

# Wyang Drama Group

presents

a new Australian play, set in Sydney in the 1990s

# Christmas Day

by  
Claire Haywood.

directed by Gwen Clarke

November 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 1993

*Wyang Memorial Hall*

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# Welcome to Wyong Drama Group

## THE PRODUCTION CREW

DIRECTOR.....	Gwen Clarke
STAGE MANAGER.....	Genevieve Shore
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER .....	Michelle McMillan
SET CONSTRUCTION .....	Don Clark
LIGHTING & .....	Peter Nicoll
SOUND .....	Ron Baker
PUBLICITY.....	Adrian Adam
PROMPT .....	Bonnie Bryant
MAKEUP .....	Helen Schumann
FRONT OF HOUSE.....	Robyn Weidlich
PROGRAM .....	László Weidlich
SUPPERS.....	Linda Fletcher
FOYER DECOR.....	Pam Campbell

...and all the WDG Members who assisted with the above.

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*Wyong Drama Group* has a long and proud history. Its members have presented plays to the public continuously since 1952, first in the historic *Old Memorial Hall*, Alison Rd. (later *van Eden Shoes*, now burnt down), then in its own draughty *Youth Hall*, Hely St. When this "new" Memorial Hall was built in 1965, we happily moved in and expanded our activities to include theatre-restaurant, pantomime, and Bush Bash nights.

We invite anyone interested in joining our "family" to come to our monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday each month at 8pm in the Green Room at the rear of this hall. There are many activities besides acting! As well as actors, we also need backstage crew, set builders, make-up artists, wardrobe managers, supper hosts, artwork designers etc. [Contact can be made on 92.4149 (a.h.) or 511.611 (a.h.)]

Our next meeting will be .on 7th Dec., when our programme for 1994 will be announced.

Wyong Drama Group members offer you our warmest wishes for joy on Christmas Day and happiness throughout the New Year.

*President*  
Howard Oxley

*Secretary*  
Julie Bailey

*Treasurer*  
John Czerniecki

## CHRISTMAS DAY

*Christmas Day* was written by Claire Haywood and presented by arrangement with Rick Rafros Management. The play was first performed at the Q Theatre, Sydney on August 28 1992 and later at the Hunter Valley Theatre Company, Newcastle.

Wyong Drama Group is pleased to be the first amateur group to present *Christmas Day*.

### CAST

KATE..... Vivienne Sigmund  
LOUISE, her sister ..... Karen Walker  
GRACE, her mother ..... Julie Bailey  
CHAS, her father ..... Bill Haydon  
MARGARET, her stepmother..... Pollyanna Murphy  
GAVIN, her boyfriend ..... Matt Hanrahan

The Scene is set in the living room and kitchen of Kate's house in Sydney in the 1990s.

**Act 1: Scenes 1, 2, 3 Christmas Eve**

**There will be an interval of 20 minutes after Act 1.**

**Act 2: Scenes 1, 2, 3 Christmas Day**

### Vivienne Sigmund

As yet hasn't won any Grammys. She enjoys being on stage doing a variety of characters. Vivienne played the comical Mrs Bigley in WDG's recent production of *The Mummy's Comb*.

### Karen Walker

Karen is not a stranger to screen. She has worked extensively in TV and film, and with such greats as Anne Tenney, Georgie Fisher, Gordon Piper et al. She has also worked in musicals - *J.C. Superstar*, *Pyjama Game*, *Bye-Bye Birdie*. However *Christmas Day* is her debut in a dramatic role on stage.

### Julie Bailey

Julie has been an active member of WDG since 1986. Interestingly, her last role, in the one-act play *Dark Brown*, was also that of Grace, the mother - a vastly different character to the present Grace. Julie was last seen in a three-act play as Suzy, the blind girl, in *Wait Until Dark*.

### Bill Haydon

This is Bill's first appearance with WDG. His previous performances have been with Woy Woy Little Theatre and Griffin Theatre. He was last seen as John Proctor in Fringe Theatre's production of *The Crucible*.

### Pollyanna Murphy

Polly has been with WDG for nearly half a lifetime. This year she has appeared as Mrs H. in *Home Fires Burning* and, again married to Bill Haydon as Elizabeth Proctor, in Fringe Theatre's production of *The Crucible*.

### Matt Hanrahan

*Christmas Day* is Matt's stage debut (although he did play Jesus in his kindergarten nativity scene). Always a devoted Elvis fan and a part-time musician, he can easily relate to Gavin and his plight.