

# MYSTERY ROAD

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## THE CAST

### Aaron Pedersen as JAY

Starring as Jay is Aaron Pedersen, who has had a significant presence in Australian film and television for more than a decade. Aaron originally studied journalism before he transitioned his career to his acting passion.

Aaron's television credits include *Jack Irish: Black Tide*, *Jack Irish: Bad Debts*, *City Homicide*, *East West 101*, *The Secret Life of Us*, *Water Rats*, *MDA*, *Grass Roots*, *BlackJack: Dead Memory* and, significantly, *The Circuit*, where he became one of the country's first Aboriginal leads on television.

Aaron has appeared in the feature films *Australia*, *Bad Karma*, *Darklovestory* - for which he won a Melbourne Underground Film Festival Award for Best Actor - *Queen of Hearts*, *Saturday Night* and *Dead Heart*.

He has also directed his own short documentary, *My Brother Vinnie*, for which he received the Best Short Documentary award at the Melbourne International Film Festival.

### Hugo Weaving as JOHNNO

Hugo Weaving joins the cast of *Mystery Road* as one Australia's most acclaimed screen actors. His impressive list of credits include the Australian and international feature films *Proof*, *Little Fish*, *The Matrix*, *V for Vendetta*, *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*, *The Adventures of Pricilla*, *Queen of the Desert*, *The Hobbit Trilogy*, *Cloud Atlas* and *Happy Feet*. He has won four AFI/ACCTA Awards for his performances and received another four nominations. Hugo has also been named an IF Award Living Legend and, with fellow cast members, won the Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture for *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* (2003).

### **Jack Thompson as MR. MURRAY**

Jack Thompson has been a mainstay on the Australian screen for over 30 years, with the accomplished actor considered one of our greatest ever. Jack's recent feature film credits include the Australian and international films *Mao's Last Dancer*, *Australia*, *December Boys*, *The Assassination of Richard Nixon*, *Yolngu Boy* and *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Jack was at the forefront of the renaissance of Australian cinema in the 1970s with starring roles in such classics as *Sunday Too Far Away*, *The Man From Snowy River*, *Caddie*, *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* and *Breaker Morant*. He won Cannes and AFI acting awards for the latter film. He has also received the IF Living Legend Award, the AFI (now AACTA) Raymond Longford Award and has been inducted into the Logies Hall of Fame.

### **Ryan Kwanten as PETE**

Ryan Kwanten is one of Australia's best-known young actors on the international stage. After an early career break on television's *Home and Away*, Ryan was cast in the US series *Law & Order SVU*, *Summerland*, *New Girl* and, famously, *True Blood*. Ryan has also starred in the Australian feature films *Griff the Invisible*, *Not Suitable for Children* and *Red Hill*.

### **Tony Barry as SERGEANT**

Tony Barry has been a regular in film and television as well as on stage for over 35 years. His recent credits include the television series *Rake*, *Paper Giants: The Birth of Cleo*, *Dirt Game* and *All Saints*. Tony's feature films include *Australia*, *Rest for the Wicked*, *Road to Nhill Home By Christmas* and *The Crop*.

### **David Field as MR. BAILEY**

David Field has developed his reputation as one of Australia's top character actors over more than two decades. He has featured in films such as *Chopper*, *Two Hands*, *\$9.99*, *The Oyster Farmer*, *The Nothing Men*, *Getting' Square*, *West* and the upcoming *The Rover*. His television credits are many, including recent series such as *Rake*, *City Homicide*, *The Circuit* and *Wilfred* and his memorable performance in the acclaimed telemovie *My Husband, My Killer* for which he won the AFI Best Actor Award. David was awarded the Australian Centenary Medal in the 2001 Queen's New Years Honors List for his services to Australian society and Australian film production.

### **Damian Walshe-Howling as WAYNE**

Damian Walshe-Howling has appeared in several feature films including *He Died with a Felafel in His Hand*, *The Reef*, *Ned Kelly*, *Macbeth* and *Kenny*. His television credits include *Bikie Wars: Brothers in Arms*, *Wilfred*, *Underbelly*, *Terra Nova*, *Panic at Rock Island*, *The Secret Life of Us* and *Satisfaction*.

### **Tasma Walton as MARY**

Tasma Walton has featured in Australian television and feature film productions as well as on stage and in radio. Her credits include the television series *City Homicide*, *Sea Patrol*, *The Secret Life of Us*, *McLeod's Daughters* and *White Collar Blue*. Tasma has also appeared in *Safety in Numbers*, *Subterano*, *Dreamland* and *Blessed*. She returned from her home in the US to appear in ***Mystery Road***.

### **Robert Mammone as CONSTABLE ROBERTS**

Robert Mammone is known for his appearances in both Australian and international film and television. His first major film was *The Crossing*, with Russell Crowe, and subsequent film credits include *The Matrix*, *The Condemned*, *The Dragon Pearl* and *Arctic Blast*. On television he appeared in *Home and Away*, *East West 101*, *Satisfaction*, *Carla Carmetti PD*, *Underbelly* and *The Alice*.

### **Samara Weaving as PEGGY**

Samara Weaving is an up and coming actress who is known for her roles in *Home and Away* and the BBC production *Out of the Blue*. Samara has also featured in the short-feature films *Steps*, which she also wrote and directed, and *Sprung*. The niece of co-star Hugo Weaving, ***Mystery Road*** is Samara's feature film debut.

### **Jack Charles as OLD BOY**

Jack Charles is an Australian Aboriginal actor, musician, potter, elder and "national treasure" and a member of the "Stolen Generation" being raised at the Box Hill boys home. Jack Charles was involved in establishing Indigenous theatre in Australia in 1971. His screen credits include the landmark Australian film *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* (1978), *Bedevil* (1993), *Blackfellas* (1993) and *Tom White* (2004).

### **Daniel Robert as MACCA**

Daniel Roberts has been performing in Australian film, television and on stage for over 30 years. Daniel's film credits include *Killer Elite*, *Dreamland*, *Mission Impossible II*, *Walking On Water* and *Blackwater Trail*. He also has an extensive list of credits in Australian television series, including *Water Rats*, *All Saints*, *Blue Heelers*, *Underbelly II: A Tale of Two Cities* and *Underbelly III: The Golden Mile*.

### **Bruce Spence as JIM**

Bruce Spence is a New Zealand actor having spent most of his career performing in Australia. Spence is a highly experienced actor, most known for his roles as the Gyro Captain in *Mad Max 2*, as Jedediah the pilot in *Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome* and as "Zedd" in *Legend of the Seeker*. He also performed the voice of Chum in *Finding Nemo*, the Mouth of Sauron in *The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*, the Trainman in the *Matrix Revolutions*, and Tion Medon in the *Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith*—the only actor to appear in all three final films of three major trilogies.

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### **Roy Billing as MICK**

Rounding out a stellar cast full of experience is Roy Billing, one Australia's most loved actors. Roy has featured in acclaimed features *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, *The Dish*, *The Bet*, *\$9.99*, *Unfinished Sky* and *A Heartbeat Away*. Roy's television credits are many and he has featured in, among others, *Underbelly*, *Rake*, *Hounds*, *Packed to the Rafters*, *Blue Heelers* and *Water Rats*. Roy's many awards and nominations include the AFI Award for Best Lead Actor in a Television Drama in 2009 for *Underbelly*.