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KENNY'S WORLD

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Plumber, port-a-loo expert and philosopher Kenny Smyth became one of Australia's most unlikely film stars a few years ago. He spoke to TV Guide editor Garry Williams about his latest adventure — a travel series with a difference.

Today Kenny: A lot of people would be surprised to see a big screen film star like you doing a TV show.

Well a bunch of these TV jokers said to me you can travel and we're going to pay for it, mate. What did you expect me to do?

It's about a subject close to your heart. I don't know about my heart, truth be told, but dunnies are something I know a fair bit about.

I believe it's the United Nations International Year Of Sanitation, which is a bit of inspiration for the show.

I had a giggle when I heard that it was the Year Of Sanitation, but those UN blokes don't make jokes. There's a serious side to this. More than 1.6 million little kids die from diarrhoea each year and something like only 42 per cent of the world has access to sanitation facilities. It's a worry. We want it to be educational, but don't worry there are a few poo jokes. Not that I want to offend anyone.

You start off in Japan, which I believe has been described as the most poo friendly country in the world.

Mate, they've got golden poo. I'm not kidding. That's their description not mine. Evidently the word for poo and

the word for good luck are similar in Japanese, so there you go.

They have some seriously weird dunnies over there.

Mate, they've got everything. There's one that comes up that contacts the doctor for you. I'm not joking; it does a diagnosis on your business. It could be a bit embarrassing when your friends come around. You know, thanks Martha for the cheesecake, by the way, my toilet tells me you've got diabetes. That's not too polite.

I believe there are dunnies over there with giant faces.

They give you such a fright they certainly help you go in a rush.

Unfortunately, I think I still had my pants on at the time. They also had these swinging dunnies, but they can be a bit hit and miss.

You came across an interesting story about a mystery man who leaves money in toilets.

Yeah, some bloke they've never found leaves money in dunnies across Tokyo. He's dropped off about 2.8 million yen so far. They think he might be dying because his writing in the little notes he leaves is getting worse. It's a bit heart-rending. He must be lonely but wants to spread a bit of happiness. *Didn't you almost get arrested doing the story?*

We didn't do too much organising, we just rocked up to this place where we heard the money was found, which was some kind of police headquarters. They took a dim view of us taking a camera crew into a dunny.

After all that time on the road did you start to miss the Aussie dunnies? Truth be told, dunnies are much the

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'Truth be told, dunnies are much the same all over the world. It's got a lot to do with gravity'



same all over the world. It's got a lot to do with gravity. But as that sheila with the red slipper says, 'There's no place like home.'

I believe you're having a bit of a rest now, but your mate Shane Jacobson is keeping himself busy. He obviously fancies himself as a bit of a singer, doing that Guys And Dolls stage show.

He fancies himself as a lot of things, that bloke. He's always sticking his hand up, claiming credit for my movie

and my success. But, you know what, I never see him around.

I heard he's about to do a movie with Hoges

I've heard that too, but I don't think there's anything certain. It should have been Kenny and Hoges, but you know these actor types, they just jump in. He would never be able to escape from jail, that bloke. As soon as the searchlight would hit him he'd want to make a speech.



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