

Shortland Street does Rarotonga

New Zealand's longest running television drama series **Shortland Street** will screen a very special episode shot on location in Rarotonga in June. Shot over the course of four intense days in the tropical heat of the Cook Islands, this very special episode will go to air on June 16.



Featuring **Shortland Street** actor Will Hall (aka Dr. Kip Denton), the episode sees the over-worked Head of ED sneak off for a much needed moment of R & R. However, while there, a medical drama ensues and Kip is forced to get back to work.

And of course, it wouldn't be **Shortland Street** without a bit of Island romance, in the form of gorgeous island girl by the name of Naomi Stevens (played by Samoan actress Christina Bristow).

Much of the episode was shot on location at The Rarotongan Beach Resort and Spa, but other locations around the island, including one of their medical clinics and well-known beach areas, were also used.



While it was frantic times filming the episode in such a short amount of time, the actor also got to spend a little bit of time meeting some of the locals, including a visit to Avatea School where Will was given the experience of a lifetime when the school performed many of their cultural dances for the actor and renamed the school 'Shortland School' in his honour for the day.

"Filming in Rarotonga was an awesome experience from the beginning to the end," says Hall. "The Rarotongan people were unbelievably lovely and accommodating and bent over backwards to help us in any way they could. Visiting Avatea School was quite possibly one of the best experiences of my life. The kids were amazing and made us so welcome. I would go back there in a heartbeat."

Luckily for Hall, he does get to go back there soon. As part of an amazing prize package that The Rarotongan Beach Resort and Spa and Pacific Blue kindly put together, Will gets to return to the Cook Islands to help entertain two lucky winners who will be heading over there at the end of June.

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