

## Memories of the Chapman Valley Show

Eric Shields was President of the Chapman Valley Agricultural Society Inc. from 1974 to 1978.

One year whilst Eric was President, Sir Charles Court (W.A. Premier) & his wife, Rita opened the show.

The Queensland Premier, Johannes Bjelke-Petersen & his wife, Florence who were visiting W.A. came to the show with Sir Charles. When people heard 'Joh' was going to be at the Chapman Valley Show, there were cars arriving bumper to bumper from Geraldton to the Nanson showgrounds.

We exhibited Angora goats. One nanny had twins prior to a couple of the shows, so we used harmless food colouring and dyed one pink and one blue as a novelty.

Other entries were in the garden section, potted plants, flowers and knitting. Our children had entries in sections as well.

We as a family helped prepare the showgrounds for show day and cleaned up the next day.

The significant changes we have seen are a lot more buildings and clearing.

Eric & Margaret Shields