

= Paul Robinson (Neighbours) =

Paul Stewart Robinson is a fictional character from the Australian television soap opera Neighbours , a long @-@ running serial drama about social life in the fictional Melbourne suburb of Erinsborough . He is played by Stefan Dennis . Paul was created by producer Reg Watson as one of Neighbours ' original characters . He debuted in the first episode of the show broadcast on 18 March 1985 and is currently the sole remaining original cast member . Paul appeared on a regular basis until 1992 when Dennis quit Neighbours to pursue work elsewhere . He agreed to reprise the role for a guest appearance in 1993 . Dennis returned to the show full @-@ time in 2004 and has since remained in the role . Dennis views his decision to leave Neighbours as a mistake .

Early character development during 1980s episodes changed Paul into a powerful , arrogant and sometimes villainous business man . Paul has an evil persona which has long been admired by Dennis for the entertainment value it creates . But in 2007 Paul 's evil ways were mellowed through a brain tumour story which brought the character inline with producer 's vision of reinventing the show . The character has been used to play various stories ranging from money laundering , a leg amputation to being held hostage and incarceration for crimes . He is often portrayed concocting scams against fellow characters . As a prominent character Neighbours writers designed their 6000th episode around Paul . The story was dubbed " Who Pushed P.R. ? " and Paul was pushed from a mezzanine by an unseen assailant . The character 's attack created a long @-@ running whodunit mystery . Paul has had five marriages and countless affairs , which has gained him notoriety as a womaniser . Paul 's evil character and womanising have been well received by critics of the genre who were entertained . The actor has garnered various award nominations for his portrayal of Paul .

= = Casting = =

In 1984 , Stefan Dennis received a phone call from his agent who told him about an audition for a new soap called Neighbours . Dennis said " I wasn 't that keen because I was more interested in a feature film I had auditioned for and felt sure I was going to get " . Dennis originally auditioned for the roles of Shane Ramsay and Des Clarke (the roles were later given to Peter O 'Brien and Paul Keane respectively) , but was cast as Paul Robinson instead . Neighbours was cancelled by Seven Network seven months after its debut . However , it was revived by Network Ten and Dennis reprised his role as Paul from January 1986 onwards . He is the only current cast member who appeared in the first episode on 18 March 1985 .

In 1992 , Dennis quit the role because he no longer felt challenged as an actor , he stated : " I was literally walking through it , I thought ' this is not good for acting , this doesn 't keep me fresh at all , time to move on ' . " Dennis has said that one of his favourite moments was being asked to come back and celebrate Neighbours ' 2000th episode .

= = Character development = =

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Paul was originally the quiet member of his family and had worked as an air steward . Paul 's failed marriage to Terry Inglis (Maxine Klibingaitis) altered his personality and he became self @-@ centred . Network Ten publicity assessed that it turned him " bitter and cynical " . He worked to become a powerful businessman managing the Lassisters complex and developed many overpowering traits which left him viewed by others as a money @-@ grabbing control freak . But the character was not left without kindness and shared his more generous moments with his grandmother Helen Daniels (Anne Haddy) . He has been described as having the ability to notice talent in others , employing those who shared his ambition and nous .

Portrayed for most of his tenure as a deceiving villain , Paul can often be viewed participating in

unpredictable stories . This arbitrary nature lead Dennis to proclaim " he 's a character you never get bored with . Even during times when storylines aren 't centred on my character , the writers still come up with little twists for him all the time . " Network Ten branded Paul a high flying business man who enjoyed womanising until he met Gail Lewis (Fiona Corke) . Other labels the character has are " lothario " and " serial cheat " because of his ill @-@ treatment of the opposite sex . Upon his 2004 return he was portrayed stuck in his old ways . The writer added Paul was committing dodgy deals and deceiving his neighbours in a bid for revenge . The character despises pity , has a damaged personality and can never be faithful to a romantic partner . Dennis branded Paul as " Mr. Evil " because of Paul 's harsh treatment of women , observing that his character treated them like toys , throwing them away when he was bored .

When producers realised that Paul 's behaviour had gone too far , they considered killing him off . Dennis commented " As an actor , I had the best time because this character just got more evil and more sneaky , more of a cad and a womaniser and it just escalated where it got to the point where it just got silly . It was ridiculous for the supposed reality of the show . " The actor also said that he accepted the producers decision to kill his character off when they explained that they did not know where to take him . However , the show 's then executive producer Ric Pellizzeri decided to save the character and redeem him by giving him a brain tumour . Following the removal of the brain tumour , Paul mellowed in his evil ways . Of Paul 's dramatic change to his personality , post brain tumour , Dennis compared the differences stating : " He 's changed back to where he was 18 odd years ago . What he has become is the same Paul he was back then when he was a very ambitious young entrepreneur with Lassiters and Robinson Corporation . But the difference now is that he is older and wiser and therefore a lot more shrewd and a lot more careful . Post brain tumor , he is no longer evil , more ruthless than evil . Ruthless with a conscience and emotion . "

