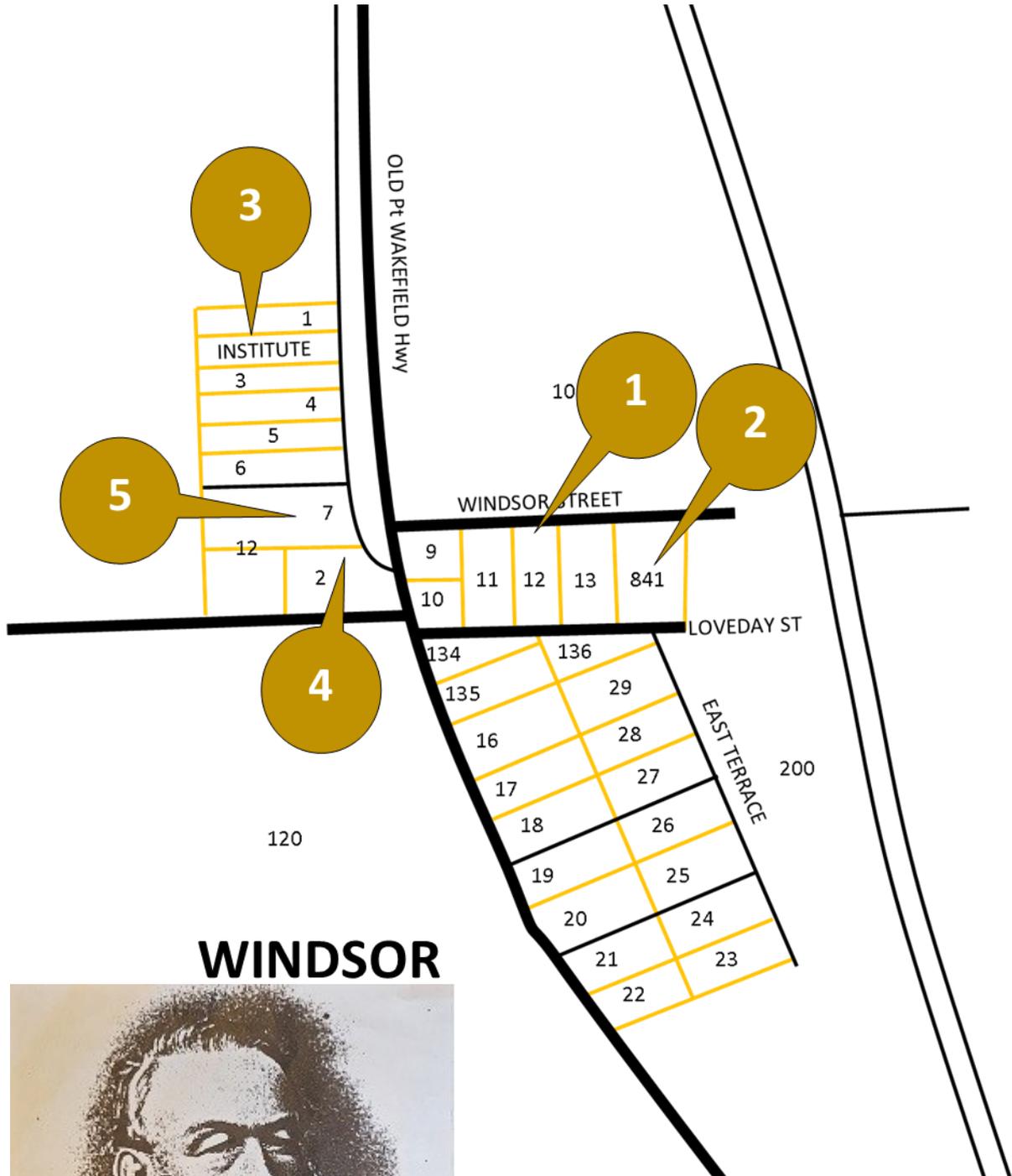
1914-1918 – WW1 Red Cross

1917 - Unveiling of Windsor Roll of Honor

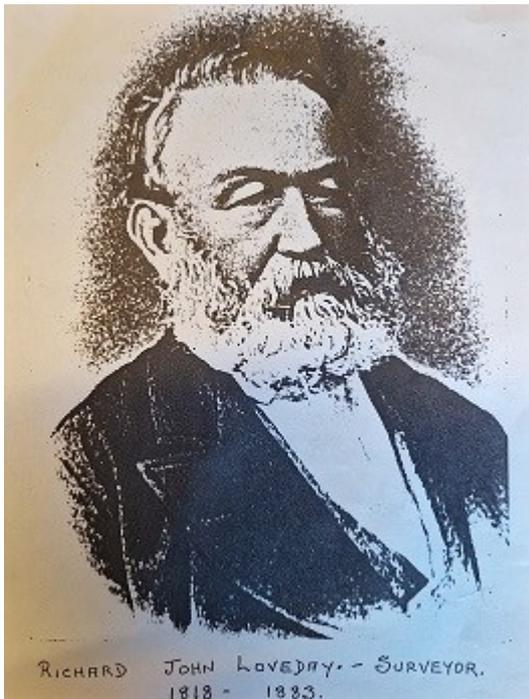
1939 - The Windsor Red Cross Circle first fundraising event

1983 - the dissolution of the Institutes and control passing to the then-District of Council Mallala.

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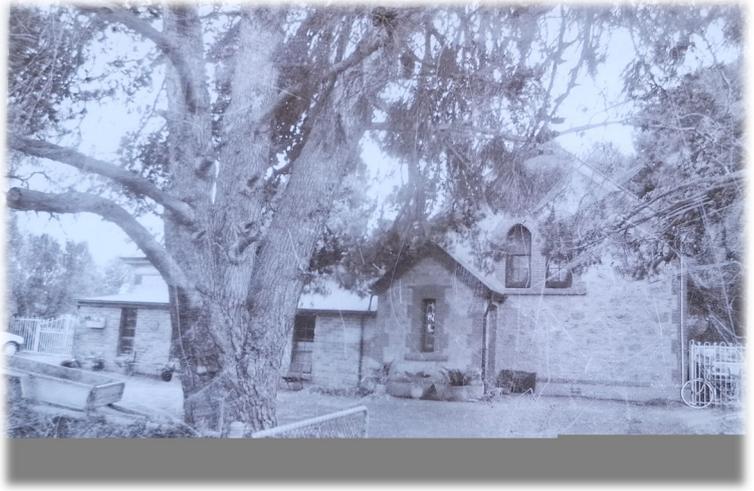


1876 - Retired surveyor R J Loveday laid out township of Windsor where two roads met

## 1. THE SCHOOL

The first school teacher was Miss Julina Temby, a daughter of Mr W. Temby, the first storekeeper. She used a room of the veranda at the store as a school room.

When the church was built, the school moved to the church and remained there until the public school was opened in 1878. Mrs Ambrose was the first teacher. She was followed by Miss Jenkin then Mr Ryder. In 1882 Miss Alice B. Hinde was appointed.



**Welfare Club** - The inaugural meeting was held 7 April 1964 with the following officers elected: Lois Doeke, president; Dorothy Baker, secretary. Meetings were to be held the first Tuesday in each month with a 2/- membership fee. All mothers of children at the school attended this meeting.



WINDSOR SCHOOL 1929

Records show that strong support was given to the club with the teachers and children benefiting by the addition of equipment (eg duplicator, first aid kit, library books) and maintenance of library books, furniture and grounds.

Fundraisers included trading tables, raffles, children's frolic, luncheons, film evenings, fashion parades, garden party.

Members took advantage of all opportunities to learn more about current educational trends, road safety, first aid, and all subjects pertaining to their children's well-being.

Extract from "Memories of School " by the Dublin History Group - Windsor School

By BERYL MARGARET SMITH nee ARNOLD

1924 - 1931

*We three sisters rode a little white pony called Nipper to the Windsor school. Later Dad bought a sulky and we drove to school. The pony was given to us by my uncle Will Williams who lived in the township. We always took a sheaf of hay for Nipper's lunch but there was no water connected in the little yard at the back of Mr Simmons blacksmith shop where we tethered Nipper while at school.*

*Mr Everett Senior owned the shop next door.*

*He told me \_Don't worry about Nipper, the Lord will look after him'.*

*Mr Everett's housekeeper's name was Miss Lord and she gave Nipper a bucket of water each day*

