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YEARS

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Regional Media Connect would like to congratulate *The Bunyip* on 160 years of publication. What a wonderful milestone achievement.

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Cheers to 160 years

BRENDAN SIMPKINS

ON September 5, 1863, an eight-page pamphlet, casting a satirical eye over the happenings around the Gawler community, hit the streets.

The Bunyip was originally intended to be an extension to the Gawler Humbug Society – a group of local characters committed to banishing ‘humbug’ (or nonsense) through the use of satire – but would eventually evolve into something more.

In its first edition, local doctor George Nott, *The Bunyip*’s first editor, outlined the paper’s ethos right from the get-go.

“The Gawler Humbug Society... whose destiny it is to sweep all secret humbugs from the high places they usurp,” he wrote.

“Or to tear from off their faces the masks of folly, falsehood, or pretension they assume, and expose them to the scorn of their fellow men, in all their hideousness.”

Though Dr Nott and his band of merry contributors wrote of their frustrations with the press in that infamous first edition, whether intentional or not, the values that were enshrined in print were, at its core, the principles of journalism.

And clearly the community of the time had an appetite for it, with the first edition of *The Bunyip* selling out instantly.

By the end of the year, Dr Nott would pivot, noting that Gawlerites had a desire for an institution that could seek the truth.

“We have done well, but we want to do better; we want to make our little paper something more than the medium for the last new joke, or the whip for the last new folly,” the editor wrote.

“...Gawler deserves something more than this at our hands – it is the centre of a large community, actively engaged in mechanical and agricultural pursuits.

“It has wants of its own, and we offer it an organ wherein to express those wants.”

By 1865, *The Bunyip* would evolve again into a broadsheet and publish twice a month, before eventually settling into a weekly edition.

Yesterday, *The Bunyip* celebrated its 160th anniversary, seeing off the challenge of rival publications, lawsuits, two World Wars and a global pandemic.

Though the paper may look vastly different to that first edition, the mission remains the same.

But we couldn’t have got this far without a whole village of people dedicating their time and effort into making *The Bunyip* what it is today.

We must acknowledge those who have come before us, laying the foundations for us to build upon.

After all, we are merely custodians helping to guide the paper into its next chapter.

To the Humbug Society and to William Barnett, who’s family would remain

synonymous with the paper for 140 years, we thank you.

To the Taylor Family, who have continued to build upon *The Bunyip*’s legacy for the past 20 years, we thank you.

To the editors, journalists, correspondents, columnists, and photographers who helped set the agenda, fight the good fight, and build our reputation, we thank you.

To the faces behind the scenes – the sales representatives, graphic designers, administration, printers, collators, couriers and so many more – whose contributions often fly under the radar, you don’t go unnoticed.

We thank you.

But most importantly, to the Gawler community and to our readers, the biggest and most heartfelt thank you.

For without you, we wouldn’t exist.

Cheers to the past 160 years, here’s looking to 160 more.



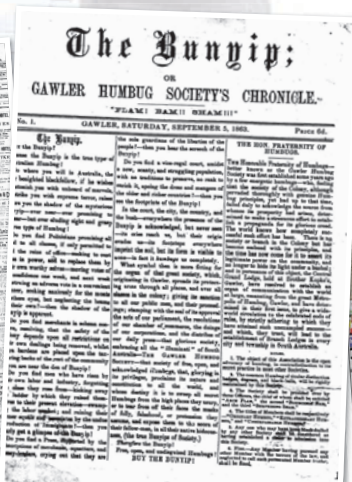
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1913 – 50th anniversary



1863 – First edition



2013 – 150th anniversary



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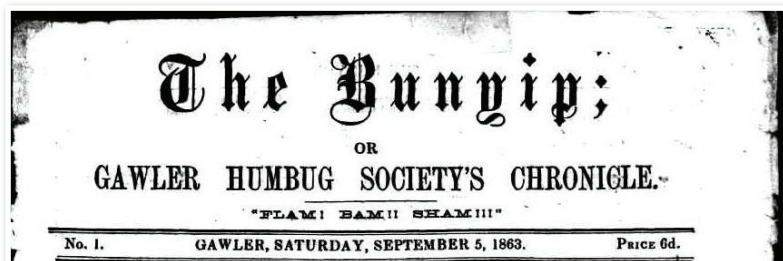
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1860

The advertisement explaining to readers how *The Bunyip* would operate.

SEPTEMBER, 1863

When released for the first time in September 1863, *The Bunyip* was only eight pages long and was originally only released monthly. An announcement was included in the first ever edition, telling readers *The Bunyip* would be published on the first Saturday of every month.



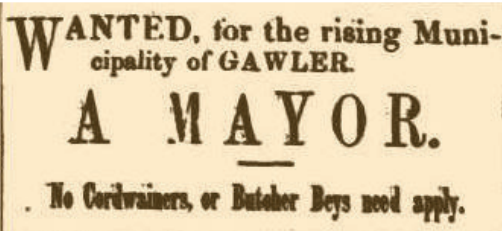
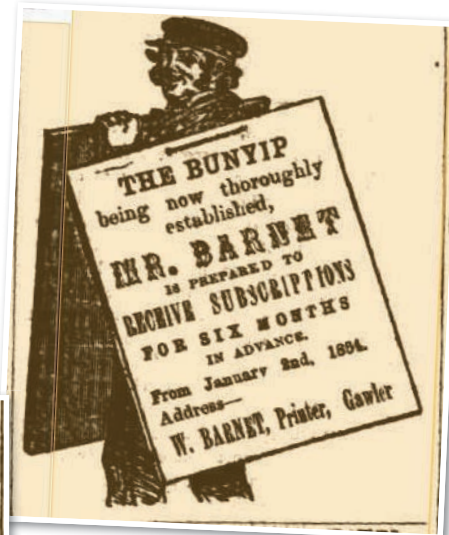
The first ever published edition of *The Bunyip*; the masthead in its entirety.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
THE Proprietors of the *Bunyip*, on issuing their first number, beg to inform the Public that it is intended to Publish the *Bunyip* on the First Saturday of every month.
Subscribers wishing copies, must send amount in Postage Stamps to the Editor of the Bunyip, Gawler. No attention will be paid to any order unless accompanied with a remittance.
NO HUMBUG.
Advertisements intended for publication must be sent in not later than the day preceding the publication. Large Discount allowed on repeated advertisements.

NOVEMBER, 1863

Declaring *The Bunyip* “thoroughly established”, William Barnet, owner and operator of the paper, announced the introduction of six-month subscriptions.

An advertisement for a mayor was also in this edition, discouraging ‘cordwainers or butcher boys’ from applying. George Nott was successful in 1864, and subsequently returned his thanks for the “high honor” to become mayor “of the important Town of Gawler”.



MARCH, 1866

A mother from Willaston submitted a letter to the editor this edition, explaining the “jeopardy” to her and her family’s health, due to the “smells arising from the slaughter houses at each point of the compass”.

