

A woman with long, wavy brown hair is submerged underwater, wearing a flowing, deep red dress. She is looking down, and her hair and dress are billowing around her. The water is a light, hazy blue-grey color.

Program

TANKED

Feature screenplay by Kerry Drumm

Tuesday 21 February, 2023
The Backlot Studios

Acknowledgement of Country

The TANKED team acknowledges the
Traditional Owners of the land
in all states and territories on which we work.

We pay our respects to
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Elders past, present and emerging,
and honour their history, cultures,
and traditions of storytelling.

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Military wife and mum, Jackie, is on a drink-fuelled downward spiral, which deepens when her husband, Tom, returns home a war hero.

His survival, and Jackie's refusal to acknowledge the loss of a loved one, forces the unraveling of their marriage and a betrayal within her band of wives.

A character-driven story about love, family and friendship; TANKED is about the battles we all fight



Kerry Drumm: Writer

Kerry Drumm has recently toured her play **BROTHERS** through well-reviewed seasons at the Adelaide, Edinburgh and Melbourne Fringe Festivals.

Her web series **INCOMING: WORDS OF WAR** has collected many international awards; Series 2 **INCOMING: THE WIVES** is in post-production, and she's just sold the rights to another play, **STRAWBERRY** to a theatre company in the UK.

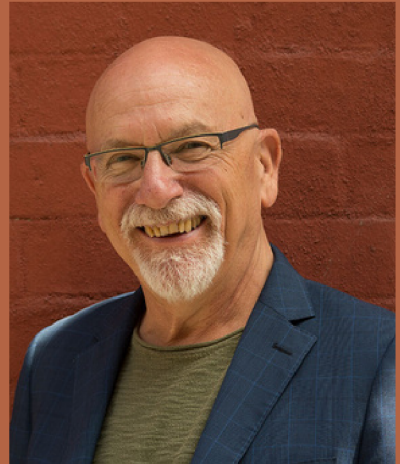
Kerry's writing credits also include co-writing **THE GREAT BARRIER REEF**, narrated by Eric Bana and produced by December Media.

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Tony Wright: Mentor

Tony Wright is a multi-award-winning and highly experienced producer and executive producer of TV drama, documentary and children's television. His numerous credits include the acclaimed docudrama Captain Cook: Obsession and Discovery, hit children's series Li'l Horrors, EMMY® award-winning science documentary Immortal, BAFTA Scotland winner of Best Television Scripted, and EMMY® nominated UK co-production The Cry; and most recently, the highly acclaimed feature documentary The Children in the Pictures. Tony also produced the BAFTA nominated UK co-production Mrs Biggs and executive produced five seasons of the top-rating The Doctor Blake Mysteries, and the sequel The Blake Mysteries as well as the Australian produced 3D IMAX films Hidden Universe, The Search for Life in Space, The Story of Earth, and Great Barrier Reef.

Tony Wright was the founder of December Media.



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Katrina Mathers: Jackie

Katrina was a regular ensemble actor for the *THE WEDGE* (Ch10); *FLIPSIDE* (ABC TV) and weekly radio serial *THE BREAKFAST SHIFT* (ABC 774). A Moosehead Award recipient for The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Show, *FOOTY CHICKS*, Katrina's credits also include playing the nurse in the original *SAW* short film; a depressed mum in the Tones & I music video for *NEVER SEEN THE RAIN*; the lead in the telemovie *ECONOMY CLASS* (Ch7) and she's performed in a host of independent theatre and film, TVC's, and played lead guest roles on TV Series such as: *WILFRED*, *ALL SAINTS*, *CITY HOMICIDE*, *PRANK PATROL*, *BLUE HEELERS*.



Richard Cawthorne: Tom

Awarded the 2012 AACTA Award for Best Guest or Supporting Actor in a Television Drama for his performance in *KILLING TIME*, Richard has worked consistently in television, stage and film since 2000. His film and TV credits include *NOISE*, *BIKIE WARS: BROTHERS IN ARMS*, *EAST WEST 101*, *CANAL ROAD*, *THE PACIFIC*, *HALIFAX FP*, *UNDERBELLY: SQUIZZY*, *CATCHING MILAT* and the STAN-produced *WOLF CREEK*. Richard is also a member of Melbourne's ensemble based Red Stitch Actors Theatre. Between 2015 – 2018 he held the appointment of Ambassador to the National Theatre Drama School.



Abbie McLeish: Sally

Abbie McLeish is 14 years old and is a year nine student at Shelford Girls Grammar. Over the past few years she has performed in various school productions, including Little Women and Mary Poppins. Abbie played the lead role in her house performing arts production in 2022, and most recently performed with her drama class as part of the “suitcase series” at the Malthouse Theatre.



