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**Tasmania takes centre stage for comedy series Rosehaven**

ABC TV is pleased to announce that production on the new eight-part comedy series **Rosehaven** is underway in Tasmania. Created by and starring two of Australia’s most popular comedians Tasmanian born Luke McGregor (*Luke Warm Sex, Utopia*) and Celia Pacquola (*Utopia,The Beautiful Lie*), **Rosehaven** will be filmed entirely on location, with a majority Tasmanian cast and crew helping bring **Rosehaven** to life.

Starring alongside Luke and Celia is a formidable, mostly Tasmanian-based comic ensemble, including: Kris McQuade (*Wentworth, The Kettering Incident*), Anthony Morgan (*Ronny Chieng: International Student, Problems*), Katie Robertson (*Wanted, The Kettering Incident*) and 87-year-old Noela Foxcroft in her first on-going television role. From the mainland, David Quirk (*Please Like Me*) also joins the cast, while Jonathan Brough (*Sammy J & Randy in Ricketts Lane, It’s A Date*) and Tasmanian Shaun Wilson (*iview’s Noirhouse*) will direct the series.

Luke says “It still hasn't sunk in that we're making a TV show, Celia and I have to remind each other regularly that this is actually happening. Every time I walk into the production office I expect it to be closed with a sign out the front that says 'we were just kidding’.”

Celia adds “I am so thrilled and thankful that I get to make a TV show with one of my best friends, Luke McGregor. I mean, Luke and I really should have written more scenes with us holding puppies in Hawaii or making out with movie stars but I guess we’ll try for season two.”

When Daniel McCallum (Luke McGregor), returns to his rural Tasmanian hometown, Rosehaven, to take over his family’s troubled real estate business, he’s surprisingly joined by his best (city) friend Emma (Celia Pacquola), on the run from a marriage that didn’t last the honeymoon. Between Daniel’s crippling anxiety and Emma’s exuberant irresponsibility, will they be able to save the business? It seems unlikely, but it will be fun to watch them try. And might their friendship mean more than they realise?

Filming starts May 9th, with the stunning town of Geeveston in the Huon Valley and the historic town of New Norfolk in the Derwent Valley, providing the key locations for the series. **Rosehaven** will air on ABC TV later in the year.

**Production Credits: A Guesswork Television Production. Created and Written by Luke McGregor and Celia Pacquola. Directed by Jonathan Brough and Shaun Wilson. Produced by Andrew Walker. Co-Producer Fiona McConaghy. Executive Producer Kevin Whyte. ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Brett Sleigh.**

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