1909

The people of Angaston enjoyed glorious weather for their annual show. The unpleasant sultry and dusty conditions of the previous day were relieved by a few showers over night, which settled the dust and *'put the pretty show ground into a splendid state for the promenading crowd.'*

The *Barossa News* declared the 1909 Angaston Show an unqualified success and *The Register* noted about 3,000 people in attendance, despite the district being in the throes of packing its orchard harvest for export. Gate takings were reported to be on average.

Exhibits were well staged in the large and spacious hall. The large number of 'cheap jacks' together with the merry-go-round appeared to be doing good business and 'no doubt wheeled many a shilling from a reluctant pocket by persuasion and cajolery.' The Horses in Action section was judged by Mr W.B. Cowan and garnered a great amount of interest, particularly the jumping and open hunter classes.

Fruit quality was good despite the low number of entries. In the vegetable section there were some fine examples of pumpkins and melons. A large collection of pot plants from Collingrove and Lindsay Park made a fine display in the centre of the hall. Tuberous begonias and ferns were features of the flower division.

1909 Angaston Agricultural, Horticultural and Floricultural Society pictured at Angas Recreation Park. Source: APHS