

The ADELAIDE PLAINS

{information booklet for residents and visitors}

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the enchanting Adelaide Plains, a region brimming with natural beauty, vibrant colours, and a rich tapestry of cultures. Whether you are a long-term resident, a newcomer, or a curious tourist, there's something here for everyone to enjoy and explore.

The Adelaide Plains offer an array of stunning landscapes, from the rugged coastlines that meet the crashing waves of the sea, to the gentle rolling hills that beckon you to wander. Flat plains stretch out as far as the eye can see, dotted with rocky outcrops and crisscrossed by intermittent flowing streams and rivers. This diverse topography provides a perfect backdrop for countless outdoor adventures and picturesque views that change with the seasons.

However, the beauty of Adelaide Plains goes beyond its landscapes. It's a region painted with vibrant colours throughout the year. In autumn, the area is ablaze with rich hues of red, orange, and yellow. Sunrises and sunsets here are nothing short of spectacular, painting the sky in a riot of colours that will leave you in awe. After the winter rains, the land bursts into a lush green, offering a refreshing and rejuvenating sight. Come harvest time, the fields turn into a soft tapestry of yellows and browns, signalling the bounty of the season.

Now with the use of modern technology the Plains Community Group {PCG} committee is discovering the extensive history of this incredible area and its people – their resilience and remarkable work ethic. It will pleasantly surprise you.

The Adelaide Plains are also a testament to multiculturalism and community spirit. Over the years, this area has become a melting pot of cultures, each contributing to the vibrant mosaic that makes up the local community. As you explore the region, you'll encounter a delightful mix of traditions, cuisines, and festivities that reflect the diverse backgrounds of its residents.

So, why not be a tourist in your own backyard? Within just a 20-minute drive, you can discover an array of events and activities that you won't find in the city. Whether you're into exploring nature, participating in local festivals, or simply enjoying the scenic beauty, the Adelaide Plains offers unique experiences that cater to all interests.

Join us on this journey through the Adelaide Plains, and uncover the hidden gems and delightful surprises that await you.



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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the Adelaide Plains. It is so nice to greet and acknowledge new residents and visitors to our unique and fast-growing area, which is steeped in history, exceptional landscapes, vibrant colours, extraordinary sunrises and sunsets, brilliant night skies, community activities and interesting characters.

Please read this booklet to find out more about what our region has to offer and where to find it. Whether you're interested in exploring our natural wonders, delving into our history, or participating in community activities, there's something here for everyone.

It is truly hoped, you will savour your new life and/or visit here to participate in all it has to offer.

ENJOY.



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ADELAIDE PLAINS

Adelaide Plains forms part of Kaurna Country. European settlement commenced as part of the European settlement of South Australia from 1836.

The Adelaide Plains of South Australia is an area filled with lush green fields and rolling hills. It is one of the most picturesque regions in the state, covering an area of over 5,000 square miles. From hiking trails to wildlife reserves, there's something for everyone in this beautiful region.

The Adelaide Plains Council area is made up of several unique, interesting areas full of things to see and do for everyone – young and old alike.

It consists of a largely rural region along the Gulf St Vincent, covering a total area of approximately 926 km². The council seat lies at Mallala.

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Agriculture and Horticulture abound on the Plains from broadacre farming to market gardening. Broadacre agriculture sees huge cereal crop farms – wheat, barley, lentils being the prime drops grown on rolling hills throughout the plains.

Key hydroponic crops include tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplants and lettuce. Tree crops are also a common feature of the Northern Adelaide Plains with both almonds and olives growing throughout the region. The almond trees line local roads and, when in full bloom, provide stunning scenery.

Penfield Grove Olives are 100% Australian grown, in the fruitful Adelaide Plains. The best olives are picked and prepared using traditional family recipe giving the best tasting olive.

Verdale Olive Estate is on Bailey Road Two Wells where you can join the owners in a relaxed and unique setting whilst possibly enjoying free tastings of their national award-winning olives, dips and olive oil. New café will be opening soon for weekend enjoyment – for more information please check out the new website on www.verdaleoliveestate.com.au or call Zac on 0422 743 345 or Andrew on 0403 321 474.

Almonds - Early in the settlement of South Australia, the climate was recognised as being suitable for almond production. By the early 1900s, commercial almond production was spread across the Adelaide Plains. As Adelaide expanded, plantings subsequently expanded on the Northern Adelaide Plains {*Virginia, Two Wells, Angle Vale*} in the 1960s/70s.



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Costa Brothers hullers & shellers – the family has been growing produce on the Adelaide Plains since the 1940's, a young Don Costa first setting up a 5-acre patch of almonds at the back of his Angle Vale property. By the 70's Don had pioneered mechanical harvesting and utilised a new style irrigation system to increase his almond yields remarkably. It wasn't long until he'd established his very own commercial almond processing facility.

Market Gardening Our Adelaide Plains farms are set in the renowned food bowl region of South Australia. Here is where market gardens and grazing pastures meet. The

Adelaide Plains are home to many of South Australia's fresh produce growers, with fields and greenhouses as far as the eye can see. Renowned for its market gardening due to its growing climate, rich loam soils. The freshest seasonal produce is virtually at your doorstep. This creates a true gate-to-plate experience.



rainbowfresh.com.au/recipes

Among the many market gardens is **Rainbow Fresh** a family-owned business. The Giangregorio family have been primary producers on the plains at Lewiston since the 1970s and have specialised in gourmet lettuces since the 1990s.

There are also numerous chicken/egg farms on the plains. Dion and Anne Andary's endeavour into the egg industry was a continuation of a family operation begun in the late 1950s with Anne's parents who owned about 400 chickens in Alma, South Australia. In

order to identify their business, the name **D.A.U.S. Eggs** was created, which originated from names of the family – Dion, Anne and their two daughters Yasmine and Sarah.

They offer a variety of egg farming systems that provide for a range of animal welfare and egg quality outcomes. They also ensure the accessibility of eggs as a nutrient dense and affordable protein for all SA families.

dayseggs.com/?doing_wp_cron



Their hens have the luxury of foraging through olive groves and shady tree plantings amongst beautiful state-of-the-art housing.

The range areas are managed by regular applications of locally grown straw in the form of round or square bales. This doubles as a valuable enrichment to the pastures and creates an interest for the hens to fossick and scratch around in.

Flowers

Numerous flower growers abound on the plains the main ones found in Two Wells – being **Two Wells Flowers** and **MB Flowers**. Both of whom supply florists throughout the state with beautiful blooms and floral arrangements. You can buy flowers at their flower sheds.



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Bees/Honey

And, of course where there are flowers, there are bees. Three delicious honey companies in the Adelaide Plains, selling from their doors are the **Rusty Bee Honey Company**, **The Plains Pantry** and **Korunge Honey**. At their bee apiaries in Korunye and Two Wells they are dedicated to preserving the art of traditional beekeeping. All three producing the finest, all-natural honey using sustainable methods. Purchases of honey can be made at any three locations – check out their Facebook pages for more details.

Viticulture

On the peripheral of the Adelaide Plains Council area, in Virginia and Angle Vale wine growing and vineyards abound with the best knowns of these being Primo Estate and Virgara Wines. From the stunning mountain ranges of Southern Italy to the sprawling fertile soils of the Adelaide Plains, Virgara Wines is the culmination of a family's dream; a dream which has spanned three generations.



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ANIMALS

This council has an animal husbandry zone. Thus, what an array of animals, livestock can be found on the Adelaide Plains from, horses, dogs, cattle, birds – you name it, it'd probably here. Consequently, animal feed stores abound with the **Two Wells Pet and Fodder Store** being the biggest. **Jackson Supplies** in Reeves Plains also has a diverse range of goods.