JULY, 1866

A meeting was held to organise the arrangements for a new post office, and laying the foundation stone for said building.

MARCH, 1868

The Bunyip covered the attempted murder of the Duke of Edinburgh in Sydney, labelling the assassin “cowardly”. The piece tells an interesting story of what happened, and the results of the event; with the bullet not having been extracted when the piece was written.

great crime may not prove an addition to that reign of terror, by inaugurating which, the Fenians have tried to compass their ends. Her Majesty has been more than once shot at by persons who have been weak enough to endeavor to gain notoriety by such wicked means. We shall trust that this will turn out to be the case in the present instance, and that the cowardly assassin may meet with that notoriety he so well deserves, in a short shrift on a high gallows. The bullet entered at the back of the Prince, and passed under the ribs to the front. We need scarcely say that until it is extracted there is great danger.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.
It is with feelings of the sincerest regret that all our readers will learn that H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh has been shot down by a ruffian in Sydney, when walking between the Countess Belmore and Sir William Manning. The cowardly assassin appears to have walked up to within a yard of H.R.H., and then discharged one chamber of a revolver at the side of the Prince. Although the shot was murderously intended, it is with extreme pleasure that we learn this assassin has been extracted, at the time of latest intelligence we have received, appears confident of being able to very shortly. The assassin turns out to be a man named O'Farrell, from Cork, and he attempted to fire a shot, but fortunately the muzzle of the pistol was knocked down by a soldier, and the ball lodged in the back of a member of the Prince's suite. The cowardly assassin was at once arrested, and held for the intervention of the authorities, he would have been hanged on the spot. Thus, by the mere hand of an assassin, has fallen one visit to this colony was so much a source of satisfaction to all Australians. Not in the least of our men when desperate men charge upon equally reckless of their lives to the fierce music of the cannon, the dash of the glittering sword, and the second son of our Queen, all to the colony was so fondly strengthened the ties between our country and our own island to whose kindly nature and stability of character, combined with the courage of the high duties of soldier and officer, so lately shown to us all, has been struck one full blow to the very gates of death. It is said that the assassin is a Fenian, and if he is one of the O'Farrells of Ballinacree, there is unfortunately too much ground for believing the rumor to be true. We shall trust however that this may not be the case, and that this

DECEMBER, 1863

A notice was included in this edition, announcing the cost of advertising with *The Bunyip*.

In November 1864, *The Bunyip* changed to being released on the first and third Saturday of each month.

The print edition also received a facelift, the paper being printed as a broad sheet and doubling its size.

This in turn took it from an eight-page publication, down to a four-paged one. A new masthead and print size went to print in the first edition of February, 1865.

In December 1865, *The Bunyip* announced in the new year the publication would become a weekly paper, commencing at the “reduced price of threepence”, previously being ‘6d’ (sixpence).

NOTICE,
THE Bunyip is published on the first Saturday of every month, and presents a most eligible medium for advertisements of a general or local character. The Proprietors feel highly gratified at the success of the first numbers—which greatly exceeded their anticipations—the whole impressions having been disposed of. The following will be the scale of charges for advertisements:
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Four lines . . . Two Shillings
Five lines . . . Two Shillings & Sixpence
Six lines . . . Three Shillings
And every additional line, 4d.
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Printed and Published for the Proprietors, by W. BARNET, Printer, Murray-street, Gawler.



October 1867 – *The Bunyip* had printing equipment on site in their Murray St building, originally next to the Prince Albert Hotel, not where it is currently located at 120 Murray St.

GAWLER WEST BREWERY.
THIS FAVORITE ALE is now taking the lead, and is becoming universally enquired for wherever once tasted. Mr T. J. MONRO has therefore the pleasure to inform THE TRADE that he is now enabled to supply all moderate demands, and would respectfully solicit a share of their patronage. Intending Patrons are invited to inspect the NEW BREWERY, GAWLER WEST, where all the Newest Improvements of the Day have been adopted to insure success in the Brewing of GOOD BEER.
THOS. J. MONRO,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,
Aerated Water, Gingerbeer and Cordial Manufacturer,
GAWLER WEST.

FEBRUARY, 1870

A new shoeing forge opened, giving Gawler residents the opportunity to cater to horses in the region, saying “horses carefully shod on the shortest notice”.

DECEMBER, 1872

A Gawler West brewery was “taking the lead” in the industry, offering wine, spirits, water, ginger beer and cordial; all in the heart of Gawler.

1872

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~ From the team at Gawler Ultra Tune

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THE WATER SUPPLY.

As there appears to be a good deal of misconception in reference to the water supply for the Town of Gawler in consequence of their being no official notice, we might mention for the benefit of those persons who are anxious to have the water laid on to their premises that they have simply to apply to the engineer in charge, who will then do the needful. When the water was first talked about there was a good deal to say in objection to a water rate, as it was understood that 12½ per cent. was to be charged on a special assessment, to be made, and all would be compelled whether they wished it or not to pay the rate. This, of course, gave rise to a strong expression of feeling on the part of some, and very selfish reasons were adduced in support of those reasons; now, however, from what we can learn no such arrangement is to be made, and no persons will be compelled to have the water against their wish. With the new arrangement, considering that there is sure to be a large number of people who will not, at any rate for the present, go to the expense of having the water laid on, we fail to see how the interest on the borrowed money for the purpose of carrying out the work will be paid, unless, as the Government did with the tram-line, make up the deficiency. It is scarcely likely that Government will pay 8s. per thousand gallons for water (if indeed they pay anything at the railway station, or else at that figure they will find they are paying dear for it. We have, however, heard that it is likely that in six months time the price will only be three shillings per thousand gallons, and we can but hope that such will be the case. Another thing that calls for immediate attention is the fact that there are persons in some of the back streets who are desirous of having the water, but cannot in consequence of the necessary pipes not having been laid. The reason assigned for this is that the ship—which was bringing over some three-inch piping has gone to the bottom of the sea. Be this the case or not, in the face of the extremely dry weather we are experiencing it is time the whole of the pipes were laid. There is no doubt but that a great boon is being conferred upon the town in having a plentiful supply of good water, and the sooner the inhabitants can utilize it the better, though we do not see that we should have to pay through the nose for it. It is urged that people will find such a benefit in using the water that it will soon become generally used, which will be the chief means of reducing the price. All that we can add is that we trust the hope will be realized.



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FEBRUARY, 1885

Fire struck *The Bunyip* office, burning down the building as well as the Bank of Adelaide and The Prince Albert Hotel.

JANUARY, 1882

Water supply was the talk of the town for years in Gawler, with an update given on how to acquire personal water supply onto your property.

JANUARY, 1879

Leeches were used in medicine for most of the 1800s, with chemists around Gawler using them for remedies for a wide range of medical issues, such as headaches. And, all from the River Murray.

