

The Australian Women's Register

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Belinda Hazell interviewed by Nikki Henningham in the Rural Women of the Year Award oral history project [sound recording]

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2 sound files (ca. 124 min.)??Belinda Hazell speaks about Judbury in the 1950s when the apple growing industry was at its peak; her parents and family background; being a triplet; moving to the Huon Valley at 13 years; her schooling and going to technical college; working for the Apple export board; the vibrant apple industry in the early 1980s; the Rural Youth Organisation; going on an exchange to Sweden; getting married (1990); working for her husband's family; Hazell Brothers business and properties; her involvement in a tissue culture project, in vitro micro propagating apple and pear root stock; working with quality assurance systems, environmental and occupational health and safety systems; leaving Hazell Brothers (2000); working for the Department of Economic Development in the Food and Beverage unit; establishing a quality systems consultancy with her sister; advising on food safety systems, occupational health and safety and human resources; her current business activities.??Hazell talks about the Rural Safety Advisory Council; Tasmanian Women in Agriculture; helping people to deal with change; enjoyment working with systems and emergent ideas; her sister Caroline and her work; her nomination for the ABC Rural Woman of the Year Award (1997); being nominated as a Tasmanian Young Achiever for Tissue Culture work (1993); Ruth Paterson; working with traditional agricultural organisations to support families and communities; meeting with a delegation of agricultural women in Ireland; encouraging women to think about their opportunities; combining family and professional life; her hopes for her daughters' futures; her confidence in the future of agriculture and horticulture in Tasmania; the decision to sell Forest Home; her excitement at the next phase of life; life after Forest Home; changes in Tasmania since 1997; the decline in apple industry; her concern about the lack of federal policy on the future production of safe, quality food; the impact of climate change.

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