

INTERVIEW LOG SHEET

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An interview with Peter Trumble by Bernard O’Neil on 18 and 27 November 2003, 16 December 2003 and 12 December 2005 in regards to the history of the Department of Agriculture.

Time	Subject	Proper names
Tape 1, Side A		
0:30	Personal background; born July 1927; education; father’s work	Melbourne University; A.E.V. Richardson; Waite Institute; Melbourne; Upper Mitcham; Highgate Primary School; Scotch College; Trinity Grammar School, Kew
2:45	Depression era	
3:25	Career path; university education; limited experience of farms and farming	Adelaide University; Waite Institute; Roseworthy College; Adelaide Railway Station; Gawler; Pt Pirie; Meningie; Balcarres Pastoral Company
9:45	Agricultural activities at Scotch; boarders; boyhood experiences	Brownhill Creek; Mitcham Village; McElligott Quarry; Old Mount Barker Rd
13:00	Sports interests; team vs individual approach	
14:50	University education	Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme; Waite Institute; Roseworthy; Centaurs Hockey Club
17:55	Graduated in 1949; early work experience; Adelaide’s West End; securing government employment	West End Brewery; Lance Walters; Europe; California; Hindley St; John Harvey; [Allan] Callaghan; Bill Spafford; Agriculture Department
22:25	Joining the Department	Callaghan; Harry Kemp
24:45	Cadetship system – graduate appointees; butternut pumpkin in Australia; departmental expansion	Prof. Trumble; Gordon Edwards; Max Till; Marilyn Monroe; America; Callaghan
27:25	Citrus industry; publications; transfer to work for the Director; involvement with the Standing Committee on Agriculture (Directors, Departments, Ministers)	Adelaide; River Murray; Cadell; Renmark; Mypolonga; Murray Bridge; Adelaide Plains; Salisbury; Barmera, Waikerie; Loxton; Berri Experimental Orchard; Loxton Research Centre; Callaghan; CSIRO; Commerce and Agriculture Department (Cwth), Health Department (Cwth); Hubert Mullett; Bob Noble; Arthur Bell; George Baron-Hay; Frank Hicks; John Crawford; Nugget Coombs; Ian Clunies-Ross
Tape 1, Side B		
0:10	Standing Committee and State/Commonwealth issues; Australian Agricultural Council; advisory service for insect pests and plant diseases; working with the Director; Research Centres Policy Committee; mentoring cadets	Crawford; Callaghan; Bell; Noble; Riverland; CSIRO; Waite Institute; Lands Department
14:00	Relationships with fellow workers	Callaghan; Margaret Cumming; Stan North
17:05	Agriculture Building; Minister of Agriculture’s office; executive administration; herd recording; Branch Heads meetings	Simpson’s Building; Glen Pearson; Callaghan; North; Education Building; Geoff Strickland; [Marshall] Irving
21:10	Role of the Minister; Minister of Agriculture Department; Minister’s other departments; move to the ‘Black Stump’; relationships with Ministers; Callaghan’s resignation; relations with Premier Playford; extension work; departmental reorganisation of branches and sections; new staff	Callaghan; [Don] Dunstan; David Corbett; Egg Board; Advisory Board of Agriculture; Phylloxera Board; Tom Casey; Gabe Bywaters; Pearson; Tom Playford; George Jenkins; Arthur Christian; Eyre Peninsula; Cockaleechee; Minnipa; Roseworthy College; Strickland; Bob Herriot; Graham Itzerott; Lofty Barlow; Lex Walker; Newton Tiver; Len Cook; Kybybolite

