AGRICULTURAL BUREAU

The Angaston Agricultural Bureau commenced in the late 1880s as a branch of the centralised South Australian Bureau. From the early years, the bureau staged an exhibit in the show hall displaying a range of high quality produce consisting of fresh, dried and preserved fruits, wines, flowers and photographs representing various industries, processes and gardens.

Angaston Agricultural Bureau show display c. 1914.Source: State Library of SA, PRG 280/1/10/465.

In their minute book (on display), the meeting held in the Masonic Hall in May 1929 states; '*Show Exhibition was explained by the secretary as non-competitive and secretary was instructed to bring up at the next meeting the matter of Show Exhibits for the 1930 show. Mr W. Sibley undertook to bring before the Show Society the matter of some allowance to cover expenses incurred in promoting the exhibition.*'

At their January 1931 meeting, show exhibition was discussed and a committee appointed, responsible for various sections of produce and industry in the Angaston area to be shown. It was agreed at their February 3rd meeting that members take turns in attending the display, a roster being drawn up from 1.30 - 5.00pm.

In 1953, the Leader commented, *'Angaston Bureau display ranked with the best ever put on at the Show. It occupied the full northern end of the hall and scintillated with colourful wines, preserves and fruit, as well as almost every district primary product. Mr Bolt Randall chose a design differing from previous years, and hundreds of sweat boxes were carted for the staging by Messrs Bert Lange, R. Vaughn and W. Goodchild. Appelts, Barossa Canneries, Cement Works, Golden North Dairies, Angaston Flour Mill and other enterprises co-operated. Under quiet direction of Mr Russell Sibley (pres.) and Ross Thorn (sec.), there was an army of helpers…'*