**2020 RADIO PLAY AUDITIONS**

* Auditions close on Wednesday 12 August.
* Simply record yourself reading one of the extracts below
* Email the recording to hellograpa@gmail.com
* You don’t have to read the entire passage, we just want to get a feel of your voice.

**Audition Side 1 - Tanjo Joe**

I bet he told you I own the tea house here at Bagtown. Have done so since 1914 Sir. Right at the start of the War. Yes, that's true but that did not stop me from building my illustrious business. See, I offer a whole lot of delights at the tea house. Meals at all hours, and an assortment of treats!

You may think we don't indulge in the finer things out here in Bagtown. We’ll let me prove you wrong there Sir. Here's our range of sweets. Tobacco? Rudy's got a point though. My sandwiches are beaut. A strong man such as yourself, surely, you'd manage at least three of them.

Oh, and not only that Sir. Where are you staying? Please, we have a number of beds if you need a place to stay. Rest up! No bugs. So, what do you say?

Of course, a trip to Ol' Tango's wouldn't be complete without the tasting of my cordials. Famous! Some might say infamous. I've got flavours for every family member: lemonade, ginger beer, hop beer…

As you can see, our friend Rudy here has a particular predilection for Pinkie. It's my specialty. We're in a prohibited area, well sure but ooh once you've tasted Pinkie! As long as Constable Ford's not stooping around to hinder my business. Have a sip and let me know what you think?

**Audition Side 2 - Ada Cummings**

The dress store was opened on a Saturday and the ladies of Bagtown were so excited. Before my arrival they had been making do with two small general stores for their clothing and haberdashery requirements. But no longer! One of the ladies exclaimed, 'It was unexpected to find the shop contained such nice things'. She was correct. I stocked practical dresses for the ladies' everyday lives and frocks for special occasions. I made gowns for weddings and of course, for the social dances. Not only that, I sold haberdashery and even china dolls and toys for the children. The customers looked around in wonder at my store and I felt such a rush of pride. My parents had taught me well.

I hired help to keep up with the demand of running the business. The oldest Osmond girl Allie, she was the first, helping me unpack all the goods before opening day. Later on, in 1917 my sister Florence, now Mrs. J Collier, visited from Leeton to assist in the shop. My sister was an excellent milliner and the ladies of Bagtown particularly coveted our hats for sale. They lasted for years and years, we pride ourselves on their quality. I worked in that building for four years, just across from Mrs. Milnes cafe but we did not stay in Bagtown for long. Progress was happening!

After our few years of residence, the people of Bagtown were relocated to the very new township of Griffith. Once again, my darling William set to work to build a newer and bigger dress shop. It was an exciting time. The Main Street of Griffith was named Banna Avenue (why?) and there were only a few stores when we opened. The post office and of course, Taylor's Bro's Store. That was the first store and I believe I must have been the ninth store opened in Griffith opened just before Christmas 1919. Ada Cummings' Ladies and Children Drapery Store.