



PROFILE

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Was born in Coogee, Sydney, New South Wales, on the 3rd of January 1923. "Bud" is a family nickname.

Became a professional radio actor while still at school, playing Bob Cherry to Jack Davey's Billy Bunter in a Sydney radio serial version of the famous English Greyfriars School stories. After leaving school, became a junior radio announcer with 2CH, Sydney.

In 1941 joined the Royal Australian Air Force, and completed 75 operational flights in Spitfire and Mosquito aircraft as a photographic reconnaissance pilot.

At the end of the war, entered the film industry, playing the lead in the Australian feature film "Always Another Dawn". Many films followed in Australia. In 1952, invited to Hollywood for a feature role, Lt. Carstairs in "The Desert Rats" with Richard Burton, James Mason and Chips Rafferty. Offered a seven year contract but declined the offer to return to Australia to continue working in Australian films, radio productions and the theatre. In 1954, played one of the leads in the first Intimate Revues at the Phillip St. Theatre, "Top of the Bill" and "Hit and Run", then for eighteen months toured Australia and New Zealand with Googie Withers and John McCallum, playing Prentice in "Simon and Laura" and Phillip in "The Deep Blue Sea".

A role in "The Shiralee", with Peter Finch, took him to England via Hollywood in 1956. On his way through Hollywood played the lead opposite Phyllis Thaxter in the TV film "Mr Cindarella". In England, with "The Shiralee" completed, played one of the lead roles in the British ITV series "Emergency Ward 10" as Australian surgeon Alan Dawson for 6 years. Granted leave from the series for feature films, played leads and co-leads in several films including all four Miss Marple "Murder" films with Dame Margaret Rutherford for M.G.M.. Left "Emergency Ward 10" hoping to return to Australia for a stage play, however play fell through so freelanced in film, theatre, television and radio. Played leads in series and plays for B.B.C. radio, played leads in many TV series and plays, such as "Enemy of the State" for BBC and "Catweazle" for London Weekend Television.

In U.K. theatre toured in the lead role in several plays; formed his own theatre company, Altinger Productions, with John Alderton and David Butler; wrote and toured the play "54321" and played leads in special seasons, including Morell in "Candida" at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Queeg in "Caine Mutiny Court Martial" at the Sybil Thorndike Theatre and George in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

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Directed a special season of "Doctor in the House" in Blackpool and "The Collector": at the Kings Head Theatre, in London. In 1970, took over the lead role in Danvers in "There's a Girl in My Soup" at London's Comedy Theatre for two years and returned to Australia on a personal visit in 1972.

Offered the lead role of Inspector Lawson in the Australian TV series "Homicide" by Crawford Productions and began filming on that series in 1973, for three years.

Became a director of such Crawford series such as "The Box", "Bluestone Boys", "The Sullivans", "Cop Shop", "Skyways" and "Holiday Island". Directed Crawford Productions first stage play "Doctor in the House" and other plays in the theatre.

Produced and directed "Degrees of Change" for ABC TV, directed the film "Wilde's Domain", was producer of the mini-series "The Flying Doctors". Directed episodes of "Prisoner", "Carson's Law" and "Zoo Family".

Commissioner with the Australian Film Commission from 1980 to 1983. Board Member- Film Victoria 1983-1986.

Former President and currently an active member of the Melbourne Director's Guild, (now known as "The Producer's and Director's Guild of Victoria") and was Vice President, and a member of the board of the Playbox Theatre. Was President of the Victorian Drama League. Lectures and conducts workshops in film and television, and has occasionally worked as a TV script editor and supervising editor. Member of the Victorian Arts Centre and currently an active Patron of The Royal Flying Doctors Service.

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Some recent career highlights:

1973-1985

FILMS INCLUDE: "Peterson", "End Play", "Eliza Fraser", "Summerfield", "The Journalist", "Money Movers", "Breaker Morant", "Puberty Blues", "Freedom", "Annie's Coming Out" and "My First Wife".

MINI SERIES: "All The Rivers Run"

THEATRE: Melbourne Theatre Company – "A Pack of Lies"

1985-86

FILMS: "Malcolm", "Windrider".

MINI SERIES: "My Brother Tom", "Harp in the South", "Far Country" and "Lancaster Miller"

TV SERIES: "Prisoner", "Prime Time", and "The Fast Lane"

DIRECTOR: "Prisoner", and "Prime Time"

1987

FILMS: "Evil Angels", "Bushfire Moon", and "Tudawali"

MINI SERIES: "Poor Man's Orange" and "The Fast Lane"

THEATRE: Lead in "The Imposter" for Playbox Theatre

TV DOCUMENTARY: Narrator for "Wings of the Storm".

