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Interview with

Yvonne Bennett

Interviewer

Helen Squires

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Helen Squires This is Helen Squires interviewing Yvonne Bennett at Broadview on Tuesday 26 June at 1 p.m. as part of the history project of the Bureau of Meteorology to celebrate one hundred years of the Bureau in South Australia. Thank you for taking part in this project and for allowing us to use this recording. The recording will be transcribed and a written copy provided to you for approval. Right, now after that false start, Yvonne…when did you start with the Bureau?

Yvonne Bennett In 1984.

Helen Squires And your position there was?

Yvonne Bennett Secretary to the Regional Director…steno/sec.

Helen Squires And he was at the time…?

Yvonne Bennett Graeme Furler.

Helen Squires Graeme Furler.

Helen Squires And you mentioned earlier your first day of work. Would you like to tell me about that again?

Yvonne Bennett Yes, actually it was before…uuumm started actually working on the job about a week before. I got a call from Graeme, I was working at the Department of Social Security, I got a call from him asking me if I would act as a hostess to a Chinese delegation of meteorologists on the Sunday before I started work and so I had…I didn’t know anything about…very much about the Bureau, I hadn’t met any personnel and so I had to prepare an afternoon tea and I didn’t even know what sort of food the Chinese would eat. So I had to just use my own discretion and provided some sandwiches and some cakes and some biscuits and tea and coffee in the Board Room.
Helen Squires  This was on a Sunday, too?

Yvonne Bennett  On a Sunday afternoon, yeah.

Helen Squires  And so how did it go?

Yvonne Bennett  Yep, very well indeed I must say. They ate all the food. I thought they might not like ham, but they did. Yes, so it was an eye opener. I met some of the senior officers there and they were all so helpful. Peter Blake was one of them – he was terrific, because I was very nervous. I didn’t know what to expect and it went off OK.

Helen Squires  Now as your position as a steno/secretary, were you responsible for anything other than Graeme’s correspondence?

Yvonne Bennett  Oh well I gave him the admin support and I was, unofficially, responsible for a lot of the entertaining the Bureau did. We had a big Fire Weather Conference a couple of years after I started there. I think that was the first one that South Australia had and I met a lot of the Head Office people, Dr. Zillmann and all the other heads of sections in Melbourne.

Helen Squires  And what was this conference?

Yvonne Bennett  Fire Weather conference, and that was the first time they’d had it in South Australia. There was a lot of organising required for that, for the conference itself, of finding accommodation for all the people who came from Head Office – it went for five days – it was quite a big affair.

Helen Squires  And they used the Bureau as the venue?

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, yes, the conference room, the board room and a lot of people from the Metropolitan Fire Service, what’s the other one – Emergency Services, the media, quite a lot of people.
Helen Squires  And how many conferences, seminars would you arrange on a yearly basis?

Yvonne Bennett  Oh goodness, I can’t say offhand but every year there would be something happening.

Helen Squires  National, international, local?

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, and we did get a lot of people coming from overseas. We had a delegation – besides the Chinese – there were people from the States and there were also people from Saudi Arabia. We had to very be careful… about doing things with them. They had a lot of customs that we’re not really familiar with. Yeah, quite a few, I can’t just say offhand.

Helen Squires  So, on average, at least one a year you’d have to organise?

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, yeah. It was a big challenge and I enjoyed it. I really loved my job at the Bureau.

Helen Squires  And you weren’t at West Terrace, were you? You…

Yvonne Bennett  No, in Kent Town, yes, yes.

Helen Squires  What was I going to say about some of the characters that were there…you mentioned that Graeme had a habit of yellow post-it…

Yvonne Bennett  Oh yes, post-it slips all over my desk on a Monday morning, on my computer, and I had to decipher them all and even the people from upstairs, people like Andrew Watson and Warwick Grace, they couldn’t read his scribble. They would come down to me and bring these little post-it slips “what are they saying here” “what does he want me to do?” [laughs] because I was the only one who could decipher it.
Helen Squires  OK so I’m getting a vision of an absent-mind professor. Is that the sort of personality he was…

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, yes, yes, mmm.

Helen Squires  So when things came to him he had to get it down on paper?

Yvonne Bennett  Paper…and also he was always changing his mind, he would do something and two minutes later he would pop out of his office and say “on the other hand…” [laughs] and I’d say “uh-uh, he’s going to change his mind again” [laughs]. When my husband says things like that to me I say “You're like my boss” – “on the other hand I think I’ll do this”.

