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Willoughby Environmental Protection Association



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Murder on the Reef

WEPA documentary showing Tuesday 21 May

The Great Barrier Reef is in trouble. Can we turn the tide?

WEPA invites you to a viewing of the new documentary Murder on the Reef. Director, Alex Dobrovolsky interviews the major players and looks at how we can come together to save a global icon.

When: 7.00 pm Tuesday 21 May 2019

Where: Glenaeon Primary School Hall, 121 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag

Cost: Gold coin donation (to cover film hire).

All welcome. Supper follows.

See poster on the following page.

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WEPA acknowledges the traditional owners of this land, the Gamaraygal people, their spirits and ancestors and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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Multi-award-winning documentary

Murder on the Reef

This is a film about nature – human nature – and its flawed tendency to greed over truth, conflict over unification, complacency over action. It reveals how brawling on land has never worked. And above all, it raises urgent questions about how we can turn the tide.

There's no more pressing agenda in global politics than climate change and the environment.

As a much-loved national treasure, anyone who has experienced the Reef would attest to its beauty. Not only has it sustained a multitude of marine species for millennia, but it has also sustained the Queensland tourism economy for the past century.

The reality is the Great Barrier Reef is in trouble. Those looking for proof of climate change need look no further than the Great Barrier Reef where half of the shallow water corals have died in the past 2 years due to rising ocean temperatures. The majority of the science community agree the burning of fossil fuels is largely responsible for this.

As tonnes of coal are shipped from the reef's port each day, scientists predict the emissions from this ongoing trade will kill the Reef within 20 to 50 years. One of Australia's greatest sources of revenue is also the Reef's greatest enemy. The economy and the environment have never been more at odds.

In his documentary – Murder on the Reef – ex-Chernobyl scientist Dr Allen Dobrovolsky takes us on a compelling journey into the heart of the issue, as he meets with the everyday people and communities who rely on the reef. Speaking with scientists, Indigenous leaders, local politicians, tourism operators and mining contractors, Allen discovers a lack of unity between these groups as the underlying cause preventing effective action to restore the reef.

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