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Title: **Don's Party**



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## Information

Release Title: Don's Party 10<sup>th</sup> November 1971 (Australia)

From:

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Release date: USA 27<sup>th</sup> May 1976

Origin: Australia.

Genre: Comedy-drama - Play

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 15+ X

Duration: 1h 30m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English,

Filming Locations: Elouera Road, Westleigh, New South Wales, Australia

Sound mix: Mono

Aspect ratio: 1:85:1

Colour: PAL

**Don's Party**



DVD cover

Directed by	<a href="#">Bruce Beresford</a>
Written by	<a href="#">David Williamson</a>
Produced by	<a href="#">Phillip Adams</a>
Starring	<a href="#">Ray Barrett</a>
	<a href="#">Candy Raymond</a>
	<a href="#">Clare Binney</a>
	<a href="#">Pat Bishop</a>
Edited by	<a href="#">William M. Anderson</a>
Production company	Double Head Productions
Distributed by	<a href="#">Phillip Adams</a>
	<a href="#">20th Century-Fox</a>
Release date	17 November 1976
Running time	90 minutes
Country	Australia
Language	English
Budget	AUS\$270,000 <sup>[3][4]</sup>
Box office	AUS\$871,000 (Australia)

## Storyline

Don Henderson is a schoolteacher living with his wife Kath and baby son in the Melbourne suburb of Lower Plenty. On the night of the 1969 federal election Don invites a small group of friends to celebrate a predicted Australian Labour Party (ALP) election victory, much to the dismay of his wife. To the party come Mal, Don's university mentor, and his bitter wife Jenny, sex-obsessed Cooley and his latest girlfriend, nineteen-year-old Susan, Evan, a dentist, and his beautiful artist wife Kerry. Somehow, two Liberal supporters, Simon and Jody also come.

As the party wears on it becomes clear that the Labour party, which is supported by Don and most of the guests, is not winning. As a result, alcohol consumption increases, and the sniping between Don and his male friends about their failed aspirations gets uglier, as does their behaviour toward the women. Mack, a design engineer whose wife has just left him, pulls out a nude photo of her for his friends' approval. Crass womaniser Cooley pursues the available women. The disillusioned wives exchange tales of their husbands' sub-par sexual performance. By the end of the night, Don and some of his friends have begun to grasp the emptiness of their compromised lives.

## Cast

Ray Barrett as Mal, a crass former psychologist, now practising as a management consultant  
Clare Binney as Susan, Cooley's 19-year-old girlfriend, a university student  
Pat Bishop, who was awarded the Australian Film Institute (AFI) Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role, as Jenny, Mal's long-suffering wife  
Graeme Blundell as Simon, a nervous accountant for an industrial plastic company and a Liberal supporter  
Jeanie Drynan as Kath Henderson, Don's wife, co-host of the party  
John Hargreaves as Don Henderson, host of the party, schoolteacher  
Harold Hopkins as Grainger Cooley, a sex-obsessed, loud-mouthed lawyer  
Graham Kennedy as Mack, a recently separated design engineer  
Veronica Lang, who was awarded the AFI Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role, as Jody.  
Candy Raymond as Kerry, a rude and snooty painter who has had four major art exhibitions  
Kit Taylor as Evan, Kerry's boyfriend, an uptight, socialist dentist  
John Gorton as himself (he was the incumbent Prime Minister of Australia at the election, and his party won a narrow victory) (cameo)  
Bruce Beresford as bottle shop attendant (cameo)

## Certification

Australia:R (original rating) Australia:MA (2005, re-rating) New Zealand:R18 Norway:16 United Kingdom:X United Kingdom:18 (video rating) United States:Not Rated West Germany:18

Sex & Nudity

Moderate

Violence & Gore

Mild

Profanity

Moderate

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Moderate

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Mild

MPAA Rated R for some strong graphic violence, pervasive strong language and brief nudity and sexuality