Although Paul changed his ways to an extent , he still shows signs of being evil . Dennis has stated that he and fellow cast member , Alan Fletcher (Karl Kennedy) purposely portray hints of his former self . Of this Dennis stated : " I like to keep that boiling under the surface so that the audience will always think ' what is he up to next ? ' . You never quite know if he will burst out into Mr. Evil or stay as the character he is at the moment . Alan Fletcher keeps it alive as well , by always looking out the corner of his eye and thinking ' I just don 't trust you ! ' " Dennis later defended his character to the Birmingham Post after he was branded an evil character , describing him in his early years : " Paul started out as a university student , which people have forgotten , he was studying engineering then , much to his father 's disgust , left to join an airline and became a trolley dolly . He later became a bit of a cad but I wouldn 't call him a villain . I 'd describe him as a bad boy with a conscience " . Dennis has also stated that he loves playing Paul as a " baddie " , because in his opinion he is so colourful , not just an average bad guy , adding : " He 's not just a black and white bad guy , he 's a sneaky bastard . He 's the smiling baddie " .

= = = Relationships = = =

Paul enjoyed a relationship with Terri , he believed he really loved her . She tried to defraud him and later kill him . These events have a knock on effect which plagues his relationship with Gail raising many trust issues . He has been described as " unlucky in love " during his early years in the serial .

During an interview with entertainment website Digital Spy Dennis discussed Paul 's later relationships in depth . Paul 's relationship with Lyn Scully (Janet Andrewartha) was short lived , he mistreated her but ultimately in a twist for the character , he did the right thing . Dennis describes this as : " The Lyn story was quite sincere , but he had the good sense on the day of the wedding to tell her that he was no good . So he obviously cared about Lyn , but then she came back and haunted him . " His relationship with Rebecca Napier (Jane Hall) at times can be fiery , of this Dennis said : " I want to see Paul and Rebecca be like Angie and Dirty Den . I think Rebecca is capable of that . She plays a fiery character and is a very strong . Paul needs somebody who is absolutely there for him and adores him , but will take no shit from him and stand up and fight as hard as she does . "

Paul 's relationship with his children is often non @-@ conventional , however he has a close bond with his daughter Elle Robinson (Pippa Black) , Dennis describes this , adding : " (She 's ' a chip off the old block ') and even though Elle annoys Paul sometimes , they are always there for each other . Paul adores his daughter and I think it works both ways . "

= = = Return = = =

Following an eleven year hiatus producers asked Dennis to return to Neighbours for the 20th anniversary episodes . But their talks resulted in Dennis agreeing to return full @-@ time . Alan Dale who played his on @-@ screen father , Jim Robinson helped Dennis to make the decision to return . Dennis has since admitted that he made a mistake quitting Neighbours in 1992 . He explained " I was stupid . I thought I was going to go to Hollywood and conquer the world , and I didn 't . " Dennis ' return made Paul the only original character still appearing on Neighbours . The actor continued to publicise his commitment to staying on the show long @-@ term .

The character was reintroduced during the 2004 series finale . The episode focused on a fire at the Lassiter 's complex which destroys the local pub , hotel , doctor 's surgery and coffee shop . Paul 's arrival coincidences with the fire which makes him a suspect . His return forms the end of season cliff @-@ hanger and Australian viewers had to wait months before Paul 's return continued on @-@ screen . Dennis told Jason Herbison from Inside Soap that " judging from his first appearance he certainly does look guilty . " He teased that Paul is " very enigmatic " and his motives for committing the crime remain unclear . Dennis professed his love for his character 's mysterious agenda but noted that Paul had " grown and matured " during his absence . Producer Peter Dodds believed that Paul 's return gave his writers numerous stories . He detailed that it allowed the return of other past characters and " kick @-@ started a whole new web of deceit and lies " within the show . He concluded that it made Neighbours more dramatic ever since .

= = = Izzy Hoyland = = =

The character was paired with fellow resident Izzy Hoyland (Natalie Bassingthwaite) who shared a deceptive personality with him . This created many stories for both characters as they plotted against their neighbours . Dennis stated " the Paul and Izzy relationship was fantastic , it was very popular . Izzy was an interesting character because she was very emotional and insecure . That 's what drove her evil ways . She had a bit of a soulmate in Paul . " Dennis believed that the pair could not have worked long @-@ term because they would have destroyed each other .

Izzy was in a relationship with Karl when writers began working on material for the new duo . Karl had been played as the arch @-@ enemy of Paul , as they previously feuded . Izzy faces a problems in her relationship and turns to Paul for romance . Karl spends time away from Izzy leaving her free to conduct her affair . He returns to fight for his partner but nearly catches Izzy in bed with Paul . He leaves an expensive watch behind which Karl finds . Izzy pretends that she has purchased it for Karl and he lauds the accessory over Paul . Fletcher told Herbison (Inside Soap) that Karl is jealous of Paul and relishes the opportunity to show off his gift and boast about Izzy . He was keen for his character to discover Izzy 's infidelity so Karl and Paul could have a confrontation . Izzy goes into business with Paul and Karl tries to warn her that Paul is untrustworthy . He is unsuspecting and does not believe Izzy would be attracted to Paul . The story provides insight to Izzy who needs stability from Karl and excitement which Paul provides her .

