



Premiere date revealed for SBS Original drama *The Airport Chaplain*, starring Hugo Weaving and Shabana Azeez

The new series from award-winning production company Wooden Horse premieres on SBS and SBS On Demand on **26 August 2026**, with a global launch outside Australia on **Netflix**

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SBS today announced that its highly anticipated new Australian drama *The Airport Chaplain* will premiere on **Wednesday 26 August** on **SBS** and [SBS On Demand](#). Led by **Hugo Weaving** (*Slow Horses*, *Love Me*) and **Shabana Azeez**, breakout star of the Emmy® and Golden Globe Award®-winning drama series *The Pitt*, the eight-part series takes audiences inside the high-stakes world of a bustling international airport, told through the struggles, triumphs and unexpected connections of the workers who keep it running. Double episodes will air on **SBS at 8:30pm Wednesdays**, with all eight episodes available to stream on [SBS On Demand](#) from **26 August**.

In a landmark first for an SBS Original drama, *The Airport Chaplain* will also stream globally on Netflix outside Australia on the same day, in a Rest of World deal negotiated by Wooden Horse alongside SBS, introducing this distinctly Australian story to audiences around the world across more than 190 countries and regions.

At the centre of *The Airport Chaplain* is Tobias Wallace (**Hugo Weaving**), a fast-moving fixer with a constantly ringing phone, pockets full of cash and an unorthodox approach to the daily crises of an airport. Convinced the airport couldn't run without him, Tobias has never encountered a problem he couldn't solve. Until he meets his formidable new boss Mira (**Shabana Azeez**), who sees Tobias as less saviour to the masses and more a walking liability. Their clash sparks a power struggle that reverberates through the terminal, drawing in the airport's cleaners, baggage handlers and passengers who are all navigating their own hopes, challenges, and life-changing moments amid the constant flow of arrivals and departures.

Hugo Weaving said: "Tobias is a wonderfully complicated character, deeply committed to helping others, often in ways that don't fit the rulebook. ***The Airport Chaplain*** tells profoundly human stories with warmth, wit and emotional honesty. Airports are fascinating places where people experience reunions, departures, joy, grief, and everything in between, and the series captures that beautifully. I'm delighted audiences will finally be able to discover this remarkable world when the series premieres in August."

Shabana Azeez said: "Mira is a poignant exploration of what it is to be a working mum, and I was drawn to her quiet strength, integrity, and power in this very complex workplace. It was a joy to bring this portrayal of modern Australia and its borders to life alongside such a talented cast and crew of Australian filmmakers, and I hope that these stories resonate far and wide. There's something universally relatable about the experiences that unfold in airports, and I think audiences will find themselves at the edge of their window seats with these characters when the series premieres this August."

Weaving and Azeez lead a stellar ensemble cast including **Claudia Karvan** (SBS's *Homebodies*, *Bump*), **Thomas Weatherall** (*Heartbreak High*, *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*), **Erroll Shand** (*All Her Fault*, *The Twelve*), **Kavitha Anandasivam** (*Aftertaste*, *The Hunting*), **Jackson Tozer** (*The Newsreader*, *All Her Fault*), **Elias Anton** (*Swift Street*, *Barracuda*), **Arka Das** (*Fake*), **Fanny Hanusin** (*Wentworth*), **Echo Palo** (*The Correspondent*), **Nicholas Denton** (*Dangerous Liaisons*), **George Mason** (*Run*), **Brenna Harding** (*The Twelve*, *Total Control*), **Michael Logo** (*Colin From Accounts*), **Priscilla Doueihy** (*Baby Teeth*), **Claude Jabbour** (*Last King of the Cross*), **Ras-Samuel Welda'abzgi** (*Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes*), and **Hamish Michael** (*The Twelve*, *Apple Cider Vinegar*).

From multi-award-winning Australian production company **Wooden Horse**, ***The Airport Chaplain*** is co-created and executive produced by **Elise McCredie** (*The Clearing*, *Stateless*, *Jack Irish*) and **Jude Troy** (*Mother & Son*, *The Clearing*, *The Other Guy*). The series is written by **Elise McCredie**, **Sarah Bassiuni**, **Mithila Gupta**, and **Vidya Rajan**, and directed by **Bonnie Moir** and **Tig Terera**.

SBS Head of Scripted, Nakul Legha said: "It's a delight to invite global audiences to board our new SBS Original series, ***The Airport Chaplain***. This is big hearted, gripping drama that celebrates our shared humanity in the charged chaos of a busy airport. I can't wait for viewers around the world to step into this distinctly Australian series, brought to life by a stellar creative team led by Wooden Horse and remarkable performances from this inimitable cast."

Co-Creator and Executive Producer, Wooden Horse Jude Troy said: "What began with a chance encounter with a real airport chaplain has become a distinctive and captivating drama series about connection and humanity. We're so delighted that ***The Airport Chaplain*** is not only coming in to land on SBS and SBS On Demand, but also taking flight internationally with Netflix, with Wooden Horse incredibly proud to take this premium Australian drama to a global audience."

Screen Australia Director of Narrative Content Louise Gough said "***The Airport Chaplain*** is a deeply moving story, rich with empathy, humanity, and warm humour. Brought to the life by the exceptional team at Wooden Horse and led by acclaimed actors Hugo Weaving and Shabana Azeez, this powerful story will captivate audiences both at home and around the world."



The Airport Chaplain is a Wooden Horse production for SBS. Major production investment from Screen Australia, in association with SBS. Financed with support from VicScreen.

The Airport Chaplain will be subtitled in five languages, streaming on SBS On Demand in Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. All eight episodes will also be available with audio description.

All eight episodes of *The Airport Chaplain* will be available to stream on [SBS On Demand](#) from Wednesday 26 August. The first two episodes premiere on SBS at 8.30pm on 26 August, with double episodes continuing to air weekly on Wednesdays at 8:30pm.

Screeners and images for media use are available on the [SBS Screening Room](#).

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