

= Kimberley Joseph =

Kimberley Joseph (born August 30 , 1973) is a Canadian Australian actress who is based in the United States . Joseph was born in Canada , raised on the Gold Coast in Australia , and educated in Switzerland . After returning to Australia , she began a degree at Bond University but dropped out at the age of 19 when she was cast in the soap opera Paradise Beach . She had no formal acting training but appeared in the soap for the 18 months it was produced . After Paradise Beach ended , she had casual work on Hey Hey It 's Saturday before co @-@ hosting the popular Seven Network series Gladiators .

After two series of Gladiators , Joseph was eager to return to acting , so took the role of villain Joanne Brennan in Home and Away from 1995 to 1996 . In 1999 , she moved to the United States to study acting at the Atlantic Theater Company in New York City , then spent 18 months unsuccessfully auditioning for roles in Los Angeles . In 2001 , she was cast as Jo Ellison in the British television series Cold Feet . She appeared in the fourth and fifth series and returned to Australia two days after filming the final episode in 2002 . In 2004 , she appeared in a major recurring role as Dr. Grace Connelly in six episodes of the Australian soap opera All Saints . She returned to America after filming All Saints , where she got a small role as flight attendant Cindy Chandler in the pilot episode of Lost . The role was supposed to be a one @-@ off in the pilot but a producer liked Joseph and the character , so brought her back for a recurring role in the second , third and sixth seasons . Away from acting , Joseph has been involved in efforts to highlight the effects of Soviet nuclear testing in Kazakhstan , including directing a short film .

= = Early life = =

Kimberley Joseph was born on August 30 , 1973 in Vancouver , British Columbia , Canada to Joe and Wendy . Joe , a Canadian businessman , met Wendy , an Australian air hostess , while she was in Canada . When Kimberley was three years old , the family moved to Australia 's Gold Coast , where she attended St Hilda 's School for the next nine years . The family travelled extensively in Europe , and Kimberley attended a private school in Montreux , Switzerland for four years . While there , she learned to speak French and Spanish . When she returned to Australia , she started a degree in arts and commerce at Bond University , though did not complete it .

= = Career = =

At the age of 19 , Joseph dropped out of University after getting the part of Cassie Barsby in the soap opera Paradise Beach . Like many of the cast , she had no formal acting training , though she turned this to her advantage with " exuberance and energy " . Joseph gained acting experience and friendships with Raelee Hill , Megan Connolly , and Isla Fisher , though the series was cancelled after only 18 months . After Paradise Beach ended , she began appearing in the Nine Network variety show Hey Hey It 's Saturday . Joseph had no contract with Nine , and was making the appearances as a favor to her friend , host Daryl Somers . Nine Network executives wanted to make her a regular on the show and began using her in publicity material . However , rival network Seven offered her a contract to co @-@ host Gladiators before Nine could make her Hey Hey contract permanent . Her defection to Seven in 1995 caused a small scandal . She described hosting Gladiators as " tough and scary " on account of the live audience . She appeared for three seasons and some international specials before taking the role of Joanne Brennan in Home and Away in an effort to get away from presenting . The character , a secretary who dealt drugs to school children , appeared from 1995 to 1996 . She left the soap with the possibility of returning to the character later . Alongside her role in Home and Away , she appeared in a play with Geoffrey Hughes .

Until 1999 , she continued working as a " jobbing actress " , making appearances in Hercules : the Legendary Journeys and Sale of the Century , and Tales of the South Seas . Eager to move away from soap opera acting , Joseph moved to the United States to study acting with the Atlantic Theater Company in New York City . She then moved to Los Angeles , where she spent 18 months living off

her savings trying to get auditions . In those 18 months , her only jobs were a single commercial and a job interviewing LA @-@ based film actors for Australian television . In 2001 , her lawyer informed her that she would have to travel to Sydney , Australia to be interviewed for her green card . On the day she was due to fly back to Australia , her agent informed her of an audition for the British television series Cold Feet , whose producer was looking for an Australian actress to become a new main cast member . Two weeks later she had moved to Manchester , England and was doing script read @-@ throughs with the rest of the cast . Her character , Jo Ellison , appeared in all episodes of the fourth and fifth series . Two days after filming the final episode in 2002 , Joseph left Britain and returned to Australia .

In 2004 , she appeared on Australian television for the first time since 1999 , playing Dr. Grace Connelly in six episodes of All Saints . The day after she completed filming of her scenes , she returned to Los Angeles for the pilot season . She got a small part as a flight attendant in the pilot episode of Lost . Joseph 's scenes , on an airplane set , were filmed over two and a half days in Los Angeles . An early script draft of the pilot called for her character to be seen dead on a beach , though subsequent rewrites removed the scene . A producer liked Joseph and her character , and planned to bring both back to the series at a later date . She returned at the beginning of the second season , when it was revealed that her character , given the name Cindy Chandler , had survived the plane crash in the pilot episode along with other passengers from the tail section of the plane . Despite being asked not to change her appearance too much after the pilot , Joseph had her hair cut , so in her first few episodes of the second season she had to " go through the whole debacle of putting a Rambo scarf around [her] head , which just looked ridiculous . " Her episodes for season two were filmed over five weeks and were broadcast in 2005 . Her character was abducted in the middle of an episode and was not seen again until in the third season , when Joseph reprised the role for two episodes and the whereabouts of her character are revealed . Joseph resumed the role for the sixth and final season in 2010 .

Joseph also filmed minor roles in two Ron Howard films ; in Frost / Nixon (2008) , she portrayed tennis champion Evonne Goolagong , and she had a minor role in Angels & Demons (2009) . Although of a different ethnicity to Goolagong , she was cast in Frost / Nixon because she had the " right look " . Both of her scenes were cut from the films before release .

Currently (2011) Joseph appears as the featured actress in television commercials for HughesNet , the satellite @-@ based Internet Service Provider .

In 2013 , Joseph appeared in Linkin Park 's music video for their single Castle of Glass . Joseph played the bereaved wife of a deceased Navy SEAL .

= = Personal life = =

Joseph lives in Los Angeles , where she is based for acting . She has been involved in Aid International projects highlighting the effects of Soviet nuclear testing in Semey , Kazakhstan . In 2003 she visited the area with Scottish MEP Struan Stevenson , where she photographed victims of radiation poisoning . The photographs were displayed in the Scottish Parliament building in 2004 and published in Stevenson 's book Crying Forever in 2006 . She returned to the area with Stevenson in July 2008 and has developing a documentary film to attract international attention to the area . The 13 @-@ minute film , entitled When the Dust Settles , premiered on 12 November 2009 at the Birch Carroll & Coyle cinema in Southport , Queensland .

Joseph and partner Scott Chrisman have a son , Gabriel , born in 2013 .

= = Filmography = =

As host

Gladiators (1995 ? 1996)

Gladiators : The Ashes 1 (1995 ? 1996)

International Gladiators 2 (1996)

As director

When the Dust Settles (2009 ; documentary short)