Ewen Gorman-Deeble: Dan

Ewen is 13 years old, just about to complete year 7 at school and comes from a family of actors. Last year he voiced the lead role in the awarding winning short animation film Backfire. Earlier this year he had an ongoing role in the multi award winning Paramount + Series More Than This. He had a role in the new ABC series Crazy Fun Park, which will premiere in Jan 2023. When not acting or playing D & D, Ewen can be found canoeing down the Yarra River.



Eliza Matengu: Drona | Military Doctor

Eliza Matengu is a 1st generation Namibian/Romanian/Australian actor, producer and writer. Eliza was born in Zambia, a child of the Namibian Independence War from apartheid rule and spent her formative years in the UK before moving to Melbourne in 2008. Eliza's recent acting credits include Red Sonja (Millennium, post-production), Thor: Love & Thunder (Marvel, 2022), Jack Irish (Easy Tiger, 2021)& How to Stay Married S02 (Princess Pictures, 2020). Eliza wrote her first feature film in 2020. It is currently in development after receiving initial support via Film Victoria's "Originate" program.



Ruby Duncan: Polly | Counsellor

Ruby is an actor and theatre maker, currently residing in Melbourne. Recent acting credits for theatre include Reigen (Periscope Productions), Punk Rock (Patalog Theatre), and for film and television, Rosie Nolan Incoming: Words of War Season 1 & 2 (December Media & Little Red Fox Productions), Molly in Glitch (ABC), Ellie in The Dustwalker (The Feet of Film) and Tilly in Doctor Blake Mysteries (ABC). Ruby has participated in numerous collectives and play readings for companies around Melbourne, such as Theatre Works and Melbourne Theatre Company.



Tim Constantine: Jake | Dan's Mate | Inspector

Prior to The Event, Tim played Don Pedro in Artefact's production of Much Ado About Nothing. Other recent stage roles include Captain Moonlite in Moonlite, Jerry in Pinter's Betrayal, and Lady Bracknell in The Importance of Being Earnest. Screen appearances include Shakespeare Republic: The Lockdown Chronicles, and the short films Grace and 50 Years Later, as well as the usual Neighbours, Underbelly etc etc. His most recent screen role was unorthodox hitman Justin in The Problem Solver, which premiered in May 2022.



Rhiannon Langeberg: Lou | Stella | Co-worker

Rhiannon Langeberg is a multi-award-winning actress and co-founder of William Films Productions alongside her husband, Charles Williams. Together they have written, directed and produced two award-winning short films.

Rhiannon has trained at numerous institutes including Vancouver Film School, TAFTA, The Rehearsal Room and Film and Television Studio International. Beyond acting, Rhiannon is a keen martial artist and budding linguist, who uses her love and in-depth understanding of language to help inform character choices.



Justin Hosking: Padre | Dan's Mate | Billy | Joe

Justin's short film *After Silence* has won multiple awards, including Best Actor and Best Screenplay. Film credits include *The Broken Shore*, *Crime & Punishment*, *Any Questions for Ben?*, *The Heckler* and *Vessel*. TV shows including *Metro Sexual 2*, *The Dr Blake Mysteries*, *The Hollowmen*, *City Homicide*, *Satisfaction*, and *Tangle*. Justin is an ensemble member of Red Stitch Actors' Theatre, and was co-founder of Human Sacrifice Theatre. He has performed at the Malthouse, Victorian Arts Centre, 45downstairs, Red Stitch, Chapel Off Chapel and venues in the US. Of his many theatre credits, highlights include *Uncle Vanya*, *True West*, *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, *The Realistic Joneses* and *Angel's In America*.



Liam O'Kane: Alex | Officer | Rob

Liam trained at the Actor's Studio in New York City and has written and performed shows for the Melbourne, Adelaide and Edinburgh fringe festivals, most recently touring with the production *BROTHERS*. Liam travelled Australia with The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company helping schools understand Shakespeare. Liam returned as Corporal Ben Lawley in the second season of the multi-awarding winning web series *INCOMING: WORDS OF WAR*, including Best Ensemble at the British Web Awards.



Reschelle O'Connor: Belle (*Bambi*) | Co-worker

Reschelle studied at Peter Sardi's School of Acting and has loved developing her skills on stage (and screen) for many years. Some of her acting credits include Picnic at Hanging Rock, Strangers on a Train, Slut, The Return, Proof, Doubt, Speaking in Tongues and Female of the Species and most recently Some Girls. Reschelle had the pleasure of working with Kerry for the first time on the second season of Incoming: Words of War – The Wives earlier this year and was delighted to be given another opportunity by taking part in this rehearsed reading.

Young Gary

The voice of Gary has been recorded by **Daniel Wynd**, who played the lead role in the multi-award winning short film Amissa Anima. Dan won Best Young Actor for his role in the film, at the HALO International Film Festival in Russia.

Elderly Man

Everyone's favourite **elderly man in the house** steps up for this cracker cameo. *Place your bets on who this might be...*

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