Helen Squires  And technology – you’ve seen a lot, I would imagine, in that last 20 years or in the 12 years you were there?

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, yes. When I first came…started with the Bureau there was only one computer for the admin staff and it was upstairs with Kevin Burrows, he was in charge of…what did they call…Special Services or…uum where it was upstairs…I don’t know whether they are there now, they could have closed down and he thought that this computer belonged to him and he took over the running of the computer and you couldn’t get him out of there. Everybody was allocated an hour to do this…to do their work on the computer and the first job I had to do it was to do the Annual Report. I’d get all the little bits and pieces from every section and I’d got to put it together. And so I was given an hour to do this work and I had not used a computer before so Kevin switched it on and said “this is what you do, you do this, this, this” and that was it. He walked off and…it was really like Greek to me. Once I got the hang of it, I was able to manage without him. He wouldn’t give me one minute over the hour – I had to move away so, Peter Blake was acting as Regional Director when Graeme was on…I think he had gone to Melbourne and Peter Blake was in the chair. So I complained to Peter because I had a deadline to meet and I can’t get more than an hour on this thing. So Peter Blake pulled rank on Kevin and I got used to the computer. That was my first introduction to computers and then it was about a couple
of years later that I really got a computer for myself. Everybody…all the heads of the sections had their computers and then I got it.

**Helen Squires** Right, so…

**Yvonne Bennett** And in that time I worked, eleven years, I used five different programs. The last one was WordStar which was the best and I liked that…yeah, I couldn’t believe it…

**Helen Squires** Well, now of course, everyone uses…

**Yvonne Bennett** The same thing – Microsoft Word…

**Helen Squires** Microsoft Word…I actually learnt on a Wang…

**Yvonne Bennett** Yes, alright…

**Helen Squires** And I quite liked the Wangs uum, but, yes, there was WordStar and…

**Yvonne Bennett** WordPerfect…

**Helen Squires** WordPerfect.

**Yvonne Bennett** That was the last one, I’m sorry. WordPerfect. That was excellent, I think WordPerfect is the best program. I still do a lot of computing for myself and our local church, I do their pew sheets and I think WordStar is…I work with Microsoft Word now because that’s what everyone uses.

**Helen Squires** But I think that was developed as a generic program for people who couldn’t type, that’s why they came up with the icons but, for professional P.A.’s the other programs were, to me, much better.

**Yvonne Bennett** Much better, yeah. I know DSS had the Wang after I left.
Helen Squires  Well, as I said, they’re all gone now.

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, yes, that’s all right [laughs]

Helen Squires  So in terms of your interaction with the other employees, would you see them regularly? Did they come...have to come to you for things?

Yvonne Bennett  Oh yes, yes, they did.

Helen Squires  Like what?

Yvonne Bennett  I also did...we have a magazine, you know the Weather Bureau magazine and all the regions all send their letter...you know, information over to Head Office...Mike Rowell, I think, is still there as the Publicity Officer.

Helen Squires  In Melbourne?

Yvonne Bennett  Yes. Is it Mike Rowell?

Helen Squires  I don’t know, sorry.

Yvonne Bennett  There was one before him but I can’t remember his name, I was quite friendly with him, I mean we used to talk on the phone but I’ve never seen him. Yeah, we got quite chatty on the phone and...so I had to send little information bits and pieces of interest to the Weather News – I was responsible for that.

Helen Squires  I wonder if Tony knows about this magazine. This magazine has got a lot of information in it, you know, of little bits and pieces.

Yvonne Bennett  Do you want to have look at one?

Helen Squires  Yes, OK. I’ll just stop the recording.

(pause in recording)
Helen Squires  Right, we’re continuing the tape here. Now you were telling me about long service. Could you explain the long service within the Bureau?

Yvonne Bennett  Yeah. After 30 years you get an award for long service within the Bureau and it’s usually presented on World Met. Day which is the 23rd March and sometimes it’s quite a big affair because there’s quite a few people getting awards. They have a little reception for them and the awards are presented, sometimes by important people…

Helen Squires  Like?

Yvonne Bennett  From Head Office or somebody from here too, from Adelaide.

Helen Squires  And how many a year would be given out?