*Pupils from the Windsor School had to go to the Dublin school to sit for their Qualifying Certificates. I remember going to Dublin in the sulky with Nipper. After the exams. I went with a friend Mary Carter to the Dublin shop for an ice cream ---a rare treat in those days. Bruce and Doris Lock managed the shop and Doris made the delicious ice cream.*

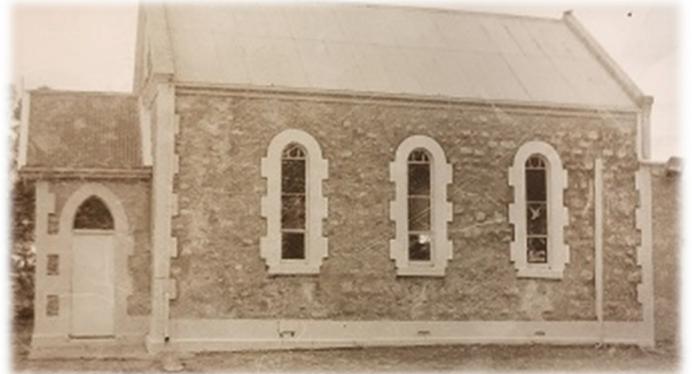
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## 2. WINDSOR CHURCH

The first church services and Sunday school lessons were held in the residences of Mr Francis Diment and Mr George Baker. On 30 September 1873 Sarah Ann, daughter of George Emery Baker laid the foundation stone for the new Primitive Methodist Church chapel. The building was completed and officially opened on 21 December 1873 and formed part of the Two Wells circuit of the Primitive Methodist Church, with Rev A. W. Wellington as the first minister. Mr George Emery Baker, founder of the township, generously gave the land on which the building was erected.

In the early years tea meetings and anniversaries were held regularly, also lectures given on Monday evenings following anniversaries.

Mr Cheney's tender of £80.9.6 was accepted to add the front porch to the building on 1910. By 1923 enquiries were made re a gas lighting plant and in 1927 an additional light was installed over the rostrum. The Ladies Guild had asked to have the boiler reconditioned and the trust agreed to pay the expenses involved.



A new cement block toilet was erected in 1952 and some 26 years later the toilet was modernised with costs being shared by the church and the tennis club. A further upgrading occurred in 1983 with costs shared again.

In 1958 a letter was received from the District Council of Mallala requesting permission of the Church Trust to close Chapel Street (between the church property and tennis club property) and transfer land to Windsor Tennis Club.

### MINISTERS THAT SERVED AT WINDSOR

AFTER REV. JIM DAWES

MAY 1996 WINDSOR AND DUBLIN  
CHURCHES AMALGAMATED

REV TED BRAY

REV NEVILLE STEWART

REV JOHN WOODHOUSE

REV ROB SAUNDERS

REV KELVIN BENN

REV EVAN LASLETT - OWEN BASED

REV PHILLIP GARDNER

PASTOR DOUG WALLADGE

REV LLOYD KERLEY

REV FLO WALTERS

REV BRIAN POLKINGHORNE

REV JOHN WATTS

REV BRIAN SMITH

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## 3. THE WINDSOR INSTITUTE

A very fast moving committee was formed in June and by August 1884, the foundation stone had been laid by Mr. George Baker who had donated the land for the School, Church and Institute.

The stone was laid at 2.30pm and the social event was followed by Dinner at 3.30pm and a Lecture at 7.00pm. "The proceedings for the day resulted in £60 being added to the institute funds". A contemporary newspaper report "...the walls of the building are now 7 feet high; The building, which will measure 65 feet, by 27 feet and 16 feet high will be sufficiently large enough to answer all the requirements of the district for many years to come. The cost including the furniture will be about £500.0.0.

