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SA landscapes shine on the silver screen

South Australia's Fleurieu Peninsula stars alongside Clive Owen, Emma Booth and Erik Thompson in the new film *The Boys Are Back*, released nationally in cinemas tomorrow.

The latest feature by acclaimed director Scott Hicks is an emotional yet humorous exploration of the relationship between a father and his two sons as they face a series of life-changing events.

Most of the film was shot within South Australia, showcasing the Fleurieu Peninsula's rolling hills, lush vineyards and rugged coastline as well many recognisable buildings within Adelaide and the surrounding regions.

The following locations are featured in the film:

Opening scenes – Aldinga Beach

In the opening scene, Joe (father) and Artie (son) are seen driving along the sand on Aldinga Beach. Less than an hour south of Adelaide, Aldinga is one of several stunning stretches of coast in the area and 4WD access to the beach is permitted.

The Warr's house – Myponga Beach

The golden hills surrounding Joe and Artie's old farmhouse are just off Myponga Beach, not far from Aldinga. The house itself was built specifically for the film on the private land where dry grass ripples in the breezy summer scenes. Myponga beach is also where the party scenes were filmed.

Tom and Barbara's vineyard – McLaren Vale

The home and surrounding vineyards belonging to Joe's parents were actually those of Dog Ridge Wines in the renowned McLaren Vale region, 45 minutes south of Adelaide. The vines are shown just before harvest, thick with green foliage and heavy with fruit.

Road trip – Crows Nest Lookout, Port Elliot

A particularly picturesque location seen as part of Joe and Artie's road trip is near the coastal town of Port Elliot on the southern side of the Fleurieu Peninsula. The Crows Nest Lookout is where Artie first asks Joe for a convertible.

Diving in the bath – Hahndorf

The classic scene in which Artie jumps into a spa bath full of bubbles was actually shot in a studio (with a purpose-built extra-deep bath) however the exterior and other interior shots of their accommodation were filmed at the Hahndorf Resort. Hahndorf is Australia's oldest surviving German settlement, located in the Adelaide Hills, 30 minutes east of the city.

Joe's office – Adelaide

Joe is a sports journalist and his work scenes are shot in the office building of Adelaide's major daily newspaper, The Advertiser. The exterior of the distinctive building fronts Waymouth Street in Adelaide's CBD.

Australian Open scenes – Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, Sangria Bar

Although Joe travels to Melbourne for the Australian Open as part of the story, the scenes were actually shot in South Australia. His hotel is the Majestic Roof Garden in Adelaide's east end, while the bar scene in which Joe is injured was filmed at Sangria on Gouger Street.

Other locations featured in the film:

IGA Supermarket, 43 Broadway, Glenelg South (supermarket scenes)

Adelaide Airport (meeting Harry)

Adelaide Oval, AAMI stadium and Adelaide Aquatic Centre (press box scenes)

Kangarilla Primary School, Fleurieu Peninsula (Artie's school)

Flinders Hospital, Adelaide (hospital scene)

Belair, Adelaide Hills (Digby's house)

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