Yvonne Bennett  Two, three or sometimes even more. It’s for all the staff. A lot of the field staff too, they get it. Everybody whose worked in the Bureau? Unfortunately, I missed out because I didn’t…although I had 30 years with the Commonwealth, I didn’t have 30 years with the Bureau, so I missed out on it.

Helen Squires  There’s not too many departments that could say 3 or 4 people a year have more than 30 years service. That must have been quite unique?

Yvonne Bennett  Mmm, it was, mmm. Very.

Helen Squires  You don’t know why?

Yvonne Bennett  I think it's because the Bureau was a great place to work in. The work is interesting. I’m sure the field staff would say the same thing {unclear} the technical side of it but it’s a special breed of people.

Helen Squires  In what way?
Yvonne Bennett  Umm, I really can’t put my finger on it but I have worked in so many government departments but the people who make up the Bureau seemed a different breed of people. They treated you equally although I was just one of the admin staff, they didn’t sort of look down on you. You were given a lot of respect for the job you did and treated in that way.

Helen Squires  What sort of atmosphere was in the office?

Yvonne Bennett  Umm, when I was there it was a happy place to work in. You did your job, I mean you had the odd spat with somebody but that was it.

Helen Squires  Would you call it a casual atmosphere?

Yvonne Bennett  Umm, I think it was a relaxed atmosphere. We had our crises, specially when the weather’s very bad and you get hot weather, very hot weather days, there’s a lot of tension because you get hundreds and hundreds of people ringing in wanting to know silly things some…like “what’s the temperatures going to be like” but you have to put on your, you know, public face and treat them accordingly, polite, giving them the information they want.

Helen Squires  Did you take these calls?

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, sometimes. Everybody is thrown into the reception because it gets so very busy. The reception was responsible for answering the phones and I had to relieve, at times, for lunch or tea breaks, and when it’s busy it’s very, very busy.

Helen Squires  You were saying it’s still relaxed even though…

Yvonne Bennett  Yes.

Helen Squires  There’s no screaming or yelling?
Yvonne Bennett  No, there’s no-one breathing down your neck or telling you off for not doing your job properly. Everybody was helpful and we all worked towards one purpose, do you know what I mean?

Helen Squires  And you mentioned John Armstrong?

Yvonne Bennett  Oh John Armstrong. He was such a gentleman. I think he was the gentleman of the Bureau of Meteorology.

Helen Squires  And he was the Assistant Regional Director?

Yvonne Bennett  Yeah, he was the Supervising Meteorologist and acted as…he was second in charge to the director. He was such a terrific guy, you could go to John at any time, even something to do with computing, he understood – he was a wizard at that, especially when started this new system of sending all the…I’m forgetting the terminologies now…uum once a month all the stats are sent to the head office and we send it in usually…uumm…in like a fax, on the fax machine but when the computers came in we used to send it all on the computer and it’s…. Paul Lainio would know because he’d be doing that sort of thing…and Mike Hansey before Paul Lainio…names are coming into my memory now. Mike Hansey was the Publicity Officer.

Helen Squires  Mike Hensey?

Yvonne Bennett  Hansey. He’s left, he’s left now. And…so he used to bring it all to me and, at the start, I just couldn’t…I didn’t know how to do it and John Armstrong came in and showed me how to do it and he was so great There was not a thing that he didn’t know. He worked in the Bureau for many years, he got an award too, his 30 year award. He’s such a great guy. I’m sure when you speak to the chaps at the RFC they’ll tell you…

Helen Squires  RFC?

Yvonne Bennett  The Regional Forecasting Centre.
**Helen Squires** Oh right, OK.

**Yvonne Bennett** They’ll all know him there.

**Helen Squires** So he was highly respected?

**Yvonne Bennett** Yes, very much.

**Helen Squires** It’s interesting that so many staff stayed for so long obviously because they enjoyed it there but then people won’t stay in a place where there’s a lot of tension, will they?

**Yvonne Bennett** No.

**Helen Squires** So, obviously, either through the management…there doesn’t seen to have been a feel of tension…

**Yvonne Bennett** No, no.

**Helen Squires** …even though they may have been overworked at times.

**Yvonne Bennett** You don’t mind going…doing the extra as I said…after a hard day’s work I’d ring my husband and say “I’m ready to leave now” – he used to work in the city too – so he’d walk down and we’d meet at a certain point. I am just going out of the doors and Graeme comes chasing behind me “Can I have your attention for a few minutes – can you do this job before you leave?” And so back I’d come. Either he wants something quickly typed up for me or else he wants me to chase up a file so I’d go to registry, ring the…look up the file and bring it to him because he’s obviously got to work back that night, but you don’t mind doing it because he was not a nasty person. He was never rude or spoke down to you.

