

# Prickly Pear Control Oral History

**Accession number** OH23

**Abstract** An oral history regarding prickly pear control in Queensland.

**Scope and content** Four audio cassette tapes and accompanying interview logs regarding the history of the prickly pear control and interviews with Alan Dodd. Also includes supplementary material including unpublished manuscripts, articles and photographs.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 2 series

**Description** 1 oral history (4 audiocassettes; 4 interview logs; 3 photographs; 2 unpublished manuscripts; 3 articles/extracts)

**Additional format** Digital copies available for selected items.

**Administrative / Biographical history** Alan Parkhurst Dodd was the first person to successfully breed, acclimatise and supervise the distribution of the *Cactoblastis Cactorum* moth in Australia to control the prickly pear outbreak.

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access.

**Copyright status** In copyright.

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## Series 1: Prickly Pear Control oral history

Series number 1

**Series title** Prickly Pear Control oral history

**Scope and content**

Oral history regarding the history of the Prickly Pear Control in Australia including an interview with Alan Parkhurst Dodd who was the first person to successfully breed, acclimatise and supervise the distribution of the *Cactoblastis Cactorum* moth in Australia to control the prickly pear outbreak.

**Author / Creator**

Moss, Margaret

Dodd, Alan P. (Alan Parkhurst), 1896-1981

Description

**Description** 1 oral history

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Items in this series:

**Tape 1**

**Unit ID** OH23/1

**Scope and content**

Audio recording of the history of the Prickly Pear Control in Australia.

Description

**Description** 1 audiocassette

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Interview log



Unit ID OH23/2

## Scope and content

Interview log for Tape 1.

### Description

**Description** 1 log

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## Tape 2

Unit ID OH23/3

## Scope and content

## Interview with Alan Dodd.

### Description

**Description** 1 audiocassette

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Interview log



**Unit ID** OH23/4

### Scope and content

Interview log for Tape 2.

### Description

**Description** 1 log

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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## Tape 3

**Unit ID** OH23/5

### Scope and content

Interview with Alan Dodd.

### Description

**Description** 1 audiocassette

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Interview log



**Unit ID** OH23/6

### Scope and content

Interview log for Tape 3.

## Description

**Description** 1 log

**Additional format** Digital copy available

**Locate** OMBOX Box 9694

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## Tape 4

**Unit ID** OH23/7

### Scope and content

Audio recording of the history of the Prickly Pear Control in Australia and an interview with Alan Dodd.



## Series 2: Supplementary material

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Supplementary material

**Scope and content**

Collection of supplementary material relating to the eradication of prickly pear in Australia.

### Description

**Description** 1 envelope

**Locate** OMBOX Box 9694

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Items in this series:

### Historical novel

**Unit ID** OH23/9

**Scope and content**

An unpublished historical novel by Margaret Moss titled 'The Twentieth Century Miracle', an account of the spread of prickly pear in Australia and a biographical story of Alan Parkhurst Dodd.

**Author / Creator**

Moss, Margaret

### Description

**Description** 1 grey literature

**Locate** OMBOX Box 9694

## Alan Dodd biography

**Unit ID** OH23/10

### Scope and content

An unpublished book by Margaret Moss titled 'The Life and work of Alan Parkhurst Dodd O.B.E. M.B.E.: A biography'.

### Author / Creator

Moss, Margaret

### Description

**Description** 1 grey literature

**Locate** OMBOX Box 9694

## Extracts (1940)

**Unit ID** OH23/11

**Date** 1940

### Scope and content

Extracts from Alan Dodd's book titled 'The biological campaign against prickly-pear'.

### Author / Creator

Dodd, Alan P. (Alan Parkhurst), 1896-1981

### Description

**Description** 13 pages

**Locate** OMBOX Box 9694

## Article (1 October 1936)

**Unit ID** OH23/12

**Date** 1 October 1936

### Scope and content

Article by Edward Samuel titled 'Fighting the prickly pear', published in *Walkabout*, 1 October 1936, pages 18-22.



**Author / Creator**

Samuel, Edward

**Description**

**Description** 1 article

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**Article**

**Unit ID** OH23/13

**Scope and content**

Article titled 'The story of prickly pear'.

**Description**

**Description** 1 article

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**Photographs**

**Unit ID** OH23/14

**Scope and content**

Three colour photographs of prickly pears and the Boonarga Cactoblastis Memorial Hall.

**Description**

**Description** 3 color photographs

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