

Balaklava Museum

In 1972 the Balaklava and District Historical society was formed and in 1975 it became a branch of the National Trust of South Australia. Early in 2004 the Balaklava group severed its connection with the National Trust to become "Balaklava Museum Inc"

The Balaklava Museum operates on two sites.

Centenary Hall on May terrace became a folk museum in 1977 housing a vast collection of local historical records and photographs as well as many household items from the early days.

Centenary Hall has a colourful history. It is the oldest church building still standing in Balaklava, once the house of worship for the Church of Christ, and later for Zion Lutheran Church.

It was also the district's first High School and a hall for the Druids and Rechabite Lodge groups.

Urlwin Park in Short Terrace was opened in 1986 and is home to the Museum's agricultural collection which includes farming equipment, horse drawn vehicles, a replica of Ted Anders blacksmith shop and the historic "Corduroy Road"

The Zacher Pavilion showcases the "Balaklava Made" collection- a tribute to the industrial pioneers whose effort and enterprise gave Balaklava the title of "Manufacturing Centre of the North" in the early years of the state's development.

Urlwin park, once a large poultry farm, was bequeathed by Mr Lyle Urlwin, with the hope it would be suitable to house and display historic memorabilia.

Visit and Discover a Wealth of History

Opening Times: 2nd and 4th Sunday of Each Month
2.30pm - 4.30pm *Other times by appointment*

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