DIGNITARIES

The Angaston district was an important agricultural producing area in the colony from early settlement. As such, the current Governor of South Australia, along with his private secretary, and on occasion the Premier and other members of Parliament, were regular guests at the Angaston Show.

Before 1911, dignitaries would travel by train to Gawler and on to Freeling and from there be transported by horse drawn vehicle to Angaston. These occasions provided a significant opportunity for society members to represent their interests and for prominent local producers to showcase their produce in person. The distinguished guests were often invited to a meal where toasts and congratulations were exclaimed affirming the prosperity of the region.

In 1905, Angaston was adorned with bunting for the visit of Governor Sir George Le Hunte. In publicly welcoming the Governor to the show, District Councillor, Mr James Heggie, presented an illuminated and leather bound copy of his address. The brass band played and local school children performed a patriotic song. Le Hunte responded, *'It is a sincere pleasure to me to visit your agricultural and horticultural show, and to be brought in to personal touch with the energetic and skilful producers in your fertile and prosperous district.'*

Above: Councillor James Heggie (second left) presenting his address to Governor Sir George Le Hunte at the Angas Recreation Park in 1905. On the far left is Mr William Hague, AAHFS Secretary. Source: State Library of SA, PRG 280/1/3/122.

Below: Governor Sir George Le Hunte (middle front) with members of the AAHFS at the Angas Recreation Park in 1905. On the far right in front the Governors private secretary, Hon. Victor Nelson Hood. Source: State Library of SA, PRG 280/1/3/291.