Birds – The Bird Sanctuary encompasses over 60km of coastline north of Adelaide, adjacent to Gulf St Vincent, spanning across four local council areas. Within the bird sanctuary sits the **Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary National Park** — Winaityinaityi Pangkara. Winaityinaityi Pangkara means 'a country for all birds and the country that surrounds these birds' in the language of the Kurna people.

The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary boasts a large diversity of resident and migratory shorebirds, waterbirds and bush birds. The 60 kms of sanctuary coastline is the perfect place to catch a glimpse of these birds in a mix of habitats and is complemented by local beachside communities that take pride in conserving the walking trails and natural amenity of the bird watching sites.



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It is one of the key feeding and roosting sites for migratory birds who use the flyway each year. Between September and March, up to 27,000 shorebirds gather across the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary with more than 50 different species of migratory birds recorded. Birds fly from as far as Siberia and Alaska, passing through 22 countries. The area acts as a crucial habitat on this migratory route which is used by more than 5 million birds a year, 27,000 of which call Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary home.

Just a 30 minute self-drive from Adelaide, a wonderful natural experience awaits you with two easily accessible gateways, north and south.

Dogs – all types of dogs are breed out here. Besides breeding there are obedience classes as well as show and agility lessons. Check out the **Adelaide Plains Kennel & Obedience Club**.

There are Cat and Dog Kennels for housing your cats and dogs overnight or longer.



[facebook.com/AdelaidePlainsDogClub/](https://www.facebook.com/AdelaidePlainsDogClub/)

Horses – an abundance of horse activities occur here:



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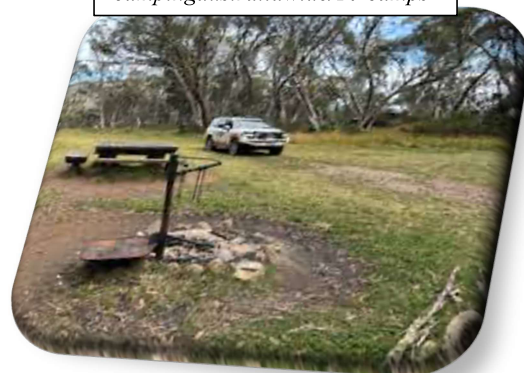
- Combined Driving
- Trotting
- Show Jumping & Dressage
- Riding Trails
- Vaulting
- Breeding – Horses, Ponies, Miniature Horses
- Therapy etc

There are Equestrian Centres in Mallala and Reeves Plains.

CAMPING

Looking for a beautiful, safe area to park your RV, caravan or pitch your tent with ample power and facilities then there's no beating the Mallala campground; the Parham campsite and Middle Beach camping.

Free camping can be found along the highway at Lower Light, Dublin and various other places along the highway and many places along the rivers – just take a look and you will find superb quiet, serene places to camp out.



[campingaustraliawide/10-camps](https://www.campingaustraliawide.com/10-camps)

EVENTS

Curious, creative, country-style activities abound on the Adelaide Plains from carnivals, fetes, sports to rodeos, memorials, BBQ bonanzas and parades. The finest of these are the **Christmas Celebrations** with all towns involved in the Twinkling lights competition – town trees being brightly lit for the month of December, plus houses, business, schools, churches, streets etc; Christmas parades, town amusement parties, Twinkling Trails for the children and Mrs Claus story-telling.

DO NOT miss this special time of the year.



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FAMOUS PEOPLE

Many a well-known &/or international sportsperson has grown up on the Adelaide Plains. These include:

- Danny & John Kah – national speed skaters
{Danny retired from speedskating in 1994 but still holds the national records on the 5,000 and 10,000 meters}
- Wayne Prior – state/national cricketer
- Joshua & Andrew Scott – national in-line & ice hockey players
- Michael Bryant – 8 x national speed skating champion
- Dexter Warren – International World Junior UTV champion

Other notable persons who were born or bred on the Adelaide Plains include:

- James Park Woods – Victoria Cross Recipient
- Annabel Crabb – TV compere; Journalist; Cook Book Author
- Robert Skinner – Author
- Adam Ludewig – finalist The Voice



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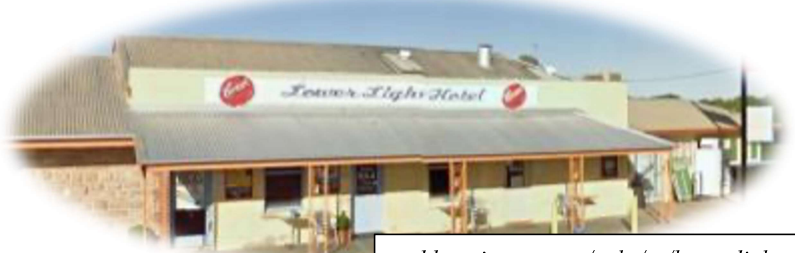
FOOD

There is an abundance of very respectable, country-style hotels in most of the townships, offering liquid beverages to quench any thirst, accompanied by stories from weary travellers, long-time residents, farmers and many a tall fishing tale from the many local fishermen.



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The food in these establishments is delicious, bountiful and comparable price-wise. The most talked about hotel being the Lower Light pub found on the Port Wakefield Road.



publocation.com.au/pubs/sa/lower-light

Cafes abound in most of the larger towns with **Sharone's Cakes & Things** in Dublin having exceptionally fresh and yummy meals and snacks.

The **Mallala Café** is where you can also enjoy an exquisite hot cuppa.

The **Two Wells Bakery** is renowned for its delicious pies & pasties, excellent customer service, as well as its magnificent pastries. Stop by for the best in the state, many of a traveller and truck driver can attest – well worth the detour.

Oh and by the way, did you know it is believed to be **haunted?? !!!!**

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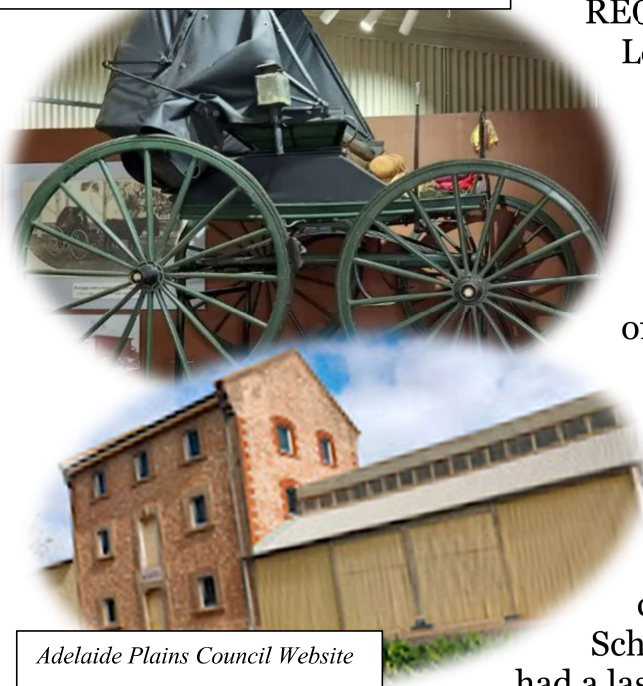
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HISTORY abounds in this area. The **Mallala and Districts Historical Committee** was formed in 1968. Its collections grew rapidly, and in 1970, the Adelaide Plains Council purchased the heritage listed Old Mill building for the use of the committee as a museum. The State Heritage listed Old Flour Mill, was erected in 1878. The museum holds a set of three original Mill plans, that form part of an interpretative display telling the history of the mill. This is the story of the district's early hardships, poor transport and isolation, plus self-reliance needed for a small community to prosper. This forms a major exhibition space at the **Mallala Museum**. The southern gallery of the museum, houses a range of displays that expand on the life of a small country community. These displays highlight the local government, business and social activities, and the hardships faced by those who first settled in the area. Photographs, memorabilia and documents detail families, sport, social and service organisations that formed the backbone of local life.

