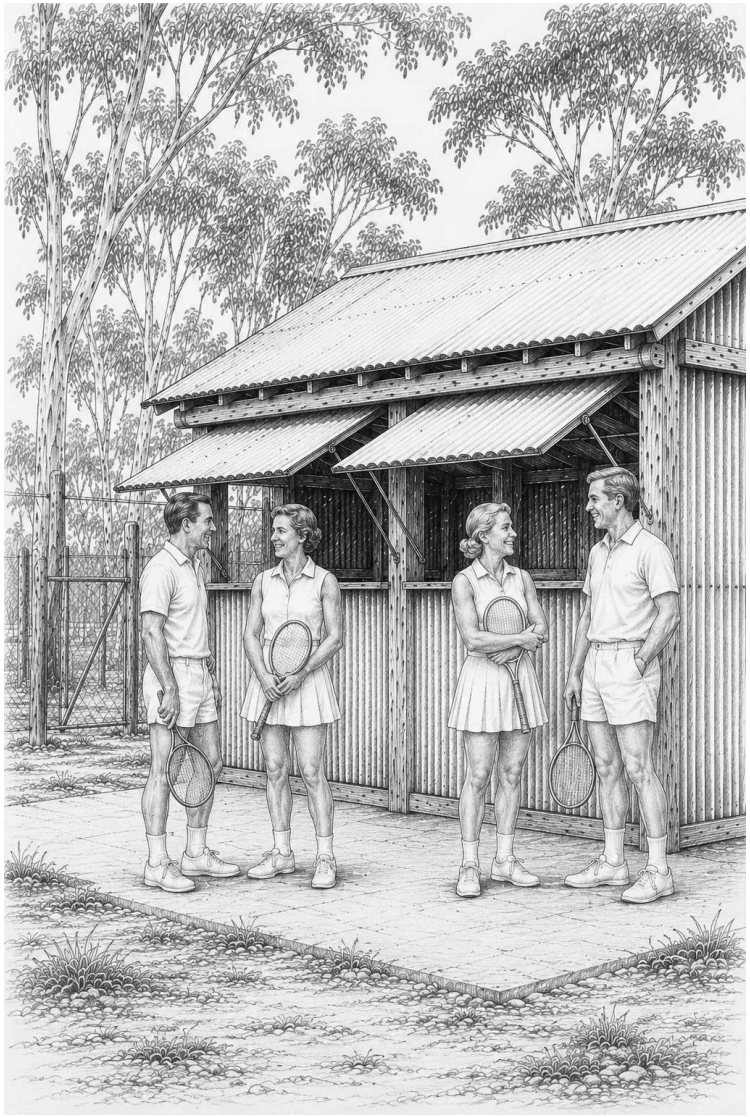


The Local Tennis Club

In many Aussie hamlets, stood a local tennis club.
Built by community members as a central social hub.

Gum Flat, Bukkulla, and Gilgai, too.
Nullamanna and Swanbrook, just to name a few.

They'd have a 'hit and giggle', my father used to say.
But things got more serious on competition day.

Teams from all the different clubs would meet up to compete.
Champions were decided when the round-robin was complete.

In the bush nearby, the kids would play,
amusing one another, throughout the day.

At the end of the comp, it was time for tea.
The clubhouse became the place to be.

There were plates of food, for all to share.
A quintessential display of true Aussie fare.

When the pack-up was done and the gear locked away,
They all said goodbye and called it a day.