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TOP END WEDDING, STARRING MIRANDA TAPSELL, TO SHOOT EARLY 2018

Goalpost Pictures Australia announced today that *Top End Wedding*, the new feature film co-written by and starring Miranda Tapsell, co-written by Joshua Tyler and directed by Wayne Blair, will go into production early in the new year after securing major investment funding from Screen Australia.

Tapsell starred in the Goalpost Pictures box office hit *The Sapphires* and actor and writer Joshua Tyler's credits include the comedy series *Plonk*. Producers are Goalpost's Rosemary Blight and Kylie du Fresne and Kojo Entertainment's Kate Croser with Executive Producers Glen Condie and Ben Grant.

Goalpost has a long-standing creative relationship with Wayne Blair that began with his Golden Bear winning short film *The Djarn Djarns* and has continued with *The Sapphires* and two series of *Cleverman*.

This hilarious and heart-warming comedy is the story of successful Sydney lawyer, Lauren, and her fiancée Ned. Engaged and in love, they have just 10 days to find Lauren's mother who has gone AWOL somewhere in the Northern Territory, reunite her parents and pull off their dream Top End Wedding.

Top End Wedding has received principal production investment from Screen Australia, in association with the South Australian Film Corporation and support from Tourism NT. eOne will distribute the film in Australia and New Zealand, with Berlin-based Films Boutique handling international sales.

Premier of South Australia and Minister for the Arts, Jay Weatherill said: "I am pleased to welcome another quality film production to Adelaide Studios and South Australia. Our state-of-the-art facilities and world-class crews provide the perfect platform to deliver the creative vision of this project."

South Australian Film Corporation CEO Annabelle Sheehan said "South Australia's highly accomplished producer Kate Croser (*Boys in the Trees*, *The Infinite Man*) from Adelaide-based Kojo Entertainment will be working with producers Rosemary Blight, Kyle Du Fresne and the acclaimed production company, Goalpost Pictures (*Cleverman*, *The Sapphires*) bringing a truly significant project to the state providing great job opportunities for SA crews. Collaboration with the fantastic indigenous creative team behind *Top End Wedding* is going to be inspiring for Adelaide's key creative screen practitioners."

Graeme Mason, CEO of Screen Australia said: "Miranda Tapsell is an exceptionally talented actor who has charmed audiences playing unforgettable roles, including in *Love Child* and *The Sapphires*. We are excited to see her reunite with Wayne Blair and spread her wings creatively - co-writing the script for this thoroughly Australian romantic comedy. *Top End Wedding* is a funny, feel-good ride through the stunningly scenic Northern Territory and seldom seen Tiwi Islands."

Northern Territory Chief Minister, Michael Gunner said: "The NT Government is very pleased to help bring the Top End Wedding movie concept to reality. Our support is a sign of our belief that the movie will showcase Australia's most magnificent scenery to a global audience. Miranda and Josh have captured the real Top End showcasing our modern city, our contemporary culture and the raw and hilarious essence of the NT in this fun for the whole family movie. We look forward to welcoming the cast and crew to our backyard."

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