

Film funding for son of Goodbye Pork Pie director

THE son of the director of iconic local movie *Goodbye Pork Pie* has gained New Zealand Film Commission funding to finish his first feature film.

Wellington-based director, Paul Murphy, son of Geoff Murphy — the director of *Goodbye Pork Pie* — has gained post production funding from the commission.

The film, *Second Hand Wedding*, was written by Nick Ward and based on a true story about a woman who is engaged but is trying to keep her wedding a secret from her bargain-hunting mother — for fear she will ruin the day.

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The film gained funding from the commission it saw a rough cut.

The post production work is now under way at Peter Jackson's Miramar Studios.

Commission chief executive officer Ruth Harley said when she saw the film she laughed and cried in all the right places.

She said the film was the kind of movie New Zealanders would enjoy seeing on the big screen.

Murphy said the funding would give the film a finish of the highest possible standard. It would be released this year, he said. — NZPA (Wellington)