



# SWANPOOL ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAM

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2023  
SWANPOOL CINEMA

1.00 PM

Welcome and Introductions

1.10 PM

Sue Lebish

Chief Executive Officer, Winton Wetlands

'Winton Wetlands: A Story of Hope and Renewal'



2.10 PM

'THE RIGHTS OF NATURE: A GLOBAL MOVEMENT'

52 mins. USA 2018 Filmmaker: Isaac Goeckeritz



3.00 PM

Afternoon Tea

3.30 PM

Professor David Karoly

Hon. Prof. University of Melbourne, Climate Council Australia

'Update on Climate Change Science,  
Impacts and Solutions for Victoria'



4.36 PM

'GREENHOUSE BY JOOST'

95 mins. Australia 2022 Directors Brian Permezel & Rhian Skirving

6.15 PM

Dinner

Live Music by 'Handle with Care'



7.15 PM

Save Our Strathbogie Forest Update

Presented by Bertram Lobert



7.45 PM

'THE GIANTS'

110 mins. Australia 2022

Directors Rachel Antony & Laurence Billiet

9.30 PM FINISH



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Swanpool  
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## THE RIGHTS OF NATURE: A GLOBAL MOVEMENT

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As pressures on ecosystems mount and as conventional laws seem increasingly inadequate to address environmental degradation, communities, cities, regions and countries around the world are turning to a new legal strategy known as The Rights of Nature. This film takes viewers on a journey that explores the more recent origins of this legal concept, and its application and implementation in Ecuador, New Zealand, and the United States.



## GREENHOUSE BY JOOST

95 mins. Australia 2022. Dir: Brian Permezel & Rhian Skirving

Imagine a house that grows its own food. That's the vision of environmental campaigner Joost Bakker. This inspiring feature documentary, filmed in Melbourne, follows Bakker as he builds a self-sustaining home, an ecosystem that provides its occupants with water, energy, shelter and nourishment. Joined in his work by internationally acclaimed chefs Matt Stone and Jo Barrett, Bakker faces his fair share of challenges to finish the home. Bureaucratic delays, COVID shutdowns and blackouts all threaten the build. But ultimately, Greenhouse is an uplifting look at the teamwork and ingenuity behind a paradigm-shifting project that bursts with life.



## THE GIANTS

110 mins. Australia 2022. Dir: Rachel Antony & Laurence Billiet

A poetic, cinematic portrait of Bob Brown, the Forest, and of our profound connection with trees. The Giants explores the intertwined fates of trees and humans in this cinematic portrait of environmental folk hero Bob Brown who took green politics to the centre of power. From a seedling to forest elder The Giants interweaves Bob's story with the life cycle of the ancient trees he is fighting for. The hidden life of the forest is brought to life by cameras rigged high in the tree canopy. Drawing on Bob's lifetime of activism, from the Franklin to the Tarkine, The Giants ignites an urgent conversation about the right of the Forest to exist and challenges the audience to write the next chapter.



### Sue Lebish

Sue is the Chief Executive Officer of Winton Wetlands. Sue has 25 years of professional and senior management experience in finance, governance, project and risk management roles throughout Australia. Sue's recent professional positions include Chair of the Audit Committee for the Alpine Shire and board positions for most local alpine resorts. Her formal qualifications are many including an MBA and being a CPA. Sue believes in the development of the commercial, ecological and social value of Winton Wetlands to benefit local and regional Victoria and its people.

Winton Wetlands have been loyal supporters of SEFF since its beginning in 2013.



### Professor David Karoly

Professor David Karoly spoke at our inaugural Swanpool Environmental Film Festival in June 2013, and we welcome him back to update us on the Climate Change Science and to discuss the impacts and solutions for Victoria.

David is a Professor Emeritus (honorary) at the University of Melbourne. He retired at the start of February 2022 from CSIRO in Australia, where he was a Chief Research Scientist in the CSIRO Climate Science Centre. He is an internationally recognised expert on climate change and climate variability. He is also a Councillor on the Climate Council, Australia.

### Save Our Strathbogrie Forest Presentation

An update on life in the forest and the beauty we have right at our doorstep. Includes recent photos and citizen science survey findings by the SOSF team. Presented by local wildlife ecologist Bertram Lobert.