**Helen Squires** And what did you think of the building? I personally find that building fascinating.
Yvonne Bennett  It is. It’s a lovely…I can’t find the words to describe it…so modern and comfortable.

Yvonne Bennett  I think that would have a lot to do with people staying although people stayed for long times when they were at West Terrace as well.

Yvonne Bennett  Oh yes, yes.

Helen Squires  But I think that building has a very good vibe about it.

Yvonne Bennett  It has, it has. It suits the modern aspect of weather, all the angles and those things on the top…what do you call those things?

Helen Squires  I don’t know.

Yvonne Bennett  The weather, the weather…

Helen Squires  Vanes?

Yvonne Bennett  The weather, yeah, weather vanes, yeah and even the surrounds – the courtyard downstairs and the pond, that’s where we had all our barbecues.

Helen Squires  The pond out the front?

Yvonne Bennett  Uumm, yes. Is there enough room, is there?

Yvonne Bennett  Yeah, there’s plenty of room down there. There’s a courtyard and we have our barbecues there. All the farewells are done there.

Helen Squires  So that’s the official outdoor area?

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, yeah. The Christmas barbecues, yeah. We had quite a lot of barbecues.
Helen Squires  Right, so you…what were the barbecues for? You said Christmas…

Yvonne Bennett  We had Christmas lunches, or if anyone is leaving, farewell barbecues…uumm sometimes just…

Helen Squires  Doesn’t sound as if too many people left?

Yvonne Bennett  No, no, but we had a lot of barbecues.

Helen Squires  Oh, it’s interesting. We were asking if people socialised and they said because of the shiftwork they tended not to.

Yvonne Bennett  Yes. When I was there, I used to organise a Christmas Dinner Dance at one of the function centres in Adelaide and I got quite a lot of people coming and what I used to do, every fortnight, I’d collect $5 from there so they don’t have to fork out $50 all at once and they didn’t mind that so if I go and ask them for $5, and I had a book – I recorded everything that everyone paid me – and by the end of the year, they’ve paid. So, yeah, we had about 30, 40 couples and everyone used to have a really good time. After I left I don’t think it was done anymore.

Helen Squires  And the barbecues? Who paid for those?

Yvonne Bennett  The barbecues – sometimes you paid…we each paid $3 or whatever or sometimes the Bureau would do it – we had a social club.

Helen Squires  I was going to ask about that – was there a social club?

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, we had a social club. If the social club had any money left over they used to organise the barbecues…we’d just buy some…and you’d bring your own drinks.

Helen Squires  So, I’m just thinking, years ago social clubs used to take about 50c a week out of your pay, is that how that ran?
Yvonne Bennett  Yes, yes, yes.

Helen Squires  Right, OK. Well, I suppose you would have seen different staff – the way they were moved around quite a bit? Were Department Heads moved or…which staff were usually the most mobile?

Yvonne Bennett  Uumm, actually it was not too many movements there. I saw some newcomers like when they introduced the Hydrology Section and we had two new chaps interviewed and are taken for the job and a few in the admin, a couple of ladies had babies and they left and they’re positions were filled with…and they were both male officers. Their weren’t too many females who worked there, most of them were males.

Helen Squires  So what would have been the ratio of males to females in…

Yvonne Bennett  Uuum, when I first started there was 1…2…3…4 females and the front…the receptionist and by the time I left there was only 2. The Finance Section had a lot of females, they left too and then they amalgamated the whole lot into one.

Helen Squires  So 4 and 2 – you’re talking about out of how many staff?

Yvonne Bennett  Eerrrhh, I can’t remember now how many staff they had. I can’t give you an accurate figure.

Helen Squires  40?

Yvonne Bennett  In Kent Town? No, more if you're counting the regional office or the regional forecasting centre?

Helen Squires  Yes. More than 40 and you only had 4 women?

Yvonne Bennett  Oh, I’m talking of down…the admin section. Well, how many meteorologists did we have? There was Jenny Dickins and there was a very, very tall
girl – can’t remember her name now, there was her, but then she left. Then there were observers, 2 or 3 female observers, so yes, a very high proportion of men.