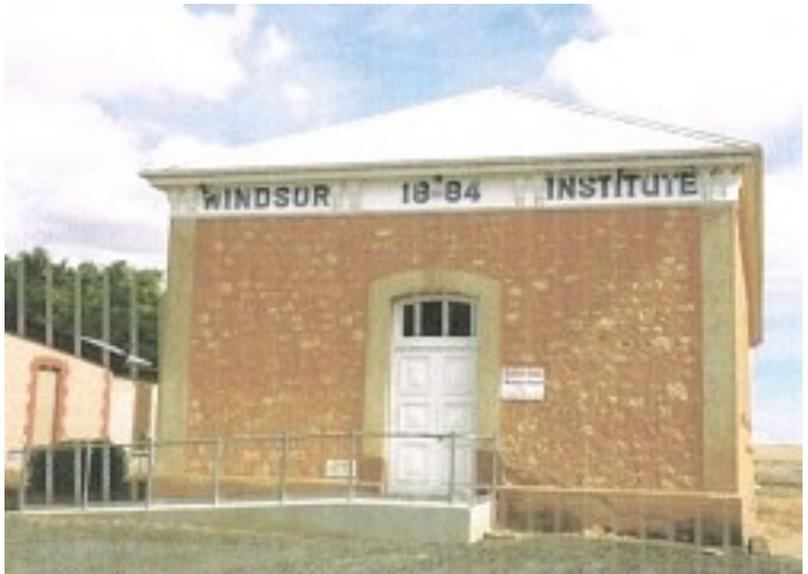
The official opening by the local MP for the division of Yatala, Mr J H Bagster, was held on the 1 January, 1885. Mr Burton, the builder from Gawler, had purchased one gross of lamps and wooden chairs, which were assembled by Mr Schutt. By late 1885, a piano was purchased to provide the music for balls, dances, socials and musical entertainment.

The newspapers also reported:-

"The building which faces the Walleroo Road, whilst not over pretentious in its outward architecture, is a very neat design, being built of limestone, with cement dressings, and is capable of seating 250 persons. At one end is a platform extending the width of the building. On either side of the platform a room has been erected for the convenience of performers. The whole structure presents the appearance of durability. Light is supplied by

means of four large windows, two on either side. Two handsome chandeliers, of tree lamps each, supply light for evening meetings."

"In the evening a concert was held in the new building, presided over by Mr J H Bagster MP. The room was uncomfortably packed, which caused the audience at times to be rather noisy. The babies were rather troublesome, giving the singers all their work to be heard. The whole concluded with a laughable farce by local talent,



which would have gone well had the characters known their parts better."

Prior to the evening concert, the lecture was delivered by the Rev. W Jenkins of the Primitive Methodist Church with "The Gypsies" the subject matter.

An amalgamation of the Adelaide Mechanics Institute, the Literary Association and the SA Subscription Library occurred in 1856 to become the South Australian Institute. Under the control of a Board of Governors, this body was to include a Public Library and Museum, it was to conduct lectures on a variety of subjects and also to include, by way of affiliation, all of the Colony's cultural societies.

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## 3. THE WINDSOR INSTITUTE cont.

In 1884, after acting mainly for the Adelaide community, the organisation was renamed the "Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery" and then given the job of overseeing the network of country and suburban institutes which had sprung up over the previous thirty odd years. Also at this time, a new and independent body, the Adelaide Circulating Library, relieved the Board of the business of circulating books on a subscription basis.

The Windsor Institute had a starting stock of books and added to them as money became available. The reading room opened at 7pm and closed at 10pm. Adjustments were occasionally made, like altering the start time to 7.30 pm and the day of operation from Wednesday to Tuesday. In 1887 it was decided to exchange library books with the Dublin Institute and in 1891, the library started to loan books. In addition, the circulation of book boxes had already been going for thirty years.

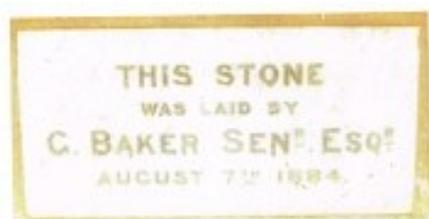
In the early days, it is not clear who managed the library for any length of time except that Mr Diment, one of the original committee members was noted as one of the first librarians. Mr White was librarian for 3 years up to 1923, then Mrs Whittington 13 years to 1936, Mrs C E Roberts 8 years to 1944, then Mrs Erica Baker from 1944 to 1983, 39 years of service to the local community. Mrs Gwen Secomb then took over from 1983 to 1996 with Mrs Dot Leak filling in on occasions.

Then came Mrs Barbara Kennedy who after 22 years is still serving the community today.

