

INTERVIEW LOG SHEET

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An interview with Joseph Maxwell O'Neil by Bernard O'Neil on 14, 19 and 28 October 2004 in regards to the history of the Animal and Plant Control Commission and the Department of Agriculture.

Time	Subject	Proper names
	Tape 1, Side A	
0:45	Personal background; b. 16.2.1916, Adelaide; father died in WWI; Torrens Park war service home; rivalry with Scotch College children	
3:35	Education: Mitcham Primary, technical college; Urrbrae Agricultural High, Roseworthy Agricultural College; interest in farming; Roseworthy experiences (study, sport); life in the depression era	Victoria; Gawler; Urrbrae
10:00	Work expectation; met future wife; farm work; sport; superphosphate carting	Billings?? Station; Lower South East; Naracoorte; Edenhope; Frances
14:35	Superphosphate usage; knowledge of the land	
16:30	World War II experiences – Air Force; return to Australia; soldier settlement property; marriage	Britain; Western Australia; New Guinea; Coraview??; South East; Barbara O'Neil
23:00	Soldier settlement experience	New South Wales; Penola; Adelaide; father-in-law; Scotland; ???LDE?? Station
	Tape 1, Side B	
0:05	Soldier settlement experiences	Naracoorte; Mt Gambier; Victoria; [Des] Corcoran's father; Lands Department; Mr Peters
5:10	Joining Department of Agriculture; former student colleagues	Lex Walker; Roseworthy College Naracoorte; Frank Pearson; Mt Gambier
9:35	Contact with government departments and Agricultural Bureau; varying nature of farming communities	Pearson; South East; West Coast; Eyre Peninsula
13:20	Joining Weed Section in Department of Agriculture; death of Hector Orchard; chemical weeds control development	Walker; Hector Orchard; Roseworthy College; Marie Caskey; Peter Barrow; Arthur Tideman; Don Stacey; Tideman's father
19:20	Joining the Department, 1957; departmental demonstration plots; alcohol in wartime	Orchard; Tideman
	Tape 2, Side A	
0:30	Soldier settler experience; work with the Agriculture Department -- Weeds Section	Walker; Orchard; Roseworthy Agricultural College; Adelaide; Caskey
5:20	Learning on the job; death of Hector Orchard; bulletin; Weeds Advisory Committee	Orchard; NSW; Victoria; Caskey; Kangaroo Island; Tideman; Don Stacey
14:10	Learning about chemicals; attitudes to chemicals; chemical companies; health aspects	Roseworthy College; Tideman
20:25	Fieldwork and meetings	
23:15	Working with different farmers; Bureau meetings; work colleagues; Noogoora burr; rabbits	Eyre Peninsula; Ceduna; Roger Brockhoff; Port Lincoln; Clare; Kapunda; Les Hoff; New South Wales; Bill Style
	Tape 2, Side B	
0:15	Weeds Section; pest control work; chemicals; death of Hector Orchard; parliamentary experience	Walker; Roseworthy College; Orchard; Caskey
7:40	Weeds legislation and transition to a statutory authority; separation from Agriculture Department	Tideman; Bob Docherty; Don Dunstan; Bob Christiansen; Ray Alcock; Caskey
22:15	Agriculture Department building	Gawler Place; Grenfell St
23:25	Work as Executive Officer; field officers; interstate work; Noogoora burr; working with pastoralists	Alcock; Christiansen; New South Wales; Broken Hill; Darwin
30:40	Pastoral country; working with boards; Bureau meetings	Pastoral Board; Clare
	Tape 3, Side A	
0:20	Meeting people and organisations; farmers' reactions	West Coast

7:20	Linking with other boards and authorities	
10:05	Relations with the Minister of Agriculture	
12:45	Enforcing regulations	Cleve
15:20	National situation; obtaining and sharing information; publication program	Western Australia; NSW; Victoria; Melbourne; CSIRO
22:25	Research work	Paul Kaesler
28:20	Weeds Advisory Committee; <i>Weeds Act</i> ; <i>Pest Plants Act</i>	
	Tape 3, Side B	
0:05	Advisory Committees co-existing	Christiansen
4:20	Relations with Environment Department; environmental movement; farmers' attitudes	Environment Department; Christiansen
9:05	Chemicals through the Authority	Department of Chemistry; Northfield; Kintore Ave
11:20	Retirement, 1980	
13:25	Memoirs; typing pool; working at a distance	Caskey; England
17:20	Commission members	Malcolm Groth; Brockhoff; Caskey