= = = Leg amputation = = =

One of Paul 's main storylines culminated in him having his leg amputated after an accident . The storyline has received some criticism as Paul was shown on different occasions not limping with his false leg . Dennis explained during an interview how the production team helped ensure to make his limp appear more effectively , stating " They made me a splint which actually makes me sort of limp , but keeps my foot rigid so it looks like I actually do have a non @-@ moving piece . One time I did

change my leg , as in I swapped it over and limped on the other one to see if anyone noticed . " Dennis revealed in May 2011 , that he wears a brace on his leg as remembering which leg to limp on was becoming a " little distracting . "

= = = Robert 's revenge campaign = = =

Paul had been uninvolved in the upbringing of all his children . This provided producers with scope to introduce estranged family members . In 2006 , writers devised a long @-@ running storyline in @-@ which Paul 's son Robert (Adam Hunter) plans a revenge campaign against his father . Robert 's motives for his vendetta stem from Paul not being around while he grew up . Paul was happy that he had triplet children Elle , Robert and Cameron Robinson (also played by Hunter) back in his life . He tries to make amends with Robert and attempts to bond with him unaware that he is being plotted against . Writers decided to mark the show 's 5000th episode with the story and Robert takes Paul hostage down a mineshaft . Dennis filmed the scenes in a filthy studio set surrounded by cameras , lighting and crew . He told Herbison (Inside Soap) that he found it difficult to pretend he was trapped underground .

Dennis explained that his character is oblivious to Robert 's intentions and believes Robert is taking him on a family camping holiday . When Robert has Paul alone he drugs him and take him to the mineshaft . Robert admits to causing the plane crash which killed the Bishop family , intending Paul , Elle and Izzy to die . Dennis explained that Robert " really goes to town telling Paul what a terrible father he 's been and how he 's going to pay for it now . " Robert gloats about his successful scheming and seals the entrance to the mine leaving Paul for dead . But Katya Kinski (Dichen Lachman) begins to suspect that Robert is mentally ill and it is up to her to convince other residents and save Paul from death . Paul escapes but Katya is next to be kidnapped by Robert because he is infatuated with her . She decides to humour Robert in the hope he will return her to Erinsborough . But Robert discovers that Paul plans to marry his mother Gail . He is unaware that it is a ruse set @-@ up by authorities to arrest him . Katya convinces Robert that they should not leave together because he has a final chance to kill Paul at the wedding .

The sham wedding was originally suggested by Izzy in jest and she is shocked that Paul and Gail organise the nuptials . Dennis explained that Robert 's " ultimate goal is to destroy Paul " . By giving him a time and place to target Paul they plan to trap him . The pair exchange wedding vows which are not binding . But Robert does not surface which angers Paul . He begins to shout and orders Robert to show up and confront him . Robert is enticed by Paul 's goading and he approaches his father . Dennis said that the pair have a " massive showdown " and the psychotic character pulls a gun and shoots Paul . Following his latest crimes Robert surrenders and is arrested . The fake wedding provided Paul writers with the chance to explore Paul and Gail 's relationship which had served their characters during 1980s episodes of Neighbours . Dennis said that the chemistry that existed in 1987 was still present between the pair . On @-@ screen his relationship with Izzy begins to suffer but the wedding makes Paul remember his past shared with Gail . The actor recalled filming the wedding made him question whether Paul and Gail were still in love . In the episode various character 's notice their feelings which angers Izzy . The story ends in tragedy and loss for Paul . Katya accepts a lift from Cameron and their neighbour Max Hoyland (Stephen Lovatt) spots Katya in the car . Max mistakes Cameron for Robert and believes Katya is in danger . In an attempt to rescue her Max knocks Cameron over and kills him . Lachman warned that it was the start of a new story in which Paul wants revenge on Max and issues him with a " chilling threat " .

= = = Who Pushed P.R. ? = = =

In July 2010 , it was revealed that Paul would be central to the serial 's 6000th episode . Executive producer Susan Bower had hinted previously that the milestone would involve Paul and Alan Fletcher teased audiences with the revelation that something horrible would happen to an iconic character . Of Paul 's involvement and the reasoning behind it Bower explained : " As Stefan Dennis ? Paul Robinson ? was in the first episode 25 years ago , it was decided that his character play a

most important role in this very special event [...] Paul Robinson , or P.R as we like to call him , has been up to his usual tricks over the past few weeks and everyone on Ramsay Street is becoming really sick of him . What will they do about it ? " It was then announced the plot would be a whodunnit style arc , in which Paul is left fighting for his life after being pushed from the mezzanine level of Lassiter 's Hotel .

The episodes were structured with a five episode build up prior to the 6000th episode , a new suspect being revealed in each . UK broadcaster Channel 5 posted an official statement : " With so many enemies , it will be hard to narrow down who had the motive to harm him . Who pushed P.R ? " . Jane Badler who plays Diana Marshall in the serial compared the storyline to that of the Who shot J.R. ? storyline from American soap opera Dallas . On @-@ screen the storyline progresses as new character Mark Brennan (Scott McGregor) , tries to solve the mystery .

