

INTERVIEW LOG SHEET

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An interview with Trevor Roberts by Bernard O'Neil on 21 and 28 October, 18 November and 2 December 2003 in regards to the history of the Department of Agriculture.

Time	Subject	Proper names
	Tape 1, Side A	
0:25	B. 13.12.1928 at Rose Park Hospital; growing up in the Depression; family background on Yorke Peninsula – move to St Morris; extended family; sale of family farms; visiting and working on family farms; family history; Italian prisoner-of-war on farm	Sister Penny [nurse]; Kadina; Wallaroo; Willamulka; Moonta; America; Blyth; Bank of Adelaide; ES&A Bank; Gladstone; Lands Department; Tom Roberts
10:15	School at St Morris and Norwood High; employment (carpenter; Public Service)	St Morris school; Norwood High School; Les Moeller; Eric Vivien; Amgoorie Building, North Tce
12:10	Growing up in Adelaide; sport; 'club' house in the Hills; friends; rabbit shooting; cycling; rabbit bounty; trapping water rats for money; fishing and bird nesting; fox hunting; dancing; market gardens; World War II; gun license; World War I; military interest; joining Public Service; Lands Department; level of schooling	Gumeracha; River Torrens; Williamstown; Cudlee Creek; Athelstone; Michell; Hindmarsh; Glynburn Rd; Firle; Morialta; Mr Neale; Morialta Reserve; Botanic Garden; Palais Royal; Joan (wife); Mrs Roberts; Gorge weir; A.A. Taylor & Sons; Athelstone Football Club; Norwood Union; Duntroon; Flinders Naval College; Mr Roberts; Frank Allchin; Middle East; Brookside; Philip Berry; Mr Schumacher; Mr Tillet; Public Service Board; School of Mines; Bennett & Fisher, Goldsborough Mort; Holdens; Herbie Craig; Tom Playford; Mr Penhall; Mr Harvey; Mr Hambidge
	Tape 1, Side B	
0:05	Work and staff in Lands Department; Land Development Executive; non-payment of rates; Pastoral Board; Jubilee Train, 1951; Irrigation Office; salinity; becoming a permanent public servant – returned servicemen, women and youth in the workforce	Dr [Allan] Callaghan; Barmera; William Gilchrist; River Murray; Loxton North; Cooltong; Des Mackinnon; Frank Boylan; Bob Sampson; Arthur Daw; Commonwealth Bank; Kevin O'Connell; City Baths; Sydney; ABC
10:15	Hierarchical structure at work; post-war rationing	Arthur Henry Peters; Synagogue Place; Peoplestores; St Morris; Stan North
13:55	The Jubilee Train experience; shooting rabbits	Bernie Schumacher; Schumacher's brother; Murray Bridge; Port Pirie; Mt Gambier; Port Augusta; R. De Lance Holmes; England; Daniel Vincent O'Dea; Arthur Gordon; A.D. Smith; C.C. Mackenzie; AMP; South East; Rymill Estate, Padthaway Estate, 8 Mile Creek; Kangaroo Island; Penola; Padthaway; Naracoorte; Penola; Eudunda; Kapunda; Robertstown; Morgan; Cadell Gaol; Warnes family; Duane; Melbourne; Burra; Inspector Vogelsang; Superintendent Sharp; Strathalbyn; Tony Lord
	Tape 2, Side A	
0:25	Land development plans; soldier settler schemes; 90-Mile Desert; land brokers and agents	Wrattonbully Estate; 8 Mile Creek; Parndana; Wanilla; Callaghan; Rowland Hill; Mr Crisp; Bill Simms; Commonwealth Department of Primary Industry; Gawler Pl; RSL; Playford; Sir Cecil Hincks; Brigadier Leane; Mt Schanck, Port MacDonnell;