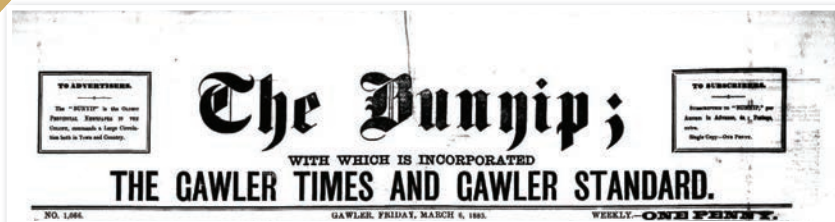
JANUARY, 1890

Progress is made on the iconic Willaston Bridge, which would eventually be completed in September, and welcomed by the public with an opening ceremony.

1890

JUNE, 1890

The Commissioner began an inquiry into the feasibility of creating a railway line from Angaston to Gawler.



MARCH, 1885

A few months later, *The Bunyip* merged with its competitor the *Gawler Standard*, which was a newspaper that began publishing in 1878.

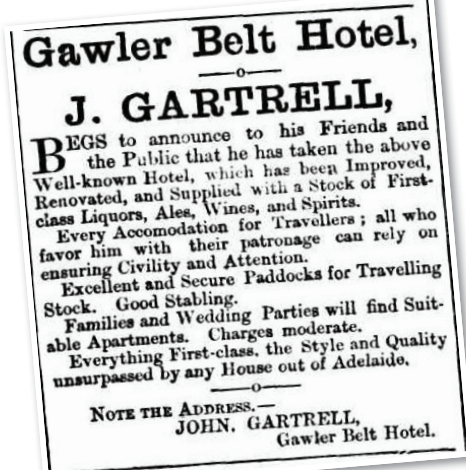
DECEMBER, 1884

Before year's end, William Barnet announced the lowering in price of *The Bunyip* to one penny, while still wanting to keep the matters published interesting.

The Gawler Times was a paper established in late 1868 in the Barossa Valley, between Gawler and Williamstown. The paper functioned as coverage of activities at gold digging sites and for the 4000 prospectors at work. At the start of 1885, *The Bunyip* and *The Gawler Times* merged.

APRIL, 1879

The Gawler Belt Inn or Hotel was thought to stand where the Redbanks Rd interchange on the Gawler Bypass is now, however it was closed well before the bypass was built; it operated until 1913.



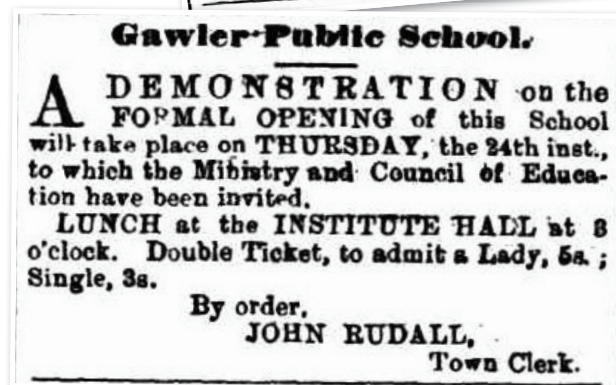
In 1879, lighting by gas was introduced to Gawler with streets finally illuminated for the community to utilise.

MAY, 1877

A highway robbery took Gawler by storm, with the whole story in much detail published in the paper.

JANUARY, 1878

A formal opening was held for a new school in Gawler, to be called Gawler Public School.



F. Fowlers Furniture Manufactory on Murray St – situated next to *The Bunyip* office – produces cards, tables, chests of drawers and other furniture items. They also specialised in coffins for funerals, also with hearse and mourning coaches for hire.

SEPTEMBER 1873

The first edition of *The Bunyip* published on a Friday, where the weekly paper was continually published on the weekend-eve until many decades later; instead of on Saturdays.

1873

DECEMBER, 1875

It was common around this time for *The Bunyip* to start covering local sports scores.

Wishing The Bunyip a

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1891

APRIL, 1891

James Martin, inventor, politician, philanthropist and founder of his famous engineering firm, was honoured on his 70th birthday.

MAY, 1891

Gawler celebrates Her Majesty Queen Victoria's 72nd birthday.

SEPTEMBER, 1892

The Gawler Show continued to thrive after its opening in 1854, and would go on to welcome local residents for years to come.

NOVEMBER, 1893

The Hon James Martin is encouraged by local residents to nominate himself for re-election for a place on council.

JANUARY, 1892

Local residents celebrated the opening of Nuriootpa's new recreation park.

JANUARY, 1893

Concerts continue to be held at Gawler's Institute Hall, this time with audiences gathering to watch the blind string band and blind choir.

OCTOBER, 1896

The Bunyip extensively reported on the great 1890s drought, which left a permanent mark on the country and saw farmer's crops failing, livestock dying and local mills closed.

JANUARY, 1900

The Bunyip reports on an alleged outbreak of the plague in Gawler, just days after the first confirmed case of the bubonic plague in Australia was reported in Port Adelaide.

JUNE, 1904

His Excellency the Governor Sir George Le Hunte visited Gawler. *The Bunyip* reported on his visit and tour of local public works.

DECEMBER 1907

A photo published in *The Bunyip* showing the Saint Peter and Paul's church, which was built on the site of Gawler's first Roman Catholic Church in 1850, and cost about £3500.

1907

NOVEMBER, 1901

An advertisement published in *The Bunyip* by Jas. Harris & Sons about their upcoming grand Christmas displays.

The Bunyip offers its thanks to locals for their support given to local news outlets, and shares the importance of localised news in 1903.

JUNE, 1898

The Bunyip broke the news of a "sensational incident" that occurred during a traveling circus in Gawler. The paper reported that the Harmston Circus had put on a great show, before its closing act "Gomez" (John Issac) the Tiger trainer, entered the tiger cage to put the Tigers through the finale. Unfortunately, as Gomez finished the act and turned his back on the tiger to leave, it pounced and sunk its teeth into his neck, and at 5pm on June, 14 1898, he was pronounced dead.

The Bunyip Newspaper reports on the successful introduction of electric lighting to Murray St in 1894.



Gawler Institute circa 1908. PHOTO: State Library of South Australia B 32019

Gawler's public school would hold annual concerts in 1899 for locals in the Institute Hall, and sung songs such as 'The Sun is Rising Over the Oceans'.



The last horse drawn tram in Gawler. PHOTO: State Library of South Australia B 17921

In 1903, *The Bunyip* continues to report on the introduction of electric trams in Gawler.

In January, 1907, *The Bunyip* reported on an increase of traffic at the Gawler railway station, which opened in 1857.

In January, 1900, a letter to the editor written by a resident after the shock death of James Martin, where the writer urged the town to erect a statue in his honour. The statue of Martin, who was popularly hailed as 'the Father of Gawler', now sits at Whitelaw Terrace.

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1916



DECEMBER, 1915

The Bunyip reflects on Australian soldiers landing on what is now called Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula, which saw 2000 men killed or wounded.

