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## ABC's third season of *Austin* to be shot in South Australia

Production is underway on the third season of much-loved ABC narrative comedy *Austin* in South Australia, bringing a distinctly SA flavour to the next chapter of Austin's life, while injecting millions into the local economy and creating jobs for hundreds of SA cast, crew and service providers.

Supported through the South Australian Film Corporation's (SAFC) ABC SAFC Content Pipeline Fund, *Austin* is produced by Northern Pictures with Lincoln Pictures and SA's Hardy White Pictures, with filming taking place around Adelaide and the Adelaide Hills.

Co-produced by Michelle Hardy, with episodes directed by Erin White, the production is anticipated to spend more than \$3 million in the State, employing 13 South Australian Heads of Department (HODs), 79 SA crew, and 180 extras in addition to the many businesses and services engaged.

The six-part series has commenced filming, with **Michael Theo** returning as the straight-talking and big-hearted Austin. He is joined once again by UK performers **Ben Miller** (*Bridgerton*, *Death in Paradise*), **Sally Phillips** (*Veep*, *Bridget Jones's Diary*) and **Ellie McKay** (*Hijack*, *Miss Austen*). Alongside Australian actors **Gia Carides** (*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, *Big Little Lies*), **Roy Billing** (*Jack Irish*, *Underbelly*) and **Natalie Abbott** (*Aftertaste*, *Return to Paradise*).

*Austin* series 3 is the latest production to be supported through the SAFC's ongoing screen production partnership with Australia's national broadcaster, following the Rebecca Summerton-produced Easy Tiger production of Chris Hammer's *Treasure & Dirt*, Closer Productions' critically acclaimed factual series *Eat the Invaders*, period drama series *Ladies in Black*, children's series *Beep and Mort S2* and *Teenage Boss*, and comedy *Gold Diggers*.

**Minister for the Arts Andrea Michaels MP** said: "We are thrilled that South Australia is the filming location for the third season of *Austin*, and I can't think of a better backdrop for Austin's wedding than the Adelaide Hills.

The Malinauskas Government is proud of this partnership with the ABC that continues to attract fantastic Australian television productions and create jobs and drive investment for our world class screen industry."

**Kate Croser, South Australian Film Corporation CEO** said: "The SAFC is pleased to welcome *Austin* to South Australia for season 3. Congratulations to SA company Hardy White Pictures, co-producer Michelle Hardy and director Erin White for joining the team of this ground-breaking, heartwarming and inclusive series. The ABC SAFC Pipeline initiative continues to strengthen our industry, showcasing the capability and capacity of our world-class crews and stunning locations.

**Rachel Okine, ABC Head of Scripted** said: "*Austin* has become a deeply loved series for ABC audiences, thanks to its warmth, humour and beautifully drawn characters. As the show moves into its third season, we're thrilled to bring even more laughter, heart and humanity to screens across Australia."

**Michelle Hardy and Erin White, Hardy White Pictures** said: "As fans of the first two series of *Austin*, we are delighted to join Northern Pictures and the ABC to bring this hilarious, uplifting, and important series to South Australia. With so many wonderful locations and talent on offer here in SA we are proud to work alongside our outstanding local crew, in our home state."

**Darren Ashton, Co-creator said:** "Austin has been a joy to create from day one, and we're thrilled to return for season three, filming in South Australia. This season takes Austin into new, heartfelt territory, and we're delighted to bring it back to the ABC and share it with local and global audiences once again."

In the new season, Austin prepares for his wedding to Haley while navigating the unfamiliar world of in-laws and rising expectations. Julian and Ingrid are enjoying a friendly divorce - complicated by Ingrid's relationship with a new man and the pressure to develop a new book series alongside the Big Bear TV show.

When the wedding takes everyone to Haley's parents' farm in rural Australia, tensions rise and as the big day approaches, doubts creep in. Austin and Haley begin to question their future, while Julian and Ingrid rethink their divorce - prompting the season's central question: what makes a good marriage?

Austin season three will air on ABC TV and ABC iview in 2026. Until then catch up on Austin season one and two on [ABC iview](#) now.

**Production Credits:** *Austin* is a Northern Pictures with Lincoln Pictures and Hardy White Pictures production for the ABC. Major production investment from ABC and Screen Australia. Financed with support from SAFC. Austin Season 3 is financed in association with and distributed internationally by ITV Studios. Post, digital and visual effects supported by Screen NSW. Developed with the assistance of ABC. Created by Darren Ashton, Ben Miller, Joe Tucker and Lloyd Woolf. Executive Producers: Ben Miller, Sally Phillips, Jessica Parker, Matt Vitins, Catherine Nebauer and Darren Ashton. Produced by Joe Weatherstone. Co-produced by Michelle Hardy and Shannon Wilson McClinton. ABC Executive Producers: Rebecca Anderson and Rachel Okine.

**South Australian Heads of Department** are Production Designer Gareth Wilkes, Costume Designer Renate Henschke, Hair/Make-Up Designer Fiona Rees-Jones, Sound Recordist Nick Steele, 1st Assistant Director Travis Kalendra, Location Manager Maria Humphreys, Gaffer Mathew Schmidt, Key Grip Matan Tatarko, Catering Dept Rachel Marcus, Extras Casting Angie Christophel, Script Supervisor William Hadinata, Unit Manager Cameron McQueen and Safety Supervisor Paul Lightfoot.

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