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Lest We Forget



PRIVATE WAR MEMORIALS

The practice of Australian parents listing their fallen sons and daughters on existing family monuments—often as private war memorials or proxy graves — became a widespread phenomenon in Australia following the First World War and continued into the Second World War as the same non-repatriation rules remained but the battlefields were more wide spread..

Because the Imperial War Graves Commission (now the Commonwealth War Graves Commission) enacted a strict policy of non-repatriation (meaning the bodies of dead soldiers could not be returned home), grieving families were left with no physical grave to visit in Australia. In response, thousands of Australian parents chose to engrave their sons' and daughters' names, ranks, and battle locations directly onto local family headstones and cemetery plots. Adding a name to a family plot gave the soldier a symbolic final resting place alongside their ancestors

It was decades before commercial flights made battlefield pilgrimages accessible, these local family monuments served as the primary physical touchstone for parents, wives and family to lay wreaths, touch an inscription, and mark anniversaries.





Private Ralph Ashton Lindsay, No. 2036, who was killed in action at Villers-Bretonneux , France on the 25th April, 1918, aged 22 years

https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/375249

Photo: Feltwell/Mallala General Cemetery



The Adelaide Plains region has a great mix of wide-open spaces, quiet country towns, and industrial areas that filmmakers love because the landscape can look like almost anywhere, directors use it to tell all kinds of stories.

Famous Movies and Shows Filmed Here:

Territory (2024): This huge Netflix drama about an outback cattle station used the wide farmlands of Mallala to stand in for the Northern Territory.

Red Dog (2011): While this famous story is set in Western Australia, parts were filmed north of Adelaide

The crew brought 14 truckloads of red outback sand to the Middle Beach Caravan Park to make it look like the Pilbara. And the Dublin Cemetery was used for the burial scenes

Swerve (2011): A fast-paced thriller that used the quiet, sun-baked roads around Long Plains and Two Wells for its action scenes.

Broken Hill (2009): Even though it is named after the famous New South Wales mining town, this musical drama shot key scenes across the Adelaide Plains, including on-location filming in Two Wells.

Coffin Rock (2009) : This tense psychological thriller made great use of the Gulf St Vincent coastline, shooting key scenes at Thompson's Beach just north of Adelaide

Wolf Creek 2 used the Protest Statues and the Dublin Roadhouse

Australian Rules (2002): This coming-of-age football drama used the coastal edge of the plains heavily. It was filmed across Dublin, Middle Beach, and Thompson's Beach to create its fictional seaside town.

The Battlers (1994): A classic TV mini-series that used the dusty landscapes of Port Gawler to show what life was like during the Great Depression.

These are just a few of the films and TV shows and do not include TV advertising or brochures that used local locations. So whether doubling as the deep outback or setting the scene for a gritty drama, the Adelaide Plains are a vital part of Australia's movie history.

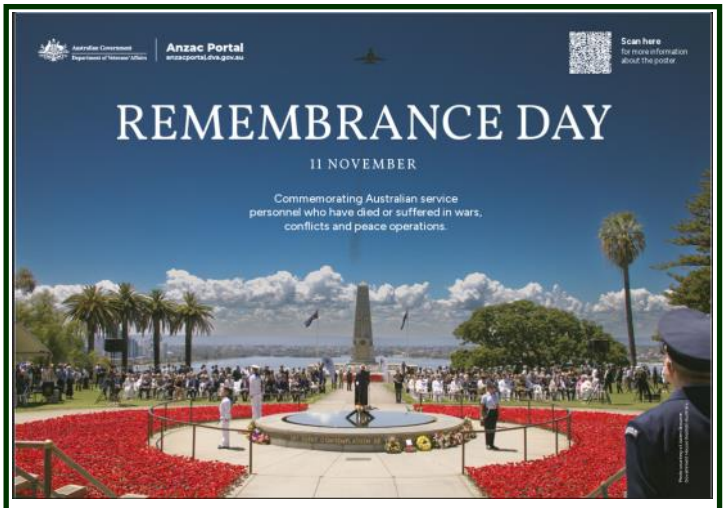
Were you an extra or your property used as a location we would love to know - info@dublinhistorygroup.com.au



THANK YOU TO DAVID PATON MP FOR PRINTING THE DUBLIN DISPATCH

Community Notice Board





Mallala - Mallala Monument 10.45 am

Parham - Port Parham Sports and Social Club at 10.45

Two wells - Two Wells War Memorial 10.45 am

See page 6 for further details

Dublin Hotel

Kitchen Opening soon

keep an eye on their Facebook page

Facebook

Christmas Shopping
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

November 20
December 18

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

See page 19



DUBLIN CRICKET CLUB

The 25th Anniversary

STRAWBERRY FETE

Sunday 28th February

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

Mallala township boundary

We have proposed a realignment of the Mallala township boundary, in preparation for the expected growth of Mallala.

