



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Healthy Rives Dubbo hosts screening of *Climate Changers*, a new documentary about climate leadership



*"It's not just a climate emergency.  
It's a leadership emergency."*

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Healthy Rivers Dubbo will host a screening and discussion of the inspiring documentary [Climate Changers](#) on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm**, followed by a facilitated discussion with Nature Conservation Council Water Campaigner Mel Gray. The event aims to inspire everyday climate leadership and to empower climate action at individual, community, industrial and political levels.

Healthy Rivers Dubbo is inviting community members to come along, watch the film, listen to the post-film panel discussion and join the conversation about how we can all show up as climate leaders and take action within our spheres of influence.

Mel Gray from Healthy Rivers Dubbo said:

*"We are proud to be screening this incredibly important film **Climate Changers**. This is a great opportunity for the community to come together and talk about the leadership we need to urgently respond to the climate crisis and how we can all find the courage to contribute our unique skills in our own sphere of influence."*

#### Event details:

**Climate Changers** screening and discussion

**When:** 6.30pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Where:** BlackBox Theatre, Western Plains Cultural Centre, Wingewarra Street Dubbo.

**Tickets:** <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/44119/climate-changers-film-screening>

**Film trailer:** <https://climatechangersmovie.com/watch/>

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**ABOUT THE FILM**

Following its world premiere at the 2023 Sydney Film Festival, and screenings at over 50 cinemas around Australia, the inspiring documentary ***Climate Changers*** is now screening in neighbourhoods, communities, workplaces, non-profits, schools and universities around Australia. Directed by Johan Gabrielsson, and written and produced by Mark Forstmann, ***Climate Changers*** follows acclaimed scientist Tim Flannery as he searches for the missing ingredient in our fight against climate change – leadership.

*Where are the climate leaders? Who will drive change? How might they succeed where others have failed?* Tim Flannery poses these questions as he meets global leaders from the corridors of power and frontlines of climate change. ***Climate Changers*** delves into what frustrates Tim, what motivates him, and explores where Tim believes the solutions lie to humanity's greatest challenge.

Throughout the film, Tim discusses climate leadership with an impressive group of leaders, providing their thoughts, solutions and models for potential pathways through this perilous landscape. Interviewees include: 45<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the United States, **Al Gore**; engineer, renewable electricity advocate and founder of Rewiring Australia, **Dr. Saul Griffith**; former Prime Minister of Australia, **Malcolm Turnbull**; Fijian international human rights lawyer and activist, **Kavita Naidu**; Co-founder and president of Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action, **Jo Dodds**; climate councillor and former head of BP Australasia, **Greg Bourne**; and **Tishiko King**, a Kulkalaig woman from Masig (Yorke Island), who as a First Nations Advisor, attended the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow.

Director Johan Gabrielsson comments *"I wanted to make a film that asks the most pressing question in a changing global climate: do we have the leadership to take us to a greener future? As I followed Tim from his home on the Hawkesbury River, to the world's largest global climate summit, I witnessed his amazing knowledge and empathy on full display. I hope **Climate Changers** offers inspiration and impetus to a greener tomorrow."*

Tim Flannery adds *"For a long time, there has been a gap in climate leadership. I wanted to dig deeper, work out why we are so lacking in climate leaders, and talk about how we can tackle this challenge. I met with some incredible minds in the making of this film, people who are out there doing incredible work. I hope some of the ideas explored can empower policy-makers and the broader population to instigate the changes we so desperately need."*

Further information at: <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/44119/climate-changers-film-screening>

***Climate Changers*** is directed by Johan Gabrielsson, written and produced by Mark Forstmann of Totem Films, and co-produced by Jenine Olliver. The production team includes cinematographer Justine Kerrigan ACS, editors Antoinette Ford and Lindi Harrison ASE, and composer Seth Gabrielsson. Impact producers are Stephanie King, Andrea Foxworthy and Lucy Corrigan.

***Climate Changers*** is distributed in Australia by Antidote Films and is part of the Documentary Australia [Environmental Accelerator](#) program, with support from Intrepid Travel. The Climate Council is a key impact partner on the film.

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## Film Info:

**Duration:** 64 minutes

**Director:** Johan Gabrielsson

**Writer/Producer:** Mark Forstmann

**Co-Producer:** Jenine Olliver

**Film Trailer:** <https://climatechangersmovie.com/watch/>

**Website:** <https://climatechangersmovie.com/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/climatechangersmovie>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/climatechangersmovie/>

**Twitter/X:** <https://twitter.com/climatecmovie>

## BIOS:

**Professor Tim Flannery:** 2007 Australian of the year, Professor Tim Flannery is an internationally acclaimed scientist, explorer, conservationist and leading Climate Change writer. Currently Chief Councillor of the Climate Council, he is prominent for his Climate Change communication, research and advocacy. Professor Flannery has held various academic positions at the University of Adelaide, South Australian Museum, Australian Museum and Harvard University. He has written more than 27 natural history and environmental books, several documentary series and is a well-known ABC Radio, NPR and BBC presenter.

**Johan Gabrielsson (director):** Johan Gabrielsson graduated from Film School at York University Canada. Johan was cinematographer on *Diamonds and Gold*, nominated for an Academy Award in the Student category, representing Canada. Since 1997, he has made short films, TVCs and documentaries, and his films have been shown in Australia, Scandinavia and New Zealand. Projects include *Bengt Hambraeus* for Swedish TV (Prize from European Broadcasting Union); *Dark Science* for Swedish TV and SBS (2009), co-directed with Warwick Thornton; and *The Plan* (Biospheric Pictures), Johan directed the Australian segment of an international production on Chris Darwin, great grandson of Charles Darwin. Johan is currently developing *The Humanist* with funds from Swedish National TV. The film is about growing up in a Swedish boarding school, where drugs and violence have fateful consequences for the former students. He is also developing the project *Climate Wars*, through Documentary Campus Master Program, in association with Tremonia media.

**Mark Forstmann (writer/producer):** A graduate of AFTRS, Mark is a producer, director, and writer with experience ranging across drama and documentary. His first feature as writer-director, *Monkey Puzzle*, won awards at several international film festivals, including the Best Environment Film at Shanghai International Film Festival. It has screened globally and is currently showing on Amazon Prime. He has produced and directed TV documentaries, *Freestyle Man* (National Geographic) and *Bulls & Bears* (ABC TV). He has also written, directed, and produced several award-winning short films, which screened at international film festivals and on subscription TV. Currently, he is in later stages of development for a science-fiction feature film, *I Am You*, with producer Pauline Chan. He is also developing two TV series: an adaptation of *The Special Ones* (novel by Em Bailey), and a sci-fi TV series, *Germania*.

## ABOUT HEALTHY RIVERS DUBBO:

Healthy Rivers Dubbo is a grassroots community group providing a strong voice for our rivers, aquifers and wetlands for the benefit of wildlife, plants and people.