The Northern gallery and pastoral shed contain the agricultural displays of farm machinery,

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[Adelaide Plains Council Website](http://www.adelaideplainscouncil.com.au)

and includes a blacksmith forge, penny farthing and REO Speedwagon Fire Engine. In the courtyard the Long Plains School room has been relocated, and now houses the artifacts and archives that tell of the educational history of the district.

The Old Mill building contains a comprehensive display of the military and service history of the district. Interpretative displays relate the stories of local involvement, from the Boer War, through the two World Wars, to the peace keeping activities of more recent times. Of particular interest are our significant displays of the District's RAAF connections, which includes the role of the RAAF No 6 Service Flight Training School, and the interaction between the base and community. The No. 6 Service Flying Training School (*6SFTS*) was formed at Mallala in 1941 and has had a lasting impact on the township. A total of 2257 trainees passed out before the unit ceased on 31 December 1945.

The **two wells** are two natural and permanent waterholes just west of the main street of the township of Two Wells – the arched entrance sign to the park can be seen from the Adelaide to Port Augusta Highway that now runs past the town. It is believed that the two wells were deepened to provide water for the bullock that were herded in great numbers from Adelaide to go north. The two wells were an overnight stop and watering hole for the livestock. Legend has it that the horses refused to drink from a well that cattle drank from. So, the other well had to be put into use. The wells can be reached via a footpath from the Village Green or from the Wells Road.

Two Wells Soldier Memorial Park –

This place is special and very peaceful. There are memorials to the greater wars of the past and individual remembrance stones to those that served and lost their lives in the modern era; also a

memorial to the dogs that saved so many a life but lost theirs.

Adjacent to the memorials are six superb flagpoles, an army tank, and beautifully maintained rose gardens.



vwma.org.au/explore/memorials/6440

What do a rat, a cockroach, and a fly all have in common?

Well, they're all commonly found in and around rubbish dumps.....

But Dublin's super-sized versions form part of an imaginative collection of scrap metal sculptures built not for art's sake, but to protest a controversial state government decision. Despite protests, the dump became a reality but twelve years down the track these quirky landmarks were still attracting plenty of attention.

They have lately been rehoused for repair and will again be situated in Dublin, but in a more accessible viewing area.



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INDUSTRY

A multitude of different industries can be found on the plains relating to agriculture, viticulture, horticulture and fishing. The most prominent of these is transport. A whole variety of trucking companies reside in the Adelaide Plains Council area including TML, Lewiston Haulage, Calomba Transport just to name a few. Supporting companies such as Freightmaster Semi-Trailers and Sharmans Engineering also have a huge presence.

Other industries and occupations include construction, building and real estate; including Harcourts, Hickinbotham, Raine & Horne and Ray White Two Wells.

LANDSCAPE

As a floodplain the district is dissected by the Light River and the Gawler River, both of which pass through the rich fertile plains.

With large areas of rural and horticultural land, Adelaide Plains Council also has a large tidal coastal region {47 kilometres of coast} facing the Gulf of St Vincent.

The Coastal Areas, including Middle Beach, Thompson's Beach and Port Parham to name a few, provide recreational outlets for both locals and visitors. Boating, fishing, camping and all matter of sights to view. Fishermen are often observed wading in the shallows looking for a catch of whiting or groups of people looking for a fun day out are often seen with rake in hand searching for our famous Blue Swimmer Crab.

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thompsonbeach.sa.au/news/

The Rocks Reserve

is on Kain Road, Barabba. It is set along the Light River, Rocks Reserve is a peaceful spot to spend the day with the family – wandering on the rocks, checking out all the flora and fauna and meandering along the river. Picnic in the sheltered area {toilets nearby}.

Dublin Parklands

Situated on North Terrace, Dublin it is protected under a Heritage Agreement to protect and conserve the flora and fauna of the area, Dublin Parklands has two species of native orchids and other native plants local to the area. There are trails for you to explore and traverse.

Dublin Lions Park

Sixth Street, Dublin is a great stop off point for travellers and residents alike. Have a bite to eat and stretch the legs. There are toilets, shelter, BBQ area, turf section, lovely gardens and even an easy dump point.

Lewiston Trails/Wetlands

At 179 Dawkins Road, Lewiston there is a 14 kilometre return trek throughout the Lewiston area whether by 2 or 4 legs or peddle power. This area features:

Trails, Wetlands, Flora and Fauna, Shade, Toilets – at the playground and ample Parking.

Camel Reserve

There are several access points to Camel Reserve – {Hayman Road, James Road, Gawler-Two Wells Road, Louisa Road and Wirramulla Road, Lewiston} - Formally Camel Road it served as the route for the Camel trains that traversed from the north of the state to Adelaide. Here you will find remnant grasses and vegetation, flora, fauna and trails.

Baker Road Wetlands in Lewiston sits adjacent to the Gawler River. The wetland is a haven for birds and other wildlife. It has plenty of shade and is ideal for bird watching. Check out the flora and fauna while you're there.

East Reserve

On Dublin Road, Mallala this lovely reserve is adjacent to the Mallala Museum. It is a brilliantly, well shaded area to enjoy the open fresh air. It is turfed, has plenty of shade and seating. Perfect for taking a well-deserved break, enjoying lunch or just chilling out reading a good book.

Australia Remembers Park

A quiet, pleasant little park on Wasleys Road right next to the Mallala Post Office. It hosts lots of shade from the many planted trees and plenty of seating for the weary walker or just for pondering. There is a path that meanders through the park from one major road to another.

MUSIC

If music is your thing there are many a town band or singing group in the area – call the local council to find out what and where these groups exist.

Adelaide Plains Male Voice Choir is a Choir in Owen, Australia. APMVC is a group based in Owen, in South Australia. A genial group of men who enjoy performing for community functions and charitable events, and anywhere!

Sing Australia accepts that everyone can sing and it makes no judgement on how well that happens. It is inclusive and welcoming of everyone. Sing Australia is a network of community singing groups across the country. If you are so inclined, there is a Sing Australia group in nearby Gawler.



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SPORTING ACTIVITIES

For those who require a bit of exercise, what about a round of golf?? The [Two Wells Golf Club](#) is an eighteen {18} hole, 70 Par course just 7 minutes from the township. There is a licensed bar in a clubhouse, with a friendly relaxed atmosphere. Men and Women memberships welcome. Open every Sunday from April til October.

[Come try it out – you’ll enjoy yourself.](#)



[Mallala Motorsport Park](#) is the historical home of motorsport in South Australia. The Mallala Race circuit, {as it was called} was established on the site of the former RAAF Base. The land was purchased in 1961 at public auction, by enthusiasts seeking to replace the Port Wakefield circuit. The Mallala circuit is booked almost year-round with club sprints, go-kart and motorcycle race meets, historic meetings, drifting, SA police training, motor racing schools and ‘driving experiences’.



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As South Australia's best reviewed Skydiving experience, [Adelaide Skydiving Centre Pty Ltd](#) operates from the longest established and the most spectacularly beautiful drop zone in South Australia, just north of Two Wells. They teach the most advanced skydiving available world-wide and regularly run solo skydiving courses as well as Tandem Skydiving.

After skydiving, adrenalin and hunger will be high so head to the very best bakery in South Australia

– the Two Wells Bakery, with authentic, tasty pies, the best Cornish pasties ever, yummy sweet treats, good, hot coffee and friendly staff.