		Kangaroo Island; AMP; 90-Mile Desert; Coonalpyn; Jim Richards; Max Basheer; Murray Hill; J. Ball Charlie; School of Mines
14:20	Land Board; War Service Settlement Branch; soldier settlers; recovery of outstanding rents; Land Department inspectors; Irrigation Branch; Agriculture Department	Mr Mackenzie; John Redman Ryan; Morgan; Arthur Gordon; Tom Miller
19:40	Liaison with Agriculture Department; reorganising the Agriculture Department; status of Agriculture Department; Lands Settlement Committee	Callaghan; Lex Walker; Marshall Irving; Roseworthy College; Mr Christian; Fred Drew; Playford; Reg Rudall; Peters; Synagogue Place
24:20	Nature of work environment, rules and conditions; disposing of Lands Department records	O'Dea; Horace Bampton; Adelaide Oval; Gawler Pl; King William St; Rundle St; Treasury Building; Simpson's Building
Tape 2, Side B		
0:05	Lands Department records; town surveys	[Colonel] Light; [George] Goyder; Yorke Peninsula; Mid North
2:30	Departmental arrangements in Simpson's Building	Education Building Lane; Flinders St; Gawler Pl; Pirie St; Sven Kallins; Steve Phillips; State Bank; 'Black Stump'
5:00	Work in Lands Department	Peters
6:50	Transferring to the Agriculture Department; part-time study; Jubilee Train; administrative work; Advisory Committee for the Improvement of the Dairying	Frank Bond; O'Dea; Callaghan; Hughie Matthews; Harry Shaw
12:45	Administrative work; War Time Rationing Commission; power of the Departmental Secretary	North; Walker; Bill McGee
17:10	Working arrangements in Simpson's Building; role of Director of Agriculture; liaison with Minister; liaison with staff; working for different groups; social aspects; size of Department; Commonwealth Extension Services Grant; promotions; Monarto project; Justice of the Peace	North; Simpson's Building; [Geoff] Strickland; Mr Church; Walker; Callaghan; Wheat Board; Washington; [Jim] McColl; [John] Radcliffe; [Brian] Chatterton; Miller; Cyril Rogers; Northfield Research Laboratories; Reg French; Don Dunstan; Canberra; Monarto; Bert Rush; Don Harvey
Tape 3, Side A		
0:30	Regionalisation – for and against	Kangaroo Island; Port Pirie; Gladstone; Port Lincoln; Streaky Bay; Minnipa; Port Augusta; Adelaide; Yorke Peninsula; Fleurieu Peninsula; Mid North; Murray Bridge; Struan; Kybybolite; Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science; Turretfield; Loxton; Monarto
8:30	Steering Committee for regionalisation; regional centres	Ron Webber; McColl; Minnipa; Peter Trumble
10:50	Regional responsibilities and head office role	Port Lincoln; Northfield; the Waite; Waikerie; Berri; Renmark; Barmora; Geoff Thomas
16:35	Time to implement regionalisation and problems	John Potter; Webber
19:00	Capital works and general expenditure; arrangements for meetings with regions; liaison with Treasury; departmental vehicles and equipment, including Fisheries	Radcliffe; Roger Wickes; Struan; Kybybolite; Roberts Motors; Mt Gambier; Minnipa; Port Pirie; Loxton
Tape 3, Side B		
0:03	Departmental vehicles and equipment; accidents; insurance; Womens Ag. Bureau meetings	Mallala; Lesley Tideman (Jacobs); Wanbi; Loxton; Adelaide; Whyalla; Port Lincoln
5:00	Cross-department work – Public Buildings, Housing Trust	
6:00	Monarto plan – idea, reality, opposition/support, interstate model, facilities; departmental vehicles	Monarto Commission; Barry Greer; Rush; Dunstan; Public Service Association; Adelaide Town Hall; Northfield; Albury–Wodonga; Murray Bridge; McColl; Trumble; Old Belair Rd; Jim Walkley;

		Edinburgh (Scotland); Brian Chatterton; Mrs Chatterton; [Des] Corcoran; Bill Matheson
24:05	Plan to relocate to Northfield; operating Northfield	Northfield; St Morris; Trumble; Alan Stevenson; Radcliffe; Ms Roberts; Waite; Peter Phillipou; Adelaide; Hugh Matthews; North
	Tape 4, Side A	
0:30	Integration of Fisheries Department; administrative work for Fisheries; Fisheries licenses; Fisheries equipment; <i>MV Joseph Verco</i> ; marine accidents; maritime radio network; helicopter patrols	Simpson's Building; Frank Moorhouse; Port Adelaide; Gawler Pl; Sam Coombe; McGee; Puglesi; McColl; [Great Australian] Bight; Port Adelaide; Rob Lewis; Hong Kong; Singapore; Penneshaw; Kangaroo Island; Ian Chislett; Codan; Lenswood Research Centre; Cleve; Streaky Bay; Port Lincoln; Robe; Kingston; Adelaide; [Port] Vincent; Gulf [St Vincent]; Outer Harbor
23:15	Fisheries Division; extra duties, no extra staff; de-merger of Fisheries; new logo, signage, stationery; success or failure of the merger	Port Lincoln; Kangaroo Island; Kingscote; Streaky Bay; Callaghan; McColl; Chatterton; Minnipa Research Centre
	Tape 4, Side B	
0:04	Office technology and techniques – shorthand, typewriters, writing room, dockets, dictaphones, word processors, computers; Minister's Office; ranking of Minister; statistical work	Dunstan; Playford; [Governor] Hindmarsh; [Colonel] Light; Chatterton
9:15	Pioneering computing work	Victoria Sq; Gawler Pl; Golda Munro; M.E. Jones; Struan; ADP Centre
13:05	Retirement; typing pool; docket system and copies; Government Photolithographer; photocopiers, duplicators and printers; photography room; maps; soil conservation; Government Printer; annual report; recouping costs; telephones; computers; work environment	Di Green; Doris Smith; Hundred of Beetaloo; Matheson; Nuriootpa; Waite