

INTERVIEW LOG SHEET

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An interview conducted by Bernard O'Neil with Dr Bob Henzell, Waite Institute, South Australia on 25 November and 23 December 2008.

Time	Subject	Proper names
	Disk 1	
0:23	Born 1944, Perth; primary and secondary school (Perth Modern School), Perth; University of Western Australia; PhD, Adelaide University	Perth; Adelaide
	Boyhood interests – native wildlife, insect collection, games, sport, photography, [collecting stamps].	
	Interest in natural environment through zoology degree.	Don Bradshaw
	Ecology studies at the University of Adelaide.	Professor Andrewartha
	Career intention to work with native animals.	
5:45	Growing awareness about the natural environment; developed interest in goats for working career.	John Bromell
7:30	Joined Vertebrate Pest Control Authority February 1976 after temporary jobs at Adelaide University.	University of Adelaide; Andrewartha; Adelaide
	Applied research into goats as a pest; feral goat damage; field assistants.	Flinders Ranges
12:35	In field trapping, counting and studying biology, diet and habitat of goats; vegetation; collecting samples of goats.	Canegrass Station; Burra; Flinders Ranges
	Control methods– mustering, shooting, trapping.	Flinders Ranges
	The issue in pest control is the people who are managing it.	Canegrass; David Radford; Adelaide
	Nature of Canegrass Station, and suitability for research; vegetation monitoring; goat control techniques.	Canegrass Station; Flinders Ranges
	VPCA work environment and staff; Bromell as leader.	Bromell; CSIRO
23:55	Australia-wide situation for goats; colleagues interstate.	NSW; CSIRO; WA
27:00	Collaborations interstate – ‘Judas goat’ work in mid 1980s; ‘Judas buffalo’ operations in the NT; Judas technique can be used on other pests.	Hawaii; Woods and Forests Department; South Para Reservoir; Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Campaign (BTEC); Northern Territory
29:50	Destroying feral goats at South Para, mid 1980s.	Philip Griggs; South Para
	Tame goats affecting the eradication program.	Warren and Hale Conservation Parks; Warren Reservoir; Griggs
	Enforcement/compliance aspects	
	Other projects – exclosure work in Gammon Ranges in 1970s and rabbits; group leader for the research scientists; involved in policy work but not the political dimension until developing a policy relating to feral goats	Gammon Ranges National Park; Yankaninna; Flinders Ranges; Brendon Lay; Brenton Arnold; Leigh Creek; Arcoona Bluff; Brian Cooke; Carrieton; Belton; Hawker; Bromell
	<i>Animal and Plant Control Act</i> allowed a distinction between feral and domestic goats; involved with the regulations and the legislation.	
	Reaction to the creation of the APCC – VPCA's strong research group not matched by the PPC; limited interaction with PPC prior to amalgamation; limited interaction with Pastoral Board; surveys of pastoral properties.	Vicki Hawker; John Virtue; Pastoral Board; Canegrass
	Impact of amalgamation on Henzell's work – the APCC looked at ‘Did it need a research group at all?’ which led to the justification process through to 1989 then again with the Agriculture Department's Organisation Development Review, 1992.	Cooke; Richard Downward

	Disk 2	
	Economic imperatives of ODR and government policies.	Murray River
	Little to do with the politicians; obtaining funding for the goat problem.	Flinders Ranges; Gammon Ranges National Park; Bromell
	New research interests – use of genetically modified organisms to manage vertebrate pests (conferences, 1995 and 2003).	New Zealand; Spain
	Relationship with a CRC.	
	GMOs as a national not a State issue.	
	Attended Commission meetings, but not the NRM Council.	
	Transition to the NRM regime – loss of focus on pest animals and plants, control to the regions while APC remained a central state agency, rise in goat numbers	Bromell; Port Augusta
	Research colleagues; work requirements.	
	Eradication of feral goats from Kangaroo Island	Kangaroo Island; Adelaide
	Disk 3	
	Fox project under national Feral Animal Control Program, 1997–99.	Vicki Linton; Tasmania
	Notions of control vs eradication – Judas goats a rare case of eradication within a reasonable cost.	New Zealand
	Maintaining liaison with colleagues; sharing work tasks.	Flinders Ranges
	<i>De facto</i> national body for research at national level.	CSIRO
	Publication record – current and planned	Linton
	A career as a research scientist	
	Employment of females in the profession – regional advisers	Linton; Ros Solly; Downward