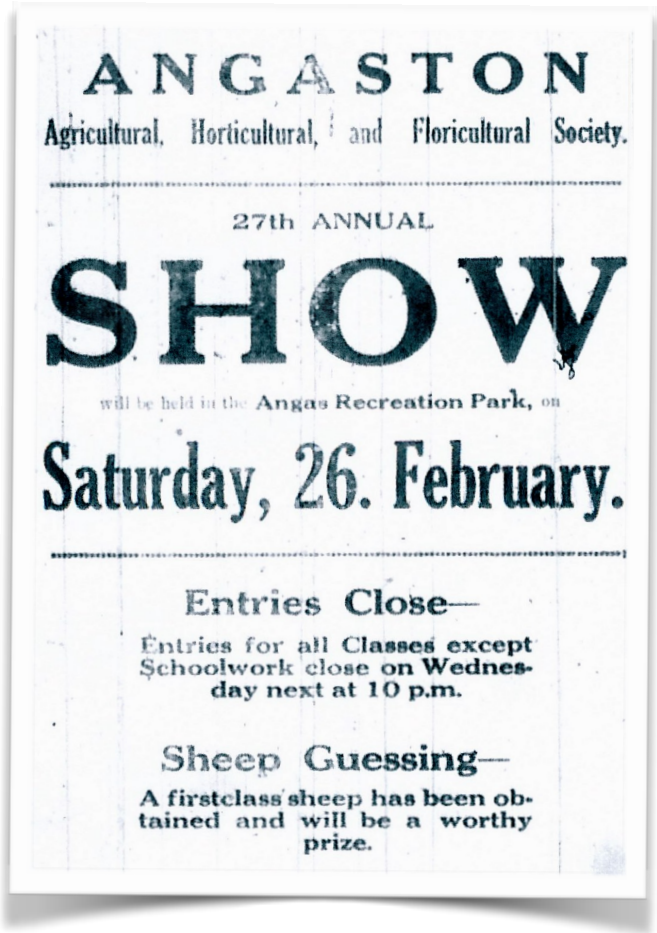
MEMORIES

Hardy (b 1885) from a Leader article in 1962, *'Mr Doddridge recollects attending Angaston Shows as a little boy. These were held in a marquee near the present park site on Thursdays and included horse items and sections for agriculture and poultry.'*

Cynthia (who as a child lived across the road from the Recreation Park) *'What I remember most is sitting on the front verandah waiting for Dad (Harry Petts) to come home from the barber shop so we could all go over the road to the show. Mum would dress up with hat and gloves and we would wear our best clothes. I also remember listening to Bert Blenkiron on the loudspeaker.'*

Diana *'I remember a hot, dusty day. There were toffee apples, fairy floss, sideshows and beautiful displays of fruit and vegetables at the back of the show hall. We met up with Mr & Mrs Caris who once lived near us in Angaston and returned to the show. There were merry-go-round rides and we sat on the cement steps around the oval watching the horses jumping.'*

Lyn *'I always used to look forward to it, go and look at the produce up in the hall then see friends and spend time around the sideshows. One year I got into trouble afterwards as I spent my well-earned money from apricot cutting on the horse carousel. Lots of rides and shouting friends to rides.'*



ANGASTON

Agricultural, Horticultural, and Floricultural Society.

27th ANNUAL

SHOW

will be held in the Angas Recreation Park, on

Saturday, 26. February.

Entries Close—

Entries for all Classes except Schoolwork close on Wednesday next at 10 p.m.

Sheep Guessing—

A firstclass sheep has been obtained and will be a worthy prize.

Barossa News Advertisement, 1916

Bill *'I remember going with my father to a farm to collect a sheep for the weight-guessing competition. A sheep was penned in a yard under the trees near the show hall. My father Russell and Arnold Fechner were in charge of it. People had to estimate the weight of the sheep.'*

Mark *'I remember the decorated bike competition for children. I entered it in the late 70s/early 80s and won first prize - my bike decorated with rolled hessian bags and rabbit traps hanging from it. I liked watching the grand parade on the oval with all the machinery, cars and animals going around. Car and tractor dealers had displays under the trees. There were pets on show in the football clubrooms under the grandstand as well as cats in cages in the hall.'*

Inga *'I remember in the late afternoon/evening watching the horse games while we ate tea. The horses had colourful ribbons plaited into their tails and manes in their team's colours. Four team members in turn had to perform different skills (put/removed poles in a drum, pick up an object from the ground) on horseback against other teams.'*

Elizabeth *'I usually had new clothes for the show. When you went on the bucking horses your skirt would fan out so you had to hang on to it.'*

Barry *'My interest in the show started at the age of 14 with entries of drawings in the painting section, commencing with pencil and charcoal, then my favourite medium, pen and ink. The thrill of being awarded first or second prize, with a prize card to prove it, was greater than the small prize money awarded. One year I designed the cover of the show book. In later years I was a convenor of the painting section and then a judge. I attended most Angaston Shows up to 2018 for one particular reason…ART.'*

Wendy *'Show day was one I looked forward to. Before my teen years, I would have saved a bit of pocket money doing jobs for Mum - back in the day when you weren't just given a handful of money but had to earn it. That way, it was made more exciting before the day of the show - to count up the money earned in my money box. On the day of the show there was a lot of thought put into how it was spent. Fairy Floss and a toffee apple were usual treats as they were only available at shows. The colourful whirly-gigs on a stick were fun and I always wanted a pink fairy doll on a long stick but they were too expensive!'*

Anne *'I remember, aged about 12, helping serve lunches in the shed wrapped in hessian when my mother was working for the kindergarten committee organising the luncheon. After that I was given 2/- I think it was, to have a ride on the bucking horses - and was a bit scared if older boys made the horses buck about too much. My treat was always a toffee apple - I can still remember the face of the man who made them.'*

Top and below: Inga & Mark on show ride 1977.
Source: Batten collection