

NEV NICHOLLS

Back in the late 1950s I was into country music and did many gigs in and around Lismore on the far north coast it was there that I first met the great Reg Lindsay who was quite unique as far as I was concerned as he would spend time to chat to fans, any fans that wanted to talk.

I was doing a regular gig at a hotel every Friday & Saturday night which was great fun and it just so happened that a travelling country show arrived in town, yep, the Reg Lindsay Show I was invited to do a couple of numbers on his show which I was honoured to do. It was after that night that Reg asked me if I'd like to join his show and I was so flattered I couldn't speak for a while due to the shock but I jumped at the chance which was to do I seem to recall about 8 or 10 shows around the North Coast of NSW.

The cast members of the show were great people and very welcoming they included Kevin King, Chad Morgan, I think Rick & Thel Carey and of course a man who has become a wonderful friend over many years, I refer to Nev Nicholls.

As most people would know Nev went onto do many, many shows not only travelling shows but he spent a number of years at the Texas Tavern in Kings Cross among others, where during the 70s he entertained many of the American armed forces personnel who were on R&R from Vietnam. A number of these guys in civilian life were truckies in the US and they took to Nev like a duck to water (hell that old) as Nev became known as the truckies friend recording and performing many truck driving songs during his career.

Another avenue Nev covered was a wonderfully popular country music radio program "The Nev Nicholls Road Show" it was relayed to 92 stations throughout Australia. One of those stations was 2DU in Dubbo NSW where I had been transferred in my work for a period in the early eighties. Nev's program was, from memory on a Monday night I caught the show each week whilst in Dubbo.

I caught up with Nev again in 1992 and have kept in touch with him ever since.

In 2000 I built websites for the artists who were on that Reg Lindsay Show way back in 1959-60 Nev's website can be accessed by going to [Nev Nicholls Website](#) this site is regularly up dated whenever I receive new information.

This week I received a CD from Nev that has been re-mastered by Martin Erdman from du Monde Records, the sound is just magnificent and is available direct from du Momde Records a link can be found on the nevnicholls.250x.com website I feel sure this will be another successful album, I'd love to see it made available through record shops.

The number of enquiries I receive through the website for Nev's CDs is just fantastic, Nev often says he is amazed at the popularity of his music so long after his retirement however he is delighted that so many fans still remember and want his CDs.

I recently listened to several tracks of songs that Nev has penned but have not been recorded by anyone. Several of them, in my opinion, are a sure fire hits for someone who could get them recorded.

I wish Nev Nicholls every success in the years to follow and to coin Nev's sign off line where he always said at the end of his shows, be it stage or radio just "Keep on Truckin".

Regards

Noel Clarke