

INTERVIEW LOG SHEET

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An interview with Peter Barrow by Bernard O’Neil on 30 March, 13 and 20 April 2004 in regards to the history of the Department of Agriculture.

Time	Subject	Proper names
Tape 1, Side A		
0:25	Born Adelaide, 1928; living in the suburbs; education; university	Mrs McKee; Adelaide; Rose Park; Netherby; Waite Institute; Highgate Public School; Unley High School; Adelaide High School; Professor Prescott
5:10	Agriculture Department cadetship; Agricultural Science degree; working on fruit fly outbreak	University of Adelaide; Soil Conservation Branch; [Horticulture Branch]; Tom Miller; Roseworthy College
9:10	Agricultural Science degree and cadetship	
10:40	Experience of farms and farming; practical work at Roseworthy	Waite Institute; Bert Kelly; Tarlee; Parrakie; Murray Mallee; Roseworthy College
13:25	Career commences; ex-servicemen in the Department; soil conservation work (surveying, contour-banking, attitudes towards, experiences with farmers)	Soil Conservation Branch; Bob Herriot; Bob Baker; Jack Blencowe; Alan Beare; Murray Mallee; Murray Mallee Soil Conservation Board; Gladstone; Jamestown; United States; Tom Playford; Adelaide Hills
25:15	Departmental vehicles; learning to drive; motor bikes; Government Garage	Murray Mallee; Herriot; International Harvester Co.; Yorke Peninsula; Gladstone; Pirie St; East Tce; Frome Rd
28:55	Attending Roseworthy College	Roseworthy College; Waite Institute; North Tce; Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science
30:50	Time on fieldwork, conferences and meetings	Adelaide; Agricultural Bureau
Tape 1, Side B		
0:20	Soil conservation work; move to Jamestown for work; career move in the Department; Agricultural Bureau meetings	Jamestown; Herriot; SA Housing Trust; Barley Improvement Program; Waite Institute; Roseworthy College; Agricultural Bureau
8:40	Barley agronomist career; move to Adelaide; Housing Trust house	Jamestown; Adelaide; Northfield; Wattle Park; Netherby
13:00	Barley agronomist career; Barley Improvement Program; malting industry; move from research to administrative work	Lex Walker; Len Cook; Waite Institute; Barley Improvement Research Committee; South Australian Barley Research Committee; Victoria; WA; NSW; Carlton United
18:15	Departmental research laboratories; officer-in-charge, Northfield; planning Northfield as the headquarters	Adelaide; Northfield; Northfield Mental Hospital; Dairy Research Centre; John Radcliffe; John Feagan; Pig Research Unit; Geoff Strickland; Graham Itzerott; Waite Institute
25.20	Working at Northfield; management training; combining work in Adelaide and Northfield	Northfield; Wattle Park; Adelaide; Roseworthy College; Arbury Park, Adelaide Hills; Frank Pearson; Tobruk
Tape 2, Side A		
0:15	Career review; Commonwealth Extension Services Grant; working in Head Office; Chief Agronomist	Northfield; Adelaide; Walker; Arthur Tideman; Gawler Place; Cook; Newton Tiver; Pearson
7:25	Director of Agriculture; restructuring the Department	Marshall Irving
11:45	Departmental review	Walker; Irving; Farmers’ Federation
15:40	Directors of Agriculture; Acting Directors of Agriculture	Strickland; Irving; Walker; Trumble; Jim McColl; Victoria