**Helen Squires**  Gee, that’s unusual, isn’t it? It’s just every other profession now it’s usually 50/50?

**Yvonne Bennett**  Um, um. The Special Services Section – they had a couple of females there. Helen was one and Kerry Farbrough? But she left, yeah, very high proportion, I’d say. I can’t really give you the accurate figures.

**Helen Squires**  I wonder why that is?

**Yvonne Bennett**  Maybe because they had a lot of field staff and most of the field staff are men.

**Helen Squires**  Do you think it’s the shift work that doesn’t appeal to them?

**Yvonne Bennett**  I think so.

**Helen Squires**  Then again, nurses do shift work.

**Yvonne Bennett**  Mmm, mmm, yeah the observers did shift work.

**Helen Squires**  I know initially they were worried about the observers being female because of some of the isolated postings.

**Yvonne Bennett**  And also when they go to take the readings they have to go downstairs and into that compound so I think they would be worried about that.

**Helen Squires**  Their safety?

**Yvonne Bennett**  Mm, the safety angle.
**Helen Squires**  I’m just surprised that there aren’t women who say “I’ll do it anyway”, you know.

**Yvonne Bennett**  Maybe things are changing.

**Helen Squires**  No, I don’t think so. Yes, well, we’ve discussed the observers and, and the meteorological people, the moves and how hard it was sometimes personally for them and their families because the Bureau would say “you have to go”. So that’s sort of at odds with what you were saying about a sort of casual…not casual but relaxed atmosphere was that with a lot of the staff they were quite dictatorial about where they had to go.

**Yvonne Bennett**  Well, that is the job profile. That’s a requirement. If you don’t want to go, I mean if you don’t want that job for these reasons you don’t join a place like that, do you?

**Helen Squires**  So you think that’s explained to them carefully?

**Yvonne Bennett**  Yes, it is a requirement that you need to be transferred.

**Helen Squires**  Because some of them seemed to complain a lot about it after…

**Yvonne Bennett**  Well, they know that. It’s laid out.

**Helen Squires**  Right.

**Yvonne Bennett**  Yes, I know all that too. I don’t want to say anything about that.

**Helen Squires**  Yes, well it is an area that we were going to look at. The difficulty of some of those isolated postings, but it’s no longer the case because Oodnadatta’s closed and so many of the stations are now automated.

**Yvonne Bennett**  Automatic, yeah. But a lot of them liked being sent to these isolated places because they get extra allowances for that, don’t they?
Helen Squires  But you didn’t notice any major tensions with staff over being moved?

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, I did but…

Helen Squires  No, I don’t need names, I don’t need…

Yvonne Bennett  No, no, I don’t think I’d like to talk about that.

Helen Squires  OK, all right. Well, on a general basis do you think it was more their wives and families that were pushing…

Yvonne Bennett  Well, there were individuals. I’d say it’s the individual. Wherever you go there is a couple of troublemakers and they think that the management is against them. It’s not the case because the management in Adelaide - I can’t fault them in any way.

Helen Squires  So you felt that they were a very sympathetic management team?

Yvonne Bennett  They were, mmm.

Helen Squires  Right, OK. You were discussing a big flood that happened just after you got to the Bureau?

Yvonne Bennett  Mmm.

Helen Squires  Would you like to discuss what happens when there’s a crisis?

Yvonne Bennett  Uumm, I didn’t volunteer…we had to take special [unclear] stats of the levels…the water levels…in several areas they had to ring in or you had to ring them and find out what the stats were and they were all collated and I think Chris Wright would be able to talk to you, if he’s still at the Bureau, about that. I know there were people who worked round the clock. They were paid all the time for that.
Helen Squires What anticipating rising levels…

Yvonne Bennett Yes…

Helen Squires …and warning people?

Yvonne Bennett Yes, warnings. But we did have a big flood here and a lot of the emergency services were all involved in it.

Helen Squires And so did you liaise personally with them? Or was that the Regional Director?

Yvonne Bennett No, we had…you mean the…

Helen Squires I’m just thinking the media, emergency services…

Yvonne Bennett Oh yes, we had a special person…those special services section.

Helen Squires Oh, I see. They dealt with all those things.

