



Gawler Public Library

Local History Collection



Painting of Gawler Town by Doctor George Nott, 1855.
(Town of Gawler, Gawler Heritage Collection)

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Gawler Public Library has a growing Local History Collection (part of the Gawler Heritage Collection) that is useful for local and family historians. The primary focus is on printed, published and paper-based material specifically relating to the history of Gawler and its region. The collection also contains photographs, oral histories and original manuscripts. Due to the reference nature of the material, we are unable to make it available for loan. However our beautiful Reading Room provides a research space that truly adds atmosphere and a sense of time to the items that we have.

Research assistance

Gawler Public Library staff members are available to assist you. Staff are able to provide advice and materials relevant to your enquiry but we are unable (because of the constraints of time and staff numbers), to do the research for you.

Your initial enquiry (whether by phone, email or in person) will receive fifteen minutes of staff time. Further assistance can be arranged by booking a half-hour session with our Reference and Research Librarian who is available on Friday afternoons from 12.30 to 2.30 pm.

You will be asked to complete a Local History Enquiry form before receiving assistance (for email and phone enquiries, staff will do this for you using the information that you provide). This form provides us with information not only about who is using the Local History Collection, but also details about the subject of the enquiry. This information is used for statistical purposes and is kept on file for later reference should new information be found.



Gawler Town by J. Shaw Del, ca. 1850s.
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Acknowledgment

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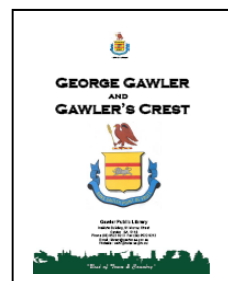
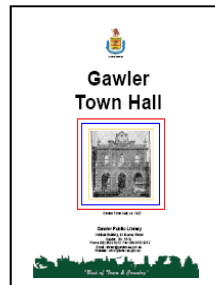
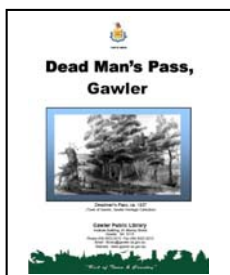
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Research Tools

Library staff have researched and produced a series of historical pamphlets which are related to Gawler's history. Copies are available in the Library or go to our website, <http://www.gawler.sa.gov.au>.

For specific subjects or titles please search our catalogue which is available at <http://gawlerlibrary.sa.gov.au>.

To search for local history items only, please choose 'Local History' in the Collection field in the Advanced Search option.

Wireless connection to the internet is available. Please ask for assistance at the Loans Desk.

Microfiche

Port Gawler : Births 1856 -1922
Deaths 1856 - 1928
Marriages 1856 - 1928

Barossa: Births 1856 -1922
Deaths 1856 -1930
Marriages 1856 - 1928

Gawler (the amalgamation of Port Gawler and Barossa):
Deaths 1930 -1968
Marriages 1930 -1936

Indexes produced by the South Australian and Heraldry Society Inc. (Hardcopy and database)

South Australian Births, Index of Registrations 1842 -1928
South Australian Deaths, Index of Registrations 1842 -1972
South Australian Marriages, Index of Registrations 1842 -1937

Books etc.

Biographical Index of South Australians 1836 -1885
South Australians 1836 -1885
Bunyip Newspaper on microfilm, and in bound book form
Gawler historical photographs on CD
Published family histories
Books and articles relating to Gawler's history.
Gawler: an annotated bibliography of historical, technical and scientific sources in seven volumes, 1997.

Donations

We welcome donations of published and unpublished works to our Local History Collection.

"The Old Spot", Gawler Town.
Artist and date unknown.
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