



## WW1: Fightin' the Kaiser

### The Performance

'...Australia Will Be There...' Or '...Cooee...digger!  
 Who'll come a Fightin' the Kaiser with Me?  
 We'll drink all his beer, and eat up all his sausages.  
 Who'll come a fightin' the Kaiser with me?'

**Fightin' the Kaiser** is a one – man vaudevillian melodrama incorporating the songs, poems, letters, anecdotes, reportage and reminiscences of the **ANZACS**.

Glen Phillips plays Gassy, a wounded vet eternally inhabiting the no man's land of a veteran's hospital. He talks, sings, jokes and rails at 'Young Tippen', his best mate; '...long dead on Anzac...' and now forever young in a portrait on his bureau.

Through caricature, larrikin humour and great WW1 songs, Gassy reflects upon the Great War. He jokes with Tippen about their recruitment in Sydney, teases him over their hi-jinks in Egypt, roars about the trials and tribulations of the Dardanelles and reflects on the great tragedy of the Western Front.

'You were lucky to cop it on Anzac Tippen! You missed the worst of it.'

A powerful WW1 drama with a sense of humour and great songs.

### Comments

"Thank you so very much coming to our school – AWESOME held the 13 – 14 year old students for 1.5 hours spellbound with WW1, and then weaved magic on 15 year olds on a Friday afternoon last period of the day – The performer is a truly gifted and talented gentleman. The show was directly relevant to our and the National curriculum. Engaged students and staff were drawn into the emotional journey of war. A difficult role inspiring executed." - **Mandurah Catholic College.**

"Your performance... was truly amazing, it gave such a personal aspect and I was blown away by the embodiment of the different characters, the sound effects and the voices... it was lovely to laugh and cry in the space of two minutes."  
 - **Student Meriden School.**

#### SUITABILITY:

Years 7 - 12

#### DURATION:

55 minutes + 15 minute Q&A

#### COST PER STUDENT:

\$7.70 (\$7 + 70c GST)

#### MINIMUM PER SESSION:

\$770 (\$700 + \$70 GST) if 100 students or less

#### NOTES:

Teacher Notes provided