

# Mark Mitchell

## *Stage and Screen Actor and Corporate Comedian*

Australia's gentleman of comedy, Mark Mitchell, is one of our finest performers.

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The huge success of "THE COMEDY COMPANY" during the late 1980s brought Mark Mitchell, larger than life, into the homes of all Australians. His character portrayal of a Greek fruiterer named CON endeared him not only to many Australians, but also to the Greek community. So celebrated was CON THE FRUITERER that he became the first comedy character to don Melbourne's KING OF MOOMBA crown.

Mark's gift and love of character acting led him to secure television roles as: 'Mr Fish' in the popular children's series "LIFT OFF", 1 & 2 (AB C TV); also for AB C TV, Mr Gribble in ROUND THE TWIST Series 2,3 & 4, and Otto Von Meister in The Genie From Downunder ; and he played David Lange in the New Zealand tele-movie Fallout. With these successes, Mark soon found himself in demand from both local and international film and tele-movie producers: The Munsters' Scary Little Christmas, Like Mother Like Son, Blond, On the Beach, Backlands/Abscheid in Den Tod ; Pig's Breakfast, Anzacs, Child Star, Ground Zero and Inspector Gadget 2. Mark's first foray into musical theatre was performing the role of Mr Bumble in the Cameron Mackintosh musical, "OLIVER"

Mark also provided the voice of Buck Cluck, father of the title character, in Walt Disney Pictures' computer animated film, "CHICKEN LITTLE" In 2015/2016 Mark performed the role of Lazar Wolf alongside Anthony Warlow in the Australian production of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. Acting credits also include roles in DR.BLAKE, JACK IRISH, TRUSE STORY (Hamish & Andy - 2018) and the role of President Bingham in the Australian Feature Film "MORMON YANKEES - THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME" Mark is one of the most outstanding talents this country has to offer.



### **More about Mark Mitchell:**

Mark started his career as a teacher of English - B.A. (Melb) Dip.Ed (S C V Rusden) and taught middle and senior English for five years before deciding to follow his heart into performance. His entry into the entertainment world, dressed as the Devil, required him to deliver singing telegrams! Oddly enough this venture lasted only two weeks. He gave stand-up comedy a go for almost six years before concluding that the corporate sector offered more intriguing opportunities.

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He went on to appear in various television dramas including *The Petrov Affair*, *The Sword of Honour* and *Willing & Able*.

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Other acting credits include roles in *Dr Blake*, *Jack Irish*, *True Story* (Hamish & Andy - 2018) and the role of President Bingham in the Australian feature film, *Mormon Yankees - The Spirit of the Game*. He also provided the voice of Buck Cluck, father of the title character, in Walt Disney Pictures' computer animated film, *Chicken Little*.

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