Football, Netball, Tennis, Cricket, Softball

Every country sport such as Australian rules football, netball, tennis, cricket and softball in abundance throughout the whole area, so if these are of interest to you, please check out your local town's availability.

icelegendsaustralia.com

However, do not be restricted to these sports alone. Many a well-known &/or international sportsperson has grown up on the Adelaide Plains. These include:

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- Wayne Prior – state/national cricketer
- Joshua & Andrew Scott – national inline & ice hockey players
- Melissa Karutz – Australian Grand National rider
- Carmen Bryant – artistic roller skater
- Michael Bryant – 8 x national speed skating champion
- Tony Pethick – U/15 national golf champion
- Tamzyn Dos Santos – U/18 national dragon-boat racing
- Jayana Dos Santos – U/16 national dragon-boat racing
- Jarred Alman – SANFL footballer
- Luke Barnett – SANFL player



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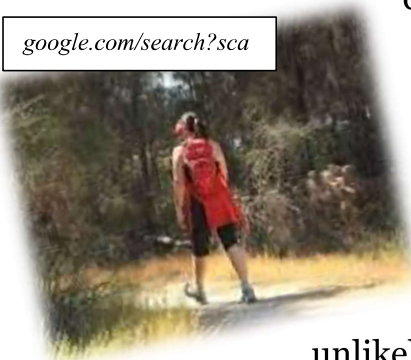
Lawn Bowls – quite popular on the plains with clubs and Bowling Greens in both Mallala and Two Wells. The club in Mallala appears to even have a Barefoot Bowling Team.



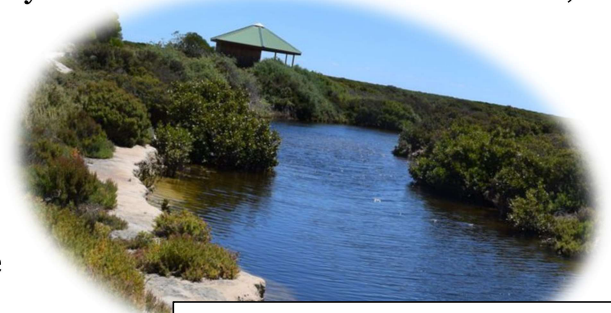
Walking Trails

The Samphire Coast Shorebird Trails at Thompson Beach provide walks demonstrating the conservation significance of the area. The Northern walk goes all the way to Bakers Creek {near Webb Beach} and the Southern Walk extends through to Third Creek. Discover this 3.5-km loop trail near Lower Light, South Australia. Generally considered an easy route,

google.com/search?sca



unlikely you'll encounter many other people while exploring. This track combines the Third Creek Trail, one of the Samphire Coast Shorebird Trails, with a beach walk on Thompson Beach. It is a paradise for birding, as there are



walkingsa.org.au/walk/find-a-place-to-walk

around 40 different species of birds here and you can learn all about them throughout the track. You can also learn some about the flora, including the herb, samphire.

Samphire Coast Trail in Middle Beach - Explore the unique habitat of this section of the coast. The trail meanders through the mangrove, following a chenier, which is an ancient sand dune from 4,000 to 6,000 years ago, out to a viewing point at overlooking a creek. This main part of the Trail is a self-guided walk that takes visitors on a journey of discovery through a mangrove and samphire ecosystem.

The trail was constructed in 2000, but has suffered in more recent times from lack of maintenance. The trail itself and the boardwalk are easy to follow. The interpretive signs have faded, and some are missing, but nonetheless they present an informative way to explore this unique coastal habitat.

The trail begins from the Education Recreation Centre/Kiosk, in the **carpark**, beside the caravan park. Unfortunately, as at late 2017, the centre is closed and the area appears to be run down. The trail actually begins on the left side of the building, before reaching a gazebo and then heading out on a levee bank. However, standing in the carpark it would be easy to be left wondering where the trail might start. The trail is on the far side of the caravan park – which as at 2017 appears to be closed and in use as residential accommodation. From the carpark you can see the levee bank at the far end of the caravan park, and it isn't too difficult to find the green rotunda where the trail can be walked from.



walkingsa.org.au/walk/find-a-place-to-walk/bakers-creek-trail-thompson-beach/↑↓



TOWNS

The Adelaide Plains Council, which encompasses a total land area of about 930 square kilometres, includes the towns and hamlets of Avon, Barabba, Calomba, Dublin, Fischer, Grace Plains, Korunye, Lewiston, Long Plains, Lower Light, Mallala, Middle Beach, Parham, Port Gawler, Redbanks, Reeves Plains, Thompson Beach, Two Wells, Webb Beach, Wild Horse Plains and Windsor.

Avon – a tiny little hamlet with a District Hall and beautifully kept clean toilets behind.

Barabba is in the Mid North region of South Australia, between Mallala and Hamley Bridge on the north bank of the Light River. The name Barabba is derived from an Aboriginal word for an indigenous bulrush plant.

Barabba includes the former government town of Aliceburgh which was proclaimed in 1879 and named for Governor William Jervois' daughter Alice. The town of Aliceburgh ceased to exist in 1897 and was resurveyed into larger workingmen's blocks.



Anna CTM White & Wikipedia - Barabba



monumentaustalia.org.au

A Primitive Methodist Church opened in 1877. The final service in the church was held in 1967 and it has since been demolished.

The Barabba post office operated from 1877 until 1971. It operated from the school building until 1926. The school itself closed in 1960 and

the building was destroyed by the 2015 Pinery bushfire.

Today, there are two cairns standing on the sites of these original buildings, both reflecting better times. Meanwhile,

over the road is an icon itself – a 1940's road sign that has been 'modernised' ever so slightly {in 1974} by the nailing of the kilometre markers over the top of the original mileage markers.



Anna CTM White

Calomba is a rural locality situated in the Adelaide Plains Council. The formal boundaries were established in 1997 for the long, established local name. The place name presumably came from *Trigonella suavissima*, a native plant also known as calomba.



Calomba Daisy - PIRSA

It had a former railway siding, located between Mallala and Long Plains on the Adelaide-Port Augusta railway line. The area was formerly known as **Shannon**, but the railway station was named Calomba at its opening in 1916.

A postal receiving office at Calomba opened in April 1920, became a post office in January 1921, and closed on 19 January 1975. It shared a premises with the local store.

The district had a school at Stoney Point junction.

The town was severely damaged by a bushfire in 1948, with almost £100,000 worth of damage being incurred. Three buildings in the main street were destroyed, including the post office and store; a church; homes and farm equipment were also lost.

The Shannon Methodist Church was opened in 1872, closed in 1957 and demolished in 1965.

Dublin – one of the 19 places in the world named Dublin, the township of Dublin, South Australia was surveyed in 1873 and gazetted on April 13, 1876.

The area known as the Hundred of Dublin was named by the Governor of South Australia, Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell. It was named after his birthplace, Dublin, the capital city of the Republic of Ireland. When surveyed, the Hundred of Dublin covered an area of 91,520 acres and was officially proclaimed on May 22, 1856.

Dublin is a small town on the Adelaide Plains, 61 kilometres {38 miles} north of the capital. Situated on Highway 1, the town is surrounded by farmland and rural industry. The area is home to a growing commuter population. At the 2006 census, Dublin had a population of 241.



monumentausstralia.org.au

The South Australian Livestock Exchange saleyards are located southeast of the township, replacing earlier saleyards closer to Adelaide at Gepps Cross in 1999 for sheep, lambs and pigs, and 2003 for cattle.

There were two schools, one in the town and another at Stony Point junction. The Stony Point School was on the corner of Dublin Road, Windsor Road and Shannon Road from 1876 to 1906. The Dublin School was from 1881 to 1972.

The Dublin Football Club amalgamated with Wild Horse Plains in 1921 and Long Plains to form United.

Dublin is a reminder of an era when 60 kilometres was a fair day's horse or coach ride out of Adelaide. Today, Dublin is a popular service stop for travellers heading to the nearby crabbing beaches or to and from the Yorke Peninsula.

The town has a hotel, fuel, general store, post office agency, butcher, green grocer, chemist, café {*Sharone's Cakes and Supplies*}, which has some oh so delicious treats and snacks. Plus, there is a nice little park with picnic facilities.



glamadelaide.com.au/highway-rat-and-iconic-dublin-political-protest

Just south of the town was an imaginative collection of large sculptures that were built in protest of the government's decision to build a waste facility. Despite protests, the dump went ahead but these scrap metal sculptures, which attracted plenty of attention became quirky landmarks. They have now been rescued and await repair and repositioning in or near the town.