Tape 2, Side A		
0:15	Animal Husbandry Branch; Dairy Branch; Fisheries Division; dairy farmers; regional management; agricultural economics; Poultry Unit	Callaghan; Cyril Anderson; Bill McAuliffe; Dennis Muirhead; Steve Reid; Cyril McKenna; European Economic Community; David Penny
6:15	Departmental library and information service; temporary editor of the journal; Extension Services Division; dryland farming technique; in-service extension training school; Rural Youth Movement; small farms around Adelaide	Adelaide University; British Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau; <i>Journal of Agriculture</i> ; Callaghan; Saddleworth; the Colemans; Herriot; Roseworthy College; Peter Angove; Jamestown
13:40	Barley improvement program and committees	Walters; Walter Jacobs; SA Brewing Company; Arthur Barrett; Callaghan; Barley Board; David Sparrow; Waite Institute
15:40	Range of tasks; cadetship scheme; agricultural economics; animal husbandry course	CSIRO; Bushfire Research Committee; Prof. Trumble; Callaghan; Roseworthy College; University of New England; Armidale; Jim McClymont; Adelaide University; Frank Jarrett; Tasmania; Crawford; Clunies-Ross
19:48	Callaghan's importance in agriculture locally and nationally; fundamental and applied research	Australian Institute of Agricultural Science; Callaghan; <i>Australian Journal of Experimental Agriculture and Animal Husbandry</i> ; CSIRO
23:00	Reputation of SA's Department; nature of farming locally	Western Australia; Callaghan
24:55	Government querying the Department's role, 1971	Callaghan; Strickland; Irving
27:40	Comparison with other State departments; value of agriculture to SA; Callaghan's achievement in creating a dynamic organisations	Waite Institute; Callaghan; Pearson; Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science; Playford; New South Wales; Victoria; Western Australia; Strickland
Tape 2, Side B		
0:05	Callaghan's introduction of divisions and a functional-based structure	Tom Miller; Strickland; Walker; Herriot; Agricultural Bureau; Rural Youth Movement; Women's Agricultural Bureau; Callaghan; Roseworthy College
3:15	New structure; Research Centres Policy Committee	Callaghan; Kybybolite; Minnipa; Turretfield
4:15	Role of the Waite Institute; Callaghan's resignation	Waite Institute; Northfield; Callaghan; Prof. Trumble; Murray Bridge; Monarto; Washington
7:10	New Director of Agriculture; Public Service hierarchy	Strickland; Callaghan; Herriot; Irving; Playford
12:00	Premier's Conference; Agricultural Council; Wheat Stabilisation Scheme; Test Match	Canberra; Australian Wheat Board; Victoria; Bob Menzies; John McEwen; Playford; Prof. Trumble; Tom Trumble; MCG; West Indies; Brisbane; 'Slasher' McKay; Adelaide Oval; Strickland
17:15	Bushfire Research Committee; bushfire protection; bushfire parade	Kongorong; Mount Gambier; Playford; Waite Institute; James Melville; Strickland; Brian Bednall; David Brookman; Barry Graham
21:00	Preparation of annual report	Strickland
22:00	Preparation of material for Commonwealth Grants Commission	
23:10	Travel in SA; Agricultural Bureau conferences; district conferences; role of the Agricultural Bureaus; information media	Callaghan; Eyre Peninsula; Upper North; Wirrabara; Melrose; Port Augusta; Cleve; Port Lincoln; 'Country Hour'; <i>Chronicle</i> ; <i>Stock and Station Journal</i> ; Mypolonga; River Murray; Murray Bridge
27:40	Attending Royal Show, field days, local shows; changes to own working life and in the Department; rural industries assistance; Vertebrate Pests activities	Callaghan; Playford; Eyre Peninsula; Strickland; CSIRO; Waite Institute; Irving; Jim McColl; Corbett Report

