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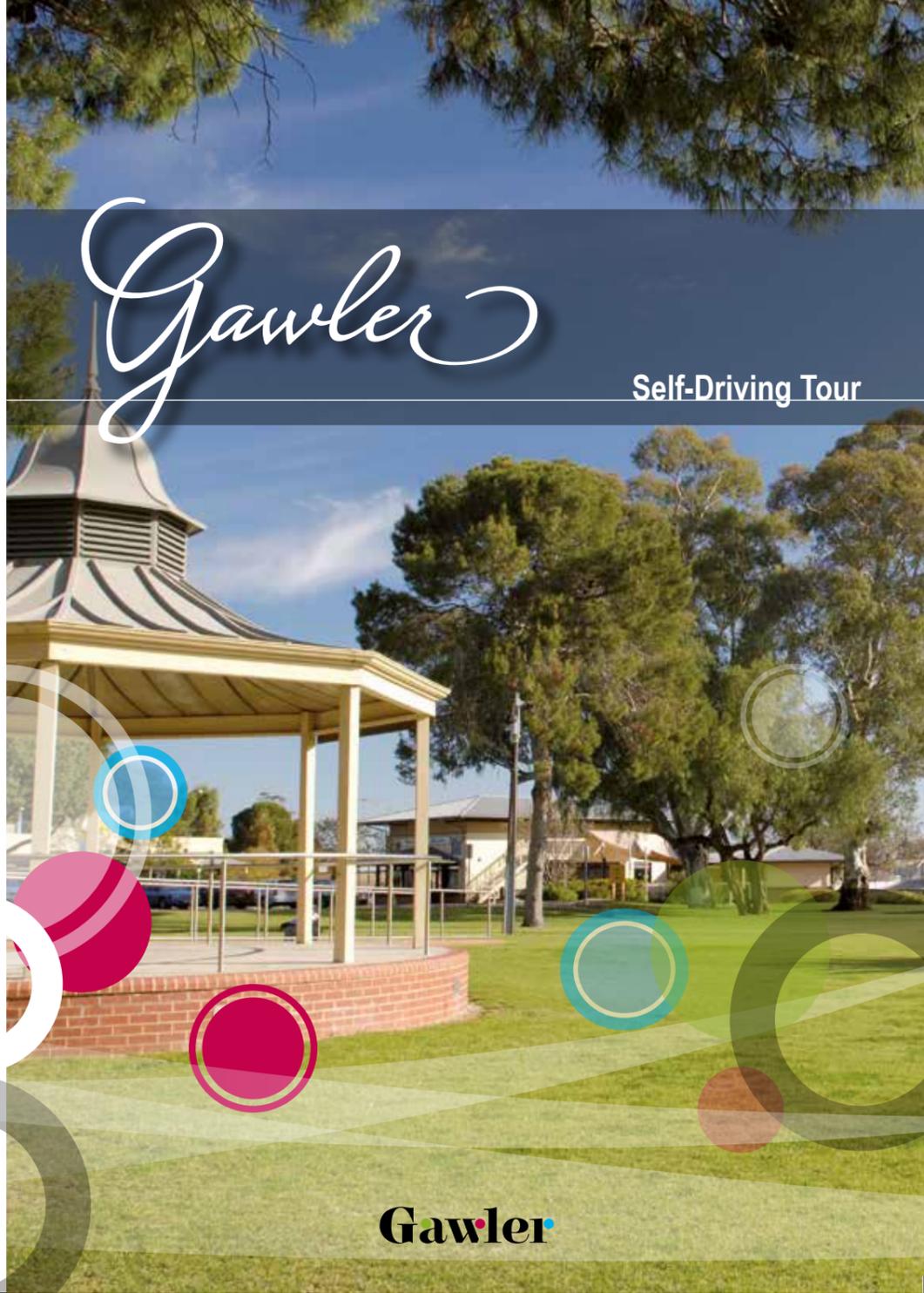
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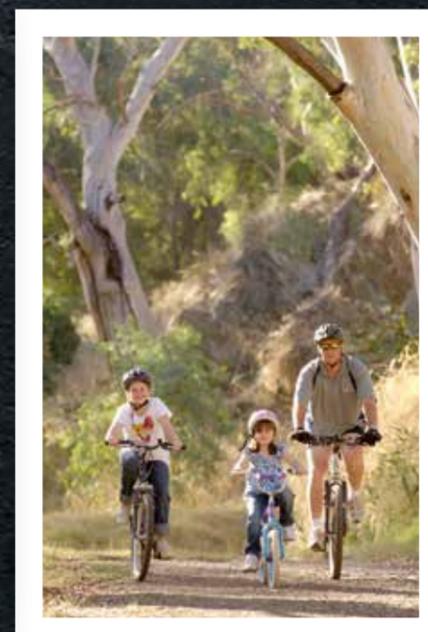
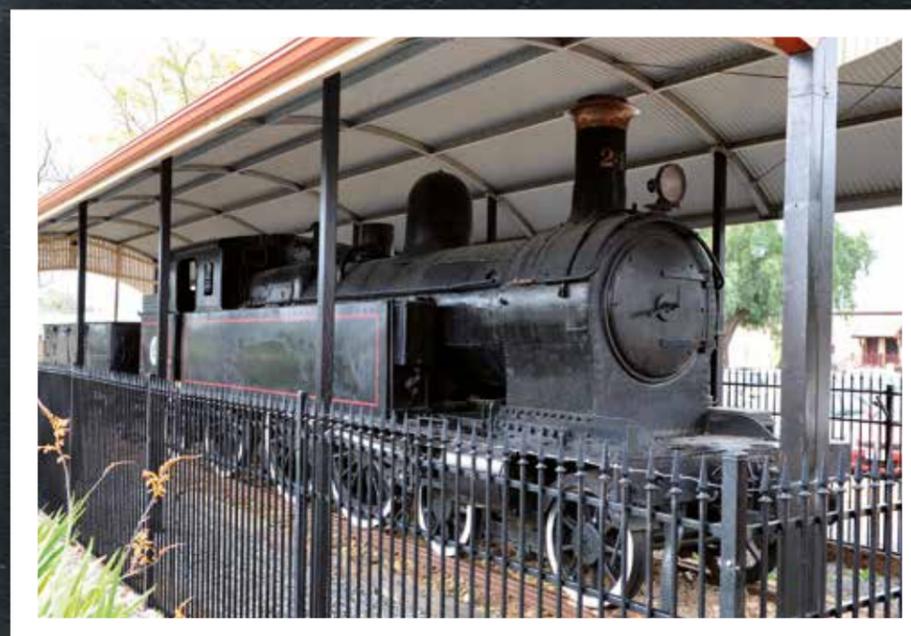
# Gawler