19:15	Personal interest in Director's job	Walker; McColl; Irving; Trumble
22:00	Departmental review	Walker; Irving
24:10	Attitudes in the Department in 1970s; Callaghan Report	Public Service Board; Trumble; Allan Callaghan; Irving; Walker; Mr Matthews; Mt Gambier; Adelaide
28:35	Regionalisation	McColl
29:55	Cessation of annual reports	
30:55	Changes with new Director; Pest Plants Commission and Pest Animals Group join from the Lands Department	McColl
	Tape 3, Side A	
0:20	Overseas experiences – dryland farming; travel experience; Libyan attitudes to foreigners	Don Dunstan; Libya; Jebel Akhdar; Benghazi; SA Seed Growers Cooperative; Horwood Bagshaw; John Shearer & Co.; Algeria; Tunisia; India; Rome; Adelaide
10:25	Involved in the original agreement and recruiting the staff; visits to Libya; Western Australian involvement	Tom Casey; Libya; Dunstan
13:00	International Grasslands Congress, 1974; overseas work; rural cooperative schemes	Casey; Moscow; Dunstan; Russia; England; Canada; United States; France
18:45	Overseas with Minister; meat exports; modernising agricultural practices overseas; projects becoming more formal; problems with projects; retirement mode	Casey; SA Meat Corporation; Libya; Tunisia; Algeria; Lebanon; Iraq; Middle East; North Africa; Australian Agricultural Consulting and Management; Tideman; Iran; Pest Plants Commission; McColl; Mrs Barrow; Glyn Webber
28:55	Benefits of overseas projects; Overseas Projects Division formed, becomes Sagric International	Libya; Algeria; Iraq; Tideman; Sagric International
31:55	Living in Iraq; Iran–Iraq war	Ain Kawa; Erbil; Iraq
	Tape 3, Side B	
0:05	Iran–Iraq war; religious/tribal affinities	Iraq; Baghdad
4:30	Life for Australian women in Iraq; salary arrangements; decision to retire, 1986; Animal & Plant Control Commission; expansion of Sagric International's work	Iraq; Sagric International; Pest Plants Commission; Tideman; McColl; Adelaide; Saudi Arabia
11:00	Opinions on overseas work; government support for it; comments on Ministers; attempted sacking by Minister	Radcliffe; Dunstan; Algeria; Iraq; Ted Chapman; Kangaroo Island; Brian Chatterton; Lynne Chatterton; Adelaide; McColl; Mrs Barrow
17:40	Comments on Ministers; Pest Plants Commission formed	Casey; Gabe Bywaters; Chapman; Pest Plants Commission
19:40	Meetings of Australian Agricultural Council and Standing Committee on Agriculture; relations with assistant; project management and budget programming	McColl; Radcliffe; Barry Greer
24:00	Changes to agriculture and the Department's philosophy under a Labor government, 1960s–1970s	Agricultural Bureau; Maitland; Industries Assistance Commission; Casey; Dunstan
29:40	Callaghan Report; regionalisation	Callaghan; McColl; Trumble; Radcliffe; Greer; Grasslands Congress; Libya
	Tape 4, Side A	
0:30	Impact of regionalisation; regional arrangements; focus on research and Department losing its way	Callaghan; Adelaide; Radcliffe; SARDI; McColl; Irving; Strickland; Jamestown
13:35	Own involvement in the Callaghan Report; regional work	Callaghan
16:30	Relations with Directors; Soldier Settlement Schemes; Acting Directors	Callaghan; Strickland; Irving; Public Service Commissioner; Roseworthy College; Lands Department; McColl; Radcliffe; Walker; Greer; Trumble; CSIRO; Waite Institute; Animal & Plant Control Commission; Iraq
31:55	Isolation and retirement from the Department	Kim Mayes; Saudi Arabia
	Tape 4, Side B	
0:04	Retirement; superannuation; severed professional contact with Department; Retiree's Group; part-time work	John Bromell; Animal & Pest Control Unit; Saudi Arabia; Mrs Barrow; Miller; Sagric International

4:45	Radcliffe as Director-General; Pest Plants Commission	Radcliffe; Callaghan Report; Pest Plants Commission; CSIRO; St Kilda
9:00	Own career moves	Miller; Itzerott; Alan McCardle; FAO; Libya
12:10	Career changes	Jamestown
14:35	Industry-funded research – barley-breeding program, Australian Wheat Industry Research Scheme, wool scheme, fruit industry	Jamestown; Adelaide; Barley Improvement Program; SA Farmers Federation; Victoria; Waite Institute; Webber; Agriculture Department (Victoria)
23:10	Commonwealth Extension Services Grant – origins, use of	
25:55	Principle of the Agriculture Department	
27:45	Linkages with other States and Commonwealth; legislation; meetings; linkages with colleagues; committee member for organising International Grasslands Congress	Trumble; McColl; Australian Agricultural Council; Standing Committee on Agriculture; Victorian department; Brisbane