Fischer is located in the

lower Mid North of South Australia between Gawler and Mallala. Its boundaries were set in 1997 to conform to the long-established local usage of the name.

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Like many places in South Australia, the name draws from the early settlers that migrated from Prussia {*Germany*} in the middle of the 19th century to take up land grants in the then new British colony of South Australia. Britain and Prussia were at that time

staunch allies, having combined to defeat the

French armies of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo

in 1815. That era resulted in much of the British Royal family and the colony of South Australia being descendant from Prussian stock.

The Fischer family settled the area after arrival on one of the early colonial ships. By the 20th century, the Fischer family was farming much of the area. In the 1970s or 1980s the SA Government released a plan for the area to feature a new satellite city, to relieve the pressure on the expanding capital Adelaide, to the south. The family farm of J H {*Gordon*} Fischer was subdivided and sold in smaller hobby farm allotments. A number of the original farm structures remain.

Grace Plains is a rural hamlet about 64 kilometres {*40 miles*} north of Adelaide. It is divided between the Adelaide Plains Council and the Wakefield Regional Council. The formal boundaries were established in June 1997 for the long, established local name with respect of the section in the District Council of Mallala {*now Adelaide Plains Council*}; the portion in the Wakefield council was added in January 2000. It is named after Grace Montgomery Farrell, widow of Rev C. B. Howard, the first South Australian Colonial Chaplain; she later married James Farrell, Dean of Adelaide.



The first school started in 1865 in a building constructed to be both the school and the Primitive Methodist church. Grace Plains School opened in 1894 and closed in 1969. It also had a Methodist {*originally Bible Christian*} Church, which opened

in 1868 and closed in 1971. The church is now a private residence and the former school was destroyed in the 2015 Pinery bushfire.

The former recreation reserve 'Moquet Lee' is located behind the church where there is also the Grace Plains cemetery.

Grace Plains Post Office opened in October 1879 and closed on 3 April 1884. It reopened on 22 September 1897 and closed on 30 September 1903.



Localista

Korunge is a locality beside the Adelaide-Crystal Brook rail line between Two Wells and Mallala. The name is from that of the historic railway siding. Korunye Railway Station. South Australian historian Geoffrey Manning states that Korunye is from an indigenous word meaning "rainbow".



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Lewiston is a semi-rural locality 6 km east of Two Wells, 12 km west of Gawler and 56 km from the Adelaide city centre. It has a population of approximately 2,947.

Lewiston is an animal and crop farming area. It was named by local residents in December 1864, in honour of James William Lewis, Post Master General of South Australia from 1861 until 1869. Lewis had approved a branch Post Office for the Lewiston district, which was to operate from the school house.

The name Lewiston was first used when the branch Post Office opened on 1 February 1865. The first Post Mistress was Isabella Mitchell, wife of the school master William Mitchell.



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The school opened in January 1857 and was known as the Port Gawler East school.

In 1866 the name of the school was changed to Lewiston. The school closed in 1944 and was demolished.

Presently there is a very nice children's playground here on the corner of Hayman and Petherick Roads. Right next door is a dog park. There is also a toilet block.

Long Plains is divided between the Wakefield Regional Council and the Adelaide Plains Council. The formal boundaries were established in 1997 for the long, established local name with respect of the section in the Adelaide Plains Council; the portion in the Wakefield Council was added in January 2000. It is approximately 73km north of Adelaide.

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Long Plains is on the Adelaide-Port Augusta railway line between Mallala and Bowmans. From 1917 to 1923 Long Plains was the rail terminus.

The Long Plains Memorial Hall was built in 1923 and commemorates the lives of four local residents who died in World War I. Long Plains School opened in 1883 and closed in 1973. A former building at the school, added in the 1950s, is now located at the Mallala Museum. A brass band was established by 1880.

Long Plains Post Office opened in August 1881 and closed in November 1976. It shared premises with the Long Plains Store.

Long Plains Church of Christ opened in 1903, was destroyed in a severe bushfire in 1948, was rebuilt in 1953 and closed in 1981.

The United Football Club is based at Long Plains. The club is also home to netball and other sporting clubs.

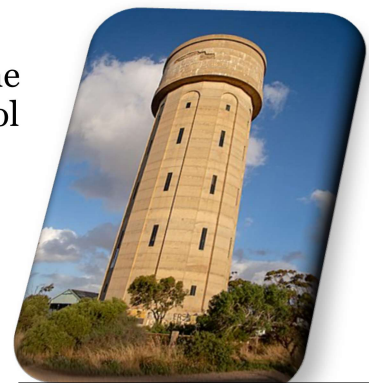
The Viterra wheat and barley silos were demolished in October 2022, leaving only the water tower to stand out above the plains.

Lower Light is a township adjacent to Port Wakefield Road in South Australia's lower Mid North. The township of Port Prime was surveyed on the coast of Gulf St Vincent in 1880, but little remains of that town now, and it is included as part of the bounded locality of Lower Light.

Lower Light is named for the lower Light River estuary into Gulf St Vincent directly south of the settlement.

Lower Light has also been the location of parachuting/skydiving operations since 1962, which operate from the George Quigley Airfield, located a short distance north of the township.

A fine, well-priced 'pub' meal can be had the Lower Light pub – lunch or dinner.



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Mallala is a tiny wheatbelt service town which is 41 metres above sea level and has an annual rainfall of around 400 mm. It is about 58 kilometres {36 miles} north of Adelaide. The name is thought to be derived from the Kaurna word madlala or madlola, meaning "place of the ground frog". At the 2016 census, the locality had a population of 894 of which 733 lived in its town centre.

Mallala is located within the traditional lands of the Kaurna people.

The first land taken up in the district was in 1851 by Phillip Butler, under occupational licence. The Butler property was called 'Mallala Station', and the town of Mallala developed in the vicinity. The large runs of the pastoralists were cut up into smaller holdings, which sold for £1 per acre to new settlers, and created a continuous series of small farms.

Amongst the early pioneers were Messrs John Forby, Robert & George Marshman, Samuel Crouch, Peter Farrelly, H.B. Moody, W. Jarmyn, Samuel Chivell, J. McCabe, John Murphy, W. Jury, A. Vawser, M.H. East, N.J.W. Lindsay and John Forbes. The descendants of many of these men and their families still live in this district.

The first private subdivision, on Section 60, was called Mallala South {also known as *New Mallala*} and was later followed by private subdivisions of Section 51 and 266. These were referred to as the Mallala subdivisions. Later, part section 276 and 277 were divided, and this subdivision was known as the Mallala Extension.

Although Mallala had existed as a town for many years, it was not until 27 March 1925 that Mallala was approved as a subdivision name by the Nomenclature Committee.

The present township lies midway between the hills and the sea, fifty-eight {58km} kilometres north of Adelaide.

An impressive War Memorial stood at the hub of an eight-road intersection in the centre of the town. Its insignia reads: 'In honour of ten men who died in defence of home and liberty' who were killed in Egypt, France and Palestine. The memorial consists of a base made of ten granite stones in each step of the base topped with ten arched stones to form a hemisphere showing a map of Australia. The hemisphere supports a ten-sided column the names of the ten soldiers which is topped by ten marble pillars and a plinth displaying the Cross of Sacrifice. The history of the ten soldiers and the broader service history of the district forms a major collection at the Mallala Museum.



A now departed industry was the East Brothers Machinery works, which for over a century manufactured farm equipment which was sold widely across Australia.

The town once had a very impressive flour mill where the townsfolk used to grind the locally produced wheat, but the building fell into disuse as the industry centralised. Today the mill is used as a museum for the local historical committee – it is a thorough historical account of the area and well worth a visit.



