

AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

INTERVIEWEE: TIM ENTWISLE
INTERVIEWER: JOHN DWYER
DATE OF INTERVIEW: FRIDAY, 1 MARCH 2024
LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 94 MINUTES
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: FITZROY NORTH, VICTORIA
RESTRICTIONS ON USE: NIL

TIME (ESTIMATED*)	SUMMARY OF CONTENT	KEY WORDS
00:00	Born 19 March 1938. Living in Balwyn. Oldest of five children. Father worked in meteorology and a keen gardener. Mother a 'colourist' for photographer. Early schooling in Melbourne, university and finally articulated clerk at law firm. Youngest in class so jumped a year but repeated year 12 (at St Kevins) Latin Prize and Dux of School. 'Moderate results' at university. Time at Newman College, the University of Melbourne.	Family, Parents, Siblings, Law, Early garden memories, University, Early influences
20:00	Hiking and camping experience. Admitted to the Bar.	Nature experiences, Law
21:00	Meets his future wife Joan. Early romance.	Flowers, wife
25:00	Time in law. Studying philosophy through Newman Society	Philosophy
27:00	PhD on weeds while working in law	Weeds
30:00	Influences on Peter Singer	Peter Singer
36:00	Marriage to Joan Singer; children – Bridgette and Tess. Time in Durham, UK	Family, Children
39:00	Return to Australia, via tour of various countries on the way. Combining teaching at Monash University with working in law.	University role, Travel
42:00	Sabbatical to Warwick in UK.	Travel, UK
43:00	Joining National Trust in UK. Back to Melbourne in 1973 and joining Australian National Trust.	National Trust
45:00	Return to Warwick in 1976-1977. Exploring more of England, particularly the grand homes and gardens. Campervan trip to Lake District and Isle of Skye.	UK landscapes
47:00	Vauxhall car and driving to Venice in 1975. Giving the car away at train station.	Travel

50:00	Travelled a lot overseas while working in law. Particularly to Italy (near Venice) to seek treatment for rheumatoid arthritis (12-13 trips).	Travel, Health
52:00	Bought home at Kallista, in the Dandenong Ranges near Melbourne. Began Certificate of Horticulture and Burnley College.	Personal garden, Horticulture
59:00	Interest in weeds. PhD supervised by Greg Moore and Jan(et) Schapper. Writing, talking and books on weeds.	Weeds, philosophy
1:05	Plane trees (current article being written), Pliny	Weeds, Unpopular plants
1:09	Landscape interests. Talk given on history of the Victorian branch of Australian Gardens History Society (AGHS).	AGHS, Landscapes
1:13	Interest in the National Trust in Australia. Role on National Trust Council between 1982 and 1997.	National Trust
1:16	Campaign against him being elected as President of National Trust due to support for building the new museum next to Exhibition Building in Carlton. Importance of considering each issue on merits.	Museum of Victoria, Exhibition Building, National Trust
1:18	Heritage Council role after leaving National Trust. Working with Jan Schapper to organise conferences and edit books on heritage issues.	Heritage Council
1:20	Joined AGHS in late 1990s, while studying horticulture at Burnley. Appeared at hearings and at meeting of Heritage Council to support Burnley heritage listing including 'the other side of the road'. Pam Jelly invites him to join AGHS.	AGHS, Burnley heritage
1:22	Role as Chair of AGHS Victorian Branch then Chair of National Management Committee. AGHS conferences in Launceston, Geelong and Ballarat. Less politics in AGHS compared to National Trust and Heritage Trust – 'gardeners are basically nice people'. Embracing of aboriginal landscapes at AGHS Hobart conference (noted as recent change).	AGHS, AGHS conferences, Change
1:25	Summing up. Should make his notes on the 40 th anniversary of the Victorian branch of AGHS available more widely. National Trust and AGHS connection.	AGHS, National Trust
1:31	Start of AGHS. His transition from interest in heritage buildings to gardens. Gardens now getting appropriate attention.	Gardens

* Very rough time on recording taken while interview in progress (Tim Entwisle)