

Greetings

Last night 46 members and 4 guests were privileged to hear Cr Paul Little's address on the history of Gawler RSL. Paul gave us a memorable "worts and all" explanation of how Gawler RSL has significantly changed over time to strive for and achieve the positiveness that exists within the RSL today (with Paul as its current President). It is very fortunate that we video our Guest Speaker's address and I strongly urge those who were unable to attend our meeting to view the video when it is loaded up in the next few days. Thank you so much Paul for a truly great address. Who said "history is boring"?

Gawler's remarkable history is encapsulated within the pages of the Bunyip newspaper and we have been delighted to receive 7 years of the Bunyip; embracing years between 1899 and 1918. We will shortly make the decision relating to where these magnificent originals will ultimately be secured and displayed. They make for fascinating reading; really giving us a greater understanding of the lifestyle of Gawler residents over 100 years ago.

We have now recorded the names, Wards and the actual years of every Gawler Councillor since Gawler Council was established in 1857. This has been a lengthy exercise but truly worthwhile. The challenge is now there for Team members to look through the now 949 names in gawlerhistory.com [within "People"], look for those with (Cr) contained within the name and, using Trove etc, contribute with your research of these past Councillors; written as a "word" document and sent to bgthom@bigpond.com.

At our next meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th March in Zion Lutheran Hall (rear of 22b Cowan Street, Gawler) we look forward to Robin Richter's address on the history of Gawler Airfield. This airfield has had a remarkable transition over many years and, as Chief Flying Instructor there over many years, Robin is extremely well qualified to enlighten us all regarding the many changes and the variety of aircraft which have flown from there. Not to be missed.

Regards

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