## Self-Driving Tour



Gawler is unique in character, a destination moulded from being the first country town in South Australia into its present form, gifted with a natural river corridor and significant built environments. The Gawler Self-Drive Tour will take you on a journey where you will appreciate the degree that Gawler contributed towards the development of our state, marvel at its merging of old with new and be envious of our towns lifestyle offerings.

- 1 Follow route "10" signs. Depart from the eastern end of the Gawler Visitor Information Centre carpark, turning right onto Union Street.
- 2 Turn left onto Lyndoch Road then turn right into East Terrace. The old **Hutchinson Hospital** will appear on your left, opened in 1913 it is now an aged care facility. After you travel through the dip in the road you will see old stables on your right, built in 1869, now a Dance Studio.
- 3 Next you will turn left onto Calton Road. Follow the route "10" signs and turn right onto Cheek Avenue. Continue along Cork Road, turning right once again onto East Terrace. Take in the views over the South Para River whilst driving along this stretch of road.
- 4 As you continue along East Terrace and just before turning left into Gozzard Street, you may wish to take a slight detour onto Deland Avenue to see Trevu House. Trevu House was built in 1868 and was home to James Martin, one of Gawler's and South Australia's leading industrialists and community leaders, often known as 'The Father of Gawler'. Originally, **Trevu House** was a farming property however, today it is a residential aged care facility.
- 5 Take a quick right, then turn left onto Rudall Street. At Duffield Street turn right and look out for **Martindale** on your left, once the home of Mr. J. F. Martin, nephew of James Martin. Martindale is architecturally significant for the way in which it reflects the style of large residences. The building remained a private residence up until 1966, when it became a nursing home.
- 6 Turn left onto Calton Road. Here, on your left, you will see the historic **James Martin & Co.** site, where many steam locomotives were built from 1888. The first locomotive rolled out on 11 April 1890.