1988

TV SERIES: Ongoing role of Clarrie O'Donnell in "House Rules" (ABC)

FILM: "Naked Under Capricorn"

MINI SERIES: As Sandy Duncan in "Four Minute Mile" (ABC)

1989

TV SERIES: "Flying Doctors"

MINI SERIES: "All the Rivers Run"

1990

TV SERIES: "Flying Doctors", "GP".

MINI SERIES: "Boys From The Bush" – BBC/HSV7

THEATRE: "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" – Melbourne Theatre Co.

AWARDS: 'Television Society Colin Bednall Award'

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1991

TV PRODUCER: "Col'n Carpenter"
MINI SERIES: Narrator – "Golden Fields"

1992

TV PRODUCER: "Acropolis Now"
TELEMOVIE: "Economy Class"

1993

TV SERIES: "Mother & Son", "D Generation, The Late Show", "Neighbours".
TV DIRECTOR: "Newlyweds" – GTV9

1994

TV SERIES: "Home & Away", "Wedlocked".
THEATRE: "Cosi" – Melbourne Theatre Co.

1995

FILM: "The Last Bullet" – Twenty First Century Films.
VOICEOVER: "The Silver Brumby" – ongoing animation series.
LECTURER: Victorian College of The Arts Film & TV School – Ongoing

1996

FILM: "The Castle" – Frontline Productions.
VOICEOVER: "The Silver Brumby" (Series 2), "Olympic Minutes"(HSV7)
LECTURER: V.C.A. Film and TV School.

1997

FILM: "Violent Earth" – Crawford Productions.
VOICEOVER: "The Silver Brumby" (Series 3)

1998

FILM: "The Craic" – Foster Gracie Productions.
TV SERIES: "All Saints"(HSV7), "Denise" – Appearance/Skits
THEATRE: "Herbal Bed" – Melbourne Theatre Co.
AWARDS: THE RAYMOND LONGFORD A.F.I. AWARD
THE HONOURED ARTIST'S AWARD FOR THE CITY OF MELBOURNE

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1999

FILM: "Innocence" – Lead – Illumination Films. Dir. Paul Cox
"The Wogboy" – GO Films, "The Dish" – Working Dog Productions.
TV SERIES: "Totally Full Frontal" – Artist Services, "Round the Twist".

2000

FILM: "Willfull" – Latent Image Productions, "On The Beach" – West St. Prod.
THEATRE: "Travelling North" – Ensemble Theatre Sydney
"The Carer" – 1 man show touring nationally – Bay Street Prod.
FILM FESTIVALS: Continuing arrangement with Screensound Australia to attend their rural film festivals (featuring Australian films past and present) nationally.
AWARDS: Winner of Best Actor Award for his role in 'Innocence' at the prestigious European Las Palmas Awards

2001

TELEVISION: "The Secret Lives of Us" – West Street Productions.
"Changi" – ABC
"Something In The Air" – ABC
FILM: "The Inside Story"
THEATRE: "The Carer" – national tour
FILM FESTIVALS: Screensound Australia rural program

2002

TELEVISION: "The Legacy of the Silver Shadow" – Australian Childrens Television Foundation
FILM: "Ned Kelly" – Our Sunshine Pty Ltd
THEATRE: "The Carer" – Continuing National Tour
"The Man From Snowy River Arena Spectacular" – Jacobsens Entertainment (National Tour)
FILM FESTIVAL: Screensound Australia rural program

2003

TELEVISION: "Neighbours" – Grundy Organisation
THEATRE: "The Carer" – continuing national tour

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2004

TELEVISION: "Neighbours", "Scooter, Secret Agent", "Blue Heelers"
FILM: "Human Touch" – Illumination Films Dir. Paul Cox
THEATRE: "The Carer" – continuing national tour
AUTHOR: "Bud, A Life" – wrote memoirs in conjunction with Peter Wilmoth
(Pan McMillan publishers)

2005

TELEVISION: "Celebrity Circus" – Nine Network
"20 to 1"-Host – Nine Network
FILM: "Jindabyne" – April Films
"Irresistible" – Cascade Films (Co-starring with Susan Sarandon)
THEATRE: "An Evening With Bud Tingwell" - Continuing performances

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