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ABC meets its Soul Mates this August

ABC welcomes Bondi Hipsters, Cavemen, Kiwi Assassins and Ancient Egyptians next month when Australian comedy series **Soul Mates II** premieres on Wednesday, 3 August at 9.30pm. A co-commission between ABC and NBC-Universal's comedy streaming channel **Seeso** (USA), the second series will also be available on **ABC iview** in its entirety from this date.

Written and directed by brothers **Christiaan** and **Connor Van Vuuren**, **Soul Mates II** stars Christiaan and **Nick Boshier** as a couple of buddies continually drawn together across the course of human history, past and future. The second instalment introduces viewers to a new world of Ancient Egyptians, as well as new cast members, **Doris Younane**, **John Howard** and **Ian Roberts**.

Hatshepsut (Younane) is a female pharaoh and tiger mum who plays her children, artsy bastard son Seti (Boshier) and demi-god Thutmose (Roberts) against each other. When Hatshepsut demands Seti renovate Thutmose's tomb in preparation for his ascension to the next life, Seti meets Amram (Christiaan Van Vuuren), a capable, quick-witted slave. As they become a team, is a friendship forming or is it something much more mystical that will affect their souls forever?

Series One's Bondi Hipsters, Dom and Adrian, return with big plans to find underground success, opening the "Closed Cafe", an establishment so "Bondi-cool" that it's only open when it's shut. The pair also set out to rid Bondi of buff Brazilians that they believe are cutting their grass with local women. Meanwhile, Kiwi Assassins, Terry Thinge and Roger Blade are operating undercover in a private school to discover why the New Zealand schoolboy rugby team has lost to the Aussies, again, finding themselves tangled in a scrum of lies, drugs and suspiciously Maori-looking "local" rugby lads. And the cavemen, Sticks and Rocky, have found their tribe but now must unravel the quagmire of complexities that come with living in a society, pondering questions such as who does which jobs, why do we need money and most importantly, who should get "elected" most popular?

Series one of **Soul Mates** will be available on ABC iview for two weeks from 20 July ahead of **Soul Mates II** airing on ABC and iview.

Notes to editors:

Created by Nick Boshier, Christiaan and Connor Van Vuuren. Written and directed by Christiaan and Connor Van Vuuren. Produced by Greg Waters. Executive Produced by Chloe Rickard. A Soul HQ production in association with ABC TV, Seeso (NBC-Universal), Screen Australia and Screen NSW.

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