Many institutes considered the central body was not servicing their interests and in 1898 formed a new association which became the governing body for institutes throughout South Australia - but government assistance continued to be provided through the Board until 1910. After that the institutes Association was incorporated with the Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery body, which then assumed responsibility for the distribution of both books and subsidies. In 1939, the bodies were separated again and the Association continued as the governing body and the channel for government assistance.

In 1924 a "wizard" lighting was installed - 2 lights in the hall and one for the stage. In 1935, a timely addition, a supper room was added in time for the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

In 1955 a generator was purchased and three years later was upgraded with a larger petrol tank to ensure it ran for the entire duration of the function. Within 12 months of that, electricity came to the district and when the power was connected, the Ladies Guild immediately purchased an electric stove.



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## 4. THE GENERAL STORE

In 1884 Edward G Everett purchased the Windsor Shop and Post Office and possibly four generations of the family including Herbert A. Everett, H.H. Everett and C.H. Everett owned and operated the business until 1946.

Mr C.H. (Charlie) Everett installed the petrol bowsers at the front of the shop and built the shed so that he had a place to store the petrol in the 44 gallon drums.

During 1946 William (Bill) Palamountain purchased the Windsor shop from C.H. Everett following his discharge from service in the Royal Australian Navy during World War Two.

In 1948 he married Kathleen Irish and together they ran the business at Windsor until 1965. They worked hard to create a thriving business and stocked most things required for daily living. As well as groceries, fruit and vegetables, milk and meat, they also carried hardware, boots and clothing.

Bill had a utility plus a trailer and he would go to Adelaide every week to collect the fruit and veg

and the groceries. Bill had a delivery service of these items to householders in the district.



They managed the Post Office and also the telephone exchange which operated up to 10 pm each evening. All this while rearing a family of four children.

Bill had a carrying business using two trucks, and with the assistance of George Baker they delivered many services to the local farmers. Superphosphate and petrol in 44 gallon drums were just some of the items that they delivered. At times, they would also take a load of sheep to the abattoirs for a farmer.

In 1965 Bill and Kath Palamountain sold the shop to R.M and S.M. Knox and relocated to Gawler.



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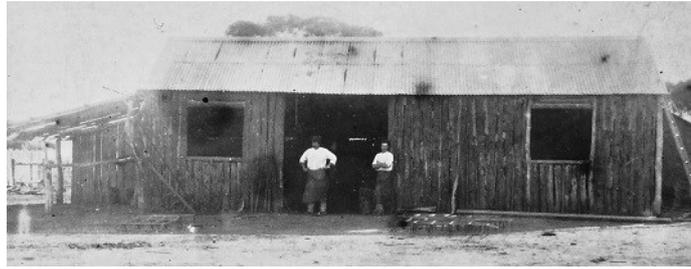
## 5. BLACKSMITH

### Allotment 7.

William Simmons, 15 August-1926

Purchased in February 1928.

Mr Arnold Henry White used it for a garage



The "Life around the Light - History of the Mallala District Council Area" published in 1985, lists the following names as owners of the Post Office from 1877 to 1985.

William Temby, Francis Diment, William and sons James and Thomas Diment, Herbert Havelock Everett, Charles Herbert Everett, William John Palamountain, Robert Knox, Lancelot Wilby, George Hage, Barry Lee, Derek Seddon, Derek Bladen, Roy Poole, Arthur Walter, Peter Waye.

Sources

- Mrs Kath Palamountain.
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### Other Businesses in Windsor

Allotment 2 - Windsor Institute

Allotment 3 - Carpenter Alexander Thomas 25th February 1885-14th June 1888

Allotment 4 - Green Grocer

Mr William Bishop. 1st August 1881-31st 1885.

Thomas and Jonathon Hollams 31st March 1885- 19th July 1895.

Thomas Hollams 19th July 1895 —March 1908 William Robert Burnard March 1908 May 1911

Allotment 7 - Leonard Hamblin Burnard May 1911- Nov 1911 Blacksmith

William Simmons 15th August 1926. Purchased in February 1928 Mrs Arnold Henry White used it for a garage.

Allotment 9 - Licensed Victualler John Parsons 7th October 1879 13th June 1884

Allotment 16 Thomas Bartlett June 1882.

Allotment 18 - 19 - 27 Undertaker & Carpenter James Burton 1890 to 1912

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