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The first private hospital opened at 35 Owen Road in 1941 and closed in 1943. Owen Road renamed Aerodrome Road after the Aerodrome opened. The Mallala District Hospital, later Mallala Community Hospital opened in 1953 at 30 Aerodrome Rd and closed May 2015.

In 1939 the Royal Australian Air Force established a base called RAAF Base Mallala to the north of the Mallala township. The base was originally used for advanced training for RAAF pilots. The base was subsequently closed in May 1960 and the land was sold at auction in early 1961. Later that year the then 3.38 km {2.1 miles} Mallala Race Circuit opened on 19 August 1961, and less than two months later was the chosen site for the 1961 Australian Grand Prix. The circuit, now totalling 2.601 km {1.616 miles}, has also hosted rounds of the Australian Touring Car Championship, the V8 Supercar Development Series as well as the Australian Drivers' Championship. Mallala Motor Sport Park, as the circuit is now known, is also used by the South Australian Police for driver training and assessment, and hosts the **All Historic Mallala** event, held in April each year.

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Mallala Equestrian Centre is an international standard equestrian centre east of the township and is the venue for national show jumping and related event competitions.

Middle Beach is reached along Middle Beach Road. It is a small town, about 40 kilometres {25 miles} northwest of the Adelaide city centre. It is located in the Adelaide Plains Council.

Middle Beach is notable for its samphire swamplands and fishing in the mangroves. A boat ramp and small creek are located at the southern end of the shell-grit beach.



Middle Beach Facebook page

The 1.2 km long beach is almost encased in mangroves. Only the southern section at the mouth of the small Salt Creek is free of mangroves and is used for boat launching at high tide.

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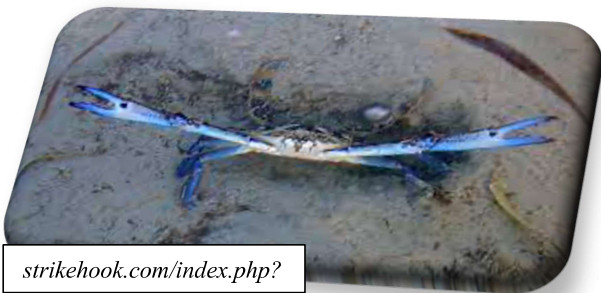
There is a row of fishing shacks along the low shelly beach, most facing into the mangroves, with a camping area at the northern end of the shacks.

This section of coast is only used by the fishers who use a variety of boats and elevated vehicles to fish the creeks, tidal flats and gulf. The entire shore is unsuitable for swimming except at high tide, and there is no surf.

The majority of residents {66.1%} are of Australian birth, with other common census responses being England {4.6%} and Netherlands {3.0%}.

Parham {also known as **Port Parham**} is a town located on the eastern coastline of Gulf St Vincent about 63 kilometres {39 miles} north-northwest of the state capital and about 23 kilometres {14 miles} west of the municipal seat of Mallala.

Parham was proclaimed as a government town on 7 July 1876 with its boundaries being extended on 24 January 1980. The boundaries for the locality of same name and which includes the extent of the government town were proclaimed on 5 June 1997. It is reported as being named after John Pocock Parham, an early settler who arrived in South Australia in 1839. It was also historically known locally as Dublin Beach. It was known as the Dublin landing place as early as 1871, with shipping recorded from 1870s. Prior to the Government Town and well before the railway reaching Calomba and Long Plains, Parham was the site of a major port for shipping grain to Port Adelaide from the Northern Adelaide Plains.



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Today, Parham is a holiday and recreational fishing settlement, famous for blue swimmer crabs. In the past it was a port for Ketches shipping grain and for shell grit.

Almost all houses and shacks in Port Parham have a homemade contraption peering over the fence in their yard. These are called 'Jinkers'. At Parham {and Thompson Beach} the tide goes out for over a mile. A Jinker is used to tow a boat out into the water, the Jinker stays in the water as the tide rises, up to 2 metres. After fishing, the boat returns to the Jinker and is towed back to Shore again. It's the Port Parham equivalent of a boat tractor.

The vehicles are road registered as "Special Purpose Vehicles" under the category "Boat Retrieval Vehicle" in South Australia and have restrictions on speed {max 25kph} and passenger carrying capability. The Jinker's motor, differentials, driver's seat and steering wheel are raised up high from the chassis so that they are kept out of water.

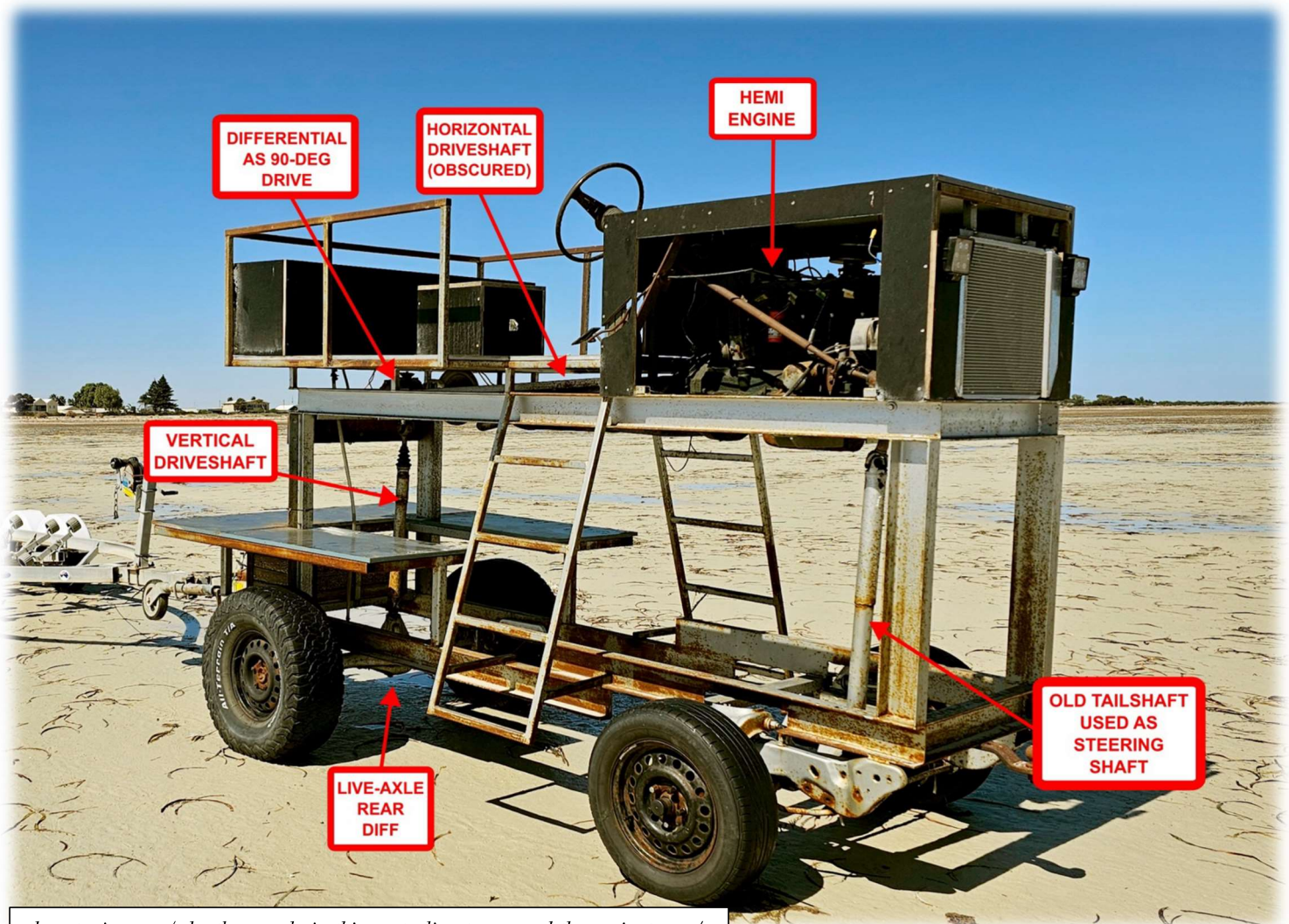
There are approximately 100 Parham Jinkers, and no 2 are the same.

