

Emil Minty

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Born: Australia; c1973

Memorable as "**MAD MAX 2**"'s Feral Kid, a jackrabbit in furry loincloth and heavy metal hairstyle, back-flipping into dugouts and gnashing his teeth. He had a more prosaic role in the lame and tedious "women's movie" "**THE WINDS OF JARRAH**" as the youngest child of a dour widower father. Doubtless he supplemented his income in one or other of Australia's ultra-formulaic soaps.

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"Minty was not winsome, but full of character. His wildest role was as the Feral Kid in "**MAD MAX 2**", a terrifying child with a lethally sharp metal boomerang."

"Where Are They Now?" item from **Empire** – Feb 2001:

"Dear Empire: Whatever happened to "**MAD MAX 2**"'s lethal tyke, The Feral Kid, aka Emil Minty? He was finger-lickin' good!"

- Lee McGill, Hants

"A whippersnapper eight years old at the time, "**MAD MAX 2**" may have made Emil Minty something of a legend in his Sydney playground, but scaring the willies out of Mel Gibson's dystopian road warrior was not without its price: "I just ran around and did everything. I almost caught pneumonia I was doing such ridiculous hours," says Minty. "We'd be shooting til three in the morning then I'd go back to the hotel and they'd wake me up at six, and off we'd go again. But although it took its toll on me and I got pretty sick, '**MAD MAX 2**' was the highlight of my whole career. I loved it!"

Just one of the sequel's many futuristic Neanderthals, the Kid's weapon of choice – a razor-edged boomerang – also caused problems for the young Minty. "That was the hardest part of the movie for me, trying to catch it, even with that steel glove," he recalls.

"They'd be getting a few feet away and throwing it – the thing kept hitting me in the head! In the end they drilled four holes and connected the boomerang to a motor and a sound recording pole with fishing wire, and just moved it to my hand."

Still in possession of the offending item ("It's pretty blunt, but the weight of it – if you threw it at someone you could do some damage"), Minty is now married, and works as the manager of a Sydney jeweller's, having put his acting days behind him. "When I was doing '**The Flying Doctors**', I was flying between Melbourne and Sydney and trying to do my jeweller's course at Tech at the same time," he smiles. "I decided then that I wanted a normal life. " "

FILMOGRAPHY

<i>Year</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Role</i>
81	8	MAD MAX 2	as the "Feral kid"
82	9	FLUTEMAN	
82		MOMENTS	
82		RUBBISH	
83	10	THE WINDS OF JARRAH with <i>Mark Kounnas, Nikki Gemmel</i>	as Andy Marlow (who dies)
c86	13	The Haunted School with <i>Grant Navin, Beth Buchanan, Leigh Nicholls</i>	ch TV serial – as Patrick