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# *It's My Party*



*(& I'll Die  
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by Elizabeth Coleman

directed by Jim Kelly

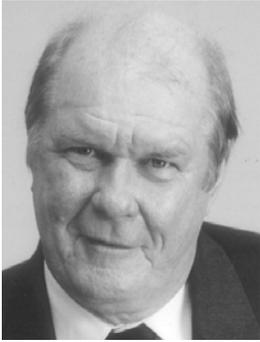
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### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



What a gruelling year this has been! Directing 3 plays is not good for the health - the first, *Lee*, for Kucom this year, and then 3 months in Airlie Beach directing the female version of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* for CABLE Theatre, then immediately into *It's My Party* certainly takes its toll - and I don't like comedy. However, it has been an experience and at the end of the day it has all worked out fine. I have a great cast, some new and some old but with a lot of hard work it has come to life. A big thank you to everyone who has helped and made my life easy throughout this production, and I hope you all as an audience will enjoy the show and tell all your friends to come and see it. And as for next year, please continue to support us as we look for a new home. I want to see you all back wherever we will be performing.

### PLEASE NOTE

*As it is a requirement in our contract with the copyright agents that the script be performed as it is written, some references to gay people may seem offensive. Please be advised that it is not Kucom's intention to discriminate in any way against any member of the gay community.*

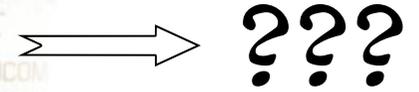
### PLAYWRIGHT'S NOTE



#### ELIZABETH COLEMAN

*It's My Party (And I'll Die If I Want To)* is about mums, dads, brothers, sisters, emotional blackmail and communication breakdown. It's about being a kid and becoming an adult and wondering why you turned out like you did. It's about sibling rivalry and parental regrets. It's about favouritism and family fights. It's about security, memories, fairy bread and birthday prezies. It's about mortality and morality, fondness and fury, tension and togetherness. It's about all the conflicting feelings that meld together with one end result for most of us: Blood is thicker than water

## *What's on at Kucom in 2011?*



There are big changes afoot for Kucom next year as we continue our search for a new home, the present Playhouse having just been purchased by Auto Corner.

Thanks to the generosity of the new owners, Kucom productions will continue to be performed in the Playhouse until the end of 2011. After that - who knows?

The 2011 season is still in the pipeline, but keep watching our website [www.kucom.org.au](http://www.kucom.org.au) for details as they come to hand, including notices of auditions, and of course the Kucom Annual General Meeting which will be held in February.

### KUCOM COMMITTEE 2010

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## THE CAST

**Ron Patterson**  
**Dawn Patterson**  
**Michael Patterson**  
**Debbie Patterson**  
**Karen Patterson**  
**Ted Wilkins**

Joe Clutterbuck  
Maureen Coleman  
Lachlan Halliwell  
Sheryn Dempster  
Bella Raymond  
Connor Bashford

*Setting: an ordinary suburban living room*

*Ron has 111 minutes left to live so he's invited his children over for one last family gathering. He wants to make up for any wrongs he may have done in the past ..... but things don't go according to plan.*

*There will be a 20-minute interval between Act I and Act II. The bar will be open and drinks are permitted into the theatre*

*We respectfully request that patrons observe our Liquor Licensing requirements as displayed in the foyer*

## THE PRODUCTION CREW

**Director**  
**Assistant Director**  
**Stage Manager**  
**Sound and Lighting**  
**Props**

Jim Kelly  
Kath Ward  
Bill Wall  
Anne Clutterbuck  
Carolyn Thompson  
John Atkinson  
Bronwyn Grannall  
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John Atkinson

**Media Liaison**  
**Program**  
**Front of House**

**THE CAST**

**Ron Patterson**



**JOE CLUTTERBUCK**

Once very active in Mackay theatre as an actor, director, student of drama (ATCL 1984) and teacher of drama, Joe last appeared on the Kucom stage in *The Memory of Water* (2006). His most memorable moment on stage? Dwarfing June Bronhill (a very tiny lady) in the finale of the official opening of the Mackay Entertainment Centre dressed as Charlie's Aunt ('from

Brazil where the nuts come from') in a costume that he later used to play the Widow Twanky in a school play.

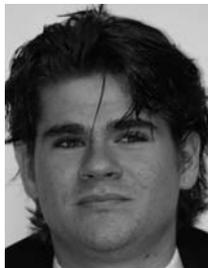
**Dawn Patterson**



**MAUREEN COLEMAN (no relation)**

Maureen is into her 21st year with Kucom, which seems quite unbelievable to her really as she looks back and wonder where she found the time for all those productions she was involved in. She was either acting, directing or working backstage and an active committee member too for most of the time. She says: I wouldn't have had it any other way. I have played funny, pitiable, evil and all sorts of characters - my favourites would have been *The Odd Couple* (female version), *Salt* and *Veronica's Room*. But I did enjoy being evil. I love to make people laugh and making them cry was quite enlightening, but evil is quite something else, very empowering as they say, so, I might have to try that again!

**Michael Patterson**



**LACHLAN HALLIWELL**

This is Lachlan's first performance with Kucom, as well as performing with a cast outside of school. He has portrayed the role of Kenickie in his high school performance of *Grease* which was very well received. He says: 'I had a lot of freakin' fun making this play. The cast and crew were amusing to work with, on and off the stage. I've gained quite a bit of insight to the world of acting which I won't ever forget.'

**THE CAST**

**Debbie Patterson**



**SHERYN DEMPSTER**

Sheryn first trod the boards as Sheryn Kelly back in 1986 in the musical *Annie Get Your Gun* and went on to work in numerous musicals and also play in the orchestra of *Hello Dolly*. She stage-managed *Nunsense* for Wasted Space Productions, and in April this year played in *Lee* for Kucom Theatre which went on to win Best Production at the Townsville Drama Festival in May this year. Tonight we see her as Debbie Patterson - her first big speaking role. Congratulations, Sheryn!

**Karen Patterson**



**BELLA RAYMOND**

Originally from Tieri, CQ, Bella is appearing tonight in her fourth Kucom production, her previous ones being *Blurred* and *Death in The Limelight* for Kucom Youth Theatre and *Too Close For Comfort* for Kucom earlier this year. Tonight we see her as Karen Patterson, the spoilt and selfish brat of the family. I am sure you will enjoy her performance - let's hope we see her in many more of our productions.

**Ted Wilkins**



**CONNOR BASHFORD**

Connor has been an eager participant in all things drama since his first performance in a school play in Grade 3. 'Being on stage is a bit addictive', he says. He has since been in numerous school productions including *Life's a Riot* and he played the lead in *Grease*. Connor joined Kucom in 2009 and played Lee Harvey Oswald in *Lee* earlier this year. At the 2010 Townsville Festival of One Act Plays *Lee* won Best Open Production and Best Director. Connor feels his theatre experiences while young will stand him in good stead for a career in the performing arts. 'Plus it's just good fun'.