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“AN INSTANT CLASSIC.” MICK MOLLOY

KENNY



A knight in shining overalls.

THE STORY

From the biggest festival to the smallest church social, Kenny Smyth delivers porta-loos to them all. Ignored and unappreciated, he is one of the cogs in society's machinery; a knight in shining overalls taking care of business with his faithful "Splashdown" crew.

Follow Kenny as he tackles every septic challenge that comes his way, culminating in a pilgrimage to that Mecca of waste management, the International Pumper and Cleaner Expo in Nashville Tennessee - or as Kenny affectionately calls it, "Poo HQ".

With fly-on-the-wall honesty and wit, "Kenny" lifts the lid on one of Australia's roughest diamonds as he juggles family tensions, fatherhood and sewage with charm, humour and unflinching dignity.

"It takes a certain kind of person to do what I do... No-one's ever impressed; no-one's ever fascinated... If you're a fireman, all the kids will want to jump on the back of the truck and follow you to a fire. There's going to be no kids willing to do that with me. So, I don't do it to impress people - it's a job, it's my trade, and I actually think I'm pretty good at it." - Kenny Smyth

Part philosopher, part comedian and all heart, KENNY is living proof that in sewage, like life, the best will always rise to the top.

KENNY'S BIO

Kenny is a faithful resident to Melbourne's colourful west. Only five minutes from his beloved "Splashdown" office and a hop skip and a jump from his ex wife's and son's home, life is pretty much mapped out for him. A strong work ethic passed down from a father who always warned, "if you don't put your shoulder to the wheel you'll end up with the arse out of ya pants", ensures that beyond work, Kenny has little time for anything but rest. But Kenny's life is his job - his workmates are family and the constant change of scenery from event to event, means the job never becomes boring.

Call it denial, call it easy going but Kenny sees no need for knee jerk reactions to his trade - "I don't know what all the fuss is about. It's 80% water... and we've got chemicals to take care of the remaining 20".

Regardless, once people discover Kenny's profession they are quick to keep their distance. "It's what you come to expect... They think I'm the poo monster."

- Kenny Smyth

But spend some time with Kenny and he'll win your heart forever.

He's the Dalai-Lama of Waste Management, eternally optimistic and always ready to put others before himself. Kenny represents the humbling nature of common decency"

- Director Clayton Jacobson.



CHARACTERS

THE FATHER - BILLY SMYTH

BILLY SMYTH father to Kenny and Dave Smyth, resides in the seaside suburb of Barwon Heads Geelong, in a small but comfortable permanent caravan.

Known to the locals as Bastard Bill, his vocal opinions and belligerence are seldom spared on those he encounters.

Widowed for several years, his hard exterior belies a latent deeper sensitivity buried deep within, something his boys only witness on the rarest of occasions.

Like many fathers of his generation his desire to see only the best for his sons is often cloaked by a constant barrage of verbal abuse.

As Kenny often laments “You only get one Father, and thank Christ because I couldn’t handle two of him, but I love him all the same.”

HIS BROTHER - DAVE SMYTH

DAVID SMYTH Brother to Kenny, lives alone in Melbourne’s eastern suburbs. Always on the hop, his business affairs leave little or no time for family or friends.

Almost the polar opposite to Kenny in temperament, his personality is more akin to that of his father - though Dave would be the last to admit it.

Since the death of their mother, family get togethers have been few and far between and accordingly has left little room for the bond between brothers to be strengthened.

HIS SON - JESSEE SMYTH

JESSE SMYTH son to Kenny and the product of a failed marriage lives with his mother in Melbourne’s west. Being the one true constant in Kenny’s life, every possible opportunity Jesse has is spent sharing time with his adored father.

But like many children from broken homes, this shared time often falls fowl to his parents’ bickering.

HIS EX - FORMALY MRS. SMYTH

The request for information was denied.

CHARACTERS Continued...

THE AIR HOSTESS - JACKIE SHEPPARD

JACKIE SHEPPARD a seasoned air hostess for one of Australia's most prestigious airlines, Jackie is well traveled and wise to the ways of the world.

A job that affords little time to herself, she has found it increasingly isolating, a fact made evident by her single status.

