

# A cry for HELP

Realising he can't get over his fiancée's death alone, Nelson enlists the help of a close friend

ALL SAINTS

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Frank is stunned this week when Nelson turns up on his doorstep in the middle of the night, looking far from himself. Dazed and with nasty wounds on his bare feet, Nelson (Paul Tassone) is clearly in a bad way. What's more, by night's end he will have made a heartbreaking decision. But it's a decision he knows he has to make – and one that Frank (John Howard) helps him to carry out. Nelson, who is still failing to

cope with the horrific murder of his bride-to-be, Kerry (Jaime Mears), pleads with Frank to admit him to a psychiatric ward.

Paul, who has played Nelson for the past five years, explains: "Nelson has really gone on a downward spiral. Now there's a moment of realisation where he thinks, 'I need help! Nothing else is clear – I can't see through anything else, but there's something wrong with me.' Before this, he couldn't really see what was happening to him."

Paul reveals he decided to leave *All Saints* because he had a "gut feeling" that it was time to move

on. "I love the people and I love the crew and I love Nelson, but after five years, it was just time to go," he says.

And Paul says his last scene was a particularly moving one. "Nelson shows so much courage and strength in facing his demons and working through them," he says. "I don't feel like I've played a character. I actually feel like I've explored someone's life for five years. It's been an honour."

Can we hope to see Nelson again? "When I left, I was told I'd be welcomed back with open arms – which truly was a blessing," he says. "There is always the possibility."



Reaching crisis point, Nelson (centre) is about to make a life-changing decision – with Frank's (right) help.

## Ready for duty

These new faces are clocking on in the All Saints emergency department

### Jolene Anderson

Viewers have already been introduced to gorgeous new nurse Erica. And with her compassionate manner, she hasn't taken long to find her place as a valued member of the emergency-ward staff.

"Erica provides a different energy," says Jolene, 25. "She takes her nursing to the next level."

"It's very exciting getting this role," adds Jolene, revealing that *All Saints* was her first audition. And Jolene admits she has a new respect for nurses now.

"I deferred nursing at university when I finished high school," she reveals, "and now I've come back to it a very different way!"



### Andrew Supanz

Aged 24 and fresh out of NIDA, Andrew Supanz is well aware he has landed a huge break with the part of young hospital intern Bart West. "This is my first big gig," reveals Andrew, who hits our screens this week. "It's great to be working. It's tough out there at the moment."

But newcomer Bart isn't your typical suave TV medico. In fact, he's more than a little on, well, the nerdy side.

"He's definitely out of his depth," laughs Andrew. "I think the character is quite comical, but it's only because he tries so hard."

Is romance on the cards for Bart? "I don't know," replies Andrew, adding, "although he does have a keen eye on Eric



### John Waters

It's been some time since respected actor John Waters was a regular face on our screens. But that's set to change, with John joining the cast of *All Saints* as the new head of surgery, Mike Vlasek. And John is more than happy to take on the part.

"I was really pleased to be approached by *All Saints*," he says. "I consider it to be an excellent TV series, and also I haven't really done a lot of mainstream TV in the last, say, 10 years."

"Mike's a mysterious sort of guy," adds John. "He looks more like a rock star than a surgeon. He has the earring, the cowboy boots and funky clothes. The staff at *All Saints* won't know quite how to take him. But he's one of the top trauma surgeons in the world and he's brilliant at his job."



### Virginia Gay

In the coming weeks, *All Saints*' ED will welcome on board a new nursing unit manager, Gabrielle Jaeger.

While you'll have to wait to see just what she's like, we can tell you one thing – she's a world removed from the department's last female NUM, the super-devious Deanna (Sibylla Budd)!

Twenty-four-year-old Virginia Gay, who has won the role of Gabrielle, recently graduated from acclaimed drama school WAAPA.

"I've gone straight into this amazing job," Virginia says. "I'd watched the show before, but was never an obsessive fan until I thought there was a possibility of being on it. Since then – my God! I could tell you anything about the last two years. I consider myself a fanatic now."



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