

Scene 1, take 1 at Manly

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FILMING has started on a new soap *Out of the Blue* with a camera crew on The Corso and near the wharf to catch all the action yesterday.

On the second day of filming, action centred around Bacino Bar, with first assistant director Ian Astridge confirming one of the characters in the series was a cafe owner. He said filming in "vibrant" Manly was an "exciting challenge".

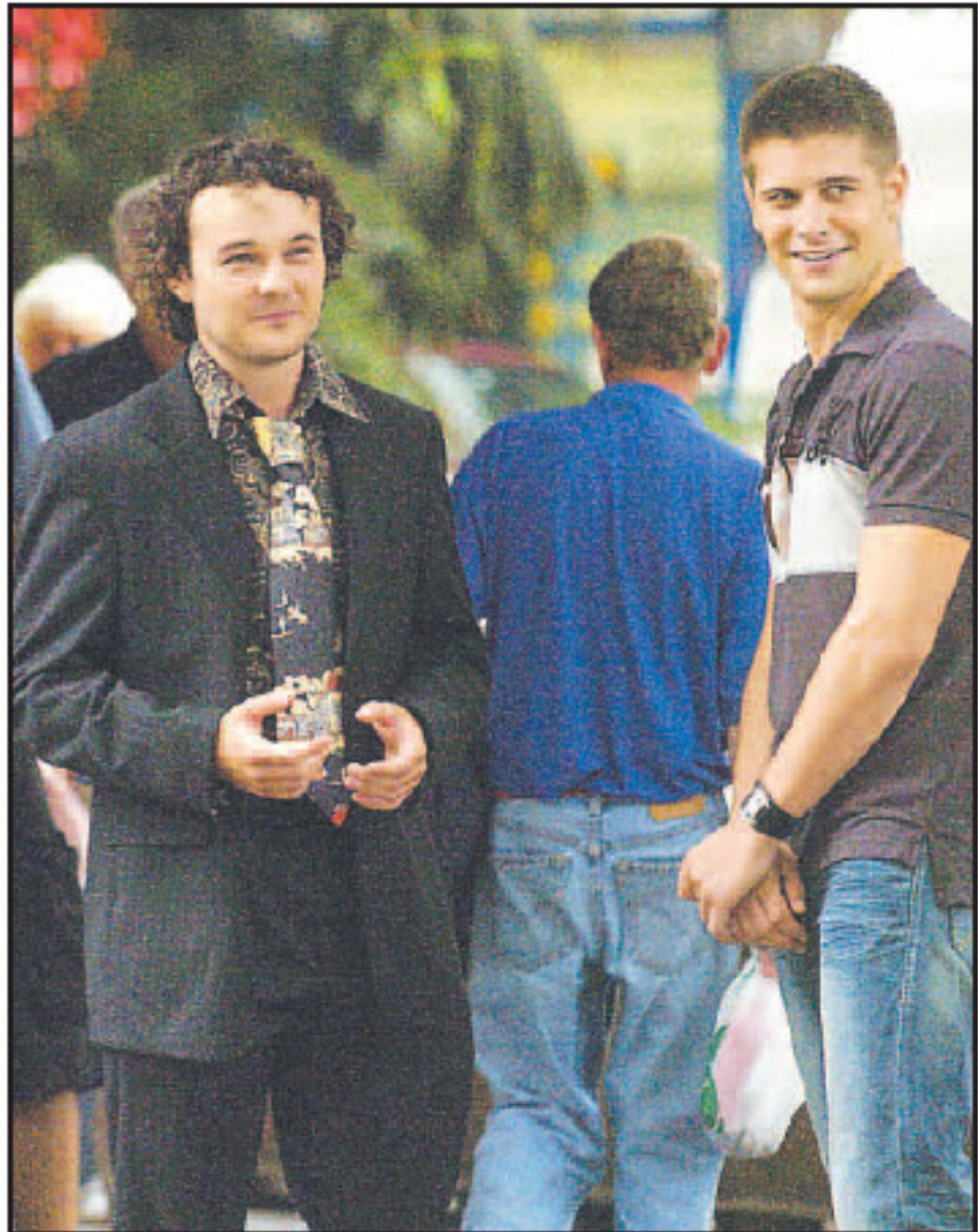
"It's the kind of feel we want and our Australian crews are good at slipping into an area almost unnoticed," Mr Astridge said.

"A lot of shows work in the community - *Breakers* and *Home and Away*.

"It's important to be able to film in an area such as this without stopping people doing what they are doing."

The show will feature *Matrix Reloaded* star Clayton Watson and Zoe Carides.

Filming will take place in Manly and elsewhere on the peninsula until August.



Out of the Blue film crew at work outside Manly Town Hall.

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