

## Mark Mitchell

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### *Stage and Screen Actor, and Corporate Comedian*

Mark Mitchell is one of Australia's finest and funniest performers. He first endeared himself to many Australians and particularly the Greek community, when he played the role of Con the Greek Fruiterer. Since then he has gone on to perform in diverse roles that range from Mr Bumble in the stage show Oliver, to Mr Fish in the ABC's kids show Lift Off. He was the voice of Buck Cluck in Chicken Little and he's acted in various international and local films and television series including Jack Irish.

Mark delivers comedic addresses for corporate audiences around focused themes.

#### ***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.

Mark first appeared on our TV screens on a late night sketch comedy program on Channel 7 called The Eleventh Hour, alongside a cast that included Ian McFadyen, Steve Vizard, Maryanne Fahey, Glenn Robbins and Kim Gyngell.

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

However, it was the huge success of The Comedy Company during the late 1980s that brought Mark Mitchell, larger than life, into the homes of all Australians. So celebrated was his character portrayal of a Greek fruiterer named Con 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, and Mr Gribble in Round the Twist both for ABC TV, and Otto Von Meister in The Genie from Downunder. 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. In 2015/2016 he performed the role of Lazer Wold alongside Anthony Warlow in the Australian production of Fiddler on the Roof.

Other acting credits 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. He also provided the voice of Buck Cluck, father of the title character, in Walt Disney Pictures' computer animated film, Chicken Little.

Mark is one of the most outstanding talents this country has to offer.

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