

INTERVIEW LOG SHEET

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An interview with Geoff Norman by Bernard O'Neil on 17 February 2004 in regards to the history of the Department of Agriculture.

Time	Subject	Proper names
	Tape 1, Side A	
0:45	Boyhood; Sandalwood Primary School; parent's work; early work on farm; Debt Adjustment Board; attending farm sales; clearing paddocks; collecting firewood; shearing; barley; wheat; family farming background	Sandalwood; Murray Mallee; Norwood High School; Norwood; Adelaide; Farmers Union; Coonawarra; Mt Gambier
7:45	Born 13 April 1923; family	Murray Bridge
8:18	Development and future as a Mallee farmer; dairy farming; education by correspondence; employment in the dairy industry; attending Roseworthy College	Hundred of Auld; Murray Mallee; Jervois; River Murray; Tailem Bend; Roseworthy College; Muirden College; Sam Twartz
11:55	Diploma in Dairying at Roseworthy College; work for dairy company; job as Dairy Instructor	Swan Hill Co-operative Dairy Company; Victoria; New Zealand; Swan Hill; Dr McCulloch; Roseworthy
14:30	Dairy Instructor from 1955 to 1964	Roseworthy
16:20	Start and end of the course in dairying; joining Department of Agriculture, Tasmania; artificial breeding program; involvement with SA's Agriculture Department	Roseworthy College; Hawkesbury College; Werribee; Tasmania; Wynyard; Burnie; Smithton; Artificial Breeding Board; Launceston
19:30	Dairy herd infertility problems in SA; artificial breeding program in SA; bull-proving scheme; Artificial Breeding Board work on dairy and beef cattle; 1971 visit to examine bull proving in New Zealand; artificial insemination program for dairy and beef cattle in SA	Tasmania; Adelaide; Bill Rose; Northfield; Artificial Breeding Board; South Plympton; Northfield Research Centre; George Durney; New South Wales; Victoria; New Zealand Dairy Board; Don Mackie; Tasmania, WA, Queensland
29:40	Artificial Breeding Boards in Australia and in SA	Tasmania; Marshall Irving; Rose
30:40	Debate on the advisability and suitability of techniques	Durney
32:20	Herd testing in SA	
	Tape 1, Side B	
0:05	Herd testing in SA; reporting results; artificial breeding program taken over by the Victorian Artificial Breeding Board; insemination procedures; success rate	Artificial Breeding Board; Northfield; Rose; New Zealand; Victoria; Peter Lovisatti; Mt Gambier; Barossa; Mt Barker; Murray Bridge; Clare
5:15	Complaints about the program	New Zealand
6:30	Size of the program; Artificial Breeding Board working with the Department; Board membership	Rose; Graham Itzerott
8:55	Postgraduate studies in agricultural extension; move to Mt Gambier; regionalisation; promoted to Chief Dairy Officer, Adelaide; retirement in 1985	University of Melbourne; Victorian Artificial Board; Mt Gambier; Struan; Adelaide; John Feagan;
12:45	Became Chief of the Division of Animal Industries	Steve Rice
13:15	Regionalisation; annual conference; meeting with officers	Mt Gambier; South East
17:25	The Department's Rostrum program; working conditions; Herd Recording Section's work; presentations	Tasmania; Durney; Simpson Building; Gawler Pl
23:00	Involvement with the media; publications and report writing	Mt Gambier; Adelaide; Northfield; Durney
25:05	Regulations and legislation	Tasmania; South Australia
27:30	Resigned from Tasmanian Department to re-join SA; retirement in 1985	
29:25	Directors of Agriculture; McColl a lecturer when doing his postgraduate course; Ministers	Irving; McColl; Geoff Strickland; University of Melbourne; Ted Chapman; Kangaroo Island