

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editor

### **Breath in the can**

Shooting has finished on the production of the feature film *Breath*, directed by and starring Simon Baker.

After an intense six weeks of filming on location in Denmark, the film-makers have moved to the next stage of production.

A letter of thanks from the producers acknowledged the warm welcome the cast and crew received from the people of Denmark, and the support from the Shire of Denmark and the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

"We leave having captured your beautiful surroundings on camera, telling, in collaboration with so many of you, Tim Winton's iconic story," the letter said.

"We were spoilt here, as you are every day, from the homes which were opened to us, to the extraordinary locations, to the finest food, wine and coffee the world has to offer."

The letter said the producers looked forward to returning to Denmark to show the finished film in 2017.

Royalties for Regions funding of \$1.5 million through the GSDC helped to clinch the decision to produce the film in the Great Southern.

GSDC Deputy Chair Ross Thornton said many benefits flowed from the production.

"Direct economic gains have flowed into Denmark and elsewhere in the region," Mr Thornton said.

"When the film is released, the attractions of the Great Southern will be highlighted wherever the movie is screened.

"National and international exposure of that nature is one of the key factors behind the recent announcement of the \$16 million Western Australian Regional Film Fund, made possible by the State Government's Royalties for Regions program.



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“Further development of the creative industries features in the GSDC’s *Great Southern Regional Investment Blueprint*, and we hope that we can build on the hosting of *Breath* to secure future film productions for the region,” Mr Thornton said.

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**Attachment: Letter to Denmark from producers of Breath**

Dear Denmark,

After a wonderful six weeks, our filming has finally come to an end. We leave having captured your beautiful surroundings on camera, telling, in collaboration with so many of you, Tim Winton's iconic story. We were spoilt here, as you are everyday, from the homes which were opened to us, to the extraordinary locations, to the finest food, wine and coffee the world has to offer.

Special thanks to the GSDC and the Shire for the making it all possible, the nurses who kept us safe daily and the men and women in emergency services, voluntary and paid, standing by. Huge thanks to all involved - to the kids who made the screen and visited set, to those who gave their talent and muscle, provided us locations, venues for events, vehicles and props. To the chefs, the winemakers and the farmers who supplied, thank you. To the spas, bars and shops who kept us happy in the rare moments when we weren't working. To those who made rain when we needed it, and to those who gave us roofs over our heads when the rain came uninvited. To those who stayed off the swell so we could film it. To the arts community, the visitors centre, the chamber of commerce and to everyone who welcomed, embraced or even just tolerated us - we will be forever grateful.

We have had a remarkable time, shot the best images we possibly could hope for, and look forward to returning to show you the film in 2017. On behalf of all our cast and crew, thank you Denmark for being the best host imaginable.

Very best,  
The Producers, Breath



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