

INTERVIEW LOG SHEET

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An interview with Bob Christiansen by Bernard O'Neil on 18 March 2005 in regards to the history of the Animal and Plant Control Commission.

Time	Subject	Proper names
	Tape 1, Side A	
0:25	Personal background – born at Waikerie, 1931; parents on a fruit block; schooling at Waikerie; Department of Treasury job in Papua-New Guinea, 1960–1975; children's education; joined SA Department of Lands; appointed Secretary, Pest Plants Commission	Waikerie; Highlands of PNG; Adelaide; Ian Christiansen; Julie Christiansen; Girton College; King's College; Pembroke; Magill
6:40	Department of Lands	
8:00	Rationale for joining Pest Plants Commission and Soil Conservation Council; forming Pest Plant Control Boards; learning administration on the job; setting up Boards	Waikerie; Peter Trumble; Ray Alcock; Max O'Neil; Department of Agriculture
14:45	Employee of Agriculture Department; Pest Plants Commission budget; departmental facilities; Commission work; liaison with Councils	Agriculture Department; Treasury; Pest Plants Commission; Roger Brockhoff; Malcolm Groth; Des Ross
18:25	Work under the <i>Weeds Act</i> and with Councils; hierarchy of the Commission	Weeds Boards; O'Neil; Marie Caskey; Trumble
22:35	On-the-job training; accounting	Papua-New Guinea; [Port] Moresby
24:30	Helped by Treasury in preparing Commission work	Mallee; Eyre Peninsula; Adelaide Hills
29:40	Commission staff and the Commissioners	O'Neil; Caskey; Alcock; Arthur Lewis; William Judd; Richard Carter; Jim Garrick
	Tape 1, Side B	
0:05	Field trips; reactions to Commission's work	West Coast; Mallee
6:10	Education program; field days	Department of Agriculture
7:20	Liaison and technical work; regulations	Alcock; O'Neil
11:15	Vertebrate Pest Authority and Pest Plants Commission merge; move to Soil Conservation Council	
12:05	Animal and Plant Control Commission approaches	O'Neil; John Bromell
19:05	Environmental land management matters	
21:45	Mechanics of the merger	
22:20	Ministers of Agriculture	Frank Blevins; Whyalla; Ted Chapman; O'Neil; Bromell
24:45	Formation of Animal and Plant Control Commission; transfer to Soil Conservation Council; Agriculture Department staff; work on soil conservation	Agriculture Department; Port Augusta; Eyre Peninsula
31:10	Interstate departments, similar boards, conferences	Adelaide; Victoria; Moree; New South Wales; Queensland; Gwydir River; Darling [River]