

## Anthony Hayes – Australian Actor

Anthony Hayes (born 21 September 1977), who is one of the great great grand children of Peter Carrucan and Hannah Woods, is an Australian actor, best known for his role as Jack McLeod in the acclaimed Australian series *McLeod's Daughters*.



**Anthony at the 2008 Movie Extra FilmInk Awards at the State Theatre on March 12, 2008 in Sydney, Australia (photo from <http://www.life.com/image/80214853>)**

The following notes are taken from various websites and give a good rundown of what is a stellar career both behind the camera and in front of it.

An actor since the age of nine, Anthony has appeared on film and television screens for over 20 years, with credits including *Rabbit Proof Fence* with Kenneth Branagh, *Bootmen* alongside Avatar star Sam Worthington, *Ned Kelly* with Heath Ledger and Orlando Bloom, *Heroes Mountain*, *Changi* and *The Last Bullet* with Jason Donovan. He co-starred in *The Boys* with Toni Collette and Lord of the Rings and 300 star David Wenham, earning him AFI and Film Critics Circle award nominations.

Apart from acting in numerous films and television shows, he also wrote, directed and produced the films *Ten Empty* (2008), *New Skin* (2002) and *Sweet Dreams* (2002). *Ten Empty* had its World Premiere at the Sydney Film Festival (2008). The screenplay was nominated for 2007 Queensland Premier's Literary Awards and 2008 Victorian Premier's Literary Award. *New Skin* (2002) won the Dendy Award at the 2002 Sydney Film Festival and won Hayes an IF Award as best emerging director. *Sweet Dreams* (2002) was voted most popular film by the audience at the St Kilda Film Festival in 2003. Hayes also earned AFI and Film Critics Circle award nominations for *The Boys*.

Anthony received AFI and Film Critics Circle award nominations for best supporting actor in *The Square* (2009), and won for *Look Both Ways* (2005) and *Suburban Mayhem* (2006).

He is a co-founder of *Rogue Stars Productions* with fellow actors Brendan Cowell and Leland Kean in 1999.

Joel Edgerton nicknamed him "The King of Western Grit" during the shooting of *The Square*. The moniker later became the name of a Facebook page, with a collection of movie posters with Anthony's face on them.

He continues apace and his career shows no signs of slowing. He played three characters in *Prime Mover* (2009). He worked alongside Guy Pearce in the Sundance Film Festival Winner *Animal Kingdom* (2010) and the WW1 film *Beneath Hill 60* (2010). He also stars in *Burning Man* with Matthew Goode.