

Last night, 43 members and 8 guests enjoyed the address given to Gawler History Team by our Guest Speaker Robin Richter. Robin gave a very well researched address which comprehensively covered all aspects of the history of Gawler Airfield since the early 1940's: embracing secret WW2 signalling, significant aircraft landings, airfield topography changes over the years, and its continuing use by the Adelaide Sourcing Club - which has its tenure secured for the next 40 years. Thank you Robin for the great effort made to ensure that we were so well informed.

As is our usual practice, we video all of our Guest Speakers, and those who missed this address can, by the middle of next week, go to our website gawlerhistory.com and activate the "Videos" button to view Robin's address (and almost 60 of our other previous GHT Guest Speakers).

Three weeks ago we were privileged to be asked by the Robertson family to secure the extensive historical collection relating to the life of Dr Richard Dawes, Dr Henry Dawes and Jean Robertson. [At the age of 38, Jean married Dr Henry Dawes who was aged 70]. Dr Richard Dawes commenced their Gawler practice [c1890] on the corner of High Street and Lyndoch Road - where Fastapasta now stands. What has eventuated is the receipt of a fabulous array of photographs and documentation and our GHT Executive member Allen Tiller has fastidiously scanned and photographed the collection and loaded it onto gawlerhistory.com for the world to see. I recommend that you access "Latest Articles" and click on all 8 of the articles containing the name "Dawes". Within the collection was a great c1860 photo of Gawler taken from just off Calton Road and it is probably one of the oldest Gawler photographs taken that we have seen. An amazing view having great clarity - thanks to Allen's efficient scanning.

On Thursday 2nd April at 7.30pm in Zion Lutheran Hall [rear of 22b Cowan Street, Gawler] we look forward to hearing the address from Peter Jones who will embrace the extensive history of Evanston Racecourse and the Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club.

Peter's research of horse-racing in Gawler (covering almost the last 150 years) should prove to be most enlightening. Please invite your relatives and friends who have a horse-racing interest to accompany you on 2nd April.

Regards
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