The proposed new alignment will include houses in Gracewood, and other land adjoining Mallala that is already zoned as residential, as part of the township of Mallala.

In practice, this means that future residents in these areas will be able to access the same bin services available to those in the Mallala township, which we have received many queries about from Gracewood residents.

While the process may sound similar to land rezoning, this is not a proposal to rezone land. The area we're proposing to be covered within this boundary is already zoned as residential. However, it currently does not sit within the formal government boundary of the township of Mallala.

This proposal will be submitted to the Office of the Surveyor-General, who will assess our proposal (and may decide to undergo consultation) and make a formal recommendation to the Minister for Planning.

Map showing the proposed extension of the Mallala township boundary. The areas highlighted in pink are the existing township. The green lines show the proposed new boundary – covering Gracewood (top left) and nearby land currently zoned as residential



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These individuals and organisations offer outstanding service each day and enable our communities to be stronger as a result of their tireless efforts.

If you know someone making a real difference in our local community, nominate them for the Citizen of the Year Awards 2026.

Categories are:

Citizen of the Year

Young Citizen of the Year

Community Event of the Year

Community Group of the Year

Community Project of the Year

The Citizen of the Year awards acknowledge the unsung heroes of our community who, through their contributions, make our state a better place.

Nominations close on Sunday 16 November 2025.

Please direct all enquiries to Sue Dugan, Acting Manager Library and Community on 08 8527 0200 or info@apc.sa.gov.au



Merry Christmas from Tom Venning

As Christmas approaches, it's a time for family, rest and reflection.

To everyone across Grey, thank you.

Whether I've met you at the field days, a footy club or the front counter of a local business, you've shown what it means to back your neighbours.

It hasn't been an easy year for many. Cost of living pressures are being felt around kitchen tables from Ceduna to Clare, families do not have access to childcare, and too many older South Australians are stuck on aged care waitlists.

Our roads are rubbish. We have a maintenance backlog of more than $2.1 billion and growing. I know how much that matters to all of you.

These issues are just some of my priorities, and I will keep them in Canberra conversations. Regional SA has had some wins this year. I secured more than $100 million for storm damaged roads that are vital links for communities, freight and emergency services.

I also got married in the Clare Valley to my amazing wife, Bonnie.

In the regions, when things get tough, neighbours check in on each other, volunteers show up, and local clubs and groups keep communities running.

Our towns may be small, but they are big on community spirit.

This Christmas, I encourage you to buy local, support your local clubs and groups, and spend time with those around you.

From my family to yours, I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

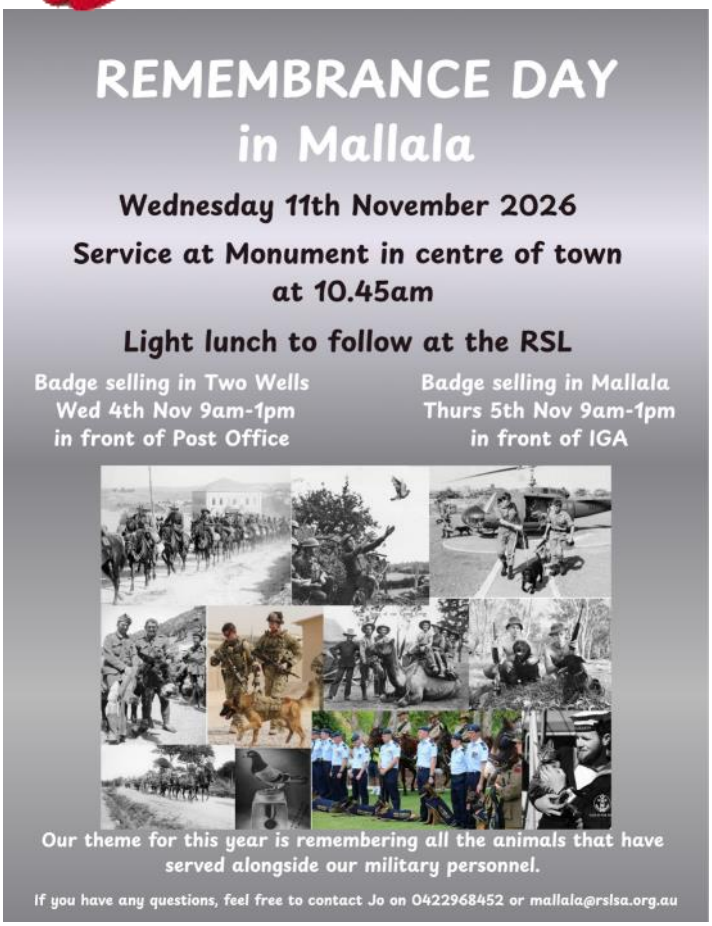
In 2027, I'll keep working to deliver better outcomes for our region. If my office and I can assist you with anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Tom Venning MP
Member for Grey

