# WAR YEARS

Prize winning produce c. 1914. Source: APHS.

**1914 - Silver Jubilee year (held prior to break-out of war)**

The jubilee exhibition '*from every standpoint was a record success…the glorious spring-like prospects brought the people from their homes in every manner of vehicle…from the one-horse spring cart to the latest in motor vehicles. 'The world and his wife' were out for a holiday…the gate takings were a record…and the estimate of people was between 3,500 and 4,000.'*

**1915**

*'Angaston has held its show…and the officers and committee are shaking hands with themselves at the splendid success achieved…With the country in such a plight through the ravages of drought and war, it was thought that it would be foolishness to hold an exhibition this year…Once decided on…the public readily responded to the invitation…and all their efforts were put forth to produce stuff that would be worthy of exhibition and would point with strong finger to the capabilities of this district even in such a bad time.'*

**1916 '***Ideal weather, a perceptible slackening in the tension of the money market, and a district overflowing with a bountiful return from Nature, were the principal factors which gave such unqualified success to the Angaston annual show.'*

Left: Sir Henry Galway, Governor of South Australia (1914-1920). Source: State Library of SA, B 7400.
Right: Sir Henry Galway inspecting the guard of honour. Source: Observer, 27 Feb 1915, p 25.

**1917**

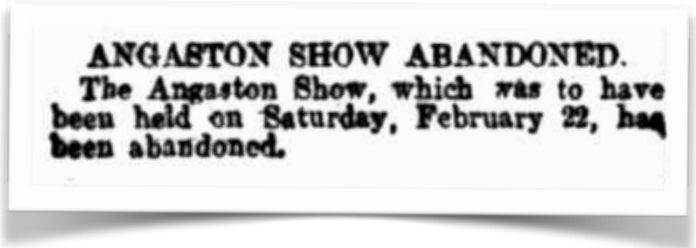
*'The Minister [of Agriculture, Hon. C. Goode], in declaring the show open, said that all should realise that they had something to be thankful for in that they could hold a show in such peaceful conditions, which were in such marked contrast to those existing on the other side of the world. Taking the crowd as a whole there was an air of prosperity prevalent. All were clothed well, and the ladies showed Dame Fashion had not suffered through the dreadful cataclysm which is shaking Europe…Several booths were run by the ladies of the Red Cross Society…A returned soldier had a fancy stall on the ground and he gained much support.'*

**1918**

'It was first intended to forego this year's show but a convincing factor that led to its continuance was the success gained by the ladies with the caterer's booth - last year they raised over £100 for patriotic purposes…the speeches, not unexpectedly turned upon the subject of prohibition. The President (Mr J.P. Heggie) said…it was far worse than black spot, as it killed enterprise…If prohibition had come to South Australia…he hoped that every legislator would do his best to see that full compensation was given to the men, women and children whose living was derived from the cultivation of the grape, and that one section of the community was not uplifted while another section was trampled under foot.'

**1919**

T.E. Odgers, Secretary, 'the committee have decided not to hold the show this year on account of the influenza epidemic. The committee feel that it is their duty to act with caution, as the public health must be the first consideration.'



ANGASTON SHOW ABANDONED.

The Angaston Show, which was to have been held on Saturday, February 22, has been abandoned.

Source: Observer, 22 Feb 1919, p 8