

Show Society donates to Parkside Museum



Show Society President David Marwood making a donation to the museum, alongside caretaker Robert Sloan. The piece is yet to be confirmed as a part of the collection - the museum committee must officially accept each item first.

Narrandera Show Society has donated an array of pieces to the local museum.

In keeping with the Narrandera sesquicentenary the Show Society was pleased to pass on pieces of the history of the Narrandera Show to the community.

"We have ledgers, programs, awards and certificates dating back to the 1900s. The Society is very pleased to donate them to the Parkside Cottage Museum where they will be cared for and can be enjoyed by more

people," said Society President David Marwood.

"Perusing through the old programs it was fascinating to see the shifts in society attitudes as dictated through the programs. Something as seemingly simple as a Show Program really reflects the culture of Narrandera at the time".

Pre-1920s the show was all about the agriculture of the area. From the 1920s the focus shifted from agriculture to patriotism as the war effected a lot of aspects

of Narrandera and its people.

In the 1960s and the 1970s there was a strong emphasis on cooking and craft. In the 1990s photography became the strong point. Today the show is a mixture of a lot of elements, as can be seen through modern show programs.

Indeed, historians and archaeologists prefer simple, everyday items to best determine the thoughts, doctrines and ways of life of the people at the time.

The Narrandera

Show Society has done well to preserve these 100 year old artefacts, understanding the importance of them for future generations and future committee members to enjoy.

These items and countless others can be seen at The Parkside Cottage Museum, which is open six days a week.

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