AUGUST, 1916

A photo published in *The Bunyip* of Lieut A.E Sheard, who was in command of the 4th Reinforcements of the 50th Battalion before he left for war. He was a Gawler-born boy and popular within the local community.

JANUARY, 1916

The Bunyip reported on an order published in the "Commonwealth Gazette" which claimed that "aliens" intending to enter or leave the Commonwealth must only do so with a passport. The term "alien" was used for those who were not British residents, and were thought to pose a threat during the War.

APRIL, 1915

It was announced that Mr Perry had purchased the old Phoenix Foundry, previously operated by Martin & Co.

APRIL 1915

A report by *The Bunyip* on Austria's status with Italy during the second year of WWI. This year saw a platoon of Australian troops crossing the frontier.

NOVEMBER, 1913

The Hutchinson Hospital was officially opened. The Hospital was dedicated to the late Mr T Hutchinson, who gifted his High St property as a public hospital in his will.

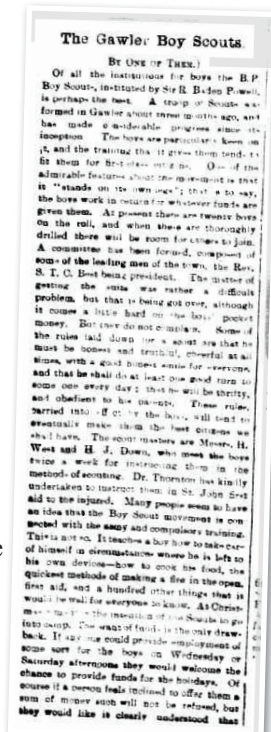
AUGUST, 1914

Premier Archibald Peake announces Great Britain had declared war on Germany, marking the beginning of World War I.

The Bunyip published news of the passing of John Warren, who was one of the oldest pioneers of South Australia, in September, 1914.

OCTOBER 1911

An article published in *The Bunyip* about Gawler's first Boy Scouts group, which was established only a few months earlier. The group would go on to play a major role in the development of Gawler's youth for over 105 years.



Hutchinson Hospital circa 1958.
PHOTO: State Library of South Australia B 47162

In June, 1912, news broke that electric lighting will soon be available in Gawler homes.

MAY, 1910

The Bunyip joins in a worldwide condolences for the death of King Edward VII.

APRIL 1909

The Bunyip reported on the first talks of public swimming baths being introduced in Gawler.

1908

SEPTEMBER 1910

A photo published in *The Bunyip* of the officers who made up the previous year's Gawler Show Board.

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APRIL, 1917

Former *Bunyip* editor and state politician E. H. Coombe died suddenly from a seizure at Semaphore.

MARCH, 1920

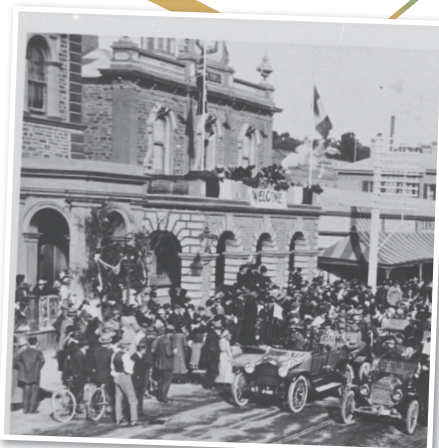
Gawler South War Memorial design by Tillett Stone Masons, of Adelaide. Designs submitted by Tanunda's Julian Henstchke were favoured the year prior, but were protested due to his German heritage. It would be unveiled in September, 1921.

Edward, Prince of Wales, is given a "rousing welcome" to Gawler in July, 1920 by about 5000 people. He was greeted by James Busbridge, Gawler's Mayor at the time, and then-Premier Henry Barwell at Gawler Railway Station. Prince Edward was given a casket containing Mayor Busbridge's address as a gift.



Germany signs armistice, concluding the Great War in November, 1918. Willaston residents gave a warm welcome home to soldiers returning from the war in June, 1918. Then in February, 1919, *The Bunyip* reported on more soldiers returning home to Gawler. They were met with music and refreshments at the Institute Hall.

French soldiers taking part in a street parade in Gawler in 1918. PHOTO: State Library of South Australia B 63906



MAY, 1920

Sir Keith Smith, famed Australian aviator, visits Gawler and shares the story of his legendary flight from England to Australia. Sir Keith flew alongside his brother Ross, and mechanics James Bennett and Wally Shiers, becoming the first men to complete the journey.

MARCH, 1921

Gawler gets its second picture theatre, called Picture Palace, after a pair of electricians entered into a lease with trustees of the Gawler South Hall.

MARCH, 1924

Gawler's municipal electric service discontinued, the town switching over to the Adelaide Electric Supply Co.'s control.

May Bros factory opens at Gawler Railway after a six-month closure, under the new name May Bros. & J. H. Jones Ltd. in July, 1924.

APRIL, 1922

A wonderful gathering in Gawler as the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is opened and dedicated in Church Hill, costing about £3000. About 1500 people attended the first Sunday Church service.

JUNE, 1923

Goose Island was inundated, three footbridges destroyed and dozens of families left homeless after floods ravaged Gawler. *The Bunyip* reported at the time: "At about 7.30am the river widened considerably... within three hours the river had risen over three feet, and at noon was a raging torrent."



Flooding at Goose Island in 1923. PHOTO: Gawler History Team

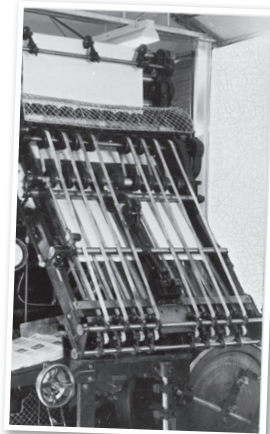
The Bunyip celebrates its diamond jubilee in September, 1923.

JANUARY, 1925

Mayor Michael Lynch calls for a public telephone booth for Gawler.

JULY, 1928

Perry Engineering, who took over Phoenix Foundry made famous by James Martin, closes its doors in Gawler but continues at Mile End. The factory produced locomotives and other rolling stock. *The Bunyip* laments the loss of manufacturing in town.



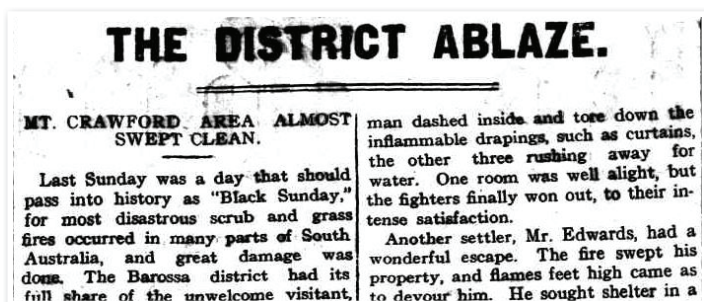
NOVEMBER, 1935

More than 300 people attend the official opening of Gawler Catholic School and hall, which included a dance social and supper. The school's foundation stone was laid in August that year.

