

# BOGINDERRA POST OFFICE EXCHANGE, 1928-1933

It is believed that Messrs O'Keefe and Mangelsdorf had the first phone service in the Trungley Hall district, when they put up a rough telephone line, from two miles out of Temora to their properties, "Gladstone" and "Chellington".

Before the 1920s there was a single party line that came from Temora, to "Chellington" (Mangelsdorf's), "Bogan Villa" (Mangelsdorf's), and down to "Boginderra" (Coleman's), and a few others.

The Boginderra Post Office Exchange opened April 13, 1928, with Mr JV Kennedy as the telephone office keeper (TOK), to receive £8 per year. Trungley Hall was the nearest office, eight miles away.

During the exchange's first three months to July 1928, the following business was transacted:- 3 telegrams transmitted; 5 telegrams received; 2 outward phonograms; 208 TL calls outward; 108 TL calls inward; 323 local exchange calls; 7 subscribers connected.

In April 1933, Mr Kennedy tendered his resignation, owing to the upcoming marriage of his daughter, and would finish up in early May. On contacting the people of the Boginderra district, only Mrs Tynam, who was not a permanent resident and did not own any land, applied for the position of TOK, but the subscribers felt that at £200, it would be too costly to move the office.

Subscribers agreed to be connected to the Trungley Hall exchange on a party line. In May 1933, "Number 5 Trungley Hall" was allotted to the temporary line, and the code letters and signals for the seven subscribers were:- JBH Krusman, 5S (3 short rings); FA Mangelsdorf, 5N (1 long, 1 short ring); JD Ferguson, 5B (1 long, three short rings); CE Jepsen, 5A (1 short, 1 long ring); JC Bell, 5Z (2 long, 2 short rings); GA Coleman, 5R (1 short, 1 long, 1 short ring); and SD Morton, 5U (2 short, 1 long ring).



Kennedy Homestead at "Boginderra"