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Sam tunes into long-distance love

NEIGHBOURS star turned singer **Sam Clark** has revealed his romance with **Carli Meiring** has been inspirational to his songwriting.

Clark, who accompanied Meiring to the premiere of *This Is It* at Crown on Wednesday night, said he had even rewritten a song after the romance blossomed.

"She plays a pretty big part in my everyday life," he said.

"I rewrote a song just recently about long-distance relationships.

"I rewrote it while we were doing the long-distance

thing, and it's got a happy ending now."

Clark, who met Meiring at a friend's housewarming party in April, said it had taken a while for the relationship to get going.

"She's from Queensland and she had to go back there, and then she was in Kinglake to help rebuild the communities after the bushfires," Clark said.

"But that just made me think, 'Wow, what a great girl.' She's just got such a good heart, which can be tough to find."