- 7 Take the next turn left onto High Street and continue until you reach Ayers Street. Turn right down Ayers Street, past the Fire Station, taking the next turn left where you cross over the South Para River. Taking a left hand turn brings you to Gawler Terrace which passes the famous area known as **"Dead Man's Pass"**. The history behind this name came as the result of Colonel Light and his surveyor discovering a body in a tree. In addition, "Dead Man's Pass" is said to be haunted by the tree ghost! Ghost stories aside, this is a great opportunity to stop and take in the views of the river, whilst strolling along the riverside. It is also a great spot to enjoy a picnic.
- 8 At the end of Gawler Terrace turn right and then left onto Hill Street. On your right is **Wintulichs Pty Ltd**, a smallgoods factory. Stopping off at Wintulichs Pty Ltd will allow you to purchase delicious metwursts and jerky for factory direct prices.
- 9 At the end of Hill Street turn right, on your left you will see **Vadoulis Garden Centre**. Call into this award winning nursery and treat your senses with the blend of plants, gifts and coffee.
- 10 Turn left onto Main North Road, continue past the **Gawler Race Course**. Gawler Race Course is the home to the Gawler and Barossa Cups. By taking another right turn just before the pedestrian crossing onto Barnet Road, you will pass the **Gawler & District College B-12**.
- 11 Continue along Barnet Road, across the railway line turning right onto Elizabeth Street. As you turn into Railway Terrace, a must see is the house with the spectacular wrought iron lacework and gazebo. South of this stunning home was the old Britannia Foundry. On the right is the historic **Gawler Railway Station** now home to the Gawler Community Gallery which was originally built as the terminus location to the Gawler township in 1857. While here admire the historic **Steam Locomotive** which has been lovingly restored by the Gawler Lions Club.
- 12 Continue onto Dean Street and across the roundabout onto Ryde Street until you come to Penrieth Avenue. Turn right and you will see the **Old Gatehouse of Para Para** which is located further along on your left. This beautiful historic mansion was once the home of Walter Duffield, a renowned pastoralist and member of Parliament.
- 13 Turning right on Brigalo Street, then right on Gosford Street will return you to the roundabout and the **Gawler RSL**. By taking the left exit onto Overwaybridge Road will allow you to travel over the railway line. At the end of the bridge, take a sharp left turn onto Fifteenth Street. This will bring you to the corner of Sixteenth Street and to the momentous **Sunnybrae**, the home of Frederick May, co-owner of May Brothers Foundry a business which operated near the Gawler Railway Station.
- 14 Turn right into Sixteenth Street continuing onto Fourteenth Street where you turn left and continue through the ford. Once through the ford, keep left and you will drive past the **Gawler Oval**. Gawler Oval is home to many sporting activities and hosts the **Greyhound Racing**. You will also travel past the **Prince's Park, Gawler Sport & Community Centre, Gawler Skate Park and the Gawler Primary School** which was officially opened in January 1878.

- 15 Continuing onto Thomas Terrace and over the railway line are the **Netball Courts** and **Petanque Club**. At the end of the terrace is the **Lawn Bowling Club** and one of the oldest gum trees in Gawler. Continue along Victoria Terrace, on your left are the **Petanque Courts, Tennis Courts** and the **Gawler Aquatic Centre**.
- 16 Turn right onto King Street and on your left is the Eagle Foundry currently a Bed & Breakfast accommodation which was set up in 1870 by David Thomson who manufactured castings for agricultural implements, garden seats and verandah columns, as well as plough shares. It is worth taking note of all the heritage houses along this street particularly the beautiful lacework. Take the next left turn onto Bridge Street North. On your right is the **Gawler Central Railway Station**, which is frequently used by commuters to Adelaide and outer suburbs, with trains leaving roughly every half an hour.
- 17 This will then bring you to Main North Road. Turning left you will travel past the **Gawler Caravan Park**. Here is a great opportunity to stay the night and enjoy a longer stay in the town of Gawler, experiencing the shopping and great food that the town offers. Following past the caravan park you will then cross over the North Para River via the Willaston Bridge.
- 18 Take the next left turn onto Paxton Street. This will take you through the historic industrial area of Gawler. As you veer left, take note of the chimney on your left, once a thriving brick kiln. Follow Paxton Street turning right at the end of the street. The **Willaston Football Club** can be seen on your right. Turn right and continue to the next road junction. Here, you will see a missile on your right which is the base of the **Airforce Cadets 608 Squadron**.
- 19 Turn left and continue to the roundabout on Redbanks Road. Take the third exit on the roundabout onto Dawkins Road. The **Willaston Cemetery** can be seen on your left. Many of Gawler's founders were laid to rest in this cemetery. The first burial took place on the 18th November 1866. Just inside the entrance you can see some of the headstones from Pioneer Park, the original burial site of the town.
- 20 Continue along Dawkins Road to Main North Road. Turn right and head back toward Gawler along Main North Road. Look for a shield and turn left onto High Street which will take you to Murray Road. Turn right onto Murray Road, as you drive south you will see **Clonlea Park** on the left. This is where the Reid family, one of Gawler's pioneer families built their home in 1839.
- 21 Continue through the ford over the North Para River turning left when you get to the Main North Road. Cross over the railway line, on the right is the **Gawler Central** shopping complex which was originally the Northern Stock Markets and then the **Albion Mill**.
- 22 Turn left into Union Street and follow until you see the **Gawler Visitor Information Centre**. This brings you to the end of your **Gawler Self-Drive Tour**.

We hope you have enjoyed just some of our hidden treasures on your Self-Drive Tour of Gawler