The first Port Parham Jinker was built by Bob Collins of Collins Motors Dublin, about 1967.

The first one was made up from two Vanguard car chassis with pipe welded between them. The top one contained motor, gear box, steering wheel, seat and back axle which was tilted 90 degrees to connect to a back axle in the bottom chassis which had the front axle retained and steering was by a 27 convoluted mechanism from the top chassis. The differential in the top chassis was locked by welding the planetary gears. This enabled the top brake drum to be used for braking.

The chassis tended to rust away in the salt water environment in about 5 years.

Today, most are built by building up the chassis from heavy metal sourced from surplus, I-beams or heavy angle iron. Parts including motors, gearboxes, back axles, front axles etc are sourced mainly from Australian Holdens or Fords and automatic gearboxes are preferred as torque slippage reduces the possibility of bogging, and the salt air can cause clutch plates to rust onto flywheels. The top differential is usually sourced from vehicles with rear drive independent rear suspension such as Datsun 1600/180/240 or late model Holdens. Again, the top differential is locked and often the bottom one is as well to reduce the potential for bogging. Concrete is placed in the bottom chassis to provide improved traction.



theautopian.com/why-the-people-in-this-australian-town-need-these-giant-cars/

Port Gawler was named in 1867 and a government town surveyed around 1869, but was officially declared to have ceased to exist on 23 June 1960. The boundaries for the modern locality were created for the long, established name in June 1997, incorporating both the former government town and the private subdivision of Milner.

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The first local government body established in the area was the District Council of Mudla Wirra, proclaimed in 1854. Mudla Wirra council encompassed those parts of the Hundred of Port Gawler and Hundred of Grace south of the River Light as well as all of the Hundred of Mudla Wirra. This included Port Gawler itself. In 1856 those parts in the hundreds of Grace and Port Gawler seceded to form the District Council of Port Gawler. In 1935 Port Gawler council amalgamated with Dublin and Grace councils to form the District Council of Mallala *{initially called District Council of Light, much later called Adelaide Plains Council}*.

Port Gawler is the start of the Samphire Coast, which follows Gulf St Vincent north and then around to Port Clinton.

The **Samphire Coast** is great for those interested in bird life and has the state's third and fourth best areas for shore birds. It is here that the Gawler River enters Gulf St Vincent via a small delta and is very popular for crabbers, fishers and bird watchers with some great viewing spots.

Port Gawler was once a booming town due to its wharf and surrounding grain areas.

Today it is well known for crabbing and has the only off-road hire park for motor bikes, four-wheel drive vehicles and go-carts in South Australia.

Just a half hour drive north of Adelaide, if you love crabs this is the perfect spot to catch your fill. All you need to grab a feed of plump blue swimmers is a crab rake, crab measure, plastic tub and a pair of old sneakers. The idea is to get there about an hour before low tide, then follow the water back in after the tide turns.

Port Gawler is a former port on Gulf St Vincent on the central Adelaide Plains in South Australia and is located 43 kilometres {27 miles} north west of Adelaide in the Adelaide Plains Council at the mouth of the Gawler River.

Redbanks is a town in South Australia's lower Mid North. The boundaries were formally established in June 1997 for "the long, established name".

Redbanks is located on the Gawler to Mallala road {Redbanks Road}, east of the bridge over the Light River. Redbanks Post Office opened in November 1868 and closed in March 1971.



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Redbanks Wesleyan Methodist church was built in 1867. It closed early in the 20th century, but reopened before being replaced by a new Methodist church closer into the town in 1934. The older building was demolished around 1950 and the stone used in the new church hall. The new Methodist Church opened on 29 July 1934. It closed in August 1964.

Reeves Plains is halfway from Gawler to Mallala.

The Reeves Plains School opened in 1867 and closed in 1967. The post office is also closed. The Primitive Methodist church was built in 1873 next to the school. It became a Methodist church in 1900 and closed in 1938. When it was demolished in 1948, some of the material was used to extend the Redbanks church hall. There was also a tennis club at Reeves Plains.

Reeves Plains economy is predominantly farming and grazing. There was a proposal in 2017 to build the Reeves Plains Power Station on grazing land where the Moomba-Adelaide gas pipeline and a high voltage powerline cross the locality.



[wikipedia.org/wiki/Reeves_Plains,](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Reeves_Plains)

Thompson Beach, sometimes incorrectly referred to as Thompson's Beach, is situated on the Samphire Coast in South Australia's Gulf of St. Vincent.

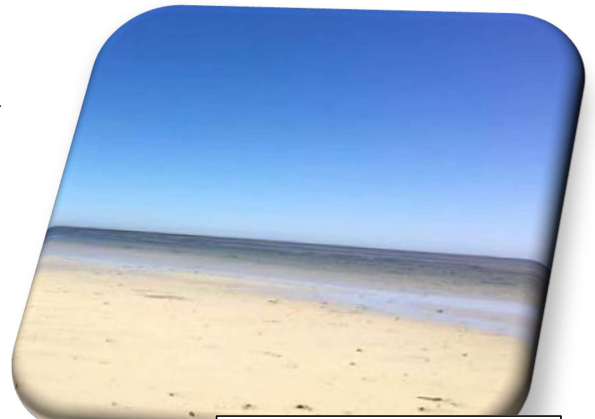
It's hard to believe this idyllic location is only 70 kilometres from Adelaide's CBD by road as it feels like a world away.

The town takes its name from members of the Thompson family who farmed in the general area from the late 1800's. Descendants of this family still live in the region today.

The Thompson Beach of today had its beginnings in the 1980's when a subdivision was created by Cape Investments Pty. Ltd. The township was formalised in 1992 and boundaries were mapped out in 1997.

The area is known for its crabbing, fishing, bird-watching, nature trails and peace

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and quiet. It's a great place to kick back, relax and quietly enjoy the serenity.

Thompson Beach is home to the northern gateway of the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary National Park *{Winaityinaityi Pangkara}*.

An expansion of the park has seen more of the Thompson Beach area incorporated into this important conservation area, ensuring it remains protected for generations to come.

It's amazing how many people in Adelaide are yet to discover *{or have even heard of}* this stunning coastal area that's practically right on their doorstep.

There's a sense of pride in the town and what real estate is available is starting to be snapped up more quickly; particularly on The Esplanade, which runs along the beach. The views from some of the homes is simply stunning.

At high tide, the clear waters can lap quite close to Thompson Beach's coastal dunes and at low tide a magnificent vista of tidal flats are exposed. It can be a long way to walk out to the water at low tide, but what a wonderful and peaceful stroll it is; with plenty to see and changing with each tide.

At the end or beginning of the day, you may be treated to one of the many **spectacular sunsets/sunrises** residents enjoy, particularly over the warmer months – nature really puts on an amazing light show.

There are many other tourism destinations on the Samphire Coast.

“Samphire” refers to a native succulent very common in the region that is also known as sea asparagus. While edible, the plant is protected in Thompson Beach and cannot be harvested.



Thompson Beach Facebook

There are many other tourism destinations on the Samphire Coast – check them all out.



The town of **Two Wells** is approximately 40 kilometres {25 miles} north of the Adelaide city centre adjacent to Port Wakefield Road and passed by the Adelaide-Port Augusta railway line. The first settlers in the area used two aboriginal wells in the area as a freshwater source. At the 2016 census, Two Wells had a population of 1926, but is fast becoming a growth area.