Tape 3, Side A		
0:30	Public Administration Diploma, 1956–60: Royal Institute of Public Administration Medal and Prize; provision for study leave	Callaghan; Adelaide University; Leo Blair; Bob Reed; W.G.K. Duncan; Gordon Reid; Graham Inns; John Holland
10:30	Employment with CSIRO interstate; nature of national capitals and federal administration	Strickland; Peter Butler; CSIRO; Melbourne; London; Washington; Chris Christian; Clunies-Ross; Sir Otto Frankel; Cootamundra; Canberra; Kimberley; Queensland; Northern Territory; Tasmania; Brasilia
19:20	Return to Adelaide for work; administrative structures	Melbourne; Waite Institute; Garfield Lockhart Gooden; Jim Melville; CSIRO
23:45	Relationship between Agriculture Department and CSIRO; Australia-wide conferences in agricultural science issues; publications; extension programs; conference tour; Australian Fruit Research Conference, 1958; relationships between scientists vs administrators; reaction to personal moves for career	Clunies-Ross; Agriculture Research Liaison Section; Reg Pennyfather; NSW; Riverina; Callaghan; Noble; Mullett; Bell; Upper South East; Coonalpyn Downs; Roseworthy College; Tom Miller; Australian Wine Research Institute; Charles Stevens; CSIRO Soils; Christian; Victoria; Australian Institute of Agricultural Science
Tape 3, Side B		
0:05	University administration; functions of the Waite Institute; university relations with the Waite; Safety Committee	Gooden; Waite Institute; Mortlock Field Station; Adelaide University; Mintaro; Martindale Hall; Melville; Wal Meiklejohn
8:00	Safety Committee's work; safe working environment; occupational health and safety issues	CSIRO; Melville
11:00	Application to head the Department; contact with the Department	Strickland; Melville; Irving; Herriot; Roseworthy; Australian Institute of Agricultural Science; Walker; Peter Barrow; Reg French
14:45	New Departmental management structure; becoming the Assistant Director, Administration and Finance	Irving; Walker; Barrow; Waite; Max Dennis
18:40	Re-commencing with the Department, 1971; establishing relations with staff	Irving; Melville; Viv Lohmeyer; Hugh Mathews; Stan North; Walker; Barrow; Morrie Zobel
24:45	Plan for departmental headquarters Northfield; plan for Monarto; Dairy Research Station; Whitlam era	Irving; Fred Crosby; Neighbour, Cheeseman & Doley; Monarto; Strickland; Northfield; John Feagan; John Radcliffe; Dunstan; [Gough] Whitlam; Albury–Wodonga; [Malcolm] Fraser
Tape 4, Side A		
0:15	Monarto; study tour (decentralisation, management, research regionalisation); staff attitudes to Monarto; Monarto Steering Committee; 'Black Stump'; Deputy Director	Irving; Walker; Barrow; McColl; Britain; France; Monarto; Feagan; John Flaherty
8:00	Office décor; transfer of Northfield plans to Monarto; end of Monarto	McColl; Monarto; Northfield; Whitlam
11:00	Move to 'Black Stump'; conditions in Simpson's Building; heat rule	
13:50	Government questioning of the rationale for Department	Callaghan
14:35	Personal attitude to moving to Monarto	Blackwood; Northfield; Monarto; Iris Stevens; Strickland
17:15	Government questioning of the rationale for Department; Callaghan report on regionalisation; Irving's ill-health	Casey; Irving; Lohmeyer; Walker; Barrow; Callaghan; Doreen Callaghan; Adelaide; Surfers Paradise
23: 25	Nature of Irving's leadership; Departmental Social Club	
25:10	Nature of Minister of Agriculture; Acting Director; government questioning of the rationale for Department	Irving; Casey; Peterborough; Dunstan

31:30	Nature of Minister of Agriculture	Casey; [Brian] Chatterton; Reading University; Des Corcoran; Millicent
	Tape 4, Side B	
0:05	Casey overseas; working with Acting Minister Corcoran	Casey; Japan; Arthur Tideman; Corcoran; Chatterton
5:40	Table margarine quotas	Casey; Archie Cameron
8:15	Dealings with the Minister; Minister's Office; political considerations	Barrow; Walker; Irving; Pearson; Corcoran; Chapman
13:20	Ministerial queries	Lohmeyer; Irving; Strickland
16:10	Director and Minister relations	
17:40	Ministerial advisers; press secretary	Chris Schacht; Casey; Dunstan
	Tape 5, Side A	
0:30	Ministers of Agriculture; Callaghan Report; deputy directorship; Deputy Director; Acting Director	Casey; Corcoran; Irving; Public Service Board; Inns; McColl
4:40	New Minister of Agriculture; Emergency Fire Service	Chatterton; Dunstan; Reading University (UK); Jon Lamb
9:55	Minister Chatterton's approach to the Department	Inns
13:05	Acting Directorship; relations with incoming Director	Chatterton; McColl; Premier's Department; Corcoran; Victoria; Australian Institute of Agricultural Science; Melbourne
16:40	Applying for Deputy Director and Director positions	Chatterton; Walker; Hugh Matthews
18:35	Hiatus in the Department	Irving
19:45	Appointment of deputy heads in the Public Service	
21:15	Relations with new Director	McColl; Melbourne
25:45	Amalgamation of Agriculture and Fisheries Departments; ALP Fisheries Committee; Acting Director of Fisheries	Corbett; Mick Olsen; Gavin Kenneally; Pt Augusta; Pt Pirie; Public Service Board; Canada; Britain; Harry Shaw
	Tape 5, Side B	
0:00	Amalgamation of Agriculture and Fisheries Departments – Fisheries Division; Public Service Board; re-creation of Fisheries Department; long-lasting Supreme Court case; nature of fishermen; fisheries management	McColl; Olsen; Ian Kirkegaard; Richard Stevens; Gawler Place; Chapman; Allan Rodda; Max Scriven; London
12:25	Relations between Minister, Director and Research Assistant	Chatterton; McColl; Lynne Arnold; Flinders [University]; [Brian] Medlin
15:35	Friction between the Department and the Minister's wife; developing macro-economic and farm management issues	Bob Walkerden; McColl; Brian Chatterton
19:20	Minister's ideas and policies	Chatterton
21:00	Did not travel with the Minister; overseas development projects (Overseas Project Division; Sagric International)	Casey; Japan; Tideman; Australian Administrative Staff College; Libya; Barrow; Iraq; McColl; Thailand; Chatterton; Pat Harvey; John Doolette; Glynn Webber
25:15	Minister Chapman; retirement from the Department; work on local government; return of Chatterton as Minister	Chapman; Chatterton; Jennifer Cashmore; Kangaroo Island; Councils (Adelaide, Enfield, Walkerville, Prospect, Unley, Mitcham, Stirling); Kenneally; Pt Augusta; ALP Fisheries Committee; Olsen; Corcoran; McColl
	Tape 6, Side A	
0:00	Post-departmental career; Agricultural Equipment Liaison Committee	Agricultural Equipment Liaison Committee; United Farmers and Stockowners
4:30	Conciliator for the Native Vegetation Control Authority; land clearance	Native Vegetation Control Authority; Queensland
11:55	General local government issues	Councils (Adelaide, Enfield, Walkerville, Prospect, Unley, Mitcham, Stirling)
14:15	Voluntary work in retirement; leaving professional associations	

