

INTERVIEW LOG SHEET

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An interview with Richard Gilbert Mungo Harvey by Bernard O'Neil on 28 October and 11 November 2004 in regards to the history the Animal and Plant Control Commission and of the Department of Agriculture.

Time	Subject	Proper names
	Tape 1, Side A	
0:30	Born (1926), raised and educated in Adelaide; studied Agricultural Science at university; family property bought in the Depression; interest in agriculture; no background in farming; school holidays; specialising in wool research; developing a family property; first family property run by a manager	Lake Alexandrina; Sir James Gosse; Scotland; Roseworthy College; Bordertown; AMP Settlement Scheme; Yalkuri
6:20	Siblings, but no family connection with the land; father's work; Minister of Agriculture as brother-in-law; appointment to the Vertebrate Pest Control Authority	Germany; Orient Line; Adelaide; brother Alain; sister Alison; David Brookman; Vertebrate Pest Control Authority
8:10	Wool research for CSIRO; Ag. Science degree in 1947	Roseworthy College
9:20	Developing property near Bordertown; mechanisation; life on the farm; marriage; petrol rationing; land clearance; nature of land and property	Bordertown
13:15	Nature of the soil on Berangwee; Hoggett competitions; visits from CSIRO's Division of Soils; trace elements; involvement with the Department of Agriculture	CSIRO; Berangwee; Bordertown; Dennis Muirhead; [Steve] Reid
16:30	Involvement with the Agricultural Bureau; local farming community	Lowan Vale; AMP Society; Bordertown; Keith
18:50	Moving from Berangwee; community involvement; expansion of electricity supply; local rivalry; pest animal work (Vermin Committee)	Lowan Vale; Tatiara District Council; Adelaide Electric Supply Company; Bordertown district; Adelaide; Keith district
23:25	Expectations in moving to Bordertown; managing family property	Bordertown; Lake Alexandrina; Yalkuri; Mrs Harvey
25:30	Reaction to the hard times and conditions	
28:00	Move to Yalkuri, 1963; poor financial position; rabbits; sand drifts; rabbit control	Bordertown; Yalkuri; South East
	Tape 1, Side B	
0:05	Rabbit control practices – shooting, myxomatosis, ripping, 1080 poison trials, bait; Rabbit Advisory Committee; adjoining properties with rabbits	Bordertown; Yalkuri; Lake Alexandrina; Department of Lands; CSIRO; John Bromell; Brookman; Victoria; Coorong
14:30	Bait trials by Bromell	Bromell; Adelaide; Meningie Council; Tatiara Council
16:40	Rabbit [Vermin Control] Advisory Committee; no dingo work	Director of Lands; Bromell; Reg Osborne; Frank Heaslip; Carrieton; New Zealand; Clifton Hills
21:00	Pastoral station partnership; dingo problems	Clifton Hills; Diamantina and Cooper flood plains; Yalkuri; Brookman
23:25	Nuffield farming scholarship, 1966; farm management; talking tour; Wool Board Research Committee; CSIRO State Committee	Yalkuri; Lord Nuffield; England; Canada; New Zealand; Zimbabwe/Rhodesia; Stockowners Association
28:55	Position as Pastoral Advisor interstate; Merino stud; rejected offer to enter [Federal] Parliament	Finance Corporation of Australia; New England, NSW; Koonoona Proprietors; Adelaide; Yalkuri; Dr Forbes; South East; Vertebrate Pest Authority
	Tape 2, Side A	
0:15	Wool Research Committee, 1970–78; research programs – rabbit, wool, textiles, sheep breeding; environmental projects	Wool Board; Arthur Begus; Phillip McBride; Dr Morris; Armidale; Vertebrate Pest Authority; Dr [Brian] Cook; Galapagos Islands; New South Wales; CSIRO
5:55	FCA consultancy ceased	