In March, 1930 a memorial monument is unveiled in Tanunda for the late E. H. Coombe, former *Bunyip* editor and politician. And then in May, 1930 a New Perfector Cotterill printing press was installed at *The Bunyip*, with June 6 edition the first published using the machine.

FEBRUARY, 1926

Fire comes within three miles of Gawler as blazes ravage the state on "Black Sunday", Mt Crawford was particularly ravaged. *The Bunyip* reported "car load after car load" of men went to assist with the firefighting cause.



DECEMBER, 1926

Hutchinson Hospital's maternity block is officially opened. At the time, the State Government had declared that maternity wards were a requirement for country hospitals.

APRIL, 1928

The Victoria Mill, a landmark of Gawler West, is demolished. Located next to Gawler Railway, it was purchased by the Railways Department who intended to use the site as a dumping ground.



The old Victoria Mill. PHOTO: Gawler History Team

MARCH, 1931

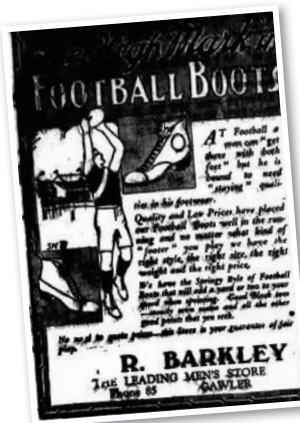
An expanded Institute Hall is officially opened, with the building known as the Gawler Memorial Institute from that point onward.

MAY, 1932

The opening of the Strand Theatre in the Memorial Institute Hall took place in front of a packed crowd. One of the first films shown included 'Sporting Blood' starring Clark Gable.

SEPTEMBER, 1936

Pioneer Park, then known as Pioneer Place, the site of the old Gawler cemetery, would be dedicated as a memorial to the town's pioneers and soldiers who died in WWI, under a proposal put forward by the local Progress Association.



NOVEMBER, 1936

Gawler Football Association puts forward its case to become the SA Football League's ninth team. It was noted that Gawler players were often being snapped up by League teams, and a country team would offer greater opportunities to country footballers. A subcommittee was formed to explore the proposal.

FEBRUARY, 1933

First steps towards establishing a "Greater Gawler" council district are taken, with a Royal Commission into Local Government Areas to be held. A report recommending a merger between Gawler and Gawler South councils, as well as the transfer of other localities, such as Willaston and Evanston, take place. The united council would sit for the first time in July.

JUNE, 1933

Gawler Cemetery in Willaston has its first burial after cremation, with the casket and ashes of Margaret Wilson arriving from New South Wales.

OCTOBER, 1934

Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester visits Gawler, a crowd of 9000 people turning out to see him.

JANUARY, 1936

King George V dies at Sandringham Palace after reigning for 26 years. Prince Edward VII ascends to the throne until his abdication in December that same year.

JUNE, 1937

Murray St is declared a bottleneck due to fast traffic, leading police to be asked to supervise the thoroughfare.

1937

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1959



JULY, 1958

Councillor P. T. Noack proposes the construction of a “free-speed highway” that would link Gawler to Port Wakefield Road, via Angle Vale. It remained a popular topic for over 50 years, before construction of the North-South Motorway officially began in 2010, and the Northern Connector section was officially opened in 2020.

Queen Elizabeth II leaves Buckingham Palace en route to her coronation at Westminster Abbey. PHOTO: Historic-uk.com

MAY, 1958

10 years after retiring from the Australian Test cricket team, Sir Donald Bradman was the featured speaker at a Gawler Rotary regular dinner meeting, drawing the largest crowd since the inception of the club. Bradman told the crowd he was “very confident” that Australia would reclaim the Ashes in a series that would begin seven months later, which they did, beating England on Australian soil 4-0 to break an eight-year run without an Ashes series victory.

Sir Donald Bradman during the later stages of his all-time great career for Australia. PHOTO: Crickethrills.com



JUNE, 1953

Hundreds gather in Murray St to mark the historic coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, nearly 14 months after the death of King George VI. The crowd reportedly included “school children, Guides and Brownies” among other military servicemen and emergency service personnel.



Willaston's Royal Australian Air Force base circa 1945, which went on to become the Willaston Migrant Hostel. PHOTO: Gawlerhistory.com

JANUARY, 1956

Six years after the proposal first circulated, a mass migration of English men, women and children arrive at the Willaston Migrant Hostel. *The Bunyip* named and welcomed each family in a front page story, and included details of each man's occupation.

AUGUST, 1950

A Nazi sympathiser is fined \$2 after the Yugoslavian performed a Nazi salute and said “Heil Hitler” on a Gawler-bound train. The man was punched on the ear by a recently returned serviceman passenger, who was not charged over the incident.

JUNE, 1950

Adelaide businessman ‘Geo. Bailey’ proposes a mass migration scheme that would bring up to 400 migrants from Manchester, England, and have them settle in Gawler – a plan that would come to fruition six years later when 300-plus English migrants were shipped into town. One week later an anonymous local wrote in with a letter to the editor opposing the plan, saying Gawler is not equipped to support such an influx of migrants, suggesting they focus on Salisbury instead.

FEBRUARY, 1950

Five years before the polio vaccine was developed, *The Bunyip* reported on a polio case in Gawler being admitted to Northfield Hospital. Gawler Board of Health's secretary played down the threat, saying the infected man was from Smithfield.



Northfield Infectious Disease Hospital was South Australia's primary location for people infected with polio. PHOTO: State Library of South Australia B4905

In August, 1942, Ken Barnet, member of *The Bunyip's* mechanical staff, is called up to the War effort, leaving the paper with just one staff member who was also awaiting a call up. Printing continues despite shortage of paper and manpower. This continued in 1943, with printing done on stock originally intended for single-sided printing.

MAY, 1945

Gawler rejoices at the total and unconditional surrender of Germany following a 10-hour cease fire in Europe. Church bells rang out from St George's Church for half an hour from 7.30am, but the news was described as “subdued satisfaction” by *The Bunyip*. A public thanksgiving was later held at the Regal Theatre.

In March, 1945 Gawler, and *The Bunyip*, are rocked at the sudden death of Clarice Barnet due to what was described as “heart collapse”. She was married to Frank, who died in 1941.

SEPTEMBER, 1939

England declares war on Germany, marking the beginning of World War II.

SEPTEMBER, 1943

Child prodigy Brenton Langbein, born in Gawler, makes his debut as a solo violinist as a seven-year-old. He performed at the Adelaide Town Hall under conductorship of Sir Bernard Thomas Heinze.



Brenton Langbein State Library of South Australia PRG 1030/11/9/209.

