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proudly presents

FAMILY VALUES

By David Williamson
Directed by Kristyn Everett

Thu. 24, Fri. 25, Sat. 26,
Thu. 31 October
Fri. 1, Sat. 2 November 2024
at 7.30pm
Sun. 27 October
at 2pm (matinee)



Special thanks to:

- Our Patron, Mayor Greg Williamson
- Simon Robinson for channelling 'Gary Duckett'



Bookings:

<https://events.humanitix.com/family-values>

WHAT'S NEXT AT KUCOM?

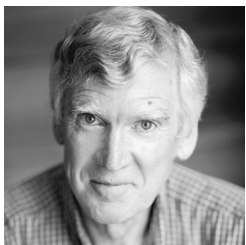
THE DIRECTOR



Family Values is my directing debut for Kucom, however I have directed and produced multiple productions with Mackay Musical Comedy Players. My attention was drawn to this play by my father, who had taken my 12-year-old niece to see it performed in Brisbane in 2023 and reported that it provoked significant discussion in the car on the way home. The play explores themes which have been confronting modern-day Australians, but also delves into complex family dynamics which resonate across generations. My cast have worked tirelessly to bring my vision of this show to life, and I extend my thanks to John Irvine, Victor Scott, Zach Trounson and Carolyn Roche for their assistance with the set, and to Hayley Long for her video work and tech assistance. This is the kind of play that makes you laugh, but also makes you think. Enjoy!

Kristyn Everett

THE PLAYWRIGHT



David Williamson's plays have been entertaining audiences for more than fifty years. He is the most produced playwright in the history of Australian theatre, and a number of his stage works have been adapted for the screen, including *The Removalists*, *Don's Party*, *The Club*, *Travelling North*, *Emerald City*, *Sanctuary* and *Brilliant Lies*. First presented in 2020 at the Griffin Theatre in Sydney, *Family Values* most recently enjoyed an extended season with the Queensland Theatre Company in January and February 2023.

March 2025

The Ladies Foursome, by Norm Foster
directed by Jayne Royal

Auditions* for this production will advertised shortly

July 2025

Bob's Your Auntie, by Thomas Amo
directed by Maureen Coleman

September 2025

The Father, by Florian Zeller
directed by Victor Scott

November 2025

Season of one-act plays
(details to be advised)

*Watch the Kucom Facebook page for **audition notices** and more details as they come to hand.

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New members are always welcome.
Just scan this QR code to apply
online.

HAPPY HOUR AND CLUB NIGHT

Friday 29 November from 6.00pm

If you're not already a member of Kucom but would like to find out a bit more about us, why not come along? We love welcoming new people, and there's no pressure on you to join up - it's purely a social event and a great way for you to get to know how your local community theatre works.

You never know what will happen at a Kucom Club Night - short plays or skits, musical performances, poetry recitals, dancing. Many of the items presented are written by the performers or other people in the group.

Everyone is invited to bring along a plate of food to share. Entry is a gold coin donation, and the bar will be open.

**COME ALONG AND HELP US CELEBRATE
THE END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

THE CAST

In order of appearance:

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| Roger Collins, a retired judge | Greg Webb |
| Sue, his wife | Bronwyn Grannall |
| Lisa, their daughter | Sarah Nievandt |
| Saba Nazari | Nicole Pasquale |
| Michael, their son | Michael Brennan |
| Emily, their daughter | Molly Bettridge |
| Noeline, Emily's partner | Megan Geoghegan |

There will be a 20-minute interval, during which the bar will be open for refreshments

THE PRODUCTION TEAM

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| Director | Kristyn Everett |
| Lighting | Hayley Long |
| Sound | Hayley Long Molly Bettridge |
| Costume Coordinator | Jeany Elliott |
| Set Design & Construction | John Irvine Kristyn Everett Carolyn Roche Victor Scott Zachary Trounson |
| Videos/Photography | Hayley Long |
| Publicity | Bronwyn Grannall |
| Social media | Hayley Long |
| Poster | Bronwyn Grannall |
| Program | Taffy's Typing Service |
| Front of House Manager | Hayley Long |

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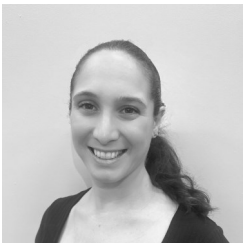
GREG WEBB's first appearance on the Kucom stage was as Beryl, one of the stepsisters in the pantomime *Cinderella's Hallowe'en Adventure* (2020). *Family Values* is just his second production with Kucom. Until now, Greg's performances on stage have been an array of musicals, as his greatest stage passion is singing. Undertaking a non-singing role is a new horizon for Greg and he is most keen to see the final result.



BRONWYN GRANNALL has appeared in numerous productions, both amateur and professional, in Australia and overseas. Some of her more recent Kucom appearances include *The Diary of Anne Frank* (2016), *The Anniversary* (2017), *First Things First* (2020), *When the Rain Stops Falling* (2021), and *The Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish* (2024). Her directing credits include *Secret Bridesmaids' Business* (2007) and *The Vicar of Dibley* (2018, 2022)



SARAH NEIVANDT appeared in several amateur and professional productions before arriving in Mackay 1996. Since then she has appeared in *Will Rogers Follies*, *Grease*, *Hairspray*, and *Oliver* (Mackay Musical Comedy Players). She made her Kucom stage debut in *Big Bad Mouse* (2021), followed later the same year by *When the Rain Stops Falling*, and in 2023 featured in *Things I Know To Be True*.



NICOLE PASQUALE has been performing since the age of nine, with a background in tap, ballet, and jazz. Having completed her Grade 7 Trinity Drama exam and a Bachelor of Music at the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music, Nicole now works as an instrumental music teacher with Education Queensland. *Family Values* is her third production with Kucom Theatre, after *Dinkum Assorted* (2022) and *Things I Know To Be True* (2023). The role of Saba presents one of her most challenging roles yet, as she steps into a character from a different cultural background.

THE CAST



MICHAEL BRENNAN relocated to Mackay for his work as a barber in 2022. He has dabbled for some years in performance art and other creative pursuits including dance and singing. Seeking new challenges he decided on community theatre, debuting on the Kucom stage last year in *Perfect Wedding* and *Things I Know To Be True*, followed in 2024 by *Call Centre Call* and *The Murder Game*. Michael has thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with different roles and finding a sense of community within the Kucom family.



A seasoned performer, **MOLLY BETTRIDGE** is a graduate of the CQCM B.Theatre program, Griffith University's G.Dip.Ed and JCU's M.GuidCouns. Molly is active in the theatre scene with Mackay Musical Comedy Players and now, Kucom Theatre. Previous credits include Roxie Hart (*Chicago*), Alice Beineke (*The Addams Family*) and Lucy Barker (*Sweeney Todd*). It has been an honour for Molly to dive into her first 'real' play with the amazing Kucom team on *Family Values!* She would like to thank her loving wife Kellie for always supporting her cultural endeavours.



This is **MEGAN GEOGHEGAN**'s second show with Kucom. She has been involved with the Mackay Musical Comedy Players, both on and off the stage, for the past ten years, first appearing in the Australian premiere of *Bonnie and Clyde—the Musical* with Mackay Musical Comedy Players in 2014, and more recently as Rosie in *Mamma Mia* (2021) and Grandma Addams in *The Addams Family* (2023). She first joined Kucom in 2021 to play Gabrielle York in *When the Rain Stops Falling*.