15:35	Agricultural College Department and Roseworthy College becomes a College of Advance Education; work on re-establishing the College's finances; Roseworthy becomes a campus of Adelaide University; appointing a new Director; Department of Agriculture representative on the College Council	Herriot; Don B. Williams; Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Canberra; CSIRO Agriculture and Research Liaison Section; Chapman; Tertiary Education Commission; Australian Institute of Agriculture (SA Branch); Miller; Barry Thistlethwaite; McColl
28:00	Regionalisation and reorganisation – devolving management	McColl; Irving; Struan; Naracoorte; Kybybolite; Cook; Callaghan; Canada; UK
	Tape 6, Side B	
0:00	Developing management ideas; regionalisation in State government; five regions for the Department (South East, Murraylands, Central, West, Far North); problems in implementing regionalisation; management structure; restructuring remainder into divisions (animal health, soil conservation, weeds, invertebrate pests, horticulture, agronomy, field crops, pastures, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry, veterinarians, policy secretariat, economics, overseas projects, administration and finance, and extension and information); personalities, professionalism and politics	McColl; Chatterton; Working Party on Uniform Regional Boundaries; Struan; Mt Gambier; Naracoorte; Riverland; Murraylands; Loxton; Berri; Murray Bridge; Pt Augusta; Keith; Miller; Lands Department; Far North; John Potter; Radcliffe; Eyre Peninsula; Western Australia
15:50	Reorganisation as a substitute for activity; modern requirements on organisations	
17:30	Impact of the Corbett Report; move of Rural Assistance Branch of Lands Department to Agriculture Department	Corbett Report; Mr Forrest; McColl; Potter
21:20	Vertebrate Pest Control Authority's work; <i>Pest Plants Act, 1976</i> ; appointed chairman of Pest Plants Commission	John Bromell; London; Jack Dunsford
25:45	Local Pest Plant Control Boards (weed control and rabbit control etc.); co-operation of boards and councils; impact of Royal Commission on local government boundaries; local rivalries; Animal and Pest Plant Control Commission	Mallee; Tideman; Eyre Peninsula; South East; Pinnaroo; Mid North; Lameroo
	Tape 7, Side A	
0:05	Role in the transfer of the Veterinary Science Division of the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science to the Department; political interest in animal rather than human health; pathology industry under Medicare; <i>IMVS Act</i> ; relations between IMVS and Department; decision to merge veterinary services; reorganisation arrangements; a Councillor of the IMVS; animal breeding facilities; overcoming resentment; <i>Public Service Act</i> ; Research Management secretariat; leadership role for John Radcliffe; implementation post-retirement; legislation; role of the Ministers	Premier Playford; Roseworthy; McColl; Earle Gardner; Harvey; Bob Smith; Lois Grant; South Australian Institute of Technology; Mr Wheatland; Frome Road; Gilles Plains; Duncan Sheriff; Peter Crossley; Radcliffe; Roger Wickes; [Jennifer] Adamson; Mr Ford; Barry Windle; Melbourne; Victorian Department of Agriculture; Ted Chapman
	Tape 7, Side B	
0:05	Dual Ministerial responsibilities; statutory body; personalities and politics	McColl; Chatterton; Kenneally; Port Augusta; Premier Bannon; Blevins; Harvey
	Post-retirement career	