= = Storylines = =

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Paul is the oldest child of Jim Robinson (Alan Dale) and his wife Anne . His half sister Julie (Vikki Blanche ; Julie Mullins) was born the year afterward followed by brother Scott (Darius Perkins ; Jason Donovan) , half brother Glen (Richard Huggett) and finally his youngest sister Lucy (Kylie Flinker ; Sasha Close ; Melissa Bell) . Anne died giving birth to Lucy , when Paul was only twelve and Paul 's grandmother , Helen moved into the Robinson house to help Jim with the children . Paul was her self @-@ confessed favourite .

Paul marries Terry Inglis after a whirlwind relationship . However , Terry shoots Paul when he finds out she killed her ex @-@ boyfriend and she goes on the run . Terry is eventually arrested and later commits suicide in prison . Paul meets Gail Lewis for the second time , having worked with her previously , when she applies for a job at the Daniels Corporation . They both agree to enter into a marriage of convenience in order to secure a business agreement , but soon develop genuine feelings for each other and they renew their vows . That same year Paul learns that he has fathered a child , Amy (Nicolette Minster ; Sheridan Compagnino) , with Nina Williams (Leigh Morgan) .

Gail becomes convinced that Paul will lose interest in IVF treatment or adoption , but Paul becomes more committed to having children with her . After IVF treatment , Gail becomes pregnant with triplets , however , Paul starts working hard and becomes detached from Gail . After the death of her father Rob Lewis (Ernie Bourne) , Gail decides to leave him and immigrate to Tasmania where she gives birth to Elle (Pippa Black) , Robert and Cameron . The couple later divorce . Paul faces financial troubles when Hilary Robinson (Anne Scott @-@ Pendlebury) withdraws her funding of the Daniels Corporation .

Paul leases his house to twin sisters Christina (Gayle Blakeney) and Caroline Alessi (Gillian Blakeney) . Christina falls in love with Paul and after a short romance and a quick engagement , the couple marry . Shortly after , Christina becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son , Andrew (Shannon Holmes) . Paul suffers a nervous breakdown and cheats on Christina with Caroline . The couple eventually reunite and they leave to manage a branch of Lassiter 's in Hawaii . Paul later returns to the street where he gets his brother @-@ in @-@ law , Philip Martin (Ian Rawlings) , involved in a fraud scandal . Paul then flees to Brazil and asks Christina to join him . He returns for Helen 's birthday , but the celebration is ruined when he is forced to flee the country on fraud charges . Paul returns to Australia after the death of Helen and is sentenced to seven years ' imprisonment , of which he serves three .

= = = 2004 ? = = =

Paul returns to Erinsborough and sets fire to the Lassiter 's complex . He also kills Gus Cleary (Ben Barrack) , when Gus catches him . Paul helps rebuild the complex and reclaims Lassiter 's for himself . Paul has affairs with both Izzy Hoyland (Natalie Bassingthwaight) and Liljana Bishop (

Marcella Russo) . He later frames Liljana 's husband , David (Kevin Harrington) for fraud . Paul strikes a deal with Affirmacon to build on Ramsay Street and he gets his protégé Dylan Timmins (Damien Bodie) to pollute the local wetlands . When Paul wants to pull out of the deal , he is taken to the bush and beaten up . Paul escapes and falls down a cliff , badly breaking his leg . While Paul recovers in hospital , his leg becomes infected and is amputated . Paul 's sister , Lucy , encourages him to make a proper home for himself in Erinsborough and he moves into Number 22 . Paul begins a relationship with Izzy and his estranged daughter Elle moves in . To celebrate the Lassiter 's Hotel 20th anniversary , Paul and several of his neighbours go on a joy flight to Tasmania . During the flight , a bomb explodes causing the plane to crash into the sea . Paul , Izzy and Elle survive .

Paul 's son , Robert , arrives in the guise of his twin , Cameron . Robert alienates Paul from everyone , before drugging and trapping him in an old mineshaft . Robert confesses to planting the bomb on the plane and sending a poisoned letter to Paul . Robert collapses the entrance to the mine and leaves Paul to die . Paul is eventually rescued and he grows closer to Gail when she returns to town . Paul and Gail hold a fake wedding to lure Robert out of hiding and he shoots Paul , who survives due to a bullet proof vest . Paul goes on a downward spiral and flirts with several women , attempts to blackmail Carmella Cammeniti (Natalie Blair) and betrays Lyn Scully (Janet Andrewartha) . When Max accidentally kills Cameron , Paul decides to shoot Max in revenge , but he is talked out of it . Paul begins a relationship with Lyn and they become engaged . However , after kissing Rosetta Cammeniti (Natalie Saleeba) in the lead up to the wedding , Paul admits to Lyn that he cannot be faithful to her just minutes after they marry . Having sold half of Lassiter 's , keeping a 49 % share for himself , Paul decides to regain full control . Knowing Oliver Barnes (David Hoflin) owns shares in Lassiter 's , Paul tries to break up with relationship with Carmella and get him to date Elle .