Originally the wells were natural and permanent waterholes. In the 1880s the wells were deepened and strengthened to facilitate regular use by travelling stock. By 1900 a water pipeline supplied the area, and the wells were neglected. In the 1960s a local youth group rehabilitated the wells and surrounding area, but after a time they were again neglected. In 1979 the area was again rehabilitated, partly fenced, and signed as a reserve. It continues to be maintained by interested locals.

The boundaries of the town were officially fixed on 21 June 1990.

Two Wells is located in the federal division of Grey, the state electoral district of Taylor and the local government area of the Adelaide Plains Council.

James Park Woods who was born in Two Wells in 1886, enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces in 1916 and was **awarded a Victoria Cross** for gallantry during preliminary attacks on the Hindenburg Line in September 1918. Woods survived the war and returned to a career in viticulture in Western Australia. There is a beautiful **War Memorial Park** in the main street, created and funded by the local RSL. It includes a World War II tank.



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The **Two Wells Bakery** is renowned for its delicious pies & pasties, excellent customer service, as well as its magnificent pastries.

Stop by for the best in the state.

Webb Beach and Parham are both linked to the highway by the circuitous Parham Road. Webb Beach is 2 km long, bordered by Baker Creek in the south and a smaller creek in the north. It faces west and has a small subdivision at the northern end of the beach, set back from the beach. At the beach there is a boat ramp, toilets and car park, fronted by 1 km wide tidal flats. At Parham 1 km to the north is a slightly larger subdivision boasting a telephone, toilets and car park. The beach runs north for 8 km to a small sandy foreland.



This section of coast is only used by the fishers who utilise a variety of boats and elevated vehicles to fish the creeks, tidal flats and gulf. The entire shore is unsuitable for swimming except at high tide, and there is no surf.

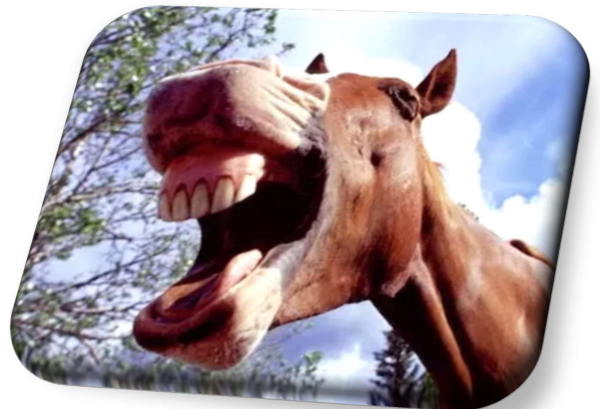
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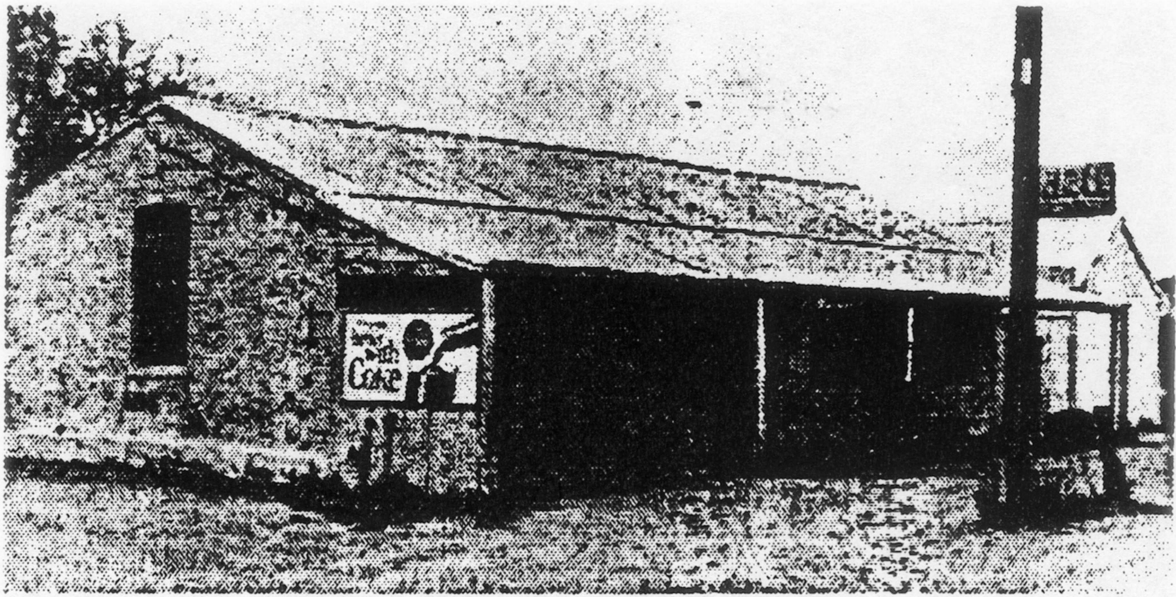


Wild Horse Plains is on the eastern coastline of Gulf St Vincent about 69 kilometres {43 miles} north-northwest of the Adelaide city centre. Its name is attributed to Thomas Day, who found wild horses grazing within the locality around 1870. Its boundaries, created in June 1997, include the town of Wild Horse Plains, established in 1881 on Port Wakefield Road, and the former Government Town of Lorne. Port Lorne Road marks most of the northern boundary of Wild Horse Plains and is the access road to the former township of Lorne.

Wild Horse Plains lies within the federal Division of Grey, the state electoral district of Narungga and the local government area of the Adelaide Plains Council. The post office opened in 1878, continued as a telephone exchange and closed in 1979.

Wild Horse Plains formally had a school for all ages known as Wild Horse Plains School.





Wild Horse Plains 1970.



wikipedia.org/wiki/Wild_Horse_Plains

Windsor 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, now Uniting Church which held its last service on 25 October 2020.

In 1884 the Windsor Institute was built, and has served the community as a hall and library for over 130 years.

The town had an oval with concrete cricket pitch opposite the school and tennis courts, on Windsor Road. The oval, established by 1883 and used by the Windsor Cricket Club, was also used until the 1960s by the school. The football club joined with Wild Horse Plains to become United in 1921. The school and local football team colours were double blue. The tennis club commenced in 1880s.

A post office {1877-1982} and store {1877-1985} operated from 1877 closing after the township was bypassed by Port Wakefield Road. The Windsor School closed in 1971.

The district was part of sheep grazing leases from the mid nineteenth century. George Baker took up the land in the area in 1860. After the district was surveyed and sold, settlers established mixed farms. This continued until the 1970s with mixed farming, growing grain, lambs, pigs, eggs, poultry and cream. In the early days grain was taken to Parham for dispatch to Adelaide.



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There used to be a "Windsor Separator" brand of butter. The press is retained by Clark family members.

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As you can imagine this is an ever-changing, evolving environment. So, **if we have inadvertently missed a few places &/or businesses we sincerely apologise.**

For more information on what's happening in the district please check out our website and Facebook page for an up-dated calendar of events *{beginning early 2025}*.

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APPENDIX.

Community Information

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ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Mallala

1st Sunday of the month

10.00am - 3 March, 7 April, 5 May

St Paul's Two Wells

2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th

Sundays of the month - 10.00am

Phone: 0427 616 301

CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Joseph's Two Wells

8.30am every Sunday

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Two Wells Preaching Place

Contact 8281 2976

UNITING CHURCH

Mallala Uniting Church

Pre-worship coffee 9.30 am

COUNCIL

Office - Mallala

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm *{except*

Public Holidays}

2a Wasleys Road, Mallala SA 5502

Postal: PO Box 18, Mallala SA 5502

Phone: 8527 0200

Fax: 8527 2242

Email - info@apc.sa.gov.au

Two Wells Service Centre

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm *{except*

Public Holidays}

69 Old Port Wakefield Road, T.W.

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