

Fair value on hand



By **JILL BURGESS**

DO you have an antique in the attic or family treasures stashed in the shed?

Antiques and collectables expert Robert Russell will be offering free valuations when he visits Mandurah this weekend and joins forces with Peel Collectors' Club for the inaugural Dolphin Quay Antiques Fair.

"There are amazing things tucked away in cupboards and sheds," Mr Russell said.

Recently, a descendant of Philip Gidley King showed Mr Russell a horse whip that had belonged to the early NSW Governor in 1800.

He also saw the deeds to a castle and two pieces of pottery from 1900 worth \$10,000 each.

A professional antique dealer for more than 35 years, Mr Russell is a popular valuer and a noted author, specialising in coins, medals, bank notes and Australian and Aboriginal artefacts.

During the Dolphin Quay Antique Fair, he will hold valuation sessions every 30 minutes. The fair is from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. Selected antique dealers and specialist collectors, including members of the Peel Collectors' Club, will be buying and selling and providing appraisals. Mr Russell will not provide valuations on modern jewellery or Chinese antiques.

Valuer Robert Russell and blue-and-white china specialist Loraine Coates from the Peel Collectors' Club. *Picture: Daniel Wilkins*