Elle manages to convince Paul to sign over his share of Lassiter 's to her and she leaves him with nothing . Paul has a brain tumour removed and he loses his memory . He later apologises to his neighbours for all the bad things he did . Paul begins a relationship with Oliver 's mother , Rebecca Napier , and she and her youngest son , Declan (James Sorensen) , move in with him . Remembering that he murdered Gus , Paul confesses all to the police and Gus 's sister Laura (Jodi Flockhart) . The police inform Paul that they will not be pursuing the case , while Laura and her boyfriend Nick Thompson (Marty Grimwood) try to blackmail Paul by kidnapping Declan . Paul has an affair with Kirsten Gannon (Nikola Dubois) and Rebecca ends their relationship . Paul regains his assets from Elle and he buys the Erinsborough News . Paul briefly dates Cassandra Freedman (Tottie Goldsmith) , but he and Rebecca soon reconcile . Paul is initially blamed for his half @-@ sister Jill Ramsay 's (Perri Cummings) death . He goes on the run , but his name is cleared by Jill 's daughter Sophie (Kaiya Jones) . When Paul and Rebecca get engaged , Lyn interrupts their wedding to announce she and Paul are still married . After divorcing Lyn , Paul marries Rebecca .

Paul 's youngest son , Andrew (now played by Jordan Smith) , comes to stay with his father . Paul suffers financial difficulties and embezzles money from Lassiter 's . He also frames Declan for an accident at a building site , that he himself caused . Diana Marshall (Jane Badler) comes to Erinsborough to find evidence of Paul 's embezzlement . Paul asks her to take over Lassiter 's with him and they have sex . Rebecca gives Paul an ultimatum ; leave Lassiter 's or leave the family . He then hands over management of the hotel to Declan for six months . Paul discovers Diana is working with Declan to remove him from the company and he contacts Rosemary Daniels (Joy Chambers) , who fires Diana . Meanwhile , Paul threatens Declan . When Rebecca finds out about Paul 's affair and threats towards Declan , she pushes him from the Lassiter 's mezzanine . Paul survives and blackmails Rebecca into staying with him , causing their marriage to deteriorate . Rebecca later convinces Paul to sign an affidavit , which states that his fall was an accident , and she leaves him and the country . Paul falls out with local councillor Ajay Kapoor (Sachin Joab) and plots to ruin Ajay 's career , after the local police station is closed down and merged with another .

Paul makes sure a house party in Ramsay Street is gatecrashed and then writes an article about how the police were late to the scene because of the merger . Susan Kennedy (Jackie Woodburne) learns Paul sent the gatecrashers to the party and tells the press . Paul is forced to step down as editor . He then hires public relations consultant Zoe Alexander (Simone Jade Mackinnon) to

improve his image . Paul and Zoe briefly date and Paul unsuccessfully tries to get the editor 's job back from Susan . Paul 's nieces Sophie and Kate (Ashleigh Brewer) move in with him . Paul and Andrew purchase Charlie 's bar together and Paul beings an affair with Ajay 's wife , Priya (Menik Gooneratne) . After Andrew collapses , he tells Paul that he has epilepsy . Paul tries to take Charlie 's away from him , but soon relents . Priya ends the affair and Ajay finds out about it . Paul sells the Erinsborough News to fund his plan of turning the top two floors of Lassiter 's into apartments . Paul grieves for Priya when she dies after an explosion at a wedding reception on Lassiter 's grounds . Ajay files a civil action against Paul and a preliminary police report indicates negligence on Paul 's part , but a gas bottle is found to have come from faulty stock .

Paul uses Rhiannon Bates (Teressa Liane) to help him bribe councillor Allan Hewitt (Mick Preston) and Rhiannon reports them to the police . Lucy tells Paul that she has been promoted to head of Lassiter 's Worldwide and gets his apartment plans approved . She also hires Terese Willis (Rebekah Elmaloglou) as the new manager of Lassiter 's Hotel . Paul is accused of sexual harassment by Caroline Perkins (Alinta Chidzey) , but Terese manages to get Caroline to drop the lawsuit by giving her a settlement . Mason Turner (Taylor Glockner) asks for Paul 's help when Robbo Slade (Aaron Jakubenko) starts blackmailing him . Paul hires Marty Kranic (Darius Perkins) to take care of Robbo , who is later hit by a car . Paul pays Marty off for services rendered . Jack Lassiter (Alan Hopgood) returns to Erinsborough and warns Paul about putting business before family . Jack confesses to Paul that he is giving his fortune away because he is dying . Paul and Mason believe Marty killed Robbo , but he denies it and then threatens to implicate Paul .