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REMEMBERANCE DAY Wednesday 11th November 2026





Unveiling of Defence Service Persons Memorial 18/10/2026

PARHAM

10.45am

REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

PORT PARHAM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

REMEMBER THE FALLEN!

Donations accepted for RSL Poppy Day appeal



Two Wells Service

Two Wells War Memorial Garden
Old Port Wakefield Road
at 10.45

The disruptions of World War I gave rise to a great flowering across the battlefields of Flanders, Gallipoli and France. Blooms of all kinds flourished in the disturbed soils. The 1915 diary of Australian soldier Rupert Nixon holds a fragile pressed flower with a pencil note that 'the fields are covered with these poppies'. Others describe the 'oceans of pretty flowers' and 'poppies red as blood'. Another soldier in Palestine notes that 'after the early rains, the flowers appear' and Rupert again, in hospital, wrote that 'while others (fields) are a beautiful red with poppies & from a distance look like if a battle had been fought'.

www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au/resources/remembrance-day-poster-2026

The Ode of Remembrance

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon

David Paton MP
Member for Ngadjuri

Looking Ahead to Christmas and 2027

As another busy year draws to a close, it is wonderful to see our towns and communities preparing for the Christmas season and the many events that bring families, friends and neighbours together.

Before the festive celebrations begin, **Remembrance Day on 11 November** provides an important opportunity for us all to pause and reflect on the service and sacrifice of Australians who have served our country. Across our region, local commemorations provide a chance for communities to come together, pay their respects and ensure that the sacrifices of generations before us are never forgotten.

As we move towards December, there is plenty to look forward to across the Adelaide Plains. **Two Wells, Mallala, Dublin and surrounding communities** will once again be getting into the Christmas spirit, with local celebrations, Christmas activities and community events providing plenty of opportunities to come together.

From the **Mallala Lions Christmas celebrations** to festive activities around **Two Wells TWRAT Christmas Pageant and throughout the surrounding districts**, it is always fantastic to see our communities embracing this time of year. The Plains Community Group also promotes its Twinkling Trails in Two Wells and Mallala as part of the region's Christmas activities.

These events simply would not be possible without the many volunteers, service clubs, community organisations and local businesses who give their time and support to bring people together. It is this community spirit that makes our regional towns such special places to live.

As we look ahead to **2027**, there is plenty to look forward to. David and the Ngadjuri Electorate Office will continue to be out and about across the electorate, listening to residents, meeting with community organisations and advocating for the issues that matter to our local communities.



From **David and the team at the Ngadjuri Electorate Office**, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you out and about over the festive season and continuing to work alongside our communities throughout **2027**.

153 Main North Road, Clare SA 5453
Office 08 8842 3403 | Email ngadjuri@parliament.sa.gov.au

DUBLIN BRIGADE CELEBRATING OUR 60TH YEAR SERVING THE COMMUNITY



Celebrating with past and present members,
with R2 Staff & Deputy Chief Paul Seager





L-R Gordon Schutt, Terry Halford, Randal Searle,
Darryl Barkla, Lisa Bryant, Tanya Kuiper,
R2 Staff & Deputy Chief Paul Seager

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Sunday 27th September 2026

SA COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE DUBLIN BRIGADE

Congratulations to Darryl Barkla – representing the SACFS Dublin Brigade

Competing at the 20th Australiasian Police & Emergency Services Games held in Queensland this year

Gold & Silver medals in table tennis



Darryl is currently in training for the World titles for the Australasian Police & Emergency Services games to be held in Perth - March 2027.

