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## The Duncan Trophy



*Sir John Duncan, MLC, presented the Duncan Challenge Trophy to the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society in 1912, for the annual District Competition which was staged for the first time in 1913.*



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Preserving history for the future





## History of the Archives

*As the records of the Society accumulated, they were stored in the city offices at Eagle Chambers in Pirie Street, until the end of WWII.*

*Although the Showground had been located at Wayville since 1925, it wasn't until the military forces had departed from the Showground and the Society resumed occupation, that archival material was shifted to the Centennial Hall basement, where it remained in storage for many years.*

*In 1985 the decision was made to sort the material. This task was started by the late Mr Jack Reddin, OAM. Jack, a former Roseworthy Agricultural College student, stud master of 'Newbold', and with involvement in various primary producers' organisations, had also been an exhibitor and long-time member of the Society.*

*The collection remained in the basement of Centennial Hall until March 2006, when it was transferred to the current site.*

***It is vitally important that we preserve this precious collection of the early history of not only the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA Inc, but of our State.***

## Material held in the Archives

*The earliest journals stored in the Archives are a cash book dating back to 1847, a book of entries from 1867 and a minute book that runs from 1872 to 1878.*



*There are Proceedings and Year Books, prize schedules, catalogues, award lists, press clippings, paintings, photographs, plans, maps, ribbons, badges, trophies, medals, posters, prize certificates and an oral history collection.*



*Category boxes contain information on the structure of the Society, the facilities, administration, commercial activities and all Royal Show related sections.*



*The Archives Foundation was established to focus on the preservation and conservation of the Society's records held at the Adelaide Showground and welcomes further donations of relevant memorabilia.*