Paul offers to manage Georgia Brooks ' (Saskia Hampele) singing career and gets her to sign over the rights to her song . Paul then gives the song to Amali Ward , but she decides against recording it . Paul attempts to sue Georgia , but drops the case when he learns Jack has died . He then asks for his fraud conviction to be removed from his criminal record , so he can run for mayor . Karl unsuccessfully runs against him . Paul seeks to separate the hotel from the Lassiter 's chain to enable him to sack Terese . However , Terese quits her job and Paul threatens to sue her . Lucy persuades Paul to re @-@ hire Terese and he keeps the hotel within the Lassiter 's chain . Paul learns Rebecca works for a civic project called Twin Cities and forges Karl 's signature on a cover letter to get Rebecca to return . Paul tells Rebecca that he became mayor for her because he still loves her . Paul asks Rebecca to move back to Erinsborough , but she refuses . Paul disapproves when Kate gets back together with Mark Brennan . They reconcile just before she is fatally shot . Paul blames Mark for Kate 's death .

Paul 's nephew , Daniel (Tim Phillipps) , arrives in town and agrees to stay with him . Paul re @-@ opens Charlie 's and announces that it has been renamed The Waterhole , a name chosen by Kate before she died . After purchasing a painting from Naomi Canning (Morgana O 'Reilly) , Paul learns from the police that its ownership is disputed . He asks Naomi for his money back , but she tells him she has spent it . Paul then asks Naomi to have sex with him , in exchange for him not pressing charges against her . Naomi blackmails Paul into dropping the charges . Paul and Mark join forces to find Kate 's killer . Matt Turner (Josef Brown) informs Paul that Victor Cleary (Richard Sutherland) , Gus 's younger brother , has become a suspect in Kate 's murder . Paul realises that he may be responsible for Kate 's death . He buys a gun and meets with Victor who taunts Paul about killing Kate , before Matt and Mark arrive . Mark tackles Paul and Matt arrests Victor . Paul develops depression , knowing that his actions were responsible for Kate 's death , and Terese tries to help him . After a public meltdown , Paul is suspended as mayor . He begins volunteering at Sonya 's (Eve Morey) garden nursery , while Lucy also helps him overcome his grief .

Sheila Canning (Colette Mann) encourages Paul to start dating again , and he has a number of casual relationships using a dating app . He falls out with Daniel when he puts his romance with Amber Turner (Jenna Rosenow) before work . After they argue , Daniel and Amber go out into a tornado that hits Erinsborough . Paul goes after them and his car is hit by a dislodged skip . Daniel and Amber rescue him . He suffers broken ribs and a cracked prosthetic . Paul decides he is ready to be mayor again and organises a media gathering at Sonya 's Nursery , but it has to be postponed when the nursery is vandalised . Paul discovers Jayden Warley (Khan Oxenham) was behind the vandalism , and he blackmails Jayden 's mother Sue Parker (Kate Gorman) into stepping down as

interim mayor . Dakota Davies (Sheree Murphy) , a fling from Paul 's time in Brazil , arrives in Erinsborough and tells Paul that he abandoned her without explanation to return to Australia in 2004 . Paul 's memories of this are unclear due to his brain tumour , but he agrees to help her set up a bar . Paul falls in love with Dakota , but he soon learn that she is involved in diamond smuggling . She leaves after asking him for money .

When Terese goes through a rough patch in her marriage to Brad (Kip Gamblin) , Paul arranges her former boss , Ezra Hanley (Steve Nation) , to come to Erinsborough , with the intention of breaking up the Willis ' marriage . However , Ezra tries to force himself on Terese and is fired from Lassiter 's . When he tries to sue Paul and Terese , Paul pays Gary Canning (Damien Richardson) to attack Ezra . When Gary confesses to the police , Paul gives him more money to keep quiet about their arrangement . Paul hires Naomi to organise the Erinsborough Festival , two weeks of events celebrating the suburb . Hilary Robinson returns and convinces Paul to reinstate some of the community services . Paul tries to stop Daniel and Amber 's wedding by sending Amber away on a photography trip and planning for her flight to be cancelled , so she will not make the wedding . He also asks Des Clarke (Paul Keane) to talk to Daniel about the dangers of marrying the wrong person . Imogen Willis (Ariel Kaplan) forces Paul to bring Amber back , but he realises Imogen loves Daniel and tells Amber . Daniel fails to appear for the wedding after he goes looking for Imogen . Paul realises Nina Tucker (Delta Goodrem) is in town and with help from Lou and Karl , he convinces her to sing at the festival 's closing concert .

Nick Petrides (Damien Fotiou) informs Paul that he has leukaemia and he starts him on a course of chemotherapy . Paul hires Naomi as his assistant and she helps to keep his diagnosis a secret . When Paul collapses , he calls Karl for help and tells him about his diagnosis . Nick tells Paul that his body has stopped responding to the chemotherapy . Paul wants Karl to succeed him as mayor and he asks Naomi to find his daughter Amy . While Naomi is encouraging Paul to be more positive , she kisses him . She apologises , but they both develop feelings for each other . Paul asks Naomi to shave his head when his hair starts falling out , and he sells Lassiter 's to the Quill Group . Paul collapses from pneumonia and is hospitalised . Nick tells Paul that his cancer is in remission , but Georgia claims that Paul never had cancer and Nick is found to have doctored Paul 's patient files . He is arrested soon after . Paul tries to forget about his feelings for Naomi , by pushing her and Brennan back together . However , Naomi discovers their plan and breaks up with Brennan . The Quill Group sell Lassiter 's back to Paul and he and Naomi kiss . Amy (Zoe Cramond) turns up at the penthouse and is angered when Paul does not immediately recognise her , she later leaves town .

