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## Tasmania set to star alongside Australia's favourite comedians in Rosehaven

ABC TV, Screen Tasmania and Screen Australia are thrilled to announce that the new eight-part comedy series **Rosehaven**, will be filmed entirely on location, with a largely Tasmanian crew and cast in rural Tasmania next year.

Created, written by and starring two of Australia's best loved comic talents, Tasmania's own Luke McGregor (*Utopia, It's a Date*) and Celia Pacquola (*Utopia, The Beautiful Lie*), **Rosehaven** will take Tassie into primetime with a new laugh out loud comedy full of warmth and charm.

When Daniel (Luke McGregor) returns to his hometown, Rosehaven, to take over his family's troubled real estate business, he's surprisingly joined by his best (city) friend Emma (Celia Pacquola) - who's 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?

Richard Finlayson, ABC Director of Television said: "We're thrilled to be helping realise **Rosehaven**, a unique comedy series filmed 100% on location in rural Tasmania. Our audiences have told us they want more regional content, and this series reinforces ABC TV's commitment to be the home of Australian stories and conversations."

Vanessa Goodwin, Tasmanian Minister for the Arts says "The Tasmanian Government and Screen Tasmania are delighted at the announcement that this high-quality Australian production will be filmed in the state. **Rosehaven** is the latest in an increasingly long line of major Australian and international productions which have been filmed in Tasmania in recent years."

Screen Australia CEO Graeme Mason said: "Australians love comedy and our local comedic talent is going from strength to strength. Luke McGregor and Celia Pacquola are real stars and audiences are in for a treat. It's also terrific that so much TV production is taking place around regional Australia at the moment, making the most of our beautiful landscapes and local production support services. Tasmania is a wonderful place to shoot and we're proud to be working with ABC TV and Screen Tasmania to bring **Rosehaven** to the small screen."

**Rosehaven** will screen in the second half of 2016.

**Production Credits: A Guesswork Television production. Produced by Andy Walker and Fiona McConaghy. Executive Producer Kevin Whyte. ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Brett Sleigh.**

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