

## History of the Union Chapel

The Union Chapel at Angaston was opened on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1844 for any denomination to use for a variety of different occasions. South Australia's origins as a free colony escaping religious persecution is epitomized in this charming historic building nestled in the hills of the Barossa. Over the years it has had many uses including a public meeting facility, dried fruit storage, a home when buildings were scarce after World War 2, a shearing shed and a garage.



Volunteers and tradespeople under the control of the Angaston Council restored the building from 1989 to 1994. The Old Union Chapel, as it is known, was reopened as a public building 150 years after it was built as a tribute to the pioneers of the district. Since the restoration it has been used for occasions such as weddings, naming ceremonies, exhibitions, baptisms, concerts, meeting place and funerals.



The Barossa Council, the current owner, has given responsibility as a section 41 committee to a community based volunteer group "The Friends of the Old Union Chapel", to promote and preserve Barossa's oldest public building for use as it was originally intended.

Now with an attractive garden, off street parking, toilet facilities, small meeting room/kitchen and chapel with pews, it makes an ideal venue for intimate functions. Booking for functions or a special event and tours can be made with The Barossa Council, telephone 8563 8444.