Daniel persuades Amy to return and she introduces Paul to her son Jimmy (Darcy Tadich) . Paul and Jimmy bond , but when he buys Jimmy expensive presents , Amy returns them . Paul fires Kyle from the council 's beautification project after he fails to reprimand a handyman for sexually harassing Amy . She convinces him to give Kyle his job back . Paul learns that Sheila had a crush on him , after Jimmy blackmails her . They later clear the air . Paul gives Amy a job as his executive assistant , but she quits after making a mistake which costs Lassiter 's money . Paul proposes to Naomi and she accepts , but she soon has doubts . After an argument , she has a one @-@ night stand with Josh Willis (Harley Bonner) . Paul forgives Naomi and they agree to call off their engagement . He then decides to get revenge on Josh by getting his good behaviour bond revoked by paying someone to plant illegal peptides in his bag . Naomi breaks up with Paul and leaves for a job overseas . Paul pays Jimmy 's father to leave town , resulting in Jimmy not wanting to spend time with him . Paul plans to close Erinsborough High and sell the land to Eden Hills Grammar , so he can push through a luxury housing development . Paul is blackmailed and his personal emails are sent to the media , resulting in him receiving death threats . He hires Aaron Brennan (Matt Wilson) to be his bodyguard . Amy finds a petition to save the school in Paul 's penthouse and he confesses to stealing it from Susan 's office on the day of the fire . He is later fired as mayor and the bank calls in his loans , leaving him in financial difficulty .

Paul receives a dead rat sent in a box , which he later learns was intended for Aaron . Paul asks Aaron to help him with his scheme to gaslight Stephanie Scully (Carla Bonner) . He explains that he wants her to leave Erinsborough as he does not want her near Jimmy . Paul swaps Steph 's

medication for psychotropic drugs , which triggers a relapse . He offers to drive her to her doctor in Bendigo , but he swerves to avoid another car and crashes into a tree . When Paul regains consciousness , he sees that Steph has found the drugs in his pocket and forces him to tell her his plan . She later blackmails him into giving her a job and money in exchange for not reporting him to the police . Paul is forced to liquidate his assets to pay off his debts . The bank sells Lassiter 's to the Quill Group and Paul is escorted from the penthouse by the police . Paul lives in the Men 's Shed until Terese invites him to live at her house . Paul plans to start a new business , making gazebos , in partnership with Amy . He needs to borrow money to get started and Dimato offers to lend to him , but after learning about Paul 's scheme to gaslight Steph , Amy refuses to go ahead with the gazebo project with Paul . Dimato tells Paul he is considering buying a rundown motel and renovating it , and offers to make Paul the manager . However Paul later discovers Dimato is attempting to frame Paige Smith (Olympia Valance) for burglary , and blackmails Dimato into leaving town . Terese kisses Paul and invites him to her bedroom , but does not take things further and tells Paul that she just wants to be friends . Paul remains interested in the rundown motel and tries to convince Steph and Doug Willis (Terence Donovan) to become investors , so he can buy the business . He organises a Citizen of the Year event at the motel , but it is stolen by Lassiter 's after Steph accidentally costs the motel their liquor licence . Paul asks Cecilia Saint (Candice Alley) to sabotage the event , but is horrified when the hotel boiler explodes , injuring Daniel and killing Josh and Doug . While supporting a grieving Terese , admitting to her that he loves her , Paul secretly worries that Cecilia caused the explosion . Paul persuades Nene to lie to the police to support his false alibi . Paul is arrested after he is found to have deleted CCTV footage of him in the boiler room . Steph visits Paul in prison , where he maintains his innocence . They put up the motel for Paul 's bail and he is released . Terese is angry when he comes to Josh 's funeral and later says she hates him . Paul investigates alternative suspects , but Mark tells him to stop . After Julie Quill (Gail Easdale) accuses Paul of harassment , his bail conditions are reviewed and he is required to wear an ankle monitor . Aaron becomes Paul 's PR adviser . Paul does an interview with Piper which is put online . Paul 's position becomes worse when Cecilia tells the police that Paul confessed . Aaron then advises Paul to take part in a voluntary clean @-@ up , which is criticised by Nate . Paul is hit by a car and taken to hospital . After being discharged , Paul decides to run away and he steals \$ 3000 from the motel . Paul meets Jacka in the bush and seeks his help in getting a passport . He then calls Steph asking her to bring him money , but she refuses . After hearing a conversation between Steph and Amy , Jimmy finds Paul in the bush . Jimmy has an allergic reaction to a bee sting and Paul takes him to hospital , resulting in him being arrested and remanded in custody . Toadie agrees to represent Paul , but only if he pleads guilty . Paul pleads not guilty and Steph persuades Toadie to defend him . At the end of the trial Terese admits to having bribed Cecilia to commit perjury . Despite this , Paul is found guilty and sentenced to eighteen years jail with a non @-@ parole period of fourteen years . Paul decides not to appeal and urges Steph , Amy and Jimmy not to visit him in jail . Another prisoner warns Paul that he is in danger of being assaulted in jail . Paul asks Gary Canning to protect him , however Gary is then granted parole . Paul is assaulted and taken to hospital . He is later released from prison after Julie Quill confesses to blowing up the hotel .

