

PENNY COOK

OG74 (1957 – 2018)

Penny attended Kambala and became a graduate of the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA). Penny was best known for her television work, particularly as Vicky the vet in *A Country Practice*, for which she received two Logie Awards, and Elly Fielding in *E Street*.



Penny's other television acting credits include *The Restless Years*, *The Flying Doctors*, *G.P.*, *Young Lions*, *All Saints*, *Dance Academy*, *Neighbours* and *Rake*. She was a presenter for many years on the travel show *The Great Outdoors* and the guest host on *Tonight Live with Steve Vizard* in the 1990s.

Penny also appeared in more than fifty stage productions including *Hating Alison Ashley*, *The Heidi Chronicles*, *I Ought To Be In Pictures*, *Macbeth*, *Away*, *An Ideal Husband*, *Ladies in Lavender*, *Footloose* and *Oklahoma*.

Penny often served as Master of Ceremonies for conferences, product launches, gala dinners and charity events. She worked as MC at events for US President Bill Clinton, HRH Prince Charles and several Prime Ministers of Australia, including John Howard and Tony Abbott.

Penny was an originating member of Griffin Theatre Company and was an Australia Day

Ambassador for over 25 years. Penny was extremely proud to be Chair of Monkey Baa Theatre Company and was a valued mentor and coach to many young actors.