7:35	Developing Yalkuri property – cow breeding, lucerne, hay, water licence	Yalkuri; Sultan of Brunei; Singapore; Brunei
9:15	Aphid problem for lucerne in region	Sultan of Brunei; Hunter River; Lake Alexandrina
12:50	Heritage Agreement to restrict land clearing, mid 1980s; member of National Parks Advisory Committee; environmental awareness	Bordertown; National Parks Advisory Committee of South Australia
17:40	Environmental awareness; water use quotas; member of Water Resources Tribunal; irrigating Yalkuri	Lake Alexandrina; Water Resources Tribunal; Mr Harvey (son); Yalkuri
24:55	Joined St Peter's College Council as rural representative	St Peter's College Council
27:35	Badly burnt in Yalkuri bushfire, November 1990	Yalkuri; Meningie Hospital; Adelaide; Royal Adelaide Hospital
	Tape 2, Side B	
0:05	Transferring property to sons; pastoral partnership for Clifton Hills; artesian water use; capping bores; fencing	Yalkuri; Mr Harvey's sons; Adelaide; Clifton Hills; Simpson Desert
7:30	Vertebrate pests and weeds work from 1962; appointed to Vermin Control Advisory Committee; Tatiara Council	Bromell; Department of Lands; Bordertown; Tatiara Council; South East; Mr Grey; Jack Dunsford; Osborne; Heaslip; Carrieton; Carrieton Council
16:00	Rabbit control methods trialled	Bromell; Yalkuri; Meningie; Bordertown; Tatiara Council; Meningie District Council; Heaslip; Carrieton Council
19:20	Rabbit baiting method; rabbit research officer; legislation; Vertebrate Pests Authority; working with District Councils; training school; research staff; pest animals and birds	Western Australia; Bromell; Cook; Ralph James; Lucindale; John Ridgway; Lameroo; Bernard Fennessy; CSIRO Division of Wildlife [Research]; Dr Grant Inglis; Eyre Peninsula; the North; Mallee; Riverland; South East; Central District; Coorong; Flinders Ranges; Dr Bob Henzell; Dr Ron Sinclair
29:35	Dingoes; dog fence	Peter Bird
30:45	Dog Fence Board; Pastoral Board	Dog Fence Board; Pastoral Board; Adelaide
	Tape 3, Side A	
0:15	State-wide inspections	Bromell; Osborne; Heaslip
3:15	Contact with Ministers; government attitudes	Mr Quirke; Brookman; Dunsford
5:45	Interstate inspections; dingoes; planned overseas tour	Western Australia; Bromell; Victoria; NSW; Queensland; NT; New Zealand
9:05	Vermin issues other than rabbits	
10:20	Personal association with other organisations; dingo baits	Dog Fence Board; Clifton Hills; Queensland
12:10	Aerial baiting	RSPCA
13:05	Monitoring programs and activities	Bromell; Yalkuri; Cook
14:45	Re-appointment to the Advisory Committee; goats; birds	Tatiara Council; Meningie Council; Henzell; Flinders Ranges; Clifton Hills; Sinclair
19:25	Concerns about native flora and fauna; 1080 bait	Yalkuri; Bromell; Sinclair
22:05	Powers under the legislation; penalties	Vermin Control Authority
26:05	Personal visits to landowners	
28:15	Creating the statutory authority	South East; Dunsford; Heaslip; Dunstan government
	Tape 3, Side B	
0:05	Another State tour	Meningie; Mallee; River Murray; Upper South East; James; Lower South East; Ridgeway; Yorke Peninsula; Eyre Peninsula
2:25	Time involved in Authority work; rabbit control	Yalkuri
4:10	Examples to neighbouring landholders	Yalkuri
5:30	Success of the Authority; transfer from Lands to Agriculture Department; chairmen	Pest Plant Commission; Peter Trumble; Peter Barrow; Bromell; Adelaide
10:40	Status in Agriculture Department	Adelaide; Bromell; Waite Institute; Pest Plants Commission

17:50	Merging the Pest Plants Commission and the Vertebrate Pests Authority	Pest Plants Commission; Vertebrate Pests Authority
20:20	Creating the Animal and Plant Control Commission; multi-skilled workforce; saving money; weed school	Bromell; Department of Agriculture
27:50	Personal qualifications and experience; resigned 1998	Bromell; Stockowners Association; Farmers' Union; South Australian Farmers' Federation; Dog Fence Board; Environment Department
Tape 4, Side A		
0:13	Animal and Plant Control Commission responsibilities; committees on specific problems – broomrape, dodder, Cape Tulip, Salvation Jane, rabbits, prickly acacia, foxes	Mr Carter; Murray Bridge; Renmark; [River] Murray; Robe; South East; Mr Zanello; Environment Department
11:05	Council amalgamations meant boards amalgamated	
14:15	Monthly newsletter; own work attending meetings	Berri; Adelaide; Willunga; Fleurieu Peninsula; Melbourne; Australian Pastoral Research Trust; South Africa; Richard Downward
17:30	Failed to eradicate rabbits –1080 baiting, myxomatosis, calicivirus	Narrung Peninsula; Raukkan
20:30	Failed to control some weeds	Salvation Jane; Horehound; Emex
21:30	Commission's success with vertebrate pests	
22:30	Natural resource management concept; profit motive; retirement; landholder input to the Commission	Ross; Roger Wickes; Stirling District Council