

KILLER WHALE AUSTRALIA'S MEGAPOD

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Narrated by acclaimed actor Richard Roxburgh (Rake, Elvis, The Crown), Killer Whale: Australia's Megapod explores the lives of a powerful orca community off the remote coast of Western Australia.

Off-shore orcas are notoriously difficult to study, but the location of this megapod has allowed leading killer whale researchers to study and observe their remarkable behaviour. This included a world first in 2019, when a researcher witnessed orcas successfully hunting and killing the largest animal to have ever lived – a blue whale.

With access to leading marine scientists and cutting-edge technology, this documentary special reveals the pod's complex social structures, hunting strategies and communication styles, including the discovery of a distinct 'Aussie accent'. Neuroscientists in New York examine the orca brain, uncovering emotional depth and cultural behaviours.

It's an incredible film offering global audiences a compelling look into one of nature's most intelligent predators.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHT

'Stunningly cinematic...when the orcas appear it's truly spectacular and quite moving to observe the utter euphoria of the explorers spotting the quarry. The grace and majesty of the animals is mesmerising'

- The Age

'It's truly awe-inspiring to see these incredible animals up close, and it feels like a privilege to be learning new insights alongside the experts featured'

- The West Australian

'Killer whales are all too often painted as the villains of nature docos – the bullies of the sea who bump adorable seals off slabs of ice or gang up to hunt down playful dolphins. And yes, they are absolutely partial to a sea lion snack or a cetacean canape, but they are also extraordinary and fascinating creatures with complex social structures and methods of communication.

This outstanding documentary studies a community of the ocean's apex predators and make some extraordinary discoveries about an animal that developed a complex brain 30 million years before we did.'

- The Daily Telegraph

'Nature in all its blood-soaked glory...'

- ScreenHub

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