

INTERVIEW LOG SHEET

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An interview conducted by Bernard O’Neil with Mr Peter Geytenbeek of Torrens Park, South Australia for the project on the history of the Department of Agriculture in South Australia. [The interview was conducted on 18 May 2004.]

Time	Subject	Proper names
Tape 1, Side A		
0:20	Personal background (born 1926); family farm; local primary school then to Adelaide; university; farm and the Great Depression; on the farm in drought	Adelaide; McBride’s Hospital; Duchess of York; Queen Elizabeth; Mallee; Parrakie; Adelaide High School
3:50	Maintaining the family interest in agriculture; president of the Junior Agricultural Bureau; local Bureau	Urrbrae High School; Fred Richards
5:30	Changing secondary schools for matriculation; returning to the family farm in wartime; joining the Department on a cadetship to go to university; starting work in 1950; studies	Urrbrae High School; Adelaide High School; Adelaide; Roseworthy College
10:25	Practical farm experience; Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme; soil conservation	Roseworthy; Jack Daley; Bert Kelly; Tarlee
12:45	Soil conservation work in pastoral country	Clare; Booborowie; [Burra] Hills
15:00	Work on fruit fly campaign; daily paid staff	[Jack] Harris; Unley Park; Harry Kemp; Glen Osmond
18:15	Understanding agriculture management; bushfire	Roseworthy College; Tarlee; Kelly; Halbury; Wakefield River
19:40	Motivation for career – the ecosystem, farm planning, erosion control, rotation, sowing, fertility; Ag. Bureau meetings; a soil school; soil conservation work; enforcing legislation; post-war land clearance; overcoming resistance	Yorke Peninsula; Lower North; West Coast; Meningie
25:05	Worked from Adelaide then in regions; soil surveys; relations with farmers	Adelaide; Mid North; Balaklava; Lower North; Yorke Peninsula; Maitland; Petersville
26:55	Ag. Bureau movement; publicising work (articles, radio, press, conferences); Soils Branch	Maitland; Bob Herriot; South East; Kybybolite; Kimba; Yatina
31:15	Working on Yorke Peninsula; Soil Conservation Board	Balaklava; Kybybolite
Tape 1, Side B		
0:05	Promoted to Officer-in-Charge at Kybybolite, 1956; Advisory Board [of Agriculture]; restarted the Ag. Bureau; biennial field day at the research centre; ABC radio talks	Kybybolite; Phil Young; South East; Frances; 8 Mile Creek; Mt Gambier; Millicent; Victoria
3:20	Victorian farmers coming to field days and joining the Agricultural Bureau	Kybybolite Station; Western Districts (Vic.); Horsham; Hamilton
5:00	Motivation for move to Kybybolite; Departmental hierarchy; own family; developing research programs	Balaklava; Kybybolite; Adelaide; Nancy Atkinson; Salisbury; Struan
9:42	Learning to manage staff; liaison with head office and vets	Roseworthy; Jamestown
13:30	Involvement in a pay case and politics	Mr Harding; Kybybolite; Naracoorte; Struan Research Station; Alan Hookings
15:35	Kybybolite in the Departmental structure – foundation and development; research stations and experimental farms; Adelaide Show – Ag. Bureau and Soils Branch conferences	The Afflecks; L.J. Cook; CSIRO; Canberra; Mr Howard; Adelaide Hills; South East; Turretfield; Parndana; Minnipa; Wanbi; Roseworthy College
22:00	Move to Animal Branch; work at Kybybolite	New Zealand; South East
28:45	Bushfires; high post-shearing stock losses	Australian Society of Animal Production; Keith [K.L.] Baxter; Scotland; Adelaide High [School]
32:20	Move to Animal Branch in 1964	Dennis Muirhead
Tape 2, Side A		
0:15	Animal Branch; work on the State Lamb Committee; annual stock competitions	South East; Adelaide; Gawler Place; State Lamb Committee; British Breeds Society; Kybybolite; Struan; Gawler River

6:40	Extension work in the head office; <i>Chronicle</i> and <i>Journal of Agriculture</i> articles; organising national conference of sheep and wool officers; marketing	Ag. Bureau; South East
10:55	More bureaucratic work than research; report on abattoirs	Murray Bridge; Naracoorte; Bordertown
14:15	Other work options; move to Waite Institute (Mintaro Experimental Station) in 1966	Lands Department; Waite Institute; Adelaide University; Mintaro; Mortlock family
16:15	22 year career with the Waite Institute	Adelaide; Clare; Waite Oval
17:25	Animal Branch work	Northfield
19:45	Waite contact with the Department (Mintaro Field Station); Waite nominee on Soil Conservation Committee	South East; Coorong; Mallee; Yorke Peninsula; Flinders Ranges
22:15	Outsider's perspective on the Department – economic aspects, reorganisation; personal contact	Kybybolite; Waite Institute
25:15	Resignation from the university; help the rural producers	Kybybolite; Balaklava