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BUD'S READY TO BLOG!

On Wednesday 5th July 2006, Aussie icon Charles "Bud" Tingwell launched his official website: www.budtingwell.com.au.

With a career spanning almost 70 years, many Australians recognise Bud for his role in *The Castle*, but what many are not aware of is his extensive and impressive International and Local career in Film, Radio, TV and Live Theatre.

Not only is Tingwell one of this country's most experienced actors, he is one of its greatest icons of stage and screen ... The Mercury

This official website provides the public, media and long-serving supporters with a central site about Bud's career, childhood memories, military service, current touring schedules, images and much more.

In July alone, Bud's website has received 1646 visitors and generated over 400 registrations from eager visitors as far a field as the UK, Netherlands, China, US and Germany.

In 2006 Bud will appear in two major films, "Irresistible" (starring Susan Sarandon) and "Jindabyne" (starring Deborah Lee-Furness, Laura Linney and Gabriel Byrne).

Did you know that Bud joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1941, and completed 75 operational flights in Spitfire and Mosquito aircraft as a photographic reconnaissance pilot? Did you know that Bud Directed "The Sullivans", "Cop Shop" and "Carsons Law"?

At the end of the war, Bud entered the film industry, playing the lead in the Australian feature film "Always Another Dawn". Many films followed in Australia. In 1952, Bud was invited to Hollywood for the feature role of Lt. Carstairs in "The Desert Rats" with Richard Burton, James Mason and Chips Rafferty. Bud was offered a seven year contract but declined, rather preferring to return to Australia and continue working in Australian films, radio productions and the theatre.

Bud's current touring schedule will see him in Broome, Darwin, Townsville and many more major cities with the stage performance of "An Audience with ... Charles 'Bud' Tingwell". Bud also donates a lot of time to charities which are dear to him, including Guide Dogs Australia and The Royal Flying Doctors Service.

We are delighted that Bud is available for media interviews during July 2006. To be kept in the loop of Bud's movements, please visit: www.budtingwell.com.au.

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