## **GLOSSARY**

## (in the context of the memoir)

TASMANIAN NORTH AMERICAN

Abattoir Slaughterhouse

Afternoon tea Traditional mid-afternoon tea break, like a coffee break

Agistment Renting pasture for grazing

Akubra Similar to a Stetson

Arvo Afternoon

Anglican Episcopalian

Aussie Australian

Bathers Swimsuit

Bikkies Cookies

Bird A human female, typically younger

Bitumen Asphalt—Pronounced BITCH-u-men

Bloke Guy

Blowies Blow flies

Blundstones (Blunnies) Pull-on leather boot

Bogan Aussie version of a redneck

Bonnet Car hood

Boot Car trunk

Bore Water well

Bowser Gasoline pump

Bub Baby

Bugger off Go away (a rather rude send-off)

Buggered Tired

Bush Forest

Bushranger Outlaw

Cheeky Sassy

Chemist Pharmacy
Chrissie Christmas

Clearing sale On-farm auction

Cobber Friend

College High school grades 11 and 12

Cordial Similar to Kool-Aid but in syrup form

Corroboree An Aboriginal dance ceremony

Council County

Crook Sick

Cumbungi Cattails

Cuppa Cup of tea

Dagging Clipping dung-coated wool under a sheep's tail

Dam Pond

Dear Expensive

Donga Aluminum-clad modular building

Doona Quilt
Draught Draft

Driazabone Oil skin stockman coat

Drongo Idiot

Dummy Pacifier

Dunny Toilet

Evening tea Dinner

Face washer Washcloth

Feral Hippie

Flash Fancy

Float Horse trailer

Footie Australian Rules Football

Footpath Sidewalk

Fortnight Two weeks

Furphy Lie or false story

Gas LPG

Give it a bash Give it a try
Good nick Good shape

GPO Electrical receptacle

Gum tree Eucalyptus tree

Gumboots Rubber rain boots

Hire Rent

Hissy fit Tantrum

Hobart The largest city in Tasmania and the state capital—

Pronunciation rhymes with robot

Holden Car similar to Chevrolet

Huon A region in southern Tasmania—Pronounced *HUGH-un* 

I don't mind A common (and confusing) response to a question that

supposedly expresses agreement

Journo Journalist

Jumper Sweater

Kark it Die

Knackered Tired

Knock back Drink

Know bugger all Know nothing

Launceston The second largest city in Tasmania

Lie-in Sleep-in

Lining Administering a lice pesticide along a farm animal's spine

Lollies Candy

Loo Toilet

Mate Generally, two contexts: A very close friend or a common

form of addressing a human male, much like pal

Meccano Set Erector Set

Mob Tribe

Moggy Cat

Mopoke A tiny owl that calls *cuckoo* at night

Morning tea Equivalent to a coffee break

Muck about Mess around, waste time

Nappies Diapers

Newsagent Newspaper and magazine store

No drama No problem

Quoll (native cat) A white-spotted skunk-like marsupial that doesn't stink

Oi! Hey!

Oz Australia

Paddock Pasture

Petrol Gasoline

Pickers Itinerant farm workers

Pokies Slot machines

Poli Politician

Pom (Pome) Of British descent (slightly derogatory)

Pottaroo A marsupial that looks like a small American possum and

hops like a wallaby

Primary school Grade school

Puffed out Exhausted

Punch list Checklist

Queue Line

Removalist Moving company

Ring-bark Girdle

Roo Kangaroo

Rug Horse coat

Rug up Bundle up in warm clothes

Sand shoes Tennis shoes

Saveloy Small English pork sausage

Sealed Paved

Serviette Napkin

Sheila A female

Shellacking Beating

Shout Buy a round of drinks

Sickie Sick day

Slab or carton Case of beer

Spit the dummy Vent anger

Squiz A look at something

Stickybeak A nosy person

Stockman's coat Driazabone oil-skin raincoat, lined or unlined, knee- or full-

length.

Sugar glider A small marsupial that glides like a flying squirrel

Sulky A two-wheeled horse-drawn cart used at the track

Superannuation Pension

Surname Last name

Swill Drink

Take the piss out of Tease someone, rile

Telly TV

Thylacine Tasmanian tiger

Tip Dump

Torch Flashlight

Tradies Tradesmen

Trolley Cart

Tucker Food

Turps Hard liquor

Unsealed Dirt (e.g., a dirt road)

Ute Pickup truck

Windscreen Windshield

Whinge Complain

Withers The area between the shoulders of a horse

Wood-fire heater Woodstove

Yak Chat Yakka Work

Yank American

Yobbo Loud, uncouth hick