



LAKE EYRE

AUSTRALIA'S OUTBACK WONDER

Natural History 1 x 54'



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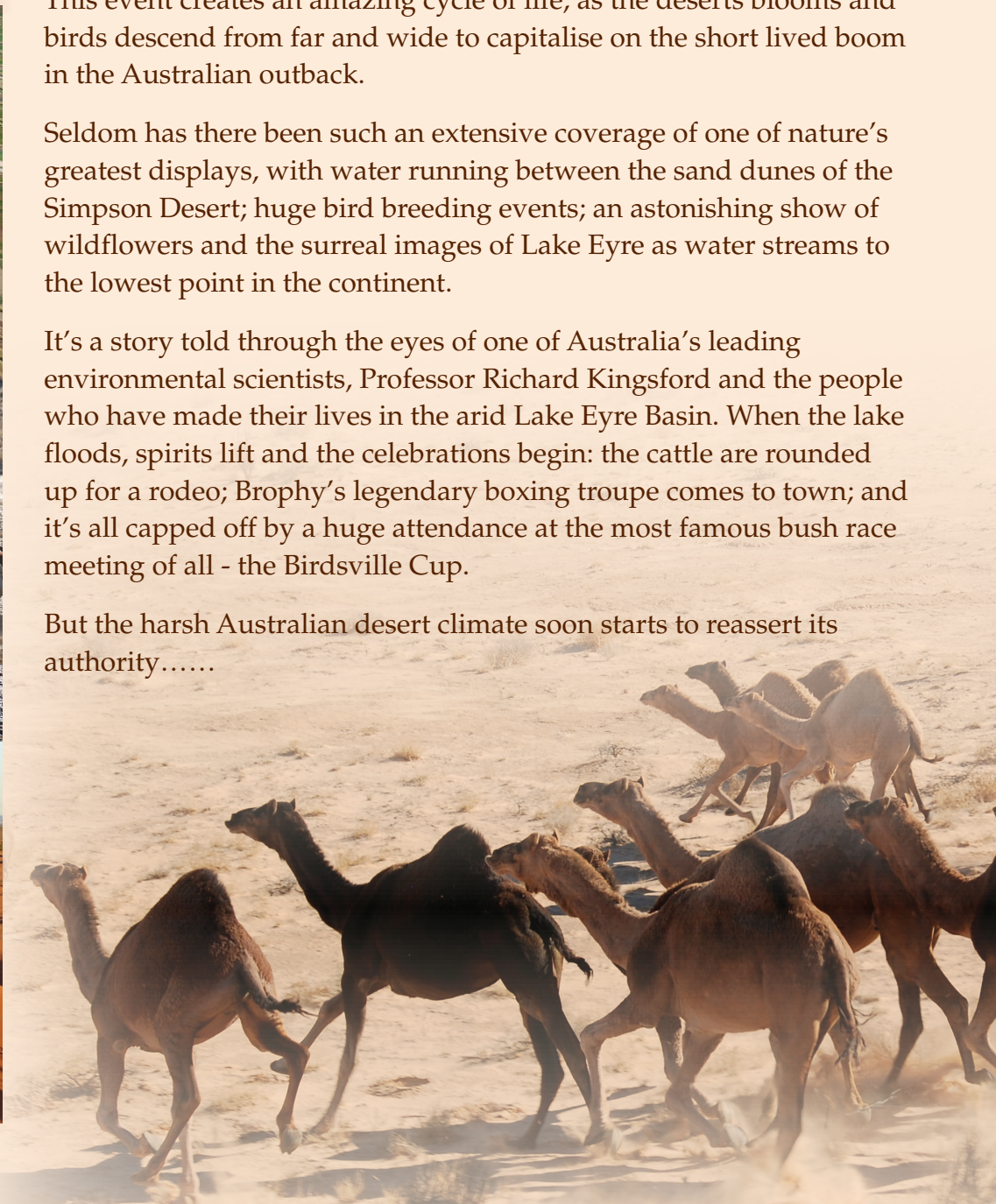
A once-in-a-generation event - the flooding of Lake Eyre, and the dramatic transformation of the dead heart of Australia.

Two filming expeditions are launched via helicopter to capture rare footage of the floodwaters from Australia's North Queensland area to the great outback rivers and then onto the usually desolate Lake Eyre. This event creates an amazing cycle of life, as the deserts bloom and birds descend from far and wide to capitalise on the short lived boom in the Australian outback.

Seldom has there been such an extensive coverage of one of nature's greatest displays, with water running between the sand dunes of the Simpson Desert; huge bird breeding events; an astonishing show of wildflowers and the surreal images of Lake Eyre as water streams to the lowest point in the continent.

It's a story told through the eyes of one of Australia's leading environmental scientists, Professor Richard Kingsford and the people who have made their lives in the arid Lake Eyre Basin. When the lake floods, spirits lift and the celebrations begin: the cattle are rounded up for a rodeo; Brophy's legendary boxing troupe comes to town; and it's all capped off by a huge attendance at the most famous bush race meeting of all - the Birdsville Cup.

But the harsh Australian desert climate soon starts to reassert its authority.....



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