



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

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Albatross: A Documentary by Chris Jordan



This week at Friday Environment Forum enjoy American filmmaker Chris Jordan's beautiful documentary about the legendary seabird, the Albatross. Filmed over several years from 2009 to 2014 on Midway Island in the Hawaiian Archipelago of the North Pacific, it reveals the devastation due to plastic ingestion to a Laysan Albatross colony of more than a million birds living 3200 km from any continent.

The film maker explains, "I came as a witness with no story or answers in mind.

We see an island permeated by tragedy and we face a global issue on a personal scale."

The film portrays the Albatross life cycle over twelve months including mating rituals and dance, egg laying and hatching and feeding of chicks. Wonderful cinematography depicts island life for the millions of seabirds on that remote atoll and is enhanced by an uplifting musical score, however, confronting images of deceased Albatross, full of plastic objects make us contemplate our collective guilt. Jordan asks the viewer to bear witness to this sad story so that collective inaction about ocean plastic pollution can be recognised and confronted thus provoking change.

Join the audience at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Dr, Noosaville for this remarkable film. Enjoy coffee from 10 am. The forum and film will begin at 10.30 am.

**Meet Valda and the Interpretive
Birding group in the carpark at
8.30am to enjoy the birds of
Wallace Park.
All welcome.**