

BUSSELTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY GROUP
TRACKING NOTES

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TRA CK NO.	SUMMARY "Businessman: Naturalist: Aboriginal Knowledge	TRAC K TIME
1	<p>TITLE Kangaroo Culling; Western Grey</p> <p>Rob's thoughts on culling of the Western Grey kangaroo; our local species Habits of our Ringtail Possum</p>	6.55
2	<p>TITLE Feral Cats; Poisoning for Foxes & Cats; Shire Traps</p> <p>There are some absolutely huge feral cats at some waterholes where they lie in wait for animals and birds that must come to drink - "meals on wheels". These cats also consume insects.</p>	5.27
3	<p>TITLE Rob's Publications & Collection of Material</p> <p>"Bushy Tales and Adventures" - a variety of material of interest to him that he has collected over many years. "The Bushwhackers" - a collection of short stories/incidents/iconic places; the basis of which would make an excellent television series or a feature film. Rob is even now making efforts to arouse interest in the use of this material. "Out of the Bush" and "All of That Big Wongi" are publications he has financed himself.</p>	8.28
4	<p>TITLE Regular Radio Session: Local Paper Column</p> <p>For a long time Rob Murray and later Kris Csillag, of ABC Radio Bunbury, phoned Rob on Saturday mornings for him to do a segment on wildlife and the bush. The (now) Busselton Dunsborough Times ran a column also for a time, but because of space constraints no doubt, tended to leave out certain passages/sentences, thus causing unwelcome complaints as to accuracy etc; by virtue of the context and/or facts possibly distorted. Mentions Jack Bussell as the last of the white fellas to speak the local aboriginal dialect. Feels strongly that we must keep the aboriginal culture alive. Current incorrect comment by one local Noongar who has a fixation of local massacres in the hundreds; figures not correct according to the acknowledged sources for such information as museums etc.</p>	6.15
5	<p>TITLE Flora & Fauna in the Area Around the Town: Shifted House</p> <p>Lots of orchids on the Broadwater. Has moved house six times; not Crys's idea I suspect! Fairbairn Road, Southern Drive, Bunyip on Tuart Drive, Wonnerup in Estuary View Drive, Country Road Estate, Frankland Street and now (2010) Blum Bvde in Yalyalup. Father the greatest influence on his life. Couldn't name any enemies and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.</p>	7.22
6	<p>TITLE Wife Crys's (Crystal) Help</p> <p>Crys has had a challenge keeping up with this energetic man! She has been a loyal wife & a good mother to their three children. At the time when they had a licence to trap & breed birds Crys did most of the bird feeding. When in their own business she did the office work etc. When they did tours she prepared food as necessary. For her own interests she did and still does painting & china painting & was heavily involved in the Guiding movement (and still is in the Trefoil Guild).</p>	7.33
7	<p>TITLE Aboriginal Words From an Extensive List - Local Dialect</p> <p>As accurately as a keen interest has allowed, with the effort for clarification from other sources recognized as THE authorities, Rob has compiled an extensive & valuable list which he has recently shared with others & with us. His pronunciation would probably make some of the old fellas laugh he agrees, and of course the spelling is either from authorities or phonetically as best he knows from general 'rules' of local dialect.</p>	7.39

8	<p>TITLE The Best Advice on How Tribal Culture Operated Here:</p> <p>The Wardandi Tribe is our local tribe, and stretched over the Busselton, Nannup, Margaret River and Augusta areas.</p> <p>Comments on their probable way of life as he has accumulated the knowledge of, and documented it, from various sources over the many years since about 1940.</p>	9.48
9	<p>TITLE Adversity? What's That?</p> <p>Asked how he coped with adversity, Rob firstly didn't know the meaning of the word and then couldn't see that it had any relevance to him.</p> <p>Things he is proudest of included the excellent reputation the family came to have - and deserved - as business people.</p> <p>Changes? In business & the now fierce competition; lawlessness; loyalty under threat in many aspects; illegal migrants.</p>	3.27
10	<p>TITLE Their Children & Their Families</p> <p>Lists his and Crys's three children and their families.</p> <p>A message for his grandchildren.</p> <p>Thank you to Rob and Marg for the opportunity to record this story.</p>	6.22