

PRODUCTION BEGINS ON SEASON TWO OF STAN ORIGINAL SERIES WOLF CREEK

John Jarratt reprises iconic role as Mick Taylor alongside a new star-studded cast

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017 - Australia's leading local streaming service Stan announced today that production has begun in South Australia on season 2 of *WOLF CREEK*, the highly anticipated second season of its award-winning, smash-hit, critically-acclaimed Stan Original drama series.

Director Greg McLean and star John Jarratt continue their hugely successful collaboration in the world of *WOLF CREEK*, with Jarratt reprising his iconic role as the outback apex predator Mick Taylor, who returns with a vengeance after his season 1 showdown.

Joining Jarratt is a diverse and hugely talented cast of stars and newcomers, including Tess Haubrich (ALIEN: COVENANT), Matt Day (RAKE, PAPER GIANTS, UNDERBELLY, KISS OR KILL), Ben Oxenbould (COMEDY INC., THE KETTERING INCIDENT, THE CODE), Laura Wheelwright (ANIMAL KINGDOM), Stephen Hunter (THE HOBBIT, THE LEFTOVERS) and Chris Haywood (SHINE, MURIEL'S WEDDING, DOGS IN SPACE).

WOLF CREEK Season 2 joins the growing Stan Originals slate of award-winning, fresh and diverse dramas, comedies and movies, including the AACTA Award-winning and Logie Award-nominated series NO ACTIVITY, and ONE NIGHT STAN, a series of full-length stand-up comedy specials and the forthcoming comedy THE OTHER GUY, starring Matt Okine.

A six-part drama series, *WOLF CREEK* season 2 is a high-end psychological thriller pitting a diverse cast of characters against an inhospitable, remote landscape, whose lethal dangers are personified by the series' infamous serial killer. Mick Taylor sees an opportunity of a lifetime after a chance encounter with a coach full of tourists from around the globe. The unwitting travellers begin an outback adventure none of them could have imagined.

McLean is showrunner as well as director, alongside award-winning filmmaker Kieran Darcy-Smith (*WISH YOU WERE HERE, JACK IRISH*) and the hugely accomplished Geoff Bennett (*THE SECRET DAUGHTER, LOVE CHILD, BROCK*). Lisa Scott (*ANZAC GIRLS, JANET KING*) and Kerrie Mainwaring (*THE SECRET DAUGHTER, PETER ALLEN: NOT THE BOY NEXT DOOR*) are producers for the series. Executive producers are Rory Callaghan, Greg Haddrick, Greg McLean, Nick Forward and Rob Gibson. Nick Parsons, Shanti Gudgeon and Mark Dapin are the writers on the series.

Nick Forward, Stan's Chief Content Officer said "Season 1 of WOLF CREEK was a worldwide smash hit, thrilling and delighting Stan subscribers in equal measure, and breaking records all over the place. Season 2 will kick things up a notch: Greg McLean once again electrifying audiences with this new, fresh chapter in the iconic WOLF CREEK saga. Season 2 is a breath-taking return to the intimate, character-driven style of the original WOLF CREEK movie, set over 6 hour-long episodes of premium drama. Once again, Stan will be the only place you can watch this unique drama, with global premieres internationally to follow."

McLean said "I'm delighted to be continuing my creative collaboration with Stan to bring this exciting new chapter of the *WOLF CREEK* story to Stan subscribers. We'll join an amazing cast on a road trip of a lifetime, as they must draw on their inner strength to outwit the terrifying Mick Taylor. John Jarratt returns to take Mick's dark arts to a whole new level, showcasing the beautiful and dangerous landscapes of the remote outback."

WOLF CREEK is a Screentime (a Banijay Group company) production in association with Emu Creek Pictures, financed with the assistance of the South Australian Film Corporation. International sales are being handled by Banijay/Zodiak.

Rory Callaghan, CEO of Screentime said "SCREENTIME is very excited to be collaborating with Greg McLean & STAN on another thrilling season of *WOLF CREEK*. Season 2 of the much loved, and critically acclaimed series, is shaping up to be a massive ride for audiences, old and new."

CEO of the South Australian Film Corporation Annabelle Sheehan said "SAFC is delighted to welcome production of *WOLF CREEK* back to South Australia, providing the setting for next instalment of this iconic Australian thriller series. One of the many advantages to shooting in South Australia is the easy access to the majestic yet fearsome outback locations which are so firmly rooted in the character of this story."

WOLF CREEK Season 2 will release exclusively on Stan

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Stan Originals include the AACTA Award-winning and Logie Award-nominated series *No Activity* and the critically acclaimed AACTA Award-winning and Logie Award-nominated drama series *Wolf Creek*, with second season currently in production.

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