Please check the Fire Danger Dates are now set across the state – mid north area commences 1/11/2026 to 30/4/2027

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

Parham & District Action Group

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

PARHAM AND DISTRICT ACTION GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parham and District Action Group (PADAG) Annual General Meeting on October 13th 2026 was a celebration of achievements over the past 12 months and the expectations going forward.

In her introductory remarks, the outgoing president, Alison Sanger, congratulated those present for the way in which people had stepped up to be project managers for various projects that had been identified in the Port Parham and Webb Beach Community Plan which was developed over 10 years ago, and thanked the volunteers who had assisted in making things happen over the past 12 months. PADAG was very pleased to have the presence of the Mayor of Adelaide Plains Council, Mark Wasley and APC Councillor Marguerita Panella present together with a number of members of the community.

The big achievement for the year was the 150 anniversary celebrations for Dublin/Port Parham/ Windsor on the March long weekend in cooperation with the Dublin History Group, Port Parham Sports and Social Club and the Adelaide Plains Council. A large number of people attended in the 3 communities to observe the unveiling of commemoration markers and participate in the various events.

Another major achievement was the construction and unveiling of a Defence Service Persons Memorial in the Remembrance Garden at the Port Parham Sports and Social Club. The unveiling occurred on the 18th October by past defence service personnel who reside in Port Parham with contributions to the ceremony being made by the President of the Mallala RSL Joanna Grotto, The State Member for Ngadjuri David Paton MP, and the Mayor of Adelaide Plains Council, Mark Wasley

As part of the 150th celebration activity, work is continuing on placing history markers around the townships of Port Parham and Webb Beach. Dublin History Group is doing the same

A concept plan has been developed for a contemplation park in the former playground site at 42 The Esplanade and negotiations have commenced with Adelaide Plains Council to implement this. The concept includes a blue tree project, seating areas and off-street parking with native flora plantings. It is intended to be a quiet area for contemplation and reflection. The State Government have provided a grant under the Algal Bloom Wellbeing Project, and this has been used to purchase seating for use in the park.

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Unveiling of memorial 18-10-2026 gathered together specials guests and those involved with the project

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Recent visitors to Port Parham will have noticed that the bank at the end of First Street has been cleaned up and benched out. Action is well in hand to provide a Gabion wall here with appropriate welcome to Port Parham signage. (below) This is the first stage of the foreshore precinct development.



Other achievements for the year have included:

- Following extensive lobbying over many years, the State Government has committed funding to seal The Esplanade at Port Parham
- Lobbying was successful in getting the 80Kph zone extended on Port Parham Road and 80kph advisory signs provided on Webb Beach Road to improve road safety in this area.
- Fencing was upgraded at Webb Beach, and levee restoration has been completed at Port Parham and Webb Beach
- Several activities were completed at the Parham Campground including the clearing of excess foliage, the installation of security cameras, and a deposit paid to SA Power Networks towards a power upgrade.
- Negotiations were carried out for appropriate sea wrack management to provide access to the beach, particularly following a major weather event in June
- A PADAG Web Site (https://padag.org.au/) has been established, community notice board upgraded, and an exclusive postal address established

Elections were held for the committee were held for the 2026/27 committee.

The following were re-elected:

President: Alison Sanger

Vice President: John Coles,

Secretary: Alvin Jenkin,

Treasurer: Terri Coles.

Committee members elected were Mike Williams, Andrea Thomas, Trevor Applebee, Colin Makins and Kym Bailey



The PADAG Committee photo L-R
Terri Coles, John Coles, Alvin Jenkin, Andrea Thomas, Colin Makins, Alison Sanger, Kym Bailey, Mike Williams. Absent: Trevor Applebee









Long Plains Red Cross Branch

"Dress for Success" fashion parade was held on Thursday October 22nd and featured their summer collection. The Branch was very pleased with the variety of clothing for sale and support from the area for this fundraising event.