= = Reception = =

Dennis has earned various award nominations for his role as Paul . At the 2007 Inside Soap Awards , Dennis was nominated for Best Actor and Best Bad Boy . The following year , Dennis was again nominated for Best Actor and Best Bad Boy . 2009 saw Dennis nominated for Best Actor and Best Bad Boy once again . In 2010 , Dennis was nominated for the very first Best Daytime Star award . He received a nomination in the same category in 2015 . At the first Digital Spy Soap Awards ceremony , Dennis was nominated for Villain of the Year .

A reporter from Virgin Media branded the character a " retro soap hunk . " They branded him a " bad boy " who is " motivated by greed and lust , Paul manipulated his way into business and into the ladies ' beds (even with a dodgy earring) . Watch out ladies ... " Virgin Media also ran a feature

profiling their twenty @-@ five most memorable television comebacks , amongst them was Paul 's 2004 return and they said " ruthless ' workaholic ' businessman Paul Robinson fled Australia in 1993 to escape fraud charges only to return more sinister than ever in 2005 to burn down the Lassiter 's hotel complex . "

Ruth Deller of entertainment website Lowculture commented on Paul stating : " He 's always been a bit of a ladies ' man and has had an eye for a business deal and has always struggled with whether to be good Paul or bad Paul . Ramsay Street 's most prolific marry @-@ er and father @-@ er . " She also criticises the fact Paul 's false leg is never shown on @-@ screen adding : " Paul has a wooden leg , which sometimes causes him to limp , when he remembers about it . " Holy Soap have said that Paul starting the Lassiter 's fire and killing Gus during his 2004 return , was one of soap opera 's greatest comebacks . They also branded him a " legendary figure " of Neighbours . Josephine Monroe in her book Neighbours : The first 10 years , names Paul one of soap opera 's most enduring characters . An Inside Soap writer opined that " slimy seducer " Paul remained the same " eighties smooth operator " , observing " he 's certainly not short of a slick chat @-@ up line or two . He 's as skilled a lothario now as he always was . "

In 2010 , to celebrate Neighbours ' 25th anniversary , British satellite broadcasting company , Sky , profiled twenty @-@ five characters of which they believed were the most memorable in the series history . Paul is in the list and joke about his many wives stating : " How many of Paul 's five wives can you name ? No points for current wife Rebecca , ten for naming Lynn , Gail , or Christina Alessi , and 1 @, @ 400 points for remembering first wife , plumber Terry [...] Yes , Paul 's been around the block . " They also branded him as the reason Neighbours , in their opinion was good viewing in the 2000s adding : " It 's his cackling soap villain role that we love to hate him for : his return in 2004 , torching Lassiter 's and befriending Dylan , marked the start of Neighbours getting awesome in the mid @-@ noughties . Although it 's probably safe to say that period was over by the time he suffered amnesia of everything after 1989 . " He has also been branded as a " legend character " . Entertainment reporting website Last Broadcast praised Paul 's development , stating : " As the kind of shady character who 'd do anything to make a fast buck , he even planned to bulldoze Ramsay Street to make way for a new supermarket development . And that 's not all : fraud , blackmail , murder ; there is no level to which Paul wouldn 't have sunk . Yet , the infamous bad boy of Erinsborough , has , thankfully , turned over a new leaf . "

In her 2007 book , It 's Not My Fault They Print Them , Catherine Deveny slates Paul and Dennis ' acting ability stating : " Stefan Dennis as the mustache @-@ twirling panto villain Paul Robinson , is a genius . I just wanted to yell out ' He 's behind you , he 's behind you ! ' It takes sheer brilliance to be able to act that badly " . Andrew Mercado , author of Super Aussie Soaps , describes Paul as being very similar to fictional character J. R. Ewing . Paul is referred to in Emily Barr 's fictitious novel " Out of My Depth " , in which character Amanda is watching Neighbours , with scenes featuring Paul and Gail receiving disapproval from Harold , Amanda opines that she believes the couple are in love . Jaci Stephen writing for the Daily Mail commented on Paul 's obsession with Rebecca stating : " You can 't help feeling that nothing short of a stake through the heart is going to keep Paul out of Rebecca 's life . " Stephen later said " Taking advice from Paul is like asking Charlie Sheen to be your spirit guide . " Paul Kalina of The Age said Dennis as Paul lightens things up and he prances about like " a pantomime villain minus the moustache and cape . " Kalina added " Erinsborough just would not be the same without him . " A TVTimes columnist stated " He 's no Brad Pitt and he 's a devious beggar at the best of times , but Paul Robinson doesn 't half get the ladies . "