Yvonne Bennett There was someone in charge, yes. Sometimes it would come to the Regional Director if he had the radio broadcast or something like that to tell the public what’s going on or television but most of the time it was the person in charge.

Helen Squires We’re discussing how many personnel worked at the Bureau. A lot of people have mentioned to me they were directly interviewed by the Regional Director. Was that normal?

Yvonne Bennett It would depend on the position. If it was the head of that section – yes.

Helen Squires Right but simple observers? I shouldn’t say simple.

Yvonne Bennett No, no. I think observers – yes, he would be involved but then there’d be an intake of them, a whole lot of them and he’d interview them with the Admin
Officer and the head of the Regional Forecasting Centre and that’s…that’s the Supervising Meteorologist and they’ll choose say, 6 or 10, however many they need and they’d be sent to Melbourne for training.

**Helen Squires** Right, so did you have a Personnel Department.

**Yvonne Bennett** Yes,

**Helen Squires** How many were in there?

**Yvonne Bennett** There was a personnel officer, and a total of 4 people I think that did the wages, there was 2 of them.

**Helen Squires** So they were attached to finance in a way?

**Yvonne Bennett** Finance was another section again, until they were all amalgamated, there was 3 in finance, am I getting my figures right?. Anyway it was all amalgamated, and there must have been about 6 or 7, can’t quite remember now.

**Helen Squires** And who would you remember most as a character at the Bureau?

**Yvonne Bennett** Morrie Moncrieff,….he was such a funny fellow. He knew that Bureau, in and out, been there so long, and he handled any staff problems. It had to come to him, because he was the admin officer. He was in charge of the whole admin section, and he would handle all that. Before they introduced smoking, his wife used to by all these lovely pot plants to decorate his office, and he wondered after a few weeks, why all these plants are dying when he’s watering them. Then I said to him one day, it’s because of your smoking, you would shut the door, and smoke and all the plants are dying, because they are being poisoned with your cigarette smoke. He even had a goldfish that nearly died. I was very happy when they stopped smoking in the building. He eventually gave it up. It was so funny, his wife asked me, what’s happening to all the plants that I buy, I said they die, because of the cigarette smoke.

**Helen Squires** And when did the ban on smoking in offices come in?
Yvonne Bennett  Oh dear me, you’ve got me there.

Helen Squires  I think 1990 maybe?

Yvonne Bennett  Could be, 88 or 89, something like that. All the smokers used to go out and smoke, outside the building. John Armstrong was another smoker. He used to smoke too, but in the end, he had acupuncture, and he gave it up... It worked for him.

Helen Squires  Mr. Moncrieff, you were saying, he knew everything about the place.

Yvonne Bennett  Oh yes!

Helen Squires  So, had he travelled around quite a bit?

Yvonne Bennett  He came from West Australia, to Adelaide. He was not an observer, or field staff, but he did travel to all these places, on inspections of the Bureau’s facility.

Helen Squires  So this is how he got to know what was going on.

Yvonne Bennett  Oh, yes. And he did interview a lot of the staff going to Giles on a regular basis.

Helen Squires  And what about Antarctica? A lot of the staff went down there. Was there a particular type that went down there. Could you pick the type that you knew were going to be suitable.

Yvonne Bennett  I know of three people, Tony Vaughan went there. Bernard Keogh, he works in the engineering section now. There was one of the females that went there to, she’s not there anymore. They were all nice people the ones who went there. Took some beautiful photos and we had some lovely slide shows, beautiful.

Helen Squires  When they came back?
Yvonne Bennett  Yes. From what I hear they did enjoy it very much.

Helen Squires  There seems to be some people that go back again and again.

Yvonne Bennett  Yes.

Helen Squires  I’m just interested to know the personality type that deals with that sort of isolation? Often not the people you expect.

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, they're so busy, that they don’t feel the time go.

Helen Squires  And I suppose communication is a lot better than it was!

Yvonne Bennett  Yes, that’s right. And I suppose you have to have the right personality, because you live so close together. They obviously have to click.

Helen Squires  Adapt.

Yvonne Bennett  Be big [unsure]

Helen Squires  Is there anything that you can recall that is a very memorable time, that you’ve spent at the Bureau? Any incident that just sticks in your mind?

Yvonne Bennett  I can't really think of anything, outstanding…

Helen Squires  Well that’s ok, we might just conclude the interview at 2.30, Thank you very much Yvonne.

End of Interview