Members are looking forward to the Christmas Luncheon to be held at Vadoulis Garden Cafe. IGA grocery vouchers will be given to the Mallala Uniting Church to assist their program of support for needy families.



Chris Young and Alison Pym with the shield and certificate



Marian after presentation of shield and certificate 2026

At the State AGM in October Branch fundraising winners were announced. Marian Wicks, Vice Patron North & West South Australia attended the Fashion Parade and presented the shield and certificate to Long Plains Branch – winners of the fundraising branch section 8. Thank you to our small group of members and all the generous supporters of the work of Red Cross.

The Annual Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the **Long Plains Christmas Party on Monday evening 14th December.**

We look forward to meeting up with our supporters at the Annual Strawberry Fete at Dublin in the New Year.

If you would like to know more about the work of Red Cross you can contact Branch President:

Christine Young: 0418 896 888

Secretary: Alison Pym 8862 7025



Models: Rosalie Morrison, Jenny Davies, Sheryl Chenoweth and Chris Blacket



Avon Art & Craft Guild - Avon Chit Chat

Avon Art & Craft Guild meets each Tuesday from 9.30am till 3pm in the Craft Hall and held an interesting antique day when members bought some various items for show tell i.e. old silver teapot, handwritten recipe book with old fashion recipes and stories of times past, some beautiful crockery, paintings and other trinkets such as bone glove stretchers for helping to put gloves on.

Each year we try to have a community service day, for 2026 to be held 27th October will include a visit from the local police who will discuss the latest road rules and scams.



Future programs will include **Card making with Di,** on the **10th November,** and we will **breakup** for the year on **December 1st** with a **shared lunch**, all are welcome.

Craft will start again 1st Tuesday of February 2027. Any ideas for speakers or anyone interested in offering to show others their own particular passions are welcome to contact

Helen Ph 0419819420 .

The library room is open to those interested each Tuesday when craft is on or by arrangement at other times. A large number of books available to borrow, swap or buy on wide range of subjects both fiction and classical.

The Avon group would like to thank the Dublin Dispatch members for their generous support throughout the year and wish all a Merry Christmas and a Bright Happy 2027.

Happy Christmas to all



Xavier College Band Performances

November 13, 2026

Two Wells Village Green

Old Port Wakefield Road

The festive season is upon us! Come along to the Village Green where the Xavier College band will be performing a selection of Christmas songs. All welcome!

This year at the Village Green, students of the Xavier College Band will be delivering 3 performances across the day.

Join us for what is sure to be an interactive, fun filled start to the festive season and sing along to some of your favourite upbeat Christmas songs.

Come to 1 session or come to all! **Free**

Session times

Friday 13th of November 10:30am - 11am

Friday 13th of November 11am – 11:30am

Friday 13th of November 1pm – 1:30pm

Please note all performances will be made up of the same songs.

Considerations

Please be sun smart and consider hats & sunscreen

https://www.apc.sa.gov.au/home/events

PCG

PLAINS COMMUNITY GROUP

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS on the Adelaide Plains - 2026

Oh boy!! It's **ONLY seven Fridays until Christmas** – not very long to prepare!!

There will be lots of festivities in the Adelaide Plains and neighbouring areas to enjoy, such as the proven success of **the Twinkling** light competition. It was so good, one participant commented …. *"The TWINKLING is such a good idea, you should see about getting major sponsorship and take on the Lobethal Lights"– Scott Feltus*

The Twinkling was initiated in 2021 and **WOW** was that spectacular. The Plains Community Group *{PCG}* is sure, businesses and residents will again get behind this project with innovative, creative, decorative and colourful displays. If you wish to participate in the Twinkling on the Adelaide Plains and possibly win a cash prize in any of the many categories, please register **{0449 579 334 or email jathedeabos@gmail.com}**

The Twinkling is a FREE activity to anyone in the Adelaide Plains district so **plan ahead** - keep your eyes open for Christmas sales and buy those lights. **Enter ONE category only**, so choose wisely.

The Twinkling Launch once again will be held at the Two Wells Village Green at 8.30pm on Friday 4th December 2026. Bring your picnic rug, enjoy a bite to eat from one of the vendors; stroll through the market stalls; listen to the singers; have a face painted. According to many, as Margherita Panella quantified … *"The TWINKLING launch is a wonderful start to our Christmas celebrations. This event has encouraged children, parents and all residents to come together and really embrace Christmas…*

According to Anna White, Vice President of the PCG, there are oodles of wonderful activities happening in and around the plains area this Christmas, including: **Friday 1st December – Sunday 31st December – The Twinkling** *{8.00-late};* **Friday 4th December** – the **Twinkling Launch & Trails** at the Village Green in Two Wells *{4.00-9.30pm}*.

