

INTERVIEW LOG SHEET

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An interview with Don Nicolson by Bernard O'Neil on 2 November 2005 in regards to the history of the Animal and Plant Control Commission and the Dog Fence Board.

Time	Subject	Proper names
	Tape 1, Side A	
0:25	Born 1930; education (local and boarding school); family property; interest in pastoral industry politics (shearers' strike, Stockowners Association); Vermin Districts Association meetings; dingoes; in steps of father; siblings	Port Augusta; Roopena Station; Middleback Station; Whyalla; Adelaide; Scotch College; Roseworthy Agricultural College; Stockowners Association; Vermin Districts Association; Whyalla Technical High School; Adelaide University
7:15	Family property – Roopena Station; sheep; arid zone research; Department of Agriculture ecologists; Adelaide University research station (Botany Department)	Franklin Harbour; Cowell; Middleback lease; Tregalana lease, Nonowie lease; Mt Laura lease; Katunga lease; Brendan Lay; Pastoral Board; Bob Lange; Roseworthy
14:30	Interest in land management; government policies; location of property; rainfall on property	Port Augusta; Hawker; Farina; Stockowners Association; Adelaide; Whyalla; Iron Knob; Middleback property; Roopena Station
20:00	Family running the property; involvement in Stockowners Association; Race Week; amalgamation with United Farmers & Graziers; South Australian Farmers Federation	Stockowners Association; Port Augusta; United Farmers & Graziers; South Australian Farmers Federation
22:25	Family involvement in Vermin Districts; Vermin-Proof Fencing Commission Inquiry, 1893 – dingoes, rabbits, kangaroo, fences; Vermin Districts – Aroona, Pandurra, Mt Young, Franklin Harbour, Elliston; fencing; dingoes	Aroona; Pandurra; Pastoral Lands Commission; Mt Young; Franklin Harbour; Cowell; Darke Peak; ?? croft family; Port Augusta
	Tape 1, Side B	
0:15	Dingoes on property	
2:45	Involvement with Vermin Districts Association; changes to the Dog Fence Board's operations; collection of rates	Vermin Districts Association; Jack Spiers; Hugh MacLachlan; Dog Fence Board; South East; Ngarkat Conservation Park
7:05	Involved in Dog Fence Board for the SA Farmers Federation; attempt to abolish the Board; appointing the chairman	Spiers; Dog Fence Board; SA Farmers Federation; Bill Edwards; Christine Cane; Basil Kidd; Andrew McTaggart; South East; River Murray
11:00	Cost-effectiveness of the fences; rabbit-proof fence	NSW; Queensland; WA; Victoria; Robinvale (Vic.); Wolseley; Moreton Bay Rabbit Board
14:10	Rabbits at Roopena; myxomatosis; drought; dingoes; kangaroos; calicivirus; pest plants – horehound, Bathurst burr, onion weed	Birdsville; Moolawatana; Lake Frome; Adelaide University; SA; WA
22:30	Pest plant control	Andrew Brown; Department of Agriculture
24:00	Agricultural Bureau movement; pastoral research students	Lay; Martin Wilcox; Fred Jessup ; Pastoral Board; Primary Industry Department (NSW); Carolyn Ireland; Department of Agriculture (WA); Martin Andrews
25:40	Fence maintenance (landowner subsidy vs local board control) and inspection	West Coast; Ceduna; Port Augusta; MacLachlan family; McBride family; John McEntee; Northern Flinders
32:00	Pest animal and plant control and the fence; costs	Kidd; Michael Balharry; Peter Bird
	Tape 2, Side A	
0:15	Dog Fence Board/Animal & Plant Control Commission relationship -- buffer zone baiting, electric fences; wombat fencing; types of electric fencing and power supply; kangaroos	Bird; Far West Coast; Brian Lock; Victoria; Mr Piesse; Moolawatana; John Cook; ??Nap ??Bore
8:05	Ongoing maintenance; rabbit-proof fences	MacLachlan; Queensland; NSW

9:15	Dog Fence Board/Animal & Plant Control Commission relationship; buffer zone baiting; kangaroo problem	Oodnadatta
11:45	Option of government taking over the fence	Adelaide; West Coast; Muteroo ; McEntee
13:50	Dog Fence Board/ Natural Resource Management Council relationship; Dingo Control Fund; composition of Board	Balharrie; Queensland; Northern Territory
19:35	Board reporting to the Minister; preparing new Dog Fence legislation	John Hill; Roger Wickes; Peter Allen; Ngarkat Conservation Park
22:40	Dingo problems in parks; personnel; dingo populations inside the fence	Queensland; Gammon Ranges; Lake Torrens; Jamestown; Hawker
25:15	Responsibility for dingoes inside Dog Fence; feral goats; variations in fence location	Northern Flinders Ranges; Arkaroola; Coober Pedy; Commonwealth Hill; Great Australian Bight; Nullarbor Station; White Well; Fowlers Bay; Witchelina; Millers Creek; Roxby Downs; Moolawatana; NSW; Marree; Leigh Creek; Hawker; Flinders Ranges
31:45	Involvement of Minister, government or local Member	Box Flat
Tape 2, Side B		
0:20	Box Flat Vermin Board; changed levy method in the inside country; lobbying local Member	Box Flat; Ngarkat Conservation Park; Sheep Transaction Levy; Ovine Johnes Disease; Peter Lewis; Susan Lenehan
4:45	Doggers; setting dog traps; bounties for scalps; use of strychnine and 1080	WA; Dog Fence Board; Far West Association; Nullarbor
9:20	Reflections on the Board; Box Flat episode; improved standard of fence; dedicated staff; retired from Roopena, but in a family company	Lewis; Box Flat; Balharrie; Lock; Cook; Bill Sando; Shane O'Connor; Bill McEvoy; Bill Rogers; NSW; WA; Queensland; Adelaide