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Rod Dunbar

LPA was very saddened to hear of the passing of Rod Dunbar yesterday after a long battle with cancer.

Rod was born in Rockhampton, Queensland, and was an Australian actor, singer, performer, devisor and playwright.

Rod loved the theatre and moved to Sydney to establish himself as a vocalist. He regularly appeared on Johnny O'Keefe's TV show "Sing Sing Sing". Rod attracted attention everywhere and he toured Australia doing gigs with other high profile entertainers.

Spotted by J.C. Williamson's Betty Ponder, Rod was encouraged to pursue a career in musical theatre. He performed in Sydney Theatre Company tours and the original Australian productions of *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* and *Godspell*. He also appeared in a number of stage show musicals including: *West Side Story*, *Jack and Jill* - *The Panto*, *Happy Days - The Arena Mega Musical*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Chicago* and *South Pacific*.

In 1966 whilst working on *Oliver* at the Comedy Theatre in Melbourne, Rod met his future wife Dolores who was working across the road at Her Majesty's Theatre in the production of *Funny Girl*. Dolores continues to work at the McDonalds Performing Arts School as Head of Musical Theatre.

Our thoughts and sincerest condolences are with Rod's family, friends and colleagues.



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