The Twinkling Trail is open to families with children anywhere up to teenage years and **requires a booking as there are only 150 spaces {0449 579 334 or email jathedeabos@gmail.com}** *…'To ensure all children receive …'gifts'… and truly enjoy the experience on the night or day bookings are essential'….*

So ***Participate, Celebrate and Gravitate together*** to enjoy ***Christmas***.







The District's Church Times

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Mallala

Generally - 2nd Sunday of the Month

10.00 am - 8 November (Archbishop's visit)

No Service - 13 December

Instead 10.00 am Mallala Institute - **Christmas in Song (see back page)**

10.00am - 10 January 2027

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 November

No service on 29 November (5th Sunday)

10.00am - 6 and 20 December

7.30pm - 24 December - Thursday Evening - Christmas Eve

No Service - 27 December.

10.00am - 3 January 2027

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 contact info@twowellsuniting.org.au, www.twowellsuniting.org.au, 0414248732 (Paul) or follow us on Facebook!

Mallala RSL Sub-Branch

MALLALA RSL

Situated behind the Football Club grandstand, next to the playground.

Friday Night

Come and join us

5pm-8pm

Stay for Dinner

6pm-7pm

Beef/Chicken Schnitzel, chips & salad
Choice of plain or mushroom gravy
Fish & Chips & salad
Seafood Basket, chips & salad
$10 Specials each week
Dessert – Nut Sundae
Children's menu available
*****Bookings Appreciated*****
Meat Tray raffle
Member's Draw
(Not open on Long Weekends)

Monthly Sunday Breakfast

2nd Sunday of the month
(unless it is a long weekend)

8.30am-11.30am
Kitchen closes at 11am

Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
Yummy cake/pastries
Bacon and Egg Rolls
Toasted Sandwiches
Smashed Avo on sourdough
Cooked mushroom on sourdough

All at reasonable prices

ALL WELCOME
EFTPOS Available

Check out our Facebook Page for more details and updates

The club is available for hire

We can cater- finger food, bbqs or set meals
Bar facilities available

We welcome car clubs, bike groups, caravan clubs and other community groups to use the RSL rooms for gatherings.
Come for a run to Mallala, and enjoy an enjoyable brunch/lunch/dinner at the RSL.
Please contact the RSL to book your visit

Community Lunch

3rd Sunday of the Month
12 noon -2.30pm
Main Course & Dessert $18

Bookings Appreciated
Raffles available

Bookings: Joanna Grotto (President/Secretary) 0422968452
mallala@rslsa.org.au



Mallala Museum 1 Dublin Road, Mallala

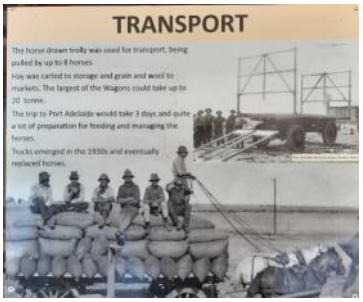
Busy times at the Mallala Museum

The project to create explanatory signage for our agricultural equipment is now complete. Museum member Paul Angus kindly donated the funds for this project. Although he did not see it completed, we know he would be proud of what has been achieved, and he will always be remembered as a valued member of the team.

A special thank you to Anne Kennedy for donating her book, *For a Better Life: Thomas & Jane Fiddas Kennedy – Their Descendants 1816–2026: Thomas & Grace Kennedy & Family*. It is a wonderful addition to our local families reference library.

The admission price for the Museum has increased **$8.00** for Adults, **$5.00** for Concession or Seniors Card and **$2.00** for children.

The Museum will be open directly after the Remembrance Service in Mallala.



Artwork by Mallala Museum
Signs by Original Signs



PO Box 76 Mallala SA 5502 Email: mallalamuseum@gmail.com Mallala Museum | Facebook

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Chatty Café



11,18, 25 Nov 2026

2pm - 4pm

(Every week on Wednesday, until Dec 2, 2026)

Mallala RSL 12 Wasleys Rd Mallala SA 5502

Free

Chatty Cafe is about building friendly social connections – through simple interactions that may brighten someone's day. Join Lutheran Care at the Mallala RSL from the 4th of November between 2pm – 4pm.

