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ALAN HOPGOOD

Alan Hopgood has been one of Australia's leading playwrights since 1963, when the first of his successful plays for the Melbourne Theatre Company ***And The Big Men Fly*** was presented. He followed this in 1964 with ***The Golden Legion Of Cleaning Women*** and in 1966, the first play in the world on the Vietnam war, ***Private Yuk Objects***.

Then followed a career in film and television, winning Awgie awards for ***The Cheerful Cuckold*** and ***The Bush Bunch*** and writing several feature films including ***Alvin Purple*** and the documentaries ***The Prophecies Of Nostradamus*** and ***The Fountain Of Youth***.

As an actor, he spent ten years with the MTC, six years as the popular Dr Reed in ***Bellbird*** and then Wally in ***Prisoner*** and Jack Lassiter in ***Neighbours***.

His performance as Rumkowski in Avraham Cykiert's mono-drama ***The Emperor Of The Ghetto*** won him the best actor at the Adelaide Fringe Festival in 1994, a role he has since played more than a hundred times.

In 1996, his book about prostate cancer, ***Surviving Prostate Cancer – One Man's Journey*** was published. He then adapted his story into a comedy about men's health, intimacy and cancer, ***For Better, For Worse***, which premiered in Melbourne in 1997 and then toured widely.

In March 2000, his play ***The Carer*** starring Charles 'Bud' Tingwell, premiered in Melbourne before two tours of Australia. It was highly praised for its sensitive treatment of Alzheimer's disease and its warmth and humour. Since then, Alan has written several plays addressing health issues, ranging from diabetes to geriatric sex, and is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars.

In 2004, Alan was commissioned to adapt the War Diaries of Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop for McPherson Touring and ***Weary*** premiered in Canberra in 2005 before touring several states.

In January 2005, Alan was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the performing arts as an actor, playwright and producer to the community through raising awareness of men's health issues.

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