The constant complaints and need for attention from ungrateful business-class patrons has provided her with a quick eye for spotting valued customers. Kenny is one such individual, who offers respite from a long succession of self-important smart-suited souls.

Gregarious and always ready to enjoy the spoils of every destination disembarked, Jackie is a rare and pleasant find in the world of KENNY.

THE SUSHI COWBOY - TAKASHI ABE

TAKASHI ABE resident of Tokyo, Japan, Takashi is operations manager for Yamada Industries, a job that sees him travel extensively around the globe seeking sanitary solutions to event based waste management problems.

Brought up next to an American Naval Base, Takashi has a good understanding of English and the ways of the west.

While holding a highly respected position in his firm, Takashi is never one to sh from the entertaining vagaries of travel. Yet no matter how proudly he wears the title "Sushi Cowboy" by night, it's strictly business by day.

HIS WORKMATES

ALF - A gentle man with boundless enthusiasm, not afraid to get his hands dirty.

SAMMY - New employee with a strong work ethic, matched only by his short temper

THOMMO - "The Governor of Septic" according to Kenny. Loyal to the last.

THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT - Casual employee with a degree in work avoidance.

ROBBO - On Site resident and gate-keeper for both Splashdown and the beer fridge.

PAT - Diligent, hard-working, and always looking for an ear to bend.

TOILET FACTS by KENNY SMYTH

Toilet Fact #1

There's this Greek poet bloke Aristophanes who was apparently a bit over the moon with poo, he wrote this play called "The Flies", and the show started with two dung beetles pushing a big ball of poo across the stage while having a chin wag about politics - doesn't sound very Gilbert and Sullivan to me.

Toilet Fact #2

You know long ago, when the Egyptian people were running around in the sand making pointy buildings they used to use Baboon poo to fire up the ladies - like a kind of ointment - I saw a similar thing at the Zoo recently, this baboon was a bit unenthusiastic about his house guests and so he flung a fist full of business at a woman in the crowd, now I don't think it made her feel sexy but she sure as hell did fire up.

Toilet Fact #3

There's a Science Museum in the Queens country that is toyin with the idea of paying their bills with visitor's POO!! The central London museum is thinking about taking the nuggets and lemon juice from it's 14 toilet blocks and converting it into electricity - I wouldn't want to be near when they blow a fuse.

Toilet Fact #4

"Poop" comes from the Middle English (what ever that means) word poupen or popen, and it originally meant, "fart." So we clearly screwed that up - tell someone you just let go a poop and I'm sure they won't be thinking fart.

Toilet Fact #5

You know the average human's poo weighs around 250gms - not sure what good that information is but there you go.

Toilet Fact #6

Apparently the internal combustion or the amount of wind a cow produces over its entire grass eating life is enough to fill a hot air balloon. Not really sure how one would go about testing this - but having been caught in the back end jet stream of an over fed milk maker, I reckon they're bang on with the measurement.

Toilet Fact #7

Some kids have been known to light their own farts for entertainment - when I was a kid we rode bikes - but a word or warning for those interested in setting fire to ones own bum oven, you stand a very real chance of cover cooking your carrot and 2 potatoes if you do.



KENNY TECHNICAL INFO

Runtime: 104 Minutes

Country: Australia

Language: English

Color: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 1.66 : 1

Sound Mix: Dolby Digital

CAST AND CREW

Kenny - Shane Jacobson

Jackie - Eve Von Bibra

Father - Ronald Jacobson

Son - Jesse Jacobson

Pat - Chris Davis

Sammy - Ian Dryden

Sushi Cowboy - Morihiko Hasebe

PRINCIPAL CREW

Director - Producer / Camera A / Sound / Editor: CLAYTON JACOBSON

Producer: ROHAN TIMLOCK

Co-Producer: SHANE JACOBSON

Writers: THE JACOBSON BROTHERS

Editor / Technical Support / Camera B: SEAN LANDER

Production Manager / Director's Assistant: NICOLE BARDY

Sound Designer / Music – SFX Editor: CRAIG CARTER

Sound Mixer: PETER SMITH

Music Supervisor: NORMAN PARKHILL

Original Music: RICHARD PLEASANCE

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