Strong social connections and a sense of belonging can improve wellbeing and provide better health outcomes. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare estimates that around one in 10 people experience social isolation, and that this has a negative effect on their mental and physical health, and their ability to participate in the community. Social connection and belonging are critical for our health and wellbeing. The Chatty Cafe program provides social opportunities for locals, giving people a safe space to make connections in the community. These programs are open to people of all ages looking to connect over a weekly coffee, conversation and a free activity.

These sessions are ran by Lutheran Care, for more information contact their Barossa Office at communityconnections@lutherancare.org.au or call 8562 2688.

Conditions: Attendees should come with an open mind and respect for others.

Parking: Parking is available in front of the RSL with in the Mallala Sporting Complex.

https://www.apc.sa.gov.au/home/events



DHG DUBLIN HISTORY GROUP Inc

2026 - a very busy year

This year—with the 150th Anniversary of Dublin, Port Parham, and Windsor, the celebration weekend in March, the three-part DHG Time Capsule event, the water tank rebuild, and the ongoing work of the group—we are definitely ready for a break! However, we thought we would squeeze in just one more thing: the screening of ***Red Dog***, the beloved Australian movie, on Sunday, 8th November at the Dublin Institute (see page 2). We hope to see you there!

The group would like to thank you all for your invaluable support throughout the year—whether you came along to events, contributed to the newsletter, liked and commented on our Facebook posts, or just popped in for a chat. You are always welcome. This year truly reinforced the importance of community groups working together to achieve our goals.

We look forward to 2027 and the challenges and surprises ahead!

Open Days and Events

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Sunday 8th November

Red Dog Movie

Dublin Institute

2.00 pm

Sunday 13th December

OPEN DAY

1.00 pm to 4.00pm



Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year

2027

Sunday 10th January

OPEN DAY

1.00 pm to 4.00pm









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9.00am - Mallala Post Office
9.15am - Pt Parham Sports & Social Club
9.40am - Two Wells Motel
ESTIMATED ARRIVAL:
10.15am - Elizabeth City Centre
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Return bus travels same route in reverse
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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For further information or to book your seat please contact Council

2026 Dates

November 20

December18

CONTACT US
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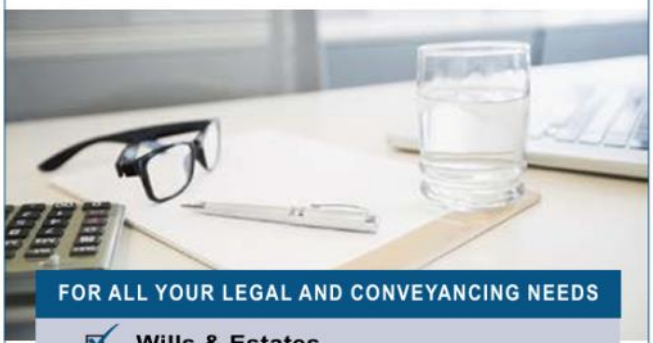
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2nd Sundays

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Email: mallalamuseum@gmail.com

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

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Balaklava,

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2.30 - 4pm

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Phone enquiries: 0400 558 017

or email: contact@balaklavamuseum.org.au

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Principal Office - Mallala

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Postal: PO Box 18, Mallala SA 5502
Tel 08 8527 0200
Fax 08 8527 2242
Email **info@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

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)

Two Wells Resource Recovery Centre

Lot 53, Wells Road Two Wells SA 5501

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Meet each Tuesday for BINGO from 9:15 am

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Mallala Men's Shed Email - mallalashed@gmail.com

President - Allan Sparre 0423 395877

Or Liaison Officer Colin Castanelli 0427 228574

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Secretary: Alvin Jenkin 08 8529 2504

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PO Box 184 Dublin SA 5501

Chair: Ali Sanger 0403 742 338

Secretary: Alvin Jenkin Ph 08 8529 2504

Email: padag1876@gmail.com https://padag.org.au

Meets 7pm second Tuesday of month at Port Parham Sports and Social Club All welcome

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Email: ptpssc@bigpond.com

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