JANUARY, 1940

Gawler's first compulsory ‘stop’ sign is erected on Lyndoch Rd approaching Murray St. Five drivers were observed in five minutes failing to notice the sign.

In March, 1941, *The Bunyip* business manager and part proprietor Frank Barnet dies, aged 65. He was the fifth son of William Barnet, founder of *The Bunyip*.

1938

SEPTEMBER, 1938

Gawler Council proposes to widen Murray St, pave it from gutter to gutter and recognise it as highway in order to cope with increased traffic due to the proposed widening of Main North Rd.

JANUARY, 1939

Gawler celebrates its centenary with a week-long celebration, including Pioneer's Day, a soiree, centenary ball, gala, centennial concert and a carnival. The ‘Song of Australia’ played an important part in the celebrations, having been written about 80 years earlier.

MAY, 1942

A snap decision by the Federal Government to restrict the sale of drapery, clothes and boots sparks a buying frenzy in Gawler. Businesses chose to open for half an hour daily due to the chaos.

SEPTEMBER, 1943

The eagle symbol, which stood proudly atop the Eagle Foundry in King St for more than 70 years, appears in an RAAF camp in New Guinea having gone missing the year prior. It was returned in 1944, to be placed in a prominent area of Gawler as a memorial to Pilot Officer Ivor Hatcher.

AUGUST, 1945

The Bunyip rejoiced at the news of Japan's surrender, brining “peace on earth” after six years of War. A number of well-known locals sent in messages which were published in the August 24 edition.



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1960

JANUARY, 1960

The *Bunyip* highlights the 172nd Australia Day, celebrating Australia's growth from "a small colony of 859 to a... population of over 9.5 million".

JUNE, 1960

After first hosting the prestigious event in 1959, the Gawler Jockey Club welcomed 23 riders and their horses – including 10 from interstate – to compete in Australia's Olympic equestrian trials. The story includes a note that an ideal vantage point for spectators would be from the wool shed of Mr Eldred Riggs – who went on to have Eldred Riggs Recreation Reserve named after him, the home of the South Gawler Lions.



Interstate riders compete in Gawler as part of the Olympic equestrian trials. PHOTO: Equestrian Memories Australia

APRIL, 1965

150 people attended the dawn service marking the 50-year anniversary of Anzac Day, with hundreds more lining Murray St for the street march.

FEBRUARY, 1963

Central District Football Club, along with Woodville, are officially invited to join the SANFL. The Bulldogs finished as the wooden-spooners during their first season in 1964, and they went on to have four Magarey Medallists before the turn of the millennium – Gary Window (1965), John Duckworth (1979), John Platten (1984) and Gilbert McAdam (1989). Their success would come in the 2000s, winning nine premierships from 2000-2010 in one of Australian football's most dominant stretches.



Central District legend Gary Window is presented with the 1965 Magarey Medal in the club's second season as a member of the SANFL. PHOTO: City of Playford Library Service



The front page of *The Bunyip's* centenary edition, Thursday, September 1963.

In September, 1963, *The Bunyip* celebrates its centenary, marking 100 years since the very first edition back in 1863. It was the third South Australian newspaper to reach the 100-year milestone.

The Bunyip announces its northern expansion, absorbing Hamley Bridge publications *The Junction* and *Gilbert Valley News* to create "one newspaper with a circulation of more than 4500 from Gawler to Black Springs" in January, 1969.

APRIL, 1970

A horror crash "near Gawler, on the road to Roseworthy College" kills 17 after a double-decker bus crashed into the side of a passenger train. It remains South Australia's worst ever rail crossing disaster, with off-duty nurses from Gawler and surrounding areas volunteering their assistance at Gawler's Hutchinson Hospital in the immediate aftermath.



FEBRUARY, 1978

The Gawler Show announces the plan for its first ever two-day show, citing the growing number of entrants in horse and dog contests as too much to handle on one day. It was billed as the first two-day show conducted by a member of the Northern Shows Society.



Gawler's first ever two-day show is a smashing success, hailed as "the greatest in its 122-year history".

JANUARY, 1975

Gawler rallies to support victims of devastating Cyclone Tracy, which killed 71 in the Northern Territory and caused an estimated \$650million in damages. Food, clothing and money were donated by the public to the Salvation Army, and all profits from South Gawler Football Club's New Year's Eve social went to the fund.

APRIL, 1980

Former Gawler mayor and then-Member for Light Dr Bruce Eastick returns from a trip to London where he was part of a convention for parliamentary speakers from a number of countries. Accompanying the short story is a photo of Dr Eastick with English prime minister Margaret Thatcher.

JULY, 1980

The Northern Market Shopping Centre opens on the corner of Cowan and Murray Sts, featuring a Coles New World Supermarket and several specialist shops.

1980

JULY, 1980

The Bunyip joins the technological revolution sweeping the printing industry by changing over to offset.

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1990

With an enormous future still ahead of him, 19-year-old cricketer Darren Lehmann stamps himself as one of the most exciting batsmen seen in Australia for some years during the latter part of the decade. Lehmann (who would go on to one day coach the Australian national cricket team 2013-18) was selected for the SA Sheffield Shield side in '87 and regularly made high scores since becoming the youngest state player to make a double century in November 1989, scoring 228 runs against New South Wales.

DECEMBER, 1990

Movieland Gawler celebrated the opening of its new premises at the southern end of Murray St with a huge crowd of more than 5000 people thronging the premises and car park for a free sausage lunch and an afternoon of entertainment.

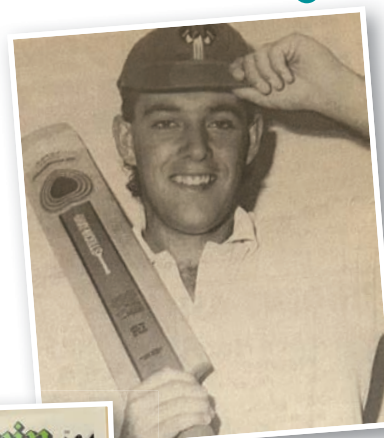


JANUARY, 1989

In the early 80s, an initial \$60,000 was raised by the community for the development of a recreation centre. Council, however, wrangled over the best site for such a development and the proposal evoked into a political dispute. It took until 1988 for construction of the Gawler & District Sport and Recreation Centre to be finalised, with the centre officially opened by Mayor Gil Harnett at the end of the decade.

MARCH, 1988

Circulation of *The Bunyip* topped 7000.



Outstanding athlete and former Gawler High student Lisa Martin burst on to the international scene as a world-class marathon runner with a seventh placing in the 1984 Olympics. Martin went on to become the world's fastest woman over 10 miles and crowned a superb career with a silver medal in the marathon at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.



Lisa Martin answers questions from a group of Year 8 students at Gawler High School in February, 1988, in between training for the upcoming Olympics.



