

Ocker unblocker

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AS MANAGER of portable toilet company Splash Down, Kenny Smyth has heard and seen it all, but he never thought he would become the next “plop star”.

The hardworking dad is all about cleaning up other people’s business, but he is set to clean-up the box office in the matter-of-fact doco dubbed *Kenny*.

“Oh yeah, this has all been very unexpected and no one was more surprised than me when they came up and said they were going to bung my head onto a film,” the ocker unblocker says.

“It made as much sense as a caravan park on Pluto.

“When they said they wanted to make a film about the special events world through the eyes of Splash Down, I actually just thought they were doing it for a free ticket to a concert or something.”

When it comes to taking on the role of the leading man, Kenny finds the whole situation “un-fathomable”.

“I don’t know what it was that made them decide to follow me around.

“I think I am more like kryptonite, so I don’t know why they decided to focus on this peanut.

“I mean I haven’t saved anyone’s life and I haven’t cured cancer or I haven’t written a



PORTALOO GUY: Shane Jacobson as Kenny Smyth. Picture: STEVE COATES

great love song, I’m just plumbing toilets.”

The way Kenny sees it is that directors the Jacobson brothers (Shane and Clayton) use him as a conduit between the event industry and toilet plumbing industry. “I guess everyone likes a bit of entertainment and some toilet humour and this is a different back side to the industry.

“Spicy foods and curries definitely make a difference to my

work load and I think junk food in general.

“Junk food is in a bit of a rush to get out of a person, whereas if you eat healthy food I think your body encourages that and it will stick around for a bit longer.

“But junk food is in a rush to go somewhere and we call junk food the ‘balaclava poo poo bandit’ because it gets inside your guts and goes ‘right, everybody out’ so it’s a bit of a problem and it’s really when people start to freckle the bowls.

“The funny part is that in America they call toilets rest rooms, but I can guarantee you that people do everything but rest in our toilets – sometimes I swear the noises are like they are punching up gorillas.”

On the subject of reality fame, Kenny says it is best suited to someone else.

“I just want to keep plumbing and working with me mates and it’s not like you can put fame on the end of a plunger and unblock a toilet.

“Sure, a few people will probably recognise me, but I don’t think people will want to see much more of me head after this – I don’t know if there’ll be a Kenny Number Twos.”

■ Kenny is, in fact, actor Shane Jacobson. The mockumentary *Kenny* opens at cinemas this week.