

Greetings

With the decision being made not to have our normal Monthly [1st Thursday of the month] Gawler History Team meetings until further notice, as well as our normal monthly Exec meetings being postponed, I believe that it is still important that we communicate in these difficult times.

Whether we like it or not, COVID-19 is now part of Gawler's history and we are extremely saddened by the [hopefully temporary] demise of the Bunyip newspaper.

Seeing that we are all isolating and may have some spare/extra at-home time, I extend the challenge to each of you to type up a "word" document (of half a foolscap page or so) to write down your personal experiences of how life-changing the existence of this Virus has affected you and your family [and, with your name attached, please then email it to me]. The replies can be put onto our website so that hopefully future generations can appreciate the changes to our lifestyle that we have experienced. [We have learnt of many past major disruptions to life that occurred over the last one hundred years and no such documentation freely exists].

This challenge is also extended to our Sponsors so that we may better understand the difficulties that they have experienced so far and the adjustments that they have had to make in the running of their business.

The Dr Dawes articles that we have loaded onto gawlerhistory.com have been widely appreciated. If you haven't seen them, please take the time to click on the "Latest Articles" button on our front page [or click on the articles containing the name "Dawes" under "People" or "Things".]

The 7 years of old Bunyips from within the years 1889 to 1917 have now been passed over to the Gawler Heritage Collection for safe-keeping, along with all the original Dr Dawes/Robertson material [which we have scanned but now don't have the facilities to retain].

The address by Peter Jones on the "Evanston Racecourse and the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club" has been postponed for 4 or 5 months or so, but in May, our "History Month" Guest Speaker Maxwell Millowick has agreed to give his address on Walter Duffield [Para Para] and to have it videod in front of only a couple of us, so that his valuable research is properly recorded for posterity. The video will be put onto our website as we normally do and I will remind you of its existence in the May monthly email.

Trusting that you are coping well,

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