The 1986 World Three Day event was attended by The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, and the finest horses and riders in the world competed for honours. The overall attendance figure of 83,500 exceeded all expectations. It was also the first time in its 123-year history, *The Bunyip* printed a page in full colour.

The Bunyip, May 1986.

MARCH, 1986

The Gawler Discount Village shopping complex, corner of Reid and Tod Sts, was destroyed in one of Gawler's worst ever fires. Two men were later charged with arson.

FEBRUARY, 1983

The State Library announces it has completed the long task of micro-filming every copy of *The Bunyip* from 1863 to 1950.

OCTOBER, 1985

Gawler East Primary School makes the move from the old school on Lyndoch Rd (now Immanuel Lutheran School Gawler) to its new site on Finch Rd. A four-unit classroom block was taken up the hill on a three-hour journey, described at the time as one of the biggest moving operations ever seen in Gawler.



NOVEMBER, 1981

A police random breath testing unit is stationed in Gawler for the first time.

SEPTEMBER, 1982

A new computer will be installed at Lyndoch to jointly service the councils of Barossa, Light, Mallala, Angaston and Kapunda.

FEBRUARY, 1983

February, 1983 – South Australia is ravaged by fires on Ash Wednesday, February 16, and hundreds of local fire fighters are called on to battle the flames.

Roseworthy CFS members are pictured surveying the bushfire scene in scrubland near Chain of Ponds.



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1991

JANUARY, 1992

The 30th annual National Gliding Championships were conducted from the Gawler airfield with 50 top pilots competing, including six from overseas.



1994

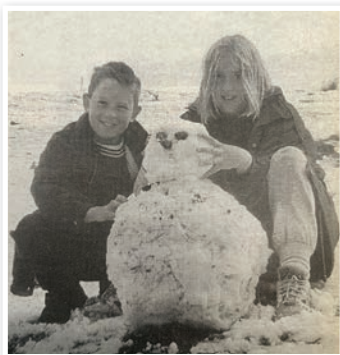
The new Gawler Health Service is opened to replace the Hutchinson Hospital.

DECEMBER, 1994

A McDonalds restaurant opens on Adelaide Rd, just in time for Christmas.

AUGUST, 1996

An early morning fall of snow saw families drive to the southern Barossa Valley and Mount Crawford to build snowmen, take photographs and throw snowballs.



Williamstown's Michael and Amanda Taylor, build a snowman in the Barossa.

The lighting of The Sutch Christmas tree, which was over 30 metres high on the corner of Reid and Jacob Sts, was a highlight of the festive season in Gawler for many years. Derick Sutch (who owned the nearby carpet and furnishing business) decorated the tree between 1977 and 1986, and then it was famously re-lit in his memory from 1993 to 1996. At the time, the Norfolk Pine was claimed as the tallest living Christmas tree in the southern hemisphere.

Plucka steals light show!



In 1994, the lights were switched on by Hey, Hey It's Saturday host Daryl Somers and Plucka Duck.



A star is secured on Gawler's Christmas tree, ready for its lighting two days before Christmas, 1993.

1997

Gawler made its entry into the world of the internet with its own website created.

AUGUST, 1997

The death of Princess Diana shocks the world. In Gawler, about 300 people attend a special memorial service at St George's Church.



OCTOBER, 1997

The senseless murder of young star cricketer Craig Haines, 20, shocks and saddens the community. Haines was shot while working at a Gawler South petrol station during an armed robbery. His murderer, who shot another man during a bakery hold-up in Gawler East just two weeks later, was sentenced to 25 years prison in 1999.

1999

Gawler is left reeling after the senseless murder of Cassie Bugg, 15, of Evanston Park. She was last seen alighting from the train at Evanston at 12.39 am and setting off to walk home. Her body was found in a paddock opposite the primary school on Para Rd. Police arrested a man for her murder later that year.



2000



JULY, 2000

Gawler fired up for Olympic fanfare, as a 15,000-strong crowd gathered to see the Olympic torch arrive in town. 83-year-old horseman Iris Stephenson was chosen to light the community cauldron at Gawler Oval amid cheers and euphoria.



Y2K bug: council set to squash it!

Gawler Council is set to squash the millennium bug with its comprehensive Y2K contingency plan. Everything from the digging of graves at the Willaston cemetery to food supplies at the dog pound have been covered in the plan, developed by council staff ...during the past 11 months.

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2009

DECEMBER, 2006

Gawler Mayor Brian Sambell warned Level 3 water restrictions could see some of Gawler's parks "browning off".

JUNE, 2005

After almost 150 years of business, *The Bunyip* newsagency on Murray St bowed to increasing competition and closed its doors.



The Bunyip newsagency and shop, 1963.

2003

The Bunyip's ownership changed hands after 140 years with the Barnet family, becoming a member of the Murray Pioneer Group owned by the Taylor family of Renmark.



Outgoing owners of *The Bunyip*, the Barnet family (standing from left) brothers Craig, Paul and John, with incoming management team, Paul Taylor, Terry Williams and Ben Taylor.

MARCH, 2002

Thousands greet the Queen during her visit to the region.

2001

MARCH, 2008

A community event is held to farewell the stars and crew behind McLeod's Daughters. The internationally-famous TV show had been filmed at Freeling, the historic Kingsford property, and in surrounding areas since 2001.

JANUARY, 2005

The Gawler community answered the international call for help in the wake of the Asian tsunami, responding with donations, prayers fundraisers and local appeals.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2002

The excitement was palpable as tens of thousands of people flocked to the biggest development in Gawler's history, the \$13 million Woolworths and Big W complex.



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State Member for Taylor

To the Bunyip,

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I commend the Bunyip on its many years of achievement and congratulate those who have contributed to its success over the past 160 years. Here's to many more years of community service in the future.

Warmest regards,
Nick

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2010

JUNE, 2011

The State Government allocates funding towards the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Main North Rd and Redbanks Rd, Willaston, after more than a decade of lobbying.

MARCH, 2011

Gawler Ratepayers were hit with a \$130,000 bill after Gawler Council lost its bid to reverse the state government's rezoning of land on the Gawler Racecourse. The land, which now houses Gawler Green, was approved for development in 2010 but was challenged in the Supreme Court by council.

In July, 2011, Gawler residents were given greater connection following the arrival of a bus service operating across four routes, as part of an extension of the Adelaide Metro boundary.



The Bunyip, 15/9/2010

SEPTEMBER, 2010

The 23-kilometre, dual-lane Northern Expressway finally opens, two years after construction on the \$564 million project started. It was expected to cut travel time between Gawler and Adelaide by up to 20 minutes, alleviate congestion on Main North Rd, improve safety for motorists and provide a tourism and economic boost for the region.

FEBRUARY, 2012

Construction of the Springwood housing development gets underway, with the first sod turned to mark the milestone.

OCTOBER, 2012

Renowned journalist and author, former Gawler High student and proud northerner Max Fatchen dies aged 92.

The Bunyip, 17/10/2012.



DECEMBER, 2012

End of an era as Gawler High School and Evanston Primary School lock their gates for the last time. The two schools merged with Evanston Preschool to form a new, birth to year 12 super-school called Gawler & District College.

MAY, 2014

Gawler's brand new skate park opens up after its relocation to Clonlea Park in Willaston. The town's youth had lobbied for several years for a new skate park to be built.

AUGUST, 2014

Gawler Council receives an application to convert the Gawler Baptist Church into a Dan Murphy's liquor store after the church vacated its Murray St home after 144 years. The store eventually opened in 2016.

NOVEMBER, 2014

Newly elected Gawler Council Mayor Karen Redman won in resounding fashion, receiving 2598 votes, defeating local lawyer John Bolton, who received 1347 votes, and former Gawler and Light Regional Council elected member Peter Graham, on 609 votes. She stands as Gawler's first publicly elected female mayor, however follows in the footsteps of Helena Dawkins, who briefly served as mayor in 2006 after stepping into the position when Tony Piccolo won a position in State Parliament as the Member for Light.



SEPTEMBER, 2015

Gawler Council and the Gawler RSL reach a compromise over the long-standing battle to relocate the Gawler South War Memorial. The RSL first flagged moving the statue in 2013, sparking community debate and legal challenges.

DECEMBER, 2015

The devastating Pinery fire, one of the worst in South Australian history, claims the lives of two people, 69-year-old Allan Tiller and 56-year-old Janet Hughes, and injures 90, including five with critical conditions. The damage was large scale, with 87 homes destroyed or severely damaged and 292 fire-affected properties contacted by PIRSA. Nearly 400 farm sheds were destroyed, along with 89 pieces of farm machinery and 98 vehicles, and huge losses to livestock.



FEBRUARY, 2016

National Broadband Network goes live in Gawler, with almost 2500 homes and businesses in the Gawler East region and Murray St, as well as parts of Kalbeeba and Concordia, hooked up to the infrastructure.

OCTOBER, 2016

South Australia is plunged into chaos following a "one-in-50 year" weather event that wreaks havoc. The entire Gawler River catchment area flooded after two storms in the first week of October, causing more than \$160m worth of losses to farmers in the Northern Adelaide Plains. Flood damage in Gawler reaches a bill close to \$600,000.

Gawler Show celebrates its 160th anniversary in August, 2016, with more than 25,000 people flocking to the Gawler Showgrounds. It was labelled an "outstanding success" by the event's organisers.

OCTOBER 2017

Holden's Elizabeth factory produces its final ever vehicle, ending a more than 60-year association between the manufacturer and the suburb. It's closure also marked the end of car manufacturing in Australia.

NOVEMBER, 2017

Marriage equality is legalised, with more than seven million Australians voting yes in same-sex marriage postal plebiscite. More than 61 per cent of voters in Wakefield voted yes.

MARCH, 2017

After more than six years of planning, the \$14 million redevelopment of the Gawler Town Hall and Institute buildings began, after Gawler Council awarded the construction contract for the job to South Australian company Badge Constructions.

2017



Recording and celebrating community life in the greater Gawler area.

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Train1:
Gawler station was a hive of activity on Sunday morning as rail services finally resumed on the Gawler line.

MAY, 2023

The historic Angle Vale Bridge, which stood along the Gawler River for more than 140 years, crumbled to the ground amid heavy rainfalls. Engineering crews were scheduled to arrive on site earlier that week to commence stabilisation works after Playford and Light Regional Councils set aside funds to upgrade the bridge in their Annual Business Plans.



MAY, 2023

Anthony Albanese becomes the first sitting Prime Minister to visit the Spence electorate since Malcolm Turnbull toured flood ravaged Virginia in 2016. Before that, the last time a Labour Prime Minister visited the area was when Kevin Rudd led the party more than a decade beforehand.

Grey clouds hung over Gawler as the town woke to the news that Queen Elizabeth II had died in September, 2022. Flags above the Gawler Civic Centre and the Administration Centre were flown at half-mast as a mark of respect for the Commonwealth's longest serving monarch. The Queen made just the single visit to Gawler during her 70-year reign but left a lasting legacy on those who were there to see it.

JUNE, 2022

Gawler station was buzzing with excitement as rail services resumed for the first time in almost two years. Hundreds of people packed the platform throughout the day to hitch a ride on the newly electrified line. It was 14 years in the making after the project was announced by former premier Mike Rann in 2008.

MAY, 2022

A marathon five-hour meeting of Gawler Council's Assessment Panel paved the way for the demolition of the Church Hill tennis courts to be approved for a second time in May. Despite the best efforts of the Church Hill community, the more-than-a-century old courts were removed in November.

MAY, 2021

Julian Terrace toilet blocks are finally demolished after a year of debate in the chamber and in the community. A petition containing more than 1000 signatures, which called for the toilet's retention, was not enough to save them from the axe.



Windsor Green fountain was adorned with flowers and wreaths, with the gold tap used by the Queen on display for all.

NOVEMBER, 2021

Growers across the Adelaide Plains could only watch in horror as wild weather destroyed glasshouses and crops during a freak hailstorm. Hailstones the size of golf balls smashed through many glasshouses, particularly in Virginia.

The Bunyip, 3/11/2021



In December, 2020, former *Bunyip* editor John Barnet is remembered for his dedication and service to journalism and the town of Gawler after his passing.

FEBRUARY, 2020

Construction begins on a \$2.3m revamp of Walker Place. The project was officially opened in August later that year.

DECEMBER, 2019

One home lost, numerous structures destroyed and 70 hectares burned due to a bushfire at Angle Vale. The blaze started near Two Wells Road at Buchfelde at around 10am, with strong northerly winds quickly taking it towards the Gawler River, threatening both residential and farming land at Hillier, Kudla and Angle Vale.

The Bunyip, 24/12/2019



The long-awaited Pioneer Park war memorial was officially dedicated at Gawler's armistice centenary service in November, 2018. The memorial was installed on a polished bluestone and concrete plinth, and used during the Remembrance Day service to commemorate the 100-year centenary of the WW1 armistice.

NOVEMBER, 2018

Works officially began on the long-awaited Gawler East link road project, with the ceremonial turning of the first sod occurring in late November. The development of a connector road, or bypass, through the east of Gawler had been talked about by local community leaders and state politicians for decades.

JANUARY, 2019

One of Gawler's most iconic pubs poured its last beer, leaving customers devastated about the closure of one of their favourite watering holes. The Overway Hotel owners Steve and June Woods decided not to renew the five-year lease on the business, having unsuccessfully put the lease on the market 18 months, citing difficulties with their landlord.

MARCH, 2018

Gawler Harness Racing Club staged a meeting on its own track for the first time in 10 years in front of thousands of spectators. It was a milestone moment for the club, which had been building towards the day since its former home was compulsorily acquired by the State Government in 2008 to make way for the Northern Expressway.

2018

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