

Troubie

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“A huge success.” *Teacher, Cannington Community College*

The Lucky Country is a very funny, often touching, one-woman show tracing the history of migration to Australia. It celebrates the cultural diversity of our country.

In **The Lucky Country** we meet six different people from six different eras. There's *Beth Barry* and her husband, ten-pound Poms from the '60's, *Afifa* the Lebanese footballing legend, and *Vittoria* the '50's Italian nurse with a great heaving bosom full of ice-cream, tears and motherly love. *Mimi* recalls the joy, desperation and perils of her sea voyage from Vietnam; *Ivana* simply wants to bury her past and the horrors of Kosovo and *Anisha*? *Anisha* is 'sooo embarrassed', embarrassed by her Indian grandfather who 'like...*“knew Ghandi”*...yeah sure!' He's always cracking dumb jokes like – *‘Reincarnation? Nice idea yeh? You get to come back to life! Just a couple of catches: First, you’ve got to die and second, you might come back as a cockroach.’*

Told with humour and compassion, the stories of our six brave people are universal stories of resilience, diversity and love.

The Performer

Eliane Morel is Australian born of mixed Vietnamese and English heritage. An accomplished comedienne, opera singer and actor, her background is in multicultural theatre.

Feedback

‘There has been very positive feedback about Elaine's presentation on Thursday. Teachers were very impressed by the content presented and the skills of the presenter. I was amazed by how captivated and engaged the Yr 8 students remained throughout the presentation. Many Yr 8 students have also given me positive feedback and thanked me for organising the event. I was impressed and so were other teachers who have commented that the content of the presentation has many applications across different subject areas.’ **Barker College.**

‘...the actress brought a sophisticated and valuable perspective to these everyday stories of arrival, bringing new colour to the palette of recent Australian history.’ **WA Museum.**

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| Duration: 55 Minutes + 15 mins optional for discussion. | Teachers' Notes Provided. |
| Suitability: 7-10 | |
| Cost Per Student: \$6.60 (\$6 + 60c GST) | |
| Minimum Per Session: \$